

## Ak-Chin celebrates Senior moments at Heritage and Maricopa high schools

Heritage Academy Maricopa High School Senior, Jose “Baby J.” Miguel officially announced his commitment to play basketball at the collegiate level with Sagu American Indian College in Phoenix.

Sitting with his parents and grandmother beside him, Jose signed his letter of intent to play, as friends, family and coaches proudly looked on.

Jose will finish out the year with Heritage as they head into their playoffs this week. He plans to work and play with coach Carlyle and the Ak-Chin Boys basketball during downtown to prepare for college ball. He is the first player for Heritage to earn an athletic scholarship.

Heritage Academy also celebrated Senior, Noahli Antone that evening with a senior night event to highlight her last year on the basketball team, before her game.

Noahli celebrated a great game as point guard, beating Imagine Prep, 46-24. Noahli

**Right: Jose “Baby J” Miguel with mom, dad and grandma during his Signing Day ceremony at Heritage High School. At far right: Noahli Antone with mom and dad meet at center court at Heritage High School during Senior Night before her basketball game.**

Story and photos by R. Peters

racked up 23 points, 8 assists and 5 rebounds.

Noahli will finish out her senior year in sports, playing softball and then plans to attend Central Arizona College. She would like to play basketball at the collegiate level as well.

Later that evening, Facebook posts were all abuzz for Maricopa High School Senior, Evone Santiago, as she was recognized for her stellar play as a four-year varsity player for the Lady Rams basketball



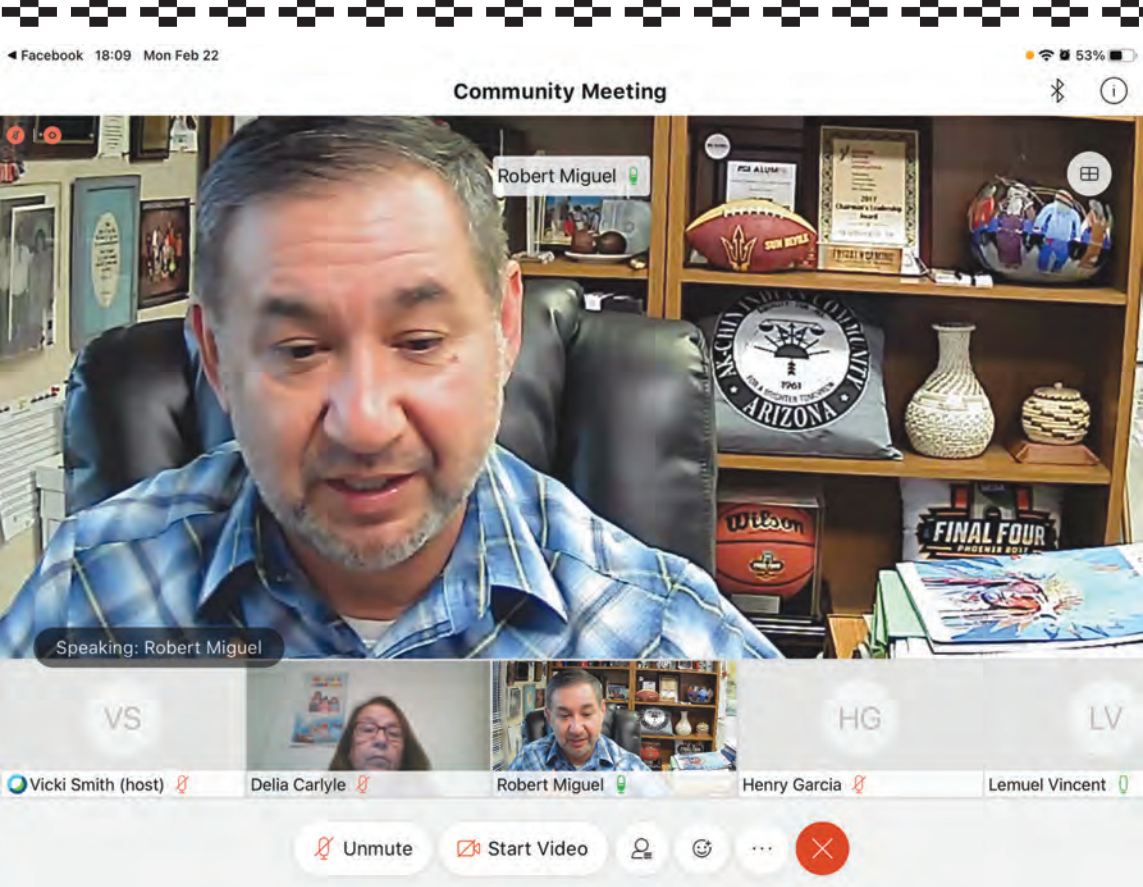
team.

Playing point guard, Evone and her team got the win against Higley, 47-35.

Although, Evone has been looked at for many scholarships, both in basketball and softball, she plans to focus on her college studies with no current plans to play at the next level. She is planning to attend Lake Superior State University in Michigan, and work towards a bachelor of science in cannabis business.



**Evone Santiago celebrates with mom, dad and sister during her Lady Ram Varsity Basketball Senior Night at Maricopa High School. (Submitted photo)**



## Council holds first virtual Community Meeting

On February 22, 2021, Ak-Chin Tribal Council exercised the right to host their first virtual Community Meeting, assisted by Council Secretary Vicki Smith and Community Events Planner, Henry Garcia.

The meeting began with a short opening prayer by Council Member Delia Carlyle, followed by Chairman Robert Miguel who began the meeting with a greeting and update.

He shared his thoughts on the new process and provided updates on how Council, the Community and departments have been working through this pandemic together.

“Kudos to all of you,” shared Chairman Miguel in reference to everyone doing their part to stay healthy and getting tested

and vaccinated.

He also provided a brief update on all his activities, which consisted of participating in web ex meetings and communicating via zoom to work with various officials and address Community issues.

Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent shared his experience working through the pandemic and being a first-time council member and Vice-Chairman. He expressed his concern over the many issues that have been addressed to council in regards to the COVID situation and asked for patience as Council and the Community works through the many new processes with the expectation for some trial and error.

Vice-Chairman also shared

information on the Maricopa Food Pantry venture that the Community was in the process of; providing food boxes to Community members via drive through distribution. He informed that once the process was finalized information would be sent out on the dates, times and location.


Council Member Delia Carlyle talked about the obstacles with the technology in getting the virtual Community meeting underway. She also talked about missing the old days of meeting and moving forward in order to hear from the Community with the new format.

Council Member Octavio was eager to be back to a Community meeting setting and glad to be able to talk

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#### ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Amending the June 17, 2020 Order of the Chairman, Prohibiting Wakes and Establishing New and Additional Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures During the Effective Period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak.)

WHEREAS,

on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council (“Community Council”) issued a declaration entitled “Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak” (“Declaration”); and

WHEREAS,

the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman’s designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration, including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

WHEREAS,

on June 17, 2020, I issued an Order (“Order”) limiting large events and mass gatherings, which declared that any gathering of more than ten (10) people during the period in which my Order was in effect is contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community; and

WHEREAS,

this Order (which has been amended) remains in effect and large events and mass gatherings are still deemed contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community and generally prohibited; and

WHEREAS,

as originally drafted and subsequently amended, Section 1 F of Order did not impose gathering restrictions on funerals or cultural services, including burials, wakes, and other gatherings to honor deceased Community members; and

WHEREAS,

the Community continues to experience a high level of COVID-19 positivity and deaths related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS,

while the Community wants to honor and promote the Community’s him-dak and culture, at this time it is necessary to amend the Order to address the health and safety risks arising from funeral, burials, wakes, and other similar large gatherings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency due to the

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# MARICOPA PANTRY TEAMS UP WITH AK-CHIN

On Monday, March 1, Ak-Chin employees worked together to help assemble and distribute over 200 food boxes for community members and employees.

The food boxes included fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy and protein items as well as a few dry goods-snacks. The drive-thru distribution was very accessible and easy for members to receive their items.

Ak-Chin has teamed up with Maricopa Pantry to provide food boxes every Monday in March. Distribution will be set up at Ak-Chin Recreation parking lot. Time is 9am - 12 pm.



## Ak-Chin Indian Community

### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION LINE

# 520-568-1265

If you are having a medical emergency please call 911



Order continued from front

Meeting continued from front

with the Community in a large virtual group setting, as he was ready to hear questions and concerns.

Council Member Lisa Garcia shared similar sentiments about connecting with membership to hear their concerns and the opportunity to provide updates with COVID

After Council provided a brief update the meeting was open to questions. Questions could be submitted via email, through the virtual meeting and through Facebook message as well.

Members addressed many topics that evening, with most geared to COVID concerns; such as vaccination, transportation; department updates; opening of community; travel ban; CARES ACT; safety violations; Boards' and Committees' status; Health and Human Services and Education outreach and services; quarantine assistance; casino updates.

After the questions and a few technical glitches, Council wrapped up the meeting.

Next Community virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29. Look for information on the Community website, facebook and the Runner for more details.

## ELDER MARCH MENU BREAKFAST | LUNCH

**8 Chicken fried steak, Hash browns, Biscuit with gravy, Kashi Bar, Chocolate Milk || Cabbage Stew, Beets, Peas, Biscuits, Apple Crisp, Fresh Strawberries**

**9 Ground Beef, Potato, & Jalapeno Burrito, Sliced Apples Cliff Bar, Juice || Potato Soup & Salad, Rolls, Pineapples**

**10 Sausage Patty, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffin, Diced Potatoes, Banana, Kashi Bar, Juice || Meatball Sub, Wax Beans, Succotash, Fruit Cocktail**

**11 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Bagel with cream cheese, Yogurt, Milk || 15 Bean Soup, Meat Stuffed Pasta (D), Green Beans, Rolls, Asparagus, Apricots**

**12 Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Grapes, Fig Newton Bar, Juice || Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Watergate Salad/ Pears**

**15 French Toast, Bacon, Fruit Cup, Cliff Bar, Juice || Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Mashed Potato, Zucchini, Spinach Salad, Apple Sauce**

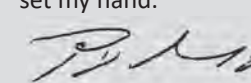
**16 Chorizo & Eggs, Beans, Diced Potatoes, Tortilla, Banana, Cliff Bar, Chocolate Milk || Baked Chicken, Brown Rice, Salad, Rolls, Plums**

**17 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Cinnamon Raisin Toast, Yogurt, Milk || Irish Beef Stew, Cabbage w/Bacon, Rolls, Pistachio Cake/Apples**

**18 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Burrito, Grapes, Kashi Bar, Juice || Tuna Fish or Chicken Sandwich, Broccoli, 3 Bean Salad, Honeydew**

**19 Bacon, Potato, & egg Soft Tacos, Sliced Apples, Cliff Bar, Juice || Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Tropical Fruit**

**\*\* Some items may change without notice\*\***

<p>COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Ak-Chin Community Council do hereby order that:</p>	
<p>1. Section 1 F of the Order of June 17, 2020 is clarified and amended as follows:</p> <p>A. There shall be no Wakes within the Community. "Wake" (also sometimes called a "viewing" or the "visitation") means any viewing of the body or other gathering of persons to pay respects to a deceased individual, but does not include viewing of a body if such viewing occurs both (1) within fifteen (15) minutes before or after a formal funeral service and (2) within a church.</p> <p>B. The following rules shall apply in the Ak-Chin Cemetery.</p>	<p>L. Sanitation/Public Works will also utilize barricades or tape to section off areas and to create buffer zones near or around the casket &amp; family seating area. Signage (banners, posters) will be set up as reminders for all those in attendance of the safety procedures.</p> <p>M. No vehicles except Sanitation/Public Works vehicles and the vehicle transporting the casket will be permitted in the cemetery 1 hour prior to a funeral, during the funeral, or 2 hours after conclusion of a funeral.</p> <p>N. If any topic arises that is not addressed in these Pandemic Burial Procedures, the Community defers to CDC Guidelines for funerals and burials.</p>
<p><b>Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures for the Effective Period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak</b></p>	<p>3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY</p>
<p>1. These Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures ("Pandemic Cemetery Procedures") shall apply to all activities within the Ak-Chin Cemetery. These Pandemic Burial Procedures are in addition to any other policies or guidelines for the cemetery and/or the Burial Assistance Program. These Pandemic Burial Procedures shall be in effect at all times during the effective period for the "Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak," which was issued March 26, 2020.</p> <p>2. CEMETERY RULES</p> <p>A. Consistent with the Order of the Chairman, which was issued in July 2020, and which mandated the use of face coverings in all public settings, face coverings/masks must be worn by all individuals when in the cemetery. Persons without face coverings will not be permitted to enter the cemetery. Persons who remove their face covering will be asked to put on a face covering or leave. Persons who repeatedly remove their face covering will be asked to leave the cemetery. Persons who refuse to wear a face covering and refuse to leave the cemetery may be subject to penalties.</p> <p>B. All persons in the cemetery should maintain a distance of 6 feet or more distance.</p> <p>C. There shall be no contact between individuals who are not members of the same household at the gravesite (e.g., hugs, handshakes).</p> <p>D. The attendance for any burial service is limited to ten (10) persons in total at any one time, not including "Burial Service Providers" - persons who are in the cemetery to perform services within the scope of his/her regular job duties (e.g., church staff, Community government employees (including, but not limited to, Public/Works Sanitation workers and Ak-Chin law enforcement), etc.).</p> <p>E. Attendance for burial services is limited to immediate family members only. "Immediate family members" means the deceased individual's spouse, parents (including stepparents), grandparent, children (including stepchildren), siblings, and your spouse's children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings and legal guardian relationships.</p> <p>F. The family representative is responsible for monitoring the point of entry, keeping track of the number of persons at the burial service, and rotating immediate family members in and out during the burial services. All immediate family members must wait in their car until the Family Representative indicates it is time to enter.</p> <p>G. There will be only one point of entry for the cemetery and all other entries will be closed.</p> <p>H. All burial services must be commenced and concluded within a consecutive seven (7) hour period, which starts no earlier than 5:00 AM and ends no later than 5:00 PM.</p> <p>I. No choirs or other programing are permitted that would encourage or result in groups of more than ten (10) people gathering.</p> <p>J. Only Sanitation/Public Works personnel are permitted to participate in the grave digging and covering. Further, Sanitation/Public Works may prohibit the family representative from being on-site during the grave digging.</p> <p>K. The family may not participate in lowering of the casket or covering of the grave. All family must exit the cemetery when it is time to lower the casket and the family may not return until after Sanitation/Public works covers the grave.</p>	<p>A. The family representative must:</p> <p>i. ensure that no more than ten people (including, but not limited to, the family representative, clergy/spiritual leader/ medicine person/general officiant, the family of the deceased, Community employees) are at a burial service at any one time.</p> <p>ii. advise funeral attendees to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet between all attendees. This reminder should be given when a funeral attendee enters the cemetery. The family representative must remind individuals who fail to maintain proper distance as is necessary.</p> <p>iii. ensure compliance with the face covering mandate. The family representative may not permit anyone who is not wearing a face covering to enter the cemetery. The family representative must remind persons who remove their face coverings of the face covering mandate.</p> <p>iv. encourage funeral attendees to apply sanitizer when entering and leaving the cemetery.</p> <p>v. ensure all funeral attendees sign the funeral guest book prior to entry into the cemetery, and permit the Community to take and copy the funeral guest book after the cemetery funeral is concluded.</p> <p>vi. not permit any funeral attendees to move the barricades or tape sections, chairs, canopies, or any other equipment placed within the cemetery by Sanitation/Public Works. If such equipment is moved, the family representative shall return the equipment to the location where it was placed by Sanitation/Public works.</p>
	<p>4. ENFORCEMENT</p>
	<p>A. If the Pandemic Burial Procedures are not followed, the Community may take any of the following action:</p> <p>i. Immediately end the funeral and/or burial services and/or eject from the cemetery any and all persons attending the burial. Even if a funeral is ended and attendees are ejected, Burial Service Providers shall be permitted to stay until such time as their respective duties are completed.</p> <p>ii. Pursue legal action against individuals, including civil or criminal actions in Community Court, such as actions for trespass.</p> <p>iii. Levy fines and other penalties, including, but not limited to, the fines prescribed in the Community Council's "Declaration of Penalties for Non-Compliance With any Order of the Chairman Issued Pursuant to the State of Emergency Declared Pursuant to the COVID-19 Outbreak."</p> <p>2. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by my order or act of the Community Council. This Order shall automatically be rescinded when the Declared State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak is ended.</p>
	<p>ORDERED this <u>1st</u> day of March, 2021</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.</p> <p></p> <p>Robert Miguel, Chairman Ak-Chin Indian Community</p>





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or e-mailed.

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#### DEADLINE

Don't forget the  
DEADLINE for the  
March 19 - April 1, 2021  
issue is due by  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH**

Material submitted after the  
**MARCH 12TH DEADLINE**  
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and relevant, it will be  
included in the next issue.

# "PEST PROOFING" for a healthier and less pesticide dependent home environment

Spring cleaning is a great  
way to start the year,  
especially after a year like  
2020. This is a great time to  
be proactive and take a few  
extra steps, to keep pests  
away and have a pest-  
free spring. These simple  
steps, collectively referred  
to as "pest-proofing" will  
go a long way in providing  
a healthier environment  
in your home and  
surroundings.

#### Indoors\*

**Reduce the Clutter!**  
Gradually, clutter leads  
to accumulation of dust  
and debris, and often  
provides food as well  
as harborage for pests  
such as cockroaches and  
rodents. According to the  
Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA), insect  
allergens along with dust  
mites account for two  
of the six most common  
indoor asthma triggers. In  
this way, clutter can be a  
health concern.



De-cluttering eliminates  
pest harborage. When  
there are nooks and  
crannies – created by  
"stuff" – pests can easily  
hide and breed there.  
Clutter control makes it  
easier to sweep, mop,  
and dust when things  
are generally organized.  
Involve everyone in your  
home or work team in a  
de-cluttering day or week,  
whenever possible.

**Storage.** Go through your  
fridge, kitchen cabinets,  
pantry and garage. Discard  
any old or expired food  
materials, especially those  
that show signs of stored  
product pests. Damaged  
containers causing spills  
should be discarded and  
tossed out. Wipe down or  
vacuum shelves and floors.  
Be sure to use airtight  
"pest proof" containers  
when needed.

**This a good time to safely  
dispose of old pesticides  
and containers!**

**Focus Areas of your  
home,** such as kitchens  
and bathrooms, are  
particularly suitable  
for pest populations to  
develop as food, warmth,  
and moisture provide  
ideal conditions for pests.  
Take extra time to look for  
pest-attractive conditions  
and signs of pests (ie.,  
shed skins, droppings or  
sawdust) in these areas.



**Regular cleaning.** Employ  
good cleaning procedures.  
Vacuum up all food crumbs.  
Promptly clean up spills.

**Waste disposal.** Trash  
containing food waste  
should be placed in  
sealable containers that  
pests such as mice and rats  
cannot get into.

**Leaks.** Inspect and repair  
plumbing and roof leaks  
regularly to reduce water  
availability to pests. Check  
ceiling tiles and under  
sinks, as a problem may  
not be apparent. Water  
damage can weaken walls  
and ceilings creating  
additional entryways. This  
can be a moisture source  
for molds to develop.

#### Submitted by Environmental Protection Department



**\* If you see signs, be sure  
to contact the appropriate  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
department in housing  
or maintenance for  
additional assistance.**

#### Entry ways\*\*

Besides doors and  
windows, pests will  
readily gain entry by other  
openings we normally don't  
think about. Check utility  
openings or even small  
cracks and gaps in walls or  
the foundation. Common  
entry occurs under doors  
or between window panes.  
Cockroaches can enter  
through gaps the width of  
a credit card, while mice  
can squeeze in through  
holes the size of a pencil's  
diameter.

**Door sweeps and seals.**  
Inspect or install door  
sweeps at the base of  
all exterior entry doors.  
Inspect and repair any  
damage to door thresholds.  
No outside light should be  
visible underneath exterior  
doors when viewed from  
the inside at floor level.



The bottom of garage  
doors can be fitted with a  
brush or rubber seal (vinyl  
does not perform well in  
cold weather). Sliding glass  
doors can be sealed by  
lining the bottom track with  
foam weather stripping. Be  
sure to inspect all seals of  
doors including the tops  
and sides. This is especially  
important for double doors  
that lack a central vertical  
support.

**Screens.** Inspect, install, or  
repair screens on all doors  
or windows that can be  
opened. Do the same on all  
ventilation openings. Keep  
screens in good condition  
and promptly repair tears  
or loose edges. This stops  
the entry of many pests.

Periodically clean the space  
between the window and  
the screen to discourage  
scavenger insects, such as  
dermestid beetles from  
breeding and feeding in  
the organic matter  
accumulating in these  
spaces.

**Fill cracks.** To exclude  
rodents, lizards and  
insects, look for cracks  
or gaps around windows,  
doors and in fascia boards.  
For small cracks, use good-  
quality silicone sealant.  
Silicone lasts longer than  
latex caulking materials, as  
it expands and contracts  
more effectively with  
changing temperatures.  
For larger openings, fill  
with a strong material that  
matches the structure such  
as wood, cement, sheet  
rock or mortar.

**Utility openings.** Seal  
all utility access panels  
and openings, including  
penetration points of pipes  
and wires, outdoor faucets,  
gas meters, and laundry  
vents. Cracks should be  
cleaned, and any peeling  
material removed. The

hole can then be filled with  
a suitable sealant. Wider  
openings should be filled  
with copper mesh before  
sealants are applied. Check  
to make sure escutcheon  
plates are well seated  
around plumbing in  
bathrooms and kitchen.

**\*\* Once again, if you see  
signs be sure to contact the  
appropriate Ak-Chin Indian  
Community department in  
housing or maintenance  
for additional assistance.**

#### Outdoors

After you finish your  
indoor cleaning, conduct  
an inspection of your  
building perimeter, looking  
for any damage done over  
the winter months. Here  
are some tips for spring  
cleaning outdoors:

**General yard clean up.**  
Encourage everyone to  
participate in yard clean up,  
including children. Remove  
accumulated landscape  
debris and around your  
home foundation.

**Weak wood.** Remove  
any rotted tree stumps  
or other weak wood in  
the yard, which could  
attract structural  
pests such as termites  
and carpenter ants.

Organic landscaping mulch  
should be placed so it does  
not come into contact with  
structural wood (siding,  
posts, etc.)



**Trash disposal.** Use pest-  
resistant trash receptacles  
with lids. Lids should be  
kept closed, especially at  
night. Trash receptacles,  
including dumpsters,  
should be steam cleaned  
regularly. Damaged  
containers should be  
replaced with new ones.

**Roof.** Repair damaged  
fascia and rotted shingles,  
as some insects are  
attracted to deteriorating  
wood. Wire netting to  
cover gaps under and  
between rooflines or ¼-  
inch hardware cloth over  
the attic, roof, chimney,  
and crawl space vents in  
order to prevent entry of  
birds, bats, squirrels, and  
rodents. Contact housing  
for additional information  
to make repairs.

Larger pest entries into  
houses are also attractive  
to many pests such as  
termites, widow spiders,  
scorpions, feral cats, and  
rodents. These larger pest  
animals may create further  
insect and health problems  
(e.g., fleas, ticks, etc.).



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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON Ak-Chin  
Cemetery Improvements Project

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the  
"Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit  
proposals on Ak-Chin Cemetery Improvements project.  
The project consists in the following; rest room facility,  
fencing and parking lots. Full construction documents/  
plans will be provided.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for  
11:00 a.m. (MST) on March 17, 2021 at Ak-Chin Capital  
Projects Office parking lot located at 45710 W. Farrell  
Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered  
mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be  
discussed and project plans/documents shared. If you do  
not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be  
accepted.

Only 2 representatives per company may attend. To comply  
with COVID guidelines, we are keeping group gatherings  
to a minimum number of attendees. This meeting will be  
held outside and masks are required to be worn AT ALL  
TIMES.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will  
be 2:00 p.m. (MST) on April 7, 2021. Proposal questions  
should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-  
chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at  
cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until  
2:00 p.m. (MST) on April 21, 2021 at the Tribal Purchasing  
Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the  
specified date and time will be rejected and returned  
unopened.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference  
will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned  
Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement  
Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/  
information package and related information may be  
obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing  
Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona  
85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at  
FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids.  
However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion  
may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal  
Council may designate, as the interest of the Community  
may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days  
subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the  
Owner.



## 2021 Preschool & Kinder Round-up

Hosted by: Ak-Chin Development &  
Ak-Chin Education Department

**Kindergarten:**  
**When: Wednesday March 10th**  
**at 5:00 PM via zoom**  
**Wednesday March 17th**  
**at 5:00 PM via zoom**

#### Agenda

5:00 PM Introduction by Bianca Schrader &  
Sheila Bandin

-MUSD kinder registration out of district  
advisor Matt Tess  
-ROI needed to allow advisor access to  
student's information  
-Contact information for Sheila Bandin

5:15 PM Introduction of Liane Iglesias,  
Truancy Officer by Sheila Bandin  
-Liane will go over the items that are  
included in the packet

5:25 PM Questions

#### Packet Contents

**Kinder Readiness sheet**  
**ParentVue tip sheet**  
**ROI form**  
**Truancy information**  
**Sheila Bandin's contact info**  
**Matt Tess's contact info**  
**Liane Iglesias' contact info.**

**Ak-Chin Child Development**  
**In person by appointment on March 10th**  
**& March 17th at Limited capacity due to**  
**health and safety precautions.**  
**{520} 568-1700 for Zoom link email**  
**GLopez@ak-chin.nsn.us**







COVID+FLU Resource Center

**COVID-19 Test Dates,  
Flu Vaccines & More!  
Visit [GRHC.ORG/HUB](https://grhc.org/hub)**

**FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT COVID-19, GO TO [GRHC.ORG/HUB](https://grhc.org/hub)  
OR CALL THE GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079**

## COVID-19 TESTING DATES

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

**MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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.*

*Gila River Health Care recommends frequent testing for anyone who has not been tested or previously tested negative and has no symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms please go the ER or Primary Care Department.  
For COVID-19 test result information, please call: (520) 550-6079.*

## COVID-19 VACCINE BY THE NUMBER

GRHC

**10,228**

Vaccinations were administered to date.

UNITED STATES

**68,274,117**

Vaccinations were administered to date.

**Each vaccination gets us one step closer to bringing an end to the COVID pandemic.**

## COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHBUSTERS

### MYTH:

The COVID-19 Vaccine causes breast cancer.

### FACT:

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can cause lymph nodes to swell, particularly those in the armpit on the side where the shot was received. Some women are feeling these armpit lymph nodes and mistaking them for breast lumps, according to a recent report. Further, these swollen lymph nodes can show up in a mammogram even if women can't feel them. Society Breast Imaging and GRHC providers recommend women to schedule their routine screening mammogram either prior to their COVID vaccine or 4 - 6 weeks following the 2nd COVID shot.

### MYTH:

The COVID-19 Vaccine causes sterility and infertility.

### FACT:

There's no evidence that the new vaccines against COVID-19 cause infertility. No loss of fertility has been reported among trial participants or among the millions who have received the vaccines since their authorization, and no signs of infertility appeared in animal studies.

Source: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists ([ACOG.ORG](https://www.acog.org))

**Gila River Health Care  
continues to grow to meet the needs of its patients.**



*Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital - North Expansion*



*Behavioral Health Services Building*



### Reminder!

Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY 4/2/2021**

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



# Ak-Chin Child Development

March 2021

## Why is outdoor time important?

- Vitamin D from the sun
- Reduce the risk of nearsightedness
- Build large muscles (by running, walking, etc.)
- Reduce stress levels and better sleep
- Children should have at least 1hr of outdoor activity time
- Connect with nature
- Develops a strong bond between Parent/Caregiver and child/children, as well as peers.
- Develops strong reasoning and observation skills
- Improvement of mental and physical health
- Improve brain and communication development

## Outdoor Activities

Use this scavenger hunt while on a nature walk.



**Leaf rubbings** - Place a paper over a leaf or any outdoor object and color over it. It will leave an imprint on paper.

**Chalk** - Draw with chalk on side walk, you can dip chalk in water to make the color pop.

**Fly kites** - Children love to fly kites and the weather is great for this activity.

**Ladybug hunt** - Look for ladybugs and have fun!



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

## MARCH EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

3/1- Yancy Jencsok, Courts  
3/2 - Alyssa Joaquin, Retail  
3/3 - Wilma Antone-Frausto, Early Childhood  
Harry Grizzle, Law & Order  
3/4 - John Janzen, Capital Projects  
Christopher Witcher, Fire & Safety  
3/7 - Delbert White, Sanitation  
3/8 - Leighsa Homer, Early Childhood  
3/9 - Julio Gloria, Elderly  
3/12 - Christine Dodwell, TGA  
Gabriela Potter, Finance  
3/14 - Brenna Antone, Maintenance  
3/15 - Dwayne Antone, Sanitation

3/18 - Diana Garcia, Contracts and Grants  
3/19 - Matthew Hearn, Fire & Safety  
3/21 - Eric Chavez, TGA  
3/22 - Manuel Garcia, Law & Order  
3/23 - Deanna Rascon, Courts  
Rene Carlyle, Elderly  
Mark Pablo, EPD  
Christian Alvarez, Retail  
Sergio Hernandez, Sanitation  
3/26 - David Lopez, Law & Order  
3/27 - Celia Soto, Social & Health Services  
Jesus Estrada, Sanitation  
3/29 - Rebecca Bowen, Runner  
3/31 - Shannon Peters, Retail

### SCAN & EDIT OLD PHOTOS

For Any Questions Contact The Library at (520)568-1675 Or Email: WAntone@ak-chin.nsn.us

**REMOVE**  
Cracks  
Scratches  
Age spots  
Pen marks  
Stains

**EDIT**  
Color  
Image size

Before After

### VIDEO CREATION

Turn your home videos and photos in to a video to share with family or on social media.

Memorial Video  
Slide Show  
Event Celebration

For More Information Contact  
Wilson Antone  
At  
WAntone@ak-chin.nsn.us

### Reminder:

WIC services are still being held via telephone due to COVID-19.

If you need to start services or have questions??  
Call WIC at (520) 562-9698

### 2021 mini sticker calendars @ the ACIC Library

Call 520-568-1675  
Staff can place on tables outside the building

### GAME HACKER

Are your kids interested in coding? Would they like to give it a try? Would they like to try it again?

We're starting a new session of Game Hacker soon. To hold a spot, please fill out the form at: <https://forms.gle/GChb5drqW23sIL4a9>

If you have questions, contact us at: akchinlibrary@gmail.com or 520-612-1013

Spots are limited!

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

### AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Accountant  
Deli Clerk (2)**

APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!  
Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website ([www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us)) and click Job Openings to review or apply for an open position.

If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment **MUST** be submitted at the time of application.

### Maricopa Unified School District

## Early Kindergarten Screening

April 17<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>

For students turning Five September 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>

These will be the ONLY dates available for Early Kindergarten Screenings.

Email Ana Carlson at [acarlison@msud20.org](mailto:acarlison@msud20.org) or call 520-568-5100 ext: 1005 to schedule an appointment. All screening will be administered at Santa Rosa Elementary School 21400 N. Santa Rosa Dr. Maricopa, AZ 85138

### Happy Birthday to my grandsons Dante, Cayden, Cody, Marcus, Devin and Narin and my granddaughters Emma and Alexandra Love, Grandma

### WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

Answer Key to February 19th - March 4th issue

WINDY	STORMY	BLUE SKIES	CLOUDY
RAIN	SUNNY	DUSTY	CLEAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Maverick Santiago Nolan Miguel Ferrin Sope Olivia Vincent	2 Kristina Garcia Sonja White	3 Ardon Green Wilma Antone Courtney Osife	4 Deion Narcia Madeleine Van Sickle Mario Twohearts	5 Dannika Lewis Sharalee Dominguez-Zapata Dante Peters Kerianna Justin Emma Narcia Cayden Peters Gabriel Lopez	6 Cody Narcia Nakotah Antone Damonique Lewis Jose Gutierrez, Jr Glennadean Lewis
7 Alexandra Lopez Emily Lewis Delbert White	8 Leighsa Miguel	9 Charlene Whitman Jonathan Narcia Stanislaus Antone	10 Marcus Delores, Jr. Mercedes Antone Irene Medina	11 Devin Peters Breon Stephens Antonenko Alvarez Angelisa Cuatt Giulianna Sandoval Mildred Narcia Robert Stephens Jr.	12 Lisa Chavez	13 Samantha Castro Ameliano Jacuinde
14 Brenna Antone Davin Garcia Crystal Maddox	15 Dwayne Antone Ana Blanchard LeRoy Narcia Narin Lopez	16 Tracy Wind Mariella Norris Kalvin Antone	17 	18 Karlie Smith Kane Miguel	19	20 Sarah Carlyle Jose Hernandez Carlton Carlyle Jr. Gabriel James Daria Garcia
21 Eric Chavez Joel Vincent	22 George Lewis Jr. Manuel Garcia Nicole Vincent	23 Deanna Rascon Christian Alvarez Melanie Antone Brandon Antone Mark Pablo Marie Ortega	24 Jessie Williams Yamiah Miguel Yaniah Miguel	25 Mario Ortega Jacob Santiago David White Sr.	26 Kerwin Ugalde Evelina Lopez	27 Benedict Miguel Celia Soto
28 Maria Santiago	29 Megan Quintero Monica Ruiz Dannon Peters Leona Kakar	30 Allissia Bandin Marvin Shade Aaliyah Balderrama	31 Shannon Peters Zaydyn Norris Courtney Delores Robert Velasquez Maria Hernandez	 <h1>MARCH</h1>		



# Two Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Employees Receive Patriot Award

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – March 1, 2021) The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program, recognized two Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino employees for their high-level support of fellow employee David Porter, who is serving as Staff Sergeant CBRN Operations NCO 158th Headquarters Support Company in the United States Armed

Forces Guard and Reserve. The Patriot Award, presented to Michael Schauster and Terri Tooley, reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployments, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed.

“Michael and Terri took the time

to learn about the specific military service needs of Harrah's Ak-Chin Security Officer David Porter,” said Arizona Committee for ESGR State Chair Dan Irving. “Individuals enlisted in the military make huge sacrifices to serve and to know that they have unconditional support at work is

appreciated. The Patriot Award is an acknowledgement of the support to Staff Sergeant Porter's service.”

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, visit [www.harrahsakchin.com](http://www.harrahsakchin.com)



Michael Schauster and Terri Tooley received the Patriot Award for their support of David Porter, an employee in the United States Armed Forces Guard and Reserve.

**FOOD BOX DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION**  
**Mondays in March**  
**9 am – Noon**  
**Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation**  
**Outdoor Courts Parking Lot**

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**ARROYO GRILLE PASTA DAY**  
**THURSDAYS • MARCH**  
**CHEF'S PASTA SPECIAL \$15**

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**MARCH EVENTS**  
**Ak-ChinCircle.com**

**Reuben Pizza**  
 Swiss cheese, Corned beef, Thousand Island and homemade sauerkraut. Topped with Arugula  
**\$21**

**Corned Beef Hash Taco's**  
 Fresh homemade Corned Beef Hash, Pico De Gallo, Shredded cabbage finished with a cilantro cream.  
**3 For \$10**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 17**

**MOVIE RELEASES**

- 3/05 Chaos Walking
- 3/05 Raya & The Last Dragon
- 3/19 Last Call
- 3/26 Nobody
- 3/26 Six Minutes to Midnight
- 3/31 Godzilla vs Kong

**HAPPY HOUR**  
 Monday - Friday  
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 \$3.50

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**MARCH 2021**

**CAESARS REWARDS.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DRINK OF THE MONTH</b> QUENCH YOUR THIRST WITH A DEEP EDDY® PEACH TEA COOLER	<b>1</b> PLAY KENO AT A 24/7 KENO KIOSK	<b>2</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>3</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>4</b> COME ON ROLL THE DICE	<b>5</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>6</b> HANDBAG SWEEPSTAKES
<b>7</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>8</b> MAKE YOUR DAY AN ADVENTURE & TRY SOMETHING NEW!	<b>9</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>10</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>11</b> PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>12</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>13</b> REVITALIZE YOURSELF WITH A SPA TREATMENT
<b>14</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>15</b> SAVOR YOUR MORNING WITH BREAKFAST AT AGAVE'S	<b>16</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>17</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	<b>18</b> TAKE A SEAT & GET READY TO SAY "BINGO"!	<b>19</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>20</b> Brentwood JUICER GIVEAWAY
<b>21</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>22</b> BOOK A PLAYCATION & HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN	<b>23</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>24</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>25</b> PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>26</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>27</b> SPRING IT ON Fruity's GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
<b>28</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<b>29</b> CELEBRATE THE DAY WITH AN ICE COLD BEER ON TAP	<b>30</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>31</b> PARINI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<p><b>EARTH HOUR</b>                      SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021   8:30PM                      We encourage you to participate on property and at home by turning off non-essential lighting for one hour in support of climate action.  <b>CODEGREEN®</b></p>		

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