

St. Francis offers prayer and service for Community

The Ak-Chin St. Francis of Assisi Mission has been offering prayers to all in need, especially during the COVID pandemic, as people around the world continue to suffer and look for salvation.

Although prayer services have been difficult at times to accommodate, St. Francis has been doing a faithful job ensuring safety and health measures are being met when parishioners come to the church.

After Arizona Governor Ducey’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected” Executive Order was implemented in March, 2020, the Diocese of Phoenix followed suit, by limiting gatherings to 10 people and only allowing churches and chapels to remain open for private prayer, which included the suspension of all weekday and Sunday Masses.

Ak-Chin St. Francis remained open for private prayer services and adoration of the blessed sacrament, while limiting parishioners to no more than 10 in the church. This continued from mid-March through April.

St. Francis Parish Chief, Flower Ruelas, felt obligated to do something for her parishioners and so she began reciting the Most Holy Rosary from home. She provided a live-stream from her personal Facebook account, “just to keep the faith.” Flower shared.

“I wanted to help people who were unable to go to church to pray the rosary. I wanted to pray for all doctors and nurses and everybody that had passed or been affected by COVID.”

As the restrictions lifted, St. Francis was allowed to begin

mass service on May 24, 2020. Since that time the church has held mass every Sunday, and all Holy Days of Obligation, to include funeral masses, and committal (graveside) services.

During the time that the church was not allowing mass, Flower worked tirelessly to gather cleaning supplies and set up sanitizing stations to ensure that once the church began to hold mass that all safety and health measures would be taken.

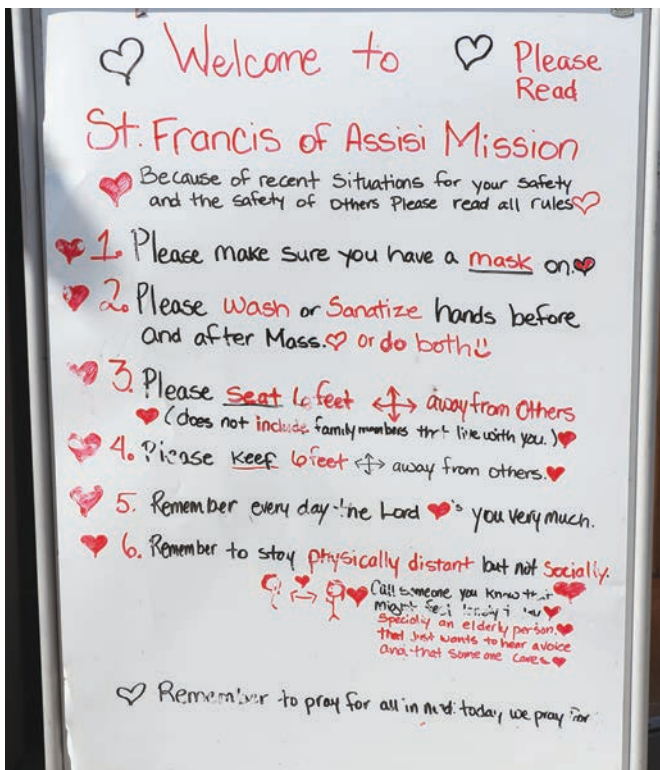
She also had a count clicker to ensure occupancy limits were maintained. Since May 2020, the occupancy has gone from 10 people to 25% of total occupancy, for St. Francis it was deemed that 80 people would be allowed in church to attend mass.

Religious education classes were also suspended during this time. However, St. Francis’ second-year religious education students for 2019-2020, were able to successfully receive their Sacraments of Initiation in October 2020.

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day 2020, could have been a somber event, but instead became a small community-wide pilgrimage. After mass, Father Antony Tinker and other Native American Ministry clergy were escorted around the community behind a truck to sprinkle holy water on community members as they stood outside their homes. Members patiently waited for their blessings.

Flower soon realized that she needed to provide a larger Facebook platform for her live-stream videos.

The videos not only included the recital of the rosary from



Above, the altar is prepared in purple, for lent. Bottom left: the whiteboard with St. Francis safety and welcome message greet parishioners as they enter the church. Below right: The Holy Family, set up as a rosary area for when the rosary is recited in church.

her home, and the St. Francis community pilgrimage, but also included the Sunday mass and Holy Days of Obligation, such as All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

So, she created a St. Francis of Assisi-Mission Facebook page to continue sharing videos of Sunday mass, rosaries and funeral mass, for those who were unable to attend.

On December 1, by request of a family, Flower held a nine-day rosary or novena in honor of a loved one. It soon turned into receiving names for which prayers for healing powers were shared, as well as prayers for eternal rest.


After mass was canceled on December 11, Flower decided to start doing the rosaries at the church. She asked Lerline

Peters to help with the rosary and they began to live-stream from the church.

“People wanted to do rosaries for family events, and since we couldn’t go to the homes, we decided to go to the church and do the rosary.”

Their Most Holy Rosary on December 12 reached over

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COVID-19

VACCINATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR AK-CHIN MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER

D3 SACATON - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WALK-IN - No Appointment needed		
M, T, W, F 9 AM – 3 PM	THURSDAY 9 AM – 4 PM	AK-CHIN MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS 18+
D6 KOMATKE - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WALK-IN - No Appointment needed		
WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9 AM – 3 PM		AK-CHIN MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS 18+
HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND KOMATKE CLINIC SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS		
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	PLEASE CALL: 602-528-1482 OR 520-550-6079	AK-CHIN MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS 18+



As COVID case numbers fluctuate in the Community, with almost 200 members testing positive and close to 100 employees, the electronic message sign on Farrell Road is a constant visible and vigilant reminder.

Everyone is encouraged to “STAY SAFE” “STAY HOME” “MASK UP” “SOCIAL DISTANCE” and “STOP COVID”.



Community Meeting

February 22, 2021

6 p.m. WebEx Event

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To get an invite please email info@ak-chin.nsn.us

by 5 p.m. on February 22, 2021.

Google Chrome Preferred

To Connect to Web Meeting

TO: Ak-Chin Community Elders 55 + Using Elder Center Services

FROM: Ak-Chin Indian Community Elder Center

RE: SCHEDULED COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENTS AT GILA RIVER

If you have not received your COVID VACCINE and would like to get one, please call the number below to schedule your appointment.

Gila River Health Care Corporation: 602-528-1482
Extension: 3101

Elder Center Transportation Services

Transportation is certainly here to assist you with your transportation requests. If you need transportation, the **Elder Center requires a 48-hour notice for all transportation requests.**

The sooner we are notified of your appointment, your ride will be scheduled. Please let us know as far in advance of your transportation request as you can. Providing advanced notice regarding your medical appointments helps you the most. **We really appreciate it.**

All of the Elder Center drivers are out either due to COVID 19 related matters or medical leave. The Elder Center asks that you please be understanding and patient with us. We are so sorry for the inconvenience. We are doing the best we can during the

Community department shut down and COVID 19 to fulfill all requests for services to the elders.

Please understand, we have to consider those elders who are in the most need. Below are the elders who will be considered first priority when providing transportation.

- **Homebound elders (elders who cannot leave the home without assistance)**
- **Elders without a car**
- **Elders who do not/cannot drive**
- **Elders who do not have a caregiver or family to drive them to their appointment**

Ak-Chin Indian Community Transit Department

The Ak-Chin Indian Community includes a Transit department. The Transit department was established to take care of the Community residences' transportation needs.

The Elder Center has coordinated with the Ak-Chin Indian Community Transit department to assist us with elder specific transportation requests. Do not be discouraged by this coordination effort.

The Elder Center and the

Transit department are working closely together to ensure elders are transported to and from their vaccination appointment.

Transit will wait for you during your appointments just like the Elder Center drivers do.

If you require assistance such as pushing your wheelchair or assistance with walking, please bring a caregiver with you to your appointment. Otherwise, you will not be transported. This is to protect you. Drivers are exposed to others getting on and off the bus. Your caregiver is responsible for assisting only you and keeping you safe.

Please call the Elder Center at 520-568-1762 or 1769 from 8am to 1pm if you have questions about the coordination between the Elder Center and Transit department.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ak-Chin Transit Department phone number: 520-568-1630

Elder Center Transportation: 520-568-1769
Urgent Matters: 520-252-5627

February Elder Breakfast and Lunch Menu

22nd

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Yogurt, Milk

Lunch:

Bar-B-Que Ribs Sweet Potato Fry Plain Ribs (D) Potato Normandy Vegetables Fresh Pineapples

23rd

Breakfast:

French Toast, Bacon, Strawberries & Blueberries, Oatmeal Bar, Orange Juice

Lunch:

Spaghetti, Salad Rolls, Strawberry Cheese Cake

24th

Breakfast:

Corned Beef Hash, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cut Fruit, Peanut Butter Bar, Grape Juice

Lunch:

Pizza & Wings & Salad Tropical Fruit

25th

Breakfast:

Veggie Breakfast Burrito (bell peppers, onion, jalapenos, spinach, cheese, & egg) Chocolate Chip Cliff Bar, Grapes, Apple Juice

Lunch:

Chili Beans Chili Meat (D) Zucchini Roasted Quinoa Corn Bread/ Fresh Pears

26th

Breakfast:

Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patty, Scrambled Eggs, Kasi Bar, Sliced Apples, Pineapple Juice

Lunch:

Pork Roast Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potatoes Berry Mix



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STORIES**

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no later than
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

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Road Maintenance and Re-Striping

Expect Delays – One Lane Closures

Farrell Road (SR347 – Santos Road)
March 1 -3, 2021

Peters and Nall Road (SR347 to White and Parker)
March 4 & 5, 2021

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Before **After**

Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

For Any Questions
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Or Email
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Hoffman Announces Federal Relief and Recovery Funding Allocations for Arizona Public Schools

**Arizona Department of Education
will use discretionary funds to ensure
equitable distribution of federal aid**

PHOENIX – February 17, 2021, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced the amounts each school district and charter organization will be eligible to receive under the latest round of federal relief and recovery funding for Arizona public schools. Under formula funding set by Congress through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), Title I schools will receive over \$1 billion to support COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.

Superintendent Hoffman also announced the use of discretionary dollars available to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) under CRRSA to guarantee a baseline funding amount for every public school district and charter organization in the state. ADE used poverty data to ensure a per-pupil award amount and will guarantee \$150,000 in relief funding for every public school district and non-profit charter organization in Arizona, with \$175,000 guaranteed for rural school districts and charter organizations, and \$200,000 guaranteed for the most remote school districts and charter organizations.

"It's critical that every school has the necessary resources to support their students, staff and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Typically, our small, rural, and remote schools are too often left behind when resources are allocated. That's why I prioritized ensuring that every public school - regardless of size or location - had access

to federal relief funding," said Superintendent Hoffman. "While this significant infusion of federal recovery dollars is good news for Arizona's schools, it is not a substitute for sustainable funding from the state as they move through and beyond the crisis of this pandemic."

"ARSA fully supports Superintendent Hoffman's plan to direct additional funding to rural and remote schools in Arizona as they will be critical to meeting the needs of Arizona's rural schools and students," said Wes Brownfield, Executive Director of Arizona Rural Schools Association. "Additional funding for rural and remote schools is vital to initiatives like the Final Mile Project which works to take the fiber broadband so many of our schools receive and extends that capacity to the student's home. We want to thank Superintendent Hoffman for her continued support of Arizona's rural schools and her commitment to bridging the digital divide for our rural students."

Allocation amounts for each public school district and non-profit charter organization can be found here: ESSER II Allocations for LEAs

Next week, the Arizona Department of Education will host a webinar for school leaders to share additional information and take questions regarding the application process as well as explain allowable uses of federal relief funds.

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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CIVIL COURT
COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.F.J.

Minor(s),
BRIAN JOHNSON

CASE NO.: CV-2020-021-AD
SUMMONS TO APPEAR

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
BRIAN JOHNSON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court in the
Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on
Tuesday the 23RD day of February, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for a Final Adoption Hearing.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU AT
YOUR OWN EXPENSE DURING THE PROCEEDINGS.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Civil Court, in the
County of Pinal, in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2020

Deanna Rascon, Court Administrator
of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
45525 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386

Marilyn Thompson
Vs
Christina Flores

Petitioner,
Respondent,

Case No.: CV-2021-00002-HR
CV NOTICE OF HEARING

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: CHRISTINA FLORES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED setting: Review Hearing set for Monday the 22nd day of
March, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Ak-Chin Justice Complex 45525 W. Farrell Road,
Maricopa AZ 85139.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2021

By: *Baitump*
Deputy Clerk

Text to 911 Now Available to Maricopa

Maricopa, Arizona, February 1, 2021 - The ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency is now available in the City of Maricopa and all of Pinal County. While texting is available, voice calls to 911 are much more expedient and provide much more information to 911 call centers.

How to text 911

- Enter the numbers '911' in the 'To' field on your mobile device.
- ALWAYS provide your location and the nature of your emergency in your original text message.
- 'Send' your message.
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow any instructions provided to you by the 911 operator.
- Reply as quickly as possible.

•Always remember to use simple words. No abbreviations!

Important facts to know

- Voice calls are ALWAYS the best option for contacting 911.
- Texting is not available from deactivated cell phones, but you can still call 911 from them.
- A Text-to-911 may take longer to be received, may be delivered out of order, or not received at all.
- Text-to-911 is not available if your cellular device is in 'roaming' status.
- You will receive a 'bounce back' message when texting is not available.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911.
- Do not text and drive!

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CALL IF
YOU CAN

TEXT IF
YOU CAN'T

Maricopa High School 2021 Basketball keeps season going



Maricopa Lady Ram sisters: Evone and Taylor Santiago.
Photo by Veronica Santiago

With five more games left this season, the Maricopa Varsity Rams with a 2-8 record and the Lady Rams with a 2-7



Senior, Isaiah Peters with the Maricopa Rams Varsity boys basketball team.
Photo by Victor Moreno

record, their upcoming games could easily turn around their numbers. The boys and girls have played a heck of a

season, despite having such a rocky road. All teams have been putting out their best in the 2021 season.

Kids play the fields at Coppersky

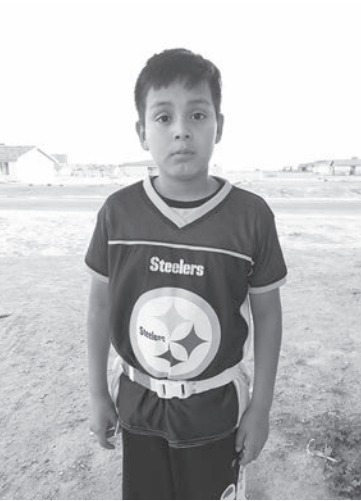
Submitted by Jennifer King

Many Community members joined the Maricopa Flag Football League.

They had fun staying active and playing a beloved activity as they continued to improve their skills in football.

Every game the kids gave their best effort in helping their teams gain a win.

Their families were very happy to be able to cheer them on, encouraging them to do their best.



Edward Rocha, 10-12 division.



Isaac King, 10-12 division.



Jessica Zabawa, 6-7 division and John Zabawa, 8-9 division.



Mateo and Antonio Rodriguez, 10-12 division.



February 2021

Ak-Chin Child Development

At Home Learning Activities

Gross Motor-Lets have a BALL!
•12-24 months-Your baby will enjoy playing with balls. You can sit across from him and roll a ball to him. Encourage him to roll it back. Clap your hands when he does. If the ball is big and soft (e.g., beach ball with some of the air out), he may be able to “catch” it by stopping it when it gets to him.
•24-42 months-Use a medium-size ball (8–10 inches) to play soccer with your child. Set up a goal with two empty milk cartons or turn a large cardboard box on its side. Encourage your child to kick the ball through the cartons or into the box. Great goal!
•42-54 months-Your child is ready to practice ball skills. A basket on a chair can be a hoop for a basketball. Use a big ball and show your child how to dribble and shoot to make a basket. Play soccer using any two objects for goals and kicking the ball to get a goal.

Literacy-Read, Read, Read!
•12-24 months-Read to your baby every day. Snuggle up and make this a special time. Point to pictures and name things for her. Sometimes ask her to find something: “Where’s the cat? Oh, here it is.” She may need a little help from you at first.
•24-42 months-Tell your child stories about when he was little: “When you were first born...” or “When you were a little baby...” Your child will love to hear these stories again and again.
•42-54 months-Read a favorite story to your child. Ask him what happened at the beginning, middle, and end. Have your child act out the story and be different characters. If you read a story about farm animals, he could pretend to be a cow, chicken, pig, or horse. Encourage him to act out the beginning, the middle, and the end of the story.
Mathematics
•12-24 months-Children this age are just beginning to notice when two things are

alike, especially shoes, socks, or other objects they know. Hold up one of baby’s shoes or a sock. Ask baby, “Where’s the other one just like this?” Help baby make the match: “Yes, these two are the same.”
•24-42 months-Give your child a snack with many pieces, such as cut-up fruit, small crackers, or cereal loops. Make a line of four things and count them as you put them in front of him. Give him four pieces and see if he can make a line, too. You can help your toddler count the food pieces and then eat them up.
•42-54 months-Make a simple repeating pattern with your child with small toys, blocks, utensils, pasta, or shoes. Line up items to start the pattern. Have him help you finish it. Encourage your child to complete the pattern and help if he gets stuck: “This pattern starts with a shoe, then a block, then a noodle. What do you think comes next?”

Health

Heart Healthy Smoothie: Ingredients for 4 servings: 2 cups of fresh spinach, 2 cups of frozen berries, 1 cup of plain yogurt, 1 cup of whole milk or almond milk, 1 tablespoon of honey. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.

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!

48251 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138
 Phone: 520-568-1700 Fax: 520-568-1701

Maricopa Women’s Volleyball League Tournament



Above, Dannon and Morgan Peters (far right) proudly hold up their earned shirts for placing second in the Maricopa Women’s Volleyball League Tournament. They are pictured along with community members Noahli Antone, second from left and Angel Antone, third from left.

Sunday, January 31, we came to cheer on our Goddaughters, Dannon and Morgan Peters as they played in the City of Maricopa Women’s Volleyball League Tournament. Their team, No Dig’gity, took first place in the league season.

Masks were required and our temperatures were taken at the door, as we entered the gym, hand sanitizer was also given. Only 50 people were allowed at one time on the bleachers.

As the game began, we noticed that ALL PLAYERS wore masks as well. The game was pretty even in the beginning, with No Dig’gity and Net Results going back and forth, they had a good volley going on.

No Dig’gity was consistent with their Bump, Set, Spike plays, which helped all the girls place some very hard spikes and gentle but well-placed dinks into the right spots throughout the game.

As the game progressed, Net Results score became stagnant, holding at 15 points as No Dig’gity continued on.

Dannon threw down a spike and the defender responded by bumping it into the basketball hoops above, which landed the volleyball out of bounds. Final play was a bump, set and a hard spike by Morgan... Game Over!

It was a full day of volleyball for No Dig’gity, multiple games were played against many teams, a sister team from Gila River “The Squad” included.

After some hard plays and lots of sweating, No Dig’gity placed second overall in the tournament, with Notorious D.I.G. winning with an undefeated tourney record.

Submitted by:
Dannon & Morgan’s Godparents

“Peace, Love & Volleyball”





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**Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Jane and Kylie, and my
grandsons Norbert Jr., Junior and Alexander
Love, Grandma**



FEBRUARY

St. Francis continued from front

over 1500 people on the church's Facebook page.

Soon afterwards, Connie Miguel also began to help with the rosary and as more restrictions were lifted revered church choir members Lawrence and Sally Antone have been back to sing for the Sunday mass, as well as doing the rosary when possible.

Flower is happy to see all the people at church, as well as viewing the live-stream videos. She is excited about offering religious education classes soon. Sign ups will begin in August and classes will start in October.

She invites everyone to please come to church and wants everyone to know that after every church service the whole church is wiped down and completely sanitized.

For those who cannot attend in person, they can view mass and rosary on Facebook, by either searching for St. Francis of Assisi Mission-Ak-Chin, or following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Mission-Ak-Chin-100295595185502/>

Mass is held at Ak-Chin St. Francis of Assisi Mission every Sunday at 12 pm, and with Lenten season upon us,

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6 pm.

Flower offers her heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped the church over the past year and is grateful to be able to share the Word of God in church and through Facebook.

"I can't wait till we can see everyone's beautiful smile again."

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Bookmark Contest

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Friday:
3:00pm, 5:45pm & 8:30pm
Saturday:
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:45pm & 8:30pm
Sunday:
12:00pm, 3:00pm & 5:45pm

THE LITTLE THINGS
Monday - Thursday:
3:30pm & 6:15pm
Friday:
3:30pm, 6:15pm & 9:15pm
Saturday:
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm & 9:15pm
Sunday:
12:30pm, 3:30pm & 6:15pm

THE MARKSMAN
Monday - Friday:
3:15pm, 5:30pm & 7:45pm
Saturday:
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm & 7:45pm
Sunday:
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm & 7:45pm

Copa Music Festival

Maricopa, AZ February, 2021 - Kent & Chrystal O'Jon, founders of the VA HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER (PROJECT) OF AZ, dba Maricopa Veterans Care Center (MVCC) an International 5013c is excited to announce its sponsorship of the new Annual African American Heritage Month (Copa Music Fest 2021).

The event is slated for February 20, 2021, 6PM @ Coppersky Park - 44345 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, Maricopa, AZ 85138.

Website and Evite Sites are now available for access: Audience Live Stream Option - <http://azbb.events/maricopa-az-events/>. CDC Guidelines will be enforced for community safety.

Arizona's #1 Black History Month Concert

COPA Music Festival

1 Night 1 Stage 6 Recording Artist 1 Legend

Willie Clayton
The World's #1 Blues & Soul Singer
Tribute to **AL GREEN** AND MORE
HOSTED BY
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I'm Going Down
Wishing On A Star
I Wanna Get Next To You
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14 HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15 PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	16 NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	17 NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	18 PLAN A DATE NIGHT AT OAK & FORK	19 TRIPLE 7'S. EQUALS CLOUD 9!	20 GIVE LATE NIGHT KENO A TRY! OPEN SATURDAYS 2PM - MIDNIGHT
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