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My Educational Journey

Hello, my name is Dawn Fuentes. I am thirty years old and the younger daughter to my late mother Dorothy Lewis. I just recently obtained my Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at Arizona State University on December 14, 2020.

I graduated from Maricopa High School in 2008. I have an Associate of Arts degree in Media Communications, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management, from Haskell Indian Nations University, and now a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, from ASU.

I decided to go to Haskell Indian Nations University because at the time I felt I needed change in my life. In the fall of 2011, when I

was 21, I stepped on Haskell campus and I was so scared, yet excited. At that point in time, I had never been away from home or left my mom's side for a long period of time.

Attending Haskell was one of the best decisions I made and the best years of my life. Leaving home, being away from my family was tough; I learned in order to cope with being homesick, I made friends.

One of the bad memories at Haskell would be when I was bullied for the first two years. Luckily, that person stopped attending and left back home. In that dark time, I did befriend a whole new group of friends who became family and for that I am grateful. My second bad memory would be dealing with gallstones and having to

By Dawn Fuentes

fly home for surgery. All my good memories at Haskell is spending time with friends and learning along with them.

In high school, I thought I wanted to be a pastry chef and one day own my own bakery. My plans changed since I felt it was not for me. At the time of my two-year degree, I was interested in filming and editing videos, but my goals had changed yet again as the years went by.

For my four-year degree, I thought one day I could manage a business or own my own company. As you can see, I was indecisive about what I wanted to do as a career. In my last semester at Haskell, I finally decided what I wanted to do and that was to be a detective. I motivated myself to pursue a Master's degree

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Community member Dawn Fuentes, our newest Masters Graduate, received her Masters of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. She holds a picture of her mom, the late Dorothy Lewis, pictured after receiving her Associates degree in 1983 from the Indian Bible College, Southwestern School of Missions in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Bishop Olmsted visits community

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# Chairman's New Year message

#### Membership,

I hope and pray that everyone is still continuing to stay safe and healthy and that we are watching over one another, especially those who are young, elderly and may have underlying health conditions. With the COVID pandemic at an all-time high it is crucial that we continue to practice self-distancing, safe and healthy.

With the Christmas holiday behind us and New Year's Day here today, we've seen a number of COVID19 cases increase over the past week here in the community. Unfortunately, we have lost a few community members to the virus.

It was reported months earlier by health professionals that the pandemic would hit its wearing a mask, and other strength/peak during the recommendations in staying Christmas and New Year holidays, which in fact is If we can practice all safety

occurring, per reporting of positive cases and unfortunate deaths, not just in the community, but nation and worldwide.

Today, and the next couple of weeks, it is highly recommended that everyone stays home; only leave your home, if you're not sick, for essential needs for your family, as the virus is more contagious than ever before.

December 18, Bishop Thomas Olmsted provides a blessing to St. Francis of Assisi parishioners.

On December 28, a special mass was celebrated at Ak-Chin St. Francis of Assisi Church, as Bishop Thomas Olmsted officiated.

"The Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit were honored to join the Ak-Chin Community in welcoming Bishop Olmsted to St. Francis for the installation of Br. John of the Cross as an acolyte." Shared Fr. Antony Tinker. "We thank Bishop Olmsted for his continued love and support for the native peoples of his diocese and in particular the Ak-Chin community. Br. John of the Cross will be ordained a deacon this summer and a priest in the summer of 2022."



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# **Youth Council and Ak-Chin Mumsigo set out to bring** music and cheer



### Ak-Chin Youth Council and Ak-Chin Mumsigo bring cheer to the Farm subdivision.

Over Christmas weekend, the Ak-Chin Youth Council and Ak-Chin Mumsigo band hitched a trailer and took a ride down the streets of the community, filling the cold nights with familiar vaila tunes, giving everyone a boost of O'odham holiday spirit.

Back in October, as the world continued to be put on hold, the Youth Council talked about switching plans for what would have been the 2020

Masik Tas, as every year the YC hosts their annual dance, wood chopping and menudo contests. Wanting to keep the celebration and community in good spirits they looked for another way to bring some cheer to the year.

Youth Council Coordinator Joseph Davis stated, "The goal was to do something that will safely connect the community and to help us celebrate Masik Tas and the holidays in a time where we felt we needed it the most. We believe that this would be a great way to not only celebrate, but help heal those who may need it,"

With the musical talents of the Ak-Chin Mumsigo Band, their mission was made possible. Their musical event on wheels blew up on social media and brought many smiles to many faces. As the band played Youth Council went door to door handing out a letter of

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guidelines in place for the next four weeks, we will greatly increase our chances of slowing the spread of the virus. If we unfortunately do not, we will see the pandemic at its worst ever. I know we cannot control or dictate what others outside the community are doing as far as practicing safety, but we can play our role in keeping our community safe.

We are also receiving reports that our medical personnel from the Ak-Chin Fire department are receiving a high volume of phone calls related to breathing issues, which may be COVID19 related. We need to stress the importance of distancing, wearing masks and staying home when you are not feeling good.

Medical personnel are also encountering individuals approaching homes that they are responding to. Some of these homes or patients that they are attending to may either be in self quarantine or

well wishes. Families greeted the group with a smile and some even got out to dance, as many others admired from afar.

#### Ak-Chin Youth Council:

We'd like to thank Delbert White and Ak-Chin Mumsigo for helping us out. It couldn't have happened without them! We also would like to thank Community the Council members for hearing our idea and helping it become a reality, the Security Department and Police Department for helping escort the participants, the Safety Operations Department, and everyone else who was part of the planning process!

We hope that the community enjoyed it, and that it helped you enjoy something festive during these times. As always, the Youth Council would like to thank the community for their never-ending support in what we do. have tested positive. We kindly ask individuals to respectfully stay away from these calls, so that fire department medical personnel can safely assist those who need medical care while maintaining all safety guidelines.

Please, stay home and consider sacrificing a New Years celebration this year for the future of other celebrations next year and the years after.

We have also received reports that COVID vaccines will become available during the early part of 2021. We will continue to stay engaged with the Gila River Health Care Corporation, on when Ak-Chin membership will be eligible for the vaccine.

A reminder that when and if you receive the vaccine, it doesn't necessarily mean that you or we are automatically reverting back to our normal way of life. Safety guidelines such as; self-distancing, wearing a mask, etc. will still be followed. More educational January 1-14, 2021

information will be made available once the vaccine is administered to individuals.

There are inserts in this issue of the Runner for all documentation of Chairman's Orders and memos from limitations of gatherings, curfews, fireworks and others that are still set in place. Please acknowledge and abide by these orders for the benefit of your health and safety.

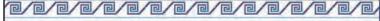
We also request that if you are not going to follow the safety guidelines and recommendations set in place to prevent the spread of the virus, please respect those around you that are following safety guidelines to keep themselves and their families safe.

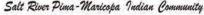
Stay Safe and Healthy and God Bless Each One of You this New Year!

Youth Council continued from Front

Respectfully,

Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Chairman







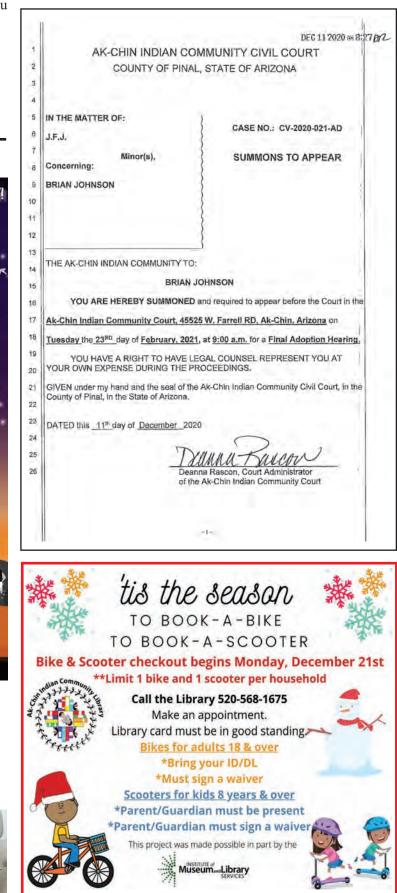
In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2021 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be <u>no</u> in person payout.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, 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 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time) The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020. Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 22, 2021. 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 16, 2020.

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 22, 2021.





Happy New Year! -ACYC



Above is the letter the Youth Council handed out to all residents while Ak-Chin Mumisgo shared music.

# Teaching young kids gratitude extends beyond the holiday season

As the holiday season comes to an end, it is the perfect time to teach young children an important life lesson about gratitude that will last throughout the year.

Gratitude is a higher level concept that can be tricky to understand for toddlers and preschoolers, because of their developmental stage, tend to be self-focused. Talking with young children about being thankful for not only material things, but for acts of kindness from others, is one way to help them learn.

So, how do we teach our children to be grateful? Here are some tips that Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First, gathered from child development experts:

Teach children to say thank you to everyone who does something for them – their server at a restaurant, the older sibling who helps them pick up toys, or the friend who gives them a birthday gift.

Talk about the things you are grateful for. This can be done in many ways, from a blessing before dinner to keeping a family gratitude journal.

Tell your kids why you are grateful for them. Remind your children of your own gratitude by using specific reasons why they are special and loved. For example: I appreciate the way you help your brother tie his shoes.



Support a charitable event or organization. Whether you are donating old clothes or toys, participating in a food drive, or even baking cookies for a new neighbor, talk to children about what those actions mean to those who receive the kindness.

Be consistent. Like all skills, gratitude is not learned in one lesson.

"Gratitude is a way of seeing the world that helps us manage the challenges we encounter. Now, more than ever, our children need to develop gratitude to increase their resiliency and overall wellbeing," said Shannon Brown, Regional Director for FTF in Pinal. "Children will learn gratitude when they are surrounded by adults that exemplify this trait. Help young children embrace the beauty of gratitude by demonstrating an appreciation for the ordinary, joy in each day and offering support to others."

As Regional Director for FTF in Pinal, Brown works with a variety of organizations and individuals to grow a community understanding of the importance of early childhood and how the first five years offer the opportunity for children to develop the skills they need to be successful students and successful adults.

Research shows that thankful people are usually more optimistic and are less depressed and stressed. So, when we teach our children to appreciate what they have – and what others do for them – we are helping them to become happier, healthier adults.

## **耕 FIRST THINGS FIRST**



4th Breaded Chicken Sandwich Broccoli/Cauliflower Pear Cobbler

**5th** White Beans w/Spinach, Swedish Meatballs (D) Salad– Peaches

6th Enchilada Casserole Corn Rice Churros

7th Fish Sticks or Chicken Tenders Wax Beans Carrots Pineapples

> **8th** Chicken Fajitas

Black Beans Zucchini Rice Pudding

12th Potato Soup & Salad Rolls, Fruit Cocktail

13th Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls– Tropical Fruit

14th Grilled Chicken Roasted Vegetables Brown Rice Jell-O

15th Wild Rice & Turkey Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Cake 👔 Ak-Chin Oodham Runner 💮

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know and set a goal to work for the community in the future. I had always been encouraged to leave home, experience new things, make new friends, and learn what I can and bring it back to the community.

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I have to mention being a former member of the Ak-Chin Youth Council, since it plays a factor in who I am today. I joined in 2007, and held the president position from 2009-2011. Growing up, I was shy. By joining the youth council, it helped me grow as a person and got me out of my comfort zone.

During my tenure in the youth council, I did community service, engaged with the tribal council and various departments, participated in many activities within the community, attended conferences in and out of state, attended meetings, traveled, learned more about my culture, and networked with other tribes.

Youth council has been and will always be a big part of my life. I will always cherish the friendships and memories I had with fellow members and I am grateful to Marla Antone for her support all these years.

When I graduated from Haskell in 2016, I was ready to take on the world, but life would bring obstacles. My mom's health started to decline and not knowing what was wrong for two years took a toll on her and my family. While I was enrolled at ASU in 2017, I was her main caregiver and was grateful for the family who helped me every day, since classes had a huge workload.

In September of 2018, my mom had been diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Life had a domino effect, my mom's condition continued to get worse, and eventually, she was admitted to hospice care. Unfortunately, my mom lost her battle to ALS on Christmas Eve 2018.

After her passing, I went through and still deal with periods of emotional turmoil. As I reflected during this time, I was lost and unsure of everything. Months went by and I knew eventually, I had to move forward with life. Honestly, I was in a dark place for a while and secluded myself from social activities and people.

I was liberated from my dark place when Marla Antone, coordinator of the youth council reached out to ask if I wanted to temp for her until another coordinator would be hired. It was perfect timing as I needed to get out of the house. While working for the Ak-Chin Youth Council it slowly helped me in getting back to a normal routine. Being at work around the youth, new people, attending conferences, and events inspired and motivated me to think about my life goals.

I was meant to listen to the presenters who shared their struggles of losing their loved ones and I realized I am not alone in my grieving. I was reminded that no matter the challenges in life, I should not doubt or second guess myself.

I am sharing this story with you to show that in a time of darkness, everything will be okay. In time, you learn to take challenges day by day. Anyone who has lost a parent can understand the pain and turmoil. My mom's spirit is always with me and although she

is not physically here, I do know she would have continued to support me.

My last semester at ASU was stressful, but I was almost to the finish line. The day I turned in my final I was mentally and physically exhausted. I had done it. All the hard work, the stress, the learning, and dealing with my mental health had paid off. It was not real until I saw an email to confirm I had graduated.

Although, I was sad to not walk across the stage in front of family and friends because of the pandemic, I am proud of myself. I encourage young people to experience college life by living on campus, but I do understand that living on campus is not for everyone.

I want the youth and adults looking into college to know that it is okay if you change majors and career paths. All that matters is that you finish what you started, no matter how long it takes. College years are a time where you discover who you are, what you want to do, and be who you want to be.

I also want to mention there is nothing wrong with leaving the community for a bit. Please travel, be safe, take risks, learn new things, and make new friends. Life is too short, go get what you want, work hard, be positive, be open minded. Home will always be here.

If you made it this far of reading my story, thank you for giving me your time. There are various people throughout my life who have inspired me to continue my higher education and goals. I like to thank my family, friends, the Education Department, Tribal Council, all my teachers, advisors, professors, and many other individuals who helped me along the way.

As for the next step, my plan is to apply with the Ak-Chin Police Department and hope to get hired on, and then attend the police academy. With the pandemic, I am not certain how long it will take me but I will not give up until I reach my career goals.

With respect, Dawn Fuentes

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Christmas Light Contest

Christmas spirit was found all around the Community on December 18, as Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation staff, along with select judges strolled through the community to judge homes who applied to participate in the Christmas Light Contest.

There were so many great decorations, themes and wonderful scenes set up. A lot of effort and thought was put into the decorations; huge inflatables wiggled in the wind, lights twinkled in the night, trees were all aglow; there was even one house that had music set to lights.

Winning entries were placed into one of three

categories and selected by highest point.

2020 Christmas Light Contest Winners:

BEST THEME 1st- Genevieve Miguel 2nd - Sandra Shade 3rd - Adam Bowman EXTRAVAGANT 1st – Susie Peters-Guerin 2nd – Elaina Enos 3rd – Geraldine "Ms. Pickle" Looper

TRADITIONAL

1st – Candi Chavez 2nd – Leona Kakar 3rd – Erica Trejo





that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the January 15 -February 4, 2021 issue is due by FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Material submitted after the JANUARY 8TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be

included in the next issue.

1st place - Genevieve Miguel

1st place - Susie Peters-Guerin



1st place - Candi Chavez



2nd place - Sandra Shade



2nd place - Elaina Enos



3rd place - Adam Bowman



3rd place - Geraldine Looper



2nd place - Leona Kakar



3rd place - Erica Trejo





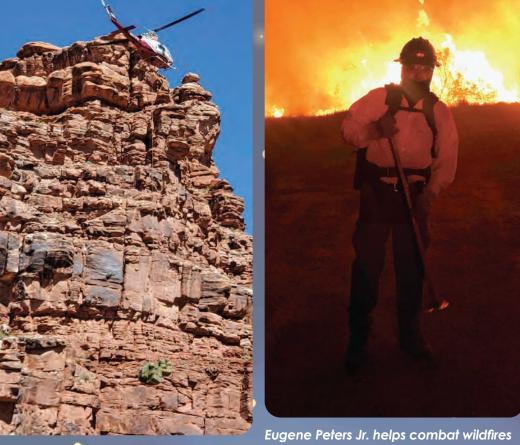
Maricopa Wells MS Girls take Championship



Harrah's AkChin Casino to ReOpen May 15 Social Distancing Protocols in Place



Ak-Chin GED graduates celebrate new chapter



Ak-Chin lends a helping hand to Havasupai in state



Ak-Chin meets with new Caesars leadership



Central Arizona College Class of 2020

My 2021 New Year



2020 Meet the Candidate goes virtual







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AK-CHIN JUSTICE COMPLEX: 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

JANUARY 26th, 27th & 28th 8 am - 12 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED? All Ak-Chin members, and those residing within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.





FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Patient vaccinations for Phase 1a Priority Patients will begin 1/6/2021

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

When will the vaccines be made available to patients?

In accordance with the GRIC COVID-19 Vaccine plan, the first phase of patient vaccinations (Phase 1a) will begin the week of January 6, 2021. Additional distribution phases will begin in the coming weeks when more vaccine is available. Patients included in Phase 1a are:



- Residents of The Caring House
- Dialysis patients

Elders 55+ with serious health concerns

Vaccinations for healthcare workers involved in direct patient care are in progress.

Has GRHC received the vaccine?

Yes, GRHC has received both Moderna and Pfizer vaccine and we'll start immunizing patients in Phase 1a as detailed above. Right now we don't have enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone, that's why we are prioritizing who will receive the vaccine as outlined by GRIC vaccination plan. Priority group patients will be contacted directly by a provider to discuss the vaccine and answer any questions you may have.

What can I do to protect myself until a vaccine becomes available?

You should stay home as much as possible. If you must go out for essentials, remember to wear a mask, avoid close contact with others, do not gather, and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Get more information about these and other steps you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 at GRHC.ORG/HUB.

Gila River Health Care wishes you and yours a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year!

HAVE A HEALTHY

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

2021



January 2021 Ak-Chin Child Development

Playful Learning Activities

Literacy

- Read together.
- See how many things you can find in your home that start with the /_/ sound. (FILL IN SOUND)

Math

- Pick a color See how many objects your child can find in your home that are the same color.
- Use small snack food (goldfish, cereal, etc.) to make patterns. Then eat them!
- Stand on one foot. Count how long you can balance.

Science

• Go on a nature color hunt. See how many different colors you can find on a walk.

Music and Dance

- Play freeze dance to your favorite music.
- Gather pot, pans, and wooden spoons. Make music

Websites for you and your child to explore:

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Happy New Year o from the staff at the Runner [®]

Normal Food Behaviors of Preschool Children

Disinterest in food – between 9-18 months of age & lasts a few months to a few years

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- Growth has slowed •
- Appetite usually erratic & unpredictable
- Evening meal is usually least well received but may have already met their needs with several snacks
- Indiscriminate snacking dulls the appetite

For Ease of Handling

- Prepare foods to be eaten with fingers small pieces of meat, green bean, orange wedges
- Small pieces of food are easier for children to handle with eating utensils
- Idea is to support child's efforts at self-feeding O At age 2 – uses arm
 - muscles
 - At age 3 uses hand 0 muscles
 - At age 4 uses finger 0 muscles - may be able to cut up some food.

If you need additional resources about home activities, have questions or concerns or would like to talk to one of our teachers, please call us at 520-568-1700. We are here to help!



Pinal County #1 Black History Month Celebration

COVID-19. If you need to start services or have guestions?? Call WIC at (520) 562-9698

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Johnny Ramirez, EPD

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Gabriel Pablo, IS Wayne Allison, Law & Order Steve Peters, Retail

Jennifer Hill, Law & Order

Gilbert Celaya, Law & Order 1/11

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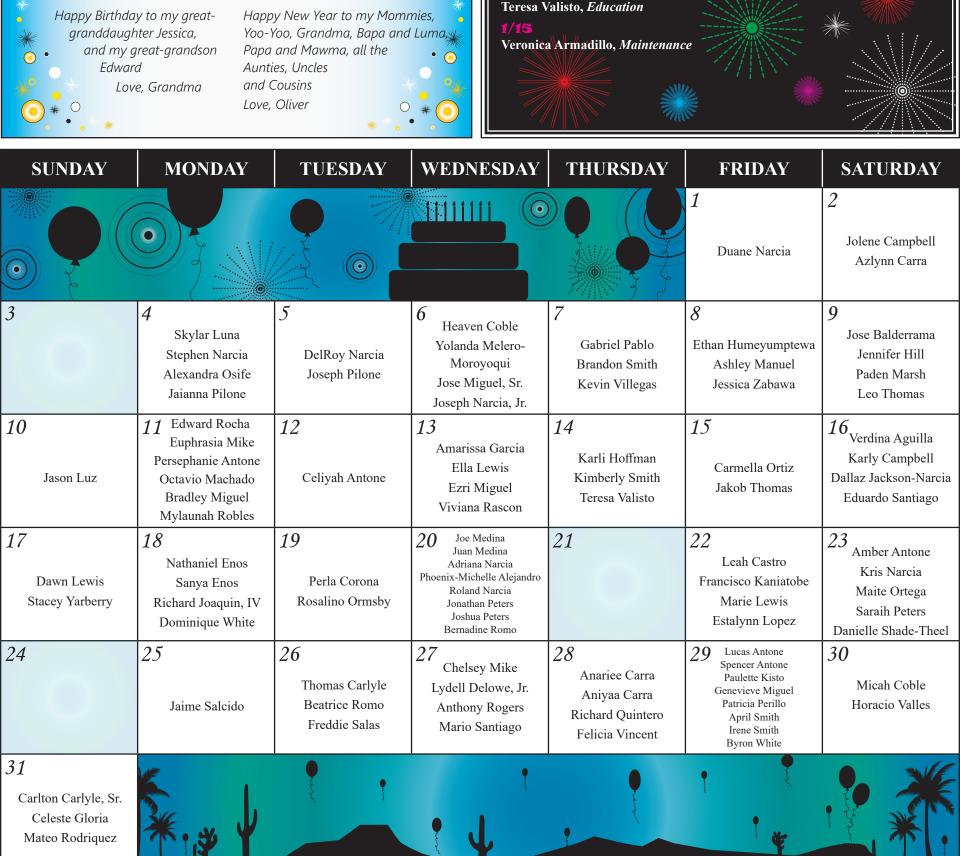
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Felicia Vincent, Cultural

1/29 Genevieve Miguel. Him Dak Museum

1/31 Carlton Carlyle, EPD



Chairman Miguel meets Two-Time NASCAR winner Michael Waltrip



At left, Brady Wilson, Southern Dunes General Manager, meets with NASCAR racer Michael Waltrip and Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel.

Monday, December 14, Chairman Robert Miguel had the opportunity to meet Michael Waltrip. Waltrip, a two-time winner of the Daytona 500, and the chairman enjoyed some golf and lunch at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes.

"Waltrip came out to visit the APEX facility a few months back and was impressed with the area... He realized that the

area had a Native American Community with a golf course and was seeking to golf with the Chairman of the Ak-Chin Community in hopes of getting more information on traditions, culture, language and history." Chairman shared.

"Mr. Waltrip is looking to retire from his commentator duties on NBC in 4 years and is looking at the state of

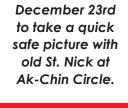
Arizona as a potential place of residency once he truly retires; the Maricopa area is a place of interest."

"Mr. Waltrip was very impressed with the city of Maricopa and the Ak-Chin Indian Community, he truly loved the difficulty and the beautiful scenery of the Southern Dunes Golf Course," Miguel said. "While on the course, he was reaching out to constituents, friends and family and was constantly taking photos, boasting about the course. It was really great spending time with Michael."

Before wrapping up their visit, Waltrip extended an invitation to Chairman Miguel to travel to Waltrip's home state, North Carolina and play his favorite course in his area. He also plans to come back to golf and spend more time with Chairman Miguel and tour the community's farming, enterprises and other places of interest.



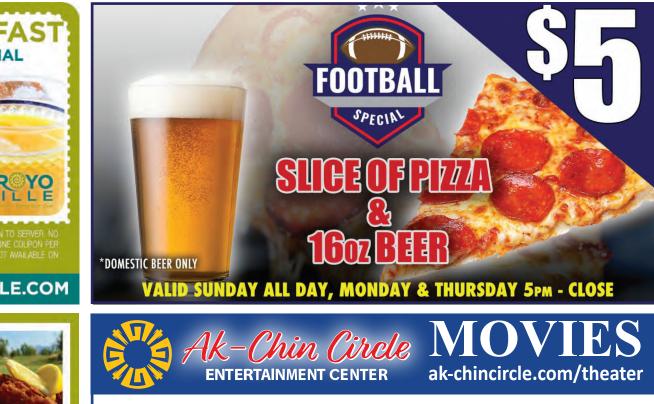




Families out on







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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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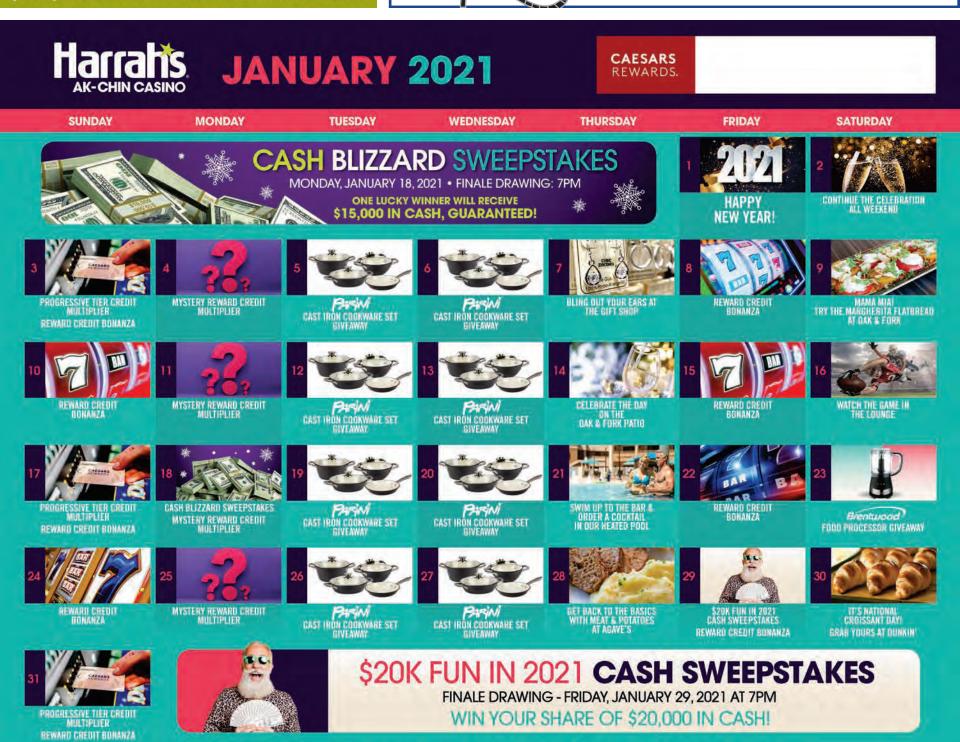
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