



## AK-CHIN COVID-19 VACCINE EVENT

### Date and Time:

Tuesday, April 27th, 2021  
9:00AM - 3:30PM



\*Note: If receiving 1st dose, the 2nd dose will be administered at any of the Gila River sites, not at Ak-Chin.

### Location:

Ak-Chin Parks & Rec Gym

### Eligible:

AK-CHIN COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS AND AK-CHIN  
RESIDENTS LIVING IN  
HOUSEHOLD  
AGE 18 AND OLDER

## Community welcomes Congressmen Mullin and LaHood

Story by R. Peters, photo submitted

As things begin to look brighter for Ak-Chin, with COVID vaccinations up and positive cases down, Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel is once again touring the Community with distinguished guests.

On two separate occasions, Chairman Miguel met with congressional delegates to provide information and a tour of the Community. Chairman met with Congressman Markwayne Mullin (R) from Oklahoma's 2nd Congressional District on Thursday, March 25th. On Friday April 9th, Chairman met with Congressman Darin LaHood (R) from Illinois' 18th Congressional District.

Both Congressmen were in Arizona for other activities, and reached out to Ak-Chin's Lobbyist firm in Washington D.C. to arrange a meeting and tour of the Community.

"Ak-Chin has become visible and active in issues pertaining



L-R: Congressman Markwayne Mullin, Councilmember Delia Carlyle, and Chairman Robert Miguel meet up at Ak-Chin headquarters office on Thursday, March 25.

to the community from water, farming, infrastructure, growth and other causes which needs support from Senate and Congressional representatives on the Hill." Chairman Miguel shared.

"Both Congressman Mullin and LaHood have always had

an interest in supporting Native American issues and concerns. Throughout his travels and visits during his Council tenure, Chairman Miguel has established great relationships with elected officials in D.C. all for the best interest of the Ak-Chin Community and

Congressmen continues to page 6

## 50 YEARS OF EARTH DAY!

Story and photos submitted by Brenda Ball, Director  
Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department

This year, April 22nd marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! In the spring of 1970, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson was looking for someone to organize a national teach-in about environmentalism. He met environmental activist Denis Hayes, who turned the teach-in into the first Earth Day, on April 22nd, 1970.

The teach-in attracted more than 20 million people across the U.S. and gave birth to the modern environmental movement now known as "Earth Day".

Virtually overnight, things like burning rivers, pesticides and vanishing bird species were tragedies people cared about. Earth Day was created as a way to bring environmental issues forward into the national spotlight. Today, Earth Day is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

Since that first Earth Day in 1970, the U.S. including tribal nations have made tremendous progress improving air quality, cleaning up contaminated lands, and protecting our water resources. Ak-Chin EPD's Environmental Programs' mission is, "To protect, preserve and restore the Community's natural resources through monitoring and assessments and enforcement of Environmental Ordinances" and our Mantra is

"Respect the Environment."

Environmental Programs goal is always to "Make Every Day Earth Day!"

EPD Environmental Programs mascot, Earthy Enos, first came to life around 2005 or 2006. Earthy Enos was the brainchild of Ashlea Anderson, EPD's previous Air Quality Specialist.

Ashlea wanted to create a character that the Community could identify with and remember. She wanted the character to be an advocate for the Earth, hence his first name, "Earthy".

"Earthy" was a good start but he needed a last name to round out his character, and after several name changes, his name became "Earthy Enos".

"Enos" is a last name known in the Community and at the time, Terry Enos, who previously worked for EPD, was a Tribal Council Member and previous Chairman. So, Terry Enos had a slight influence on Earthy's last name.

Earthy Enos was created as part of an effort to provide education and outreach to the youth in the Ak-Chin Indian Community. When thinking about a character that would be memorable and interesting, Ashlea Anderson also wanted him to be relatable to the



Community. So Ashlea first took a stick-figure drawing to Him Dak Graphic Artist Waylon Antone.

Her pencil drawing was complete with small "x's" for braids and a feather at the top of Earthy's head.

Ashlea asked Waylon to transform her stick-figure idea into a character and what Waylon Antone drew was the perfect fit!

The cartoon version of Earthy was created with long braids and a shirt with a picture of the Earth on the front. There were only a couple tweaks here and there, but for the most part, the first Earthy Enos cartoon that Waylon created remains with the Community today.

Earthy Enos had his "real-life" debut in a skit Ashlea Anderson created for the Environmental Protection Department to perform at an Earth Day event. Earthy's tag line, "Stop, and think about it!", was created as part of the dialogue between Earthy and some unknowingly Earth harming citizens played by the Environmental Protection staff.

The character of Earthy was brought to life by then

Environmental Programs Manager, Roman Orona. During each incident Earthy encountered during the skit, which included things like illegal dumping, burning, pesticides and oil disposal, Earthy would approach the offender and say, "Stop, and think about it!", to help get the message across that each action has consequences; sometimes consequences are positive, other times negative.

After the skit, a video was produced based on the skit performance and the video was shown at Community events and the awareness of Earthy continued to grow. As Earthy and the video made more appearances at special events, Earthy became more of a "member" of the Community and the Environmental Protection Department.

Earthy has traveled with the EPD to Environmental conferences nationwide and was even involved in a national competition for the character itself. Earthy has also been the star

of his own coloring book and calendar that were produced by EPD Environmental Programs to help spread environmental awareness. Earthy's activity books have been distributed to the Ak-Chin Indian Community and other tribal communities. Earthy also appears on many of EPD's Earth Day t-shirts.

In 2013, Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Dept. Director Brenda Ball using USEPA grant funding, commissioned a mascot to be constructed based off of one of the original cartoon drawings by Waylon Antone.

Hogtown Mascots, Inc. of Ontario, Canada built the Earth mascot. Earthy continues to travel with the Environmental Programs staff to tribal environmental events across the U.S. and has even raced other tribal mascots such as Gila River Indian Community's Caution Coyote, Enviro Kid and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community's Clean Air Bunny.



Earthy Enos with other tribal mascots. Continues to page 2.



# Nutrition Education for Elders

Submitted by Candace Allcott, Ak-Chin Elderly Care Worker Supervisor



The Elder Center has partnered with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension to provide their Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. (EFNEP).

On 3/22/2021 we handed out the welcome packet and registering participants for the class. Each year as a requirement for our grant award our department is required to provide Nutrition Education for Elders. This will serve to fulfill that obligation.

It is an eight-week class with a new packet handed out each Monday, each packet will contain a short questionnaire that needs to be returned by Friday.

Participants who return the packet by Friday will receive a nice little gift!

If you haven't received a packet and wish to participate it's not too late, contact the Elder Center and we will make sure you get one. 520-568-1770.



16) Biscuits & Sausage gravy, fruit, granola bar, juice | Pinto Beans, Ground Beef (D), Brown Rice, Wax Beans, Normandy Vegetables, Jell-O, Oranges

19) Chicken fried steak, biscuit with gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, granola bar, chocolate milk | Cabbage Stew, Beets, Peas, Biscuits, Berries w/ Yogurt

20) Chorizo & eggs, beans, hash browns, tortilla, fruit, granola bar, juice | Potato Soup & Salad, Rolls, Apple Sauce

21) Corned beef & potato burrito, fruit, granola bar, juice | Steak Cheese Subs, Wax Beans, Succotash, Ambrosia Salad

22) Oatmeal, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, yogurt, milk | Lima Beans, Green Beans, Asparagus, Moon Bread, Peaches

23) Bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, granola bar, juice | Asparagus Chicken, Spaghetti, Broccoli, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Blueberry Cobbler

26) Blueberry pancakes, bacon, fruit, granola bar, chocolate milk | Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Zucchini, , Grapes

27) Bacon & egg burrito, fruit, granola bar, juice | Baked Chicken, Brown Rice, Salad, Rolls, Jell-O

28) Biscuits & gravy, sausage patties, fruit, granola bar, juice | Beef Stew, Corn on Cob, Salad, Rolls, Coconut Cake

29) Corned beef hash, scrambled eggs, diced potatoes, fruit, granola bars, juice | Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Plums

30) Cream of wheat, boiled eggs, toast, yogurt, milk | Egg Salad Sandwich, Broccoli, 3 Bean Salad, Apple Rings w/Cottage Cheese

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

## Maricopa Pantry

FOOD BOX DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION

Mondays in April  
9 am – Noon

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation  
Outdoor Courts Parking Lot



### Vaccine continued from front

part to protect the community. I encourage all Arizonans who haven't been vaccinated yet to roll up their sleeves and get the vaccine as soon as they can."

As of today, 4,032,557 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered statewide to 2,529,589 individuals, including 1,655,985 who have been fully vaccinated.

"We are approaching a point where half of Arizona's adult population will have received at least one dose," said Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

"With vaccine supply approaching demand, we need everyone's help to keep up this momentum and get to

the point where everyone is protected against COVID-19."

State-run vaccination sites have administered 1,145,551 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date, with more sites to come.

On Monday, April 19, a vaccination site opens at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, while a site serving the North Valley is set to open Thursday, April 22, at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

Governor Ducey and ADHS yesterday announced a partnership with Coconino County, Northern Arizona University (NAU), and Northern Arizona Healthcare to open a state COVID-19 vaccination site in Flagstaff. The indoor vaccination site at NAU's University Union

Fieldhouse will launch Monday, April 19 and operate seven days a week from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at [azhealth.gov/findvaccine](https://azhealth.gov/findvaccine).

At 11 a.m. every Friday, ADHS makes appointments available at state-run sites of the following week. Registration for these and many other sites is available at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov](https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov) or by calling 844-542-8201 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., 7 days a week. Both resources offer assistance in English and Spanish.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination, please visit [azdhs.gov/COVID19Vaccines](https://azdhs.gov/COVID19Vaccines).

## EARTH DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 2021

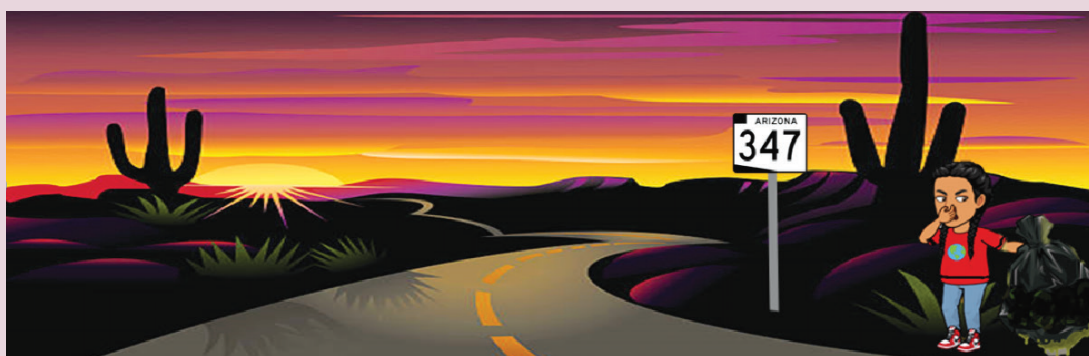
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

347 ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Volunteer Registration: 8:45 AM in front of Elements at Ak-Chin Circle

Safety vests & gloves provided- Dress comfortably & Wear a mask!

No children under 18 years old may participate in highway clean up!



### Earth Day continued from front

This year for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, EPD's Environmental Programs staff are proud to introduce, "Sarah Sunshine", Earthy Enos' precocious little sister!

Sarah is going to help EPD's Environmental Programs by creating and starring in some virtual Earth Day presentations, since social distancing is still necessary due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

On April 22nd, 2021, EPD's Environmental Programs is kicking off Earth Day by supporting Harrah's Code Green in the Adopt-A-Highway 347 Clean Up along the highway. Registration starts at 8:45 AM with cleanup from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Dress comfortably. Safety vests and gloves will be provided. No children under 18 years of age may participate. T-shirts and goodies to participants

while supplies last!

Be on the lookout for Sarah Sunshine to tell you more about EPD's Environmental Programs virtual Earth Day presentations, videos, games, quizzes and more for adults and children of all ages! Sarah will also tell you how participants in the virtual Earth Day can fill out a questionnaire to get Earth Day t-shirts and goodie bags!



Earthy Enos pictured with his little sister Sarah Sunshine and Brenda Ball, EPD Director, introduce Sarah to the Community.

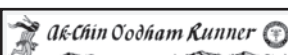
## Reminder:

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





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Don't forget the  
DEADLINE for the  
May 7 - 20, 2021  
issue is due by  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH**

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and relevant, it will be  
included in the next issue.

## THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

### Vacancy for Ak-Chin Community Members Only

**Reminder: Community Members  
can only serve on three (3) Boards  
or Commissions or Committees  
maximum at any given time.**

### Duties & Responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Prepare plans for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, which are directed toward the best development of the Community.
2. Make and recommend policy to the Community Council in areas of physical and social development.
3. Evaluate and recommend necessary rules and regulations as provided by Ak-Chin law.
4. Hear and make recommendations to Community Council, but

not limited to, applications for Special Use Permits, Preliminary and Site Development Plans, Zoning Amendments, and General Plan Amendments.

5. Prepare for and attend all meetings of the Commission except as provided otherwise in the Commission's Bylaws.
6. Conduct themselves according to the Code of Conduct of the Commission.

**REQUIREMENTS: All interested parties who desire to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission**

**must submit a letter of interest detailing why they are interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. In your letter of interest, please**

**note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.**

Enrolled Community employees must also submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Planning & Zoning Commission.

**Please send all letters of interest Attn:**

Ak-Chin Community Tribal Council  
ATTN: Victoria A. Smith  
42507 W. Peters & Nall Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

**Deadline to submit letter of interest is Friday, April 30, 2021 by 5:00pm.**



## Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

### CASE: PS-04-21: Ak-Chin Indian Community Library StoryWalk Signs in Milton Antone Park and Hohokam Park:

Applicant/Melanie Toledo, Library Manager, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct Library StoryWalk signs consisting of a total of 34 permanent ground signs to enhance existing park amenities at Milton Antone Park and Hohokam Park. The application requests 17 ground signs along the walking path for each Community park with changeable display boards to display educational Library and non-Library related programs.

### CASE: SD-01-21: Harrah's Casino and Resort Golf Cart Valet Fence and Gate:

Applicant/Michael Kintner, Harrah's Senior Vice President and General Manager, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct approximately 50' of fencing and gates (two electronic sliding, one manual swinging) to secure the golf cart valet charging and parking area. The fencing and gates will be positioned between the existing ten-story hotel and the screen block wall at the north and south portions of the screen block wall.

### CASE: SD-02-21: Harrah's Casino and Resort Chop Block and Brew Woodshed:

Applicant/Michael Kintner, Harrah's Senior Vice President and General Manager, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct a 72 square foot metal woodshed for storage of firewood for Harrah's Chop Block and Brew restaurant. The shed is proposed within the golf cart valet charging area and adjacent to an existing screen block wall.



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## Ak-Chin Child Development

### Planting seeds with little ones

A spring or summer garden activity with toddlers can be as simple as planting a few bean seeds. Little ones will love watching the tiny seeds grow into a tall green plant and it's a fun way to add some hands-on science to your activities. Gardening with kids can be a beneficial activity in many ways. It supports fine motor and cognitive skills. It also provides sensory play with the many different materials involved in a planting activity. Gardening with kids can be this easy – and beneficial!

Kids engage in fine motor skills to fill the cup with soil and plant the seeds. Early learning continues as kids observe changes in the plant as it grows, and produces something good to eat!

**Supplies needed to plan seeds:**  
\*Bean seeds, Soil, tray,

and watering can or spray bottle. This activity can be done indoors or outdoors. If you do the planting indoors, set the materials on a tray or inside a shallow box or box lid. A recycled paper cup is a perfect size for a planting activity with toddlers. You could also use a small cardboard box.

Kids can decorate the paper cup or box with crayons, markers or self-adhesive stickers. You can also print your toddler's name on the cup.

Instructions for planting your seeds  
1. Spoon soil into the paper cup with a small digging tool. Allow kids time to dig in the soil with hands and gardening tools before filling the cup.  
2. Drop a bean seed or two into the cup.  
3. Cover the seeds with soil.  
4. Toddlers can water

the seeds with a

spray bottle or small pouring jar. This helps support fine motor skills by strengthening hand and finger muscles.  
5. If you are planting indoors, place the container in an area with natural light.  
6. When the seeds sprout, talk about the plant as you observe the leaves and stem.  
7. When the plant grows too large for the paper cup, you can transfer it to a larger container and place it outside.  
8. This is a great opportunity to explore the roots of the bean plant.  
9. Remove the plant gently from the paper cup and place it in a tray or container so kids can observe the roots.  
Guide the conversation with open-ended questions or comments.  
1. Look how tall the bean is growing?  
2. What color is the bean plant?  
3. Let's count the leaves on your plant.



Week of The Young Child April 10th-16th

Join the Celebration by doing an at home activity to follow the day's Theme: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and Family Friday.

More info here:  
<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview>

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



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VALUATION FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS TRIBAL TRUST LAND FOR THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") Planning and Development Department ("Planning Department") is seeking an experienced professional and unbiased opinion of value from valuation services and/or land appraisal firms to assist the Community in negotiations regarding the overall valuation of a Right-of-Way ("ROW") across tribal trust land within and adjacent to an existing Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") ROW. The ROW's purpose is to build out a section of water line to a larger service area that does not include the Community, via the construction of a new 16-inch water pipeline which will traverse Community land. The Community desires a full and complete valuation of the ROW considering all relevant valuation factors, including but not limited to the purpose and value of the water pipeline and its location in front of and connecting major entertainment/leisure venues.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The utility company proposes to place a water main on the northern edge of the undeveloped ADOT ROW. The easement corridor measures approximately 15-foot wide and a mile in length located between State Route 238-mile marker 40.95 and mile marker 42.02, encompassing approximately 81,443 square feet or 1.8 acres of tribal trust land.

The Community invites proposals and a formal statement of qualifications from valuation services and/or interested land appraisal firms with appropriate expertise wishing to be considered and evaluated for the submission of an opinion of value. The valuation and fair market value should be based on the premise that federal trust land, as specified in federal law, is not subject to condemnation and therefore, not directly comparable to conventional fee land market transaction. Fair market value refers to a body of precedent lease or ROW transactions associated with Indian lands but also the location, value of the project and other intangible matters unique to a tribe's permanent homeland and limited land availability. The fair market value of the subject ROW is defined as the sum of the base annual value per acre as escalated annually by an appropriate inflation factor and land appreciation factor in each year multiplied by the total number of acres that are encumbered by the ROW. Any submitted RFP should consider the market value for acquisition of the ROW and market rent for the easement corridor maintaining the 16-inch water main for the requested duration of 25 years with an option for an additional 25 years extension as well as the value associated with the encumbrance it creates for the Community and related resources and assets.

The response should include a statement regarding the proposer's approach, which includes but is not limited to: methodologies on determining economic valuation and market rent for obtaining an easement of ROW on Indian lands. The proposer shall provide details of the firm's experience and identify the proposed project staff and their experience with similar past services.

For a copy of the complete RFP, please contact Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us

Deadline for any questions regarding this proposal will be 12:00 P.M. (MST) on April 23, 2021. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Proposals will be due by 4:00 PM local Arizona Time on Friday April 30th, 2021 to the Community's Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Proposals received after the specified deadline date and time will not be accepted or reviewed.

Please address proposals as: "PROPOSAL FOR VALUATION FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS TRIBAL TRUST LAND"

The Community reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and the right to negotiate with the most responsive proposer.



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

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Plaintiff, Case No.: JV-2020-00031-TP  
Vs. KRISTEN ANTONE, Defendant. NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: KRISTEN ANTONE

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

DATED this 9th day of April, 2021

By:  Deputy Clerk

# Library sets up virtual Egg Hunt for community

Story and photo by J. Peters

April 2nd, Ak-Chin Library began their month long virtual egg hunt. Continuing to keep social distance in check, this traditional hide and seek game was played with slight modifications. The first 25 children that signed up received a gift card and joined in on the holiday fun.

Anyone visiting the library during the month of April would have probably noticed a plethora of different colored eggs hidden around the building area, parking lot and maybe even some at Ak-Chin Recreation.

The objective: to find as many eggs as you can! Children marked down how many eggs they found in the area. When



## The hunt is on!

finished the children (with help of parents) turned in the tally mark sheet given to them and dropped it in the "Book Drop" slot at the library building to be entered into a prize raffle.

For those lucky enough to find the special golden egg, it has a QR code, which can

be scanned and linked to questions to be answered.

Once everyone has turned in their sheets, the library will do a live announcement on the winners and the prizes they have won.

May the lucky bunnies win!



**Did you run out of hand sanitizer?**

Stop by the library to fill up your bottle today!  
Up to 3 oz


**Monday - Friday**  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Call 520-568-1675



If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them covered in future editions of the Runner, please let us know!

Email: [runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us)  
Phone: 520-568-1375



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520-568-1675 or [akchinline@akchinline.com](mailto:akchinline@akchinline.com)

## 2021 St. Paddy's Day

Ak-Chin Health Education continues to keep the community in action, as many participated in the 2021 St. Paddy's Day Event.

Family and friends kept their activity bars high as

another challenge has been completed with the help and motivation of the Health Education department.

Whether indoors on a treadmill or outside in the amazing Arizona weather

*The Health Education Department would like to thank everyone for participating in the 2021 Virtual St. Patrick's Day Events. We had a total of 202 individuals complete the event! In addition, we went from 12 participants in the 10K to 16 this time!*

*We appreciate you all for trying this distance category as this is the second time we offered it as an event. Please continue to take time to walk, run, and exercise.*

*We also want to extend a thank you to the following departments and individuals: CSM and Ak-Chin Council Thank you for continued*

*support and allowing us to host these virtual events. Waylon Antone - Thank you for your awesome t-shirt designs!*

*Purchasing Department Thank you for ordering all of our promo items, snacks, and prizes. We appreciate you!*



Families getting their steps in to complete the challenge!

(enjoy it while it lasts) the runners and walkers completed the set goals and are looking forward to their next challenge.

*Vekol Market - Thank you for working with us to serve our participants breakfast and lunch.*

*Runner - Thank you Runner staff for including our event fliers and covering our events.*

*Health Education*



## Event Top Finishers

OVERALL 10K MALE:	TOP 5K FINISHERS AGE CATEGORIES:	KIDS 1.5 MILE
1. Adrian Fierro 48:53 2. Chris Hayes 57:57 3. Rayford Vavages 1:04:22 4. Alex Bowman 1:14:54	<b>12 &amp; Under</b> Lacey Nelson 1:00:12 Mason Bowman 42:02  <b>13-18</b> Bailee Arviso 36:26 Kaleb Vavages 38:07  <b>19-29</b> Danel Peters 29:01 Jose Lopez 33:12  <b>30-39</b> Bianca Schrader 37:21  <b>40-49</b> Tamarita Ned 36:26 Juan Luis Rodarte 28:49  <b>50-59</b> TeriLynne Kisto 29:21  <b>60+</b> Elizabeth Reyes-Armstead 32:31 Lawrence Wells 1:05:30	<b>3 &amp; UNDER</b> 1. Jonah Dickerson 23:39 2. Julian Rodarte 24:49 3. Elena Helpingstine 25:23  <b>4-8 GIRLS</b> 1. Ariel Lopez 20:16 2. Evangelina Helpingstine 25:23 3. Jessica Zabawa 26:54  <b>4-8 BOYS</b> 1. Daniel Estrada 18:13 2. Jose Lopez Jr. 19:48 3. Joaquin Dickerson 23:39  <b>9-12 GIRLS</b> 1. Destyni James 19:21 2. Angela James 19:21 3. Sophia Languren 24:49  <b>9-12 BOYS</b> 1. Logan Vavages 20:34 2. Kellen Hoffman 28:23

OVERALL 10K FEMALE:	OVERALL 5K MALE:
1. Alyssa Dickerson 59:36 2. Amber Antone 1:00:40 3. Julene Narcia 1:05:25 4. Marissa Antone 1:09:37	1. Juan Luis Rodarte 28:49 2. Jose Lopez 33:12 3. Kaleb Vavages 38:07

OVERALL 5K FEMALE:
1. Danel Peters 29:01 2. TeriLynne Kisto 29:21 3. Aleina Estrada 32:11

**REMINDER**

**The next Runner submission deadline will be FRIDAY APRIL 30th**



**Do you like looking at the sky at night?**

If looking at the moon and stars at night is a hobby of yours then be on the look out for the next super moon. What is a Supermoon? It is when the moon is at it closest to the earth making it seem bigger and brighter then previous nights. It is an amazing site to see. The next Supermoon will appear on April 26th so be on the look out!



**Can't make it into the library during the week?**

Well no problem!  
Give us a call and schedule your appointment

Ak-Chin Library is offering 1 hour services for:

- Material check out
- Printing
- Computer use

**Please schedule 2 days advance**  
Hours available only for appointments  
**Saturday & Sunday 1pm-4pm**  
Call us: (520) 568-1675  
Email us: [akchinline@gmail.com](mailto:akchinline@gmail.com)

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**Tails & TALES**

**Coming soon**

**Summer Reading 2021**

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Health care coverage is your partner to ensure you have access to the treatment you need.

With health care coverage, you don't have to fight cancer alone.



Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596.



*It's back to school!*  
Does your child have a car seat?  
We want to make sure your kiddo is  
Safe and Secure on the Roadways

For information to Set-up your Virtual one-on-one appointment  
Call the Injury Prevention Program at 520-568-1087 or email Teri De La Cruz  
TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.nsn.us

*Wishes*

Happy Birthday to my daughter Karen  
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandson Darryl and  
my granddaughters Celeste and Angelita  
Love Grandma

*April Moods*  
By Lenore Hetrick

April changes her sweet mind  
Every other second,  
With her many moods and minds,  
Nothing can be reckoned,  
I always carry an umbrella,  
It serves for rain and sun!  
I take my boots and out I go  
To share in April's fun.

*Wishes*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b>				1 Ruby Smith Marilyn Thompson Marcus Stephens Dyami Hu'u Jackson Jacquelyn Lewis Eula Narcia Hope Vallejos	2 Augustine White BlueSky Thompson Jessica Dean Skye Gonzalez	3 
4 Eileen Quintero Paula Pete Isabella Luna	5 Jacolby King	6 Drevon Deloney Jason Garcia Elena Cypriano Alexis Stephens	7 Nicole Coester	8 Jeffrey Ruelas Cayla Thomas	9 Leondro Antone Nikolai White Garin Cuatt Nathius Jacuinde Michelle Miranda	10 Amanda Green
11 Fred Jerry Jr. Gloria Alejandro Michael Peters Sr. Heather Thomas Miranda Iniestra Angel Stephens	12 Deeandra Lewis Angel Hoffman Isaiah Narcia	13 Mel Kaniatobe Jessica Batopis	14 Pate Justin Janay Justin-Ulloa	15 Sandra Shade Brian Carra Reynold Narcia	16 Glenna Francisco Darryl Peters Valerie Ruiz Antonia Baptisto	17 Rupert Stephens Jace Dickerson
18 Tianah Pilone Jose Batopis	19 William Antone Anaise Valles-Diaz	20 Amelia Alvarez Steven Sam Celeste Delores	21 Anyssa Justin Renelda Pete Zaida Soliz	22 Andrew Enos Vickie Tavena Ricky Attakai Jr.	23 Jonathan Dean Hunter Narcia	24 Martina Antone
25 Irma Arellanes-Burgos Valerian Joaquin Jr. Duane Anderson	26 Juan Luz Jr. Lorenzo Batopis Angelita Garcia Karen Gardner	27 Gregorio Castro Robert Stephens Sr.	28 Jesus Balderrama Julianna Trenado	29 Douglas Pablo Araya Pena	30 Natalie Romo Jordyn Miguel Aliyah Deloney	

**TUTOR TIME**  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TUTORING?**

- ONE - ON - ONE ATTENTION
- IMPROVES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
- IMPROVES SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE
- ENCOURAGES INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

**YOU GOT THIS**

**Please be on the lookout for Summer Program Applications**  
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS! The overflow of students that are in need of tutoring will be placed at their homeschool site for tutoring.  
Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, Involve me and I will learn...Ben Franklin

Tutoring will continue until May 25, 2021

**AK-Chin Education Department**

Any questions contact : Diana Velazquez @ [dvelazquez@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:dvelazquez@ak-chin.nsn.us) or call (520)568-1290

Grade	Day	Time
1st	Monday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
2nd	Tuesday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
3rd	Wednesday	3:00pm - 4:00pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
4th	Thursday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
5th	Friday	3:00pm - 4:00pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Grade	Day	Time
6th	Monday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
7th	Tuesday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
8th	Wednesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm
6th - 8th	Thursday	4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Grade	Day	Time
9th	Monday	2:30pm - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm
10th	Tuesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm
11th	Wednesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 4:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm
12th	Thursday	1:00pm - 2:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 4:00pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm
9th - 12th	Friday	2:00pm - 3:00pm

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 4/16-30

**4/16**

Glenna Francisco, Maintenance

**4/17**

Candace Allcott, Elderly  
Jace Dickerson, Fire & Safety

**4/18**

Teancum Thatcher, Law & Order

**4/19**

William Antone, Him Dak Museum

**4/21**

Glenn Boothe, Fire & Safety  
Lourdes Smith, Law & Order

**4/26**

Lerline Peters, Cultural  
Karen Gardner, Retail  
Serina Garcia, Retail  
Lorenzo Batopis, Courts  
Alyssa Bullis, Early Childhood

**4/28**

Deborha Salmons, Finance  
Jesus Balderrama, Sanitation

**4/30**

Michelle Granados,  
Law & Order



# HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT

Thursday, April 22, 2021

**8:45AM Registration  
9AM - 10AM Clean-Up**

Registration & Clean-Up begin in front of Elements at Ak-Chin Circle  
16000 N Maricopa Rd #200, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Gloves & Safety Vest Will be Provided  
Dress Comfortable: T-Shirt, Jeans, Sneakers  
Masks are required

PLEASE CONTACT STEVE ALOI WITH QUESTIONS 980-802-5136

**BOWLING HOURS:**  
Monday - Thursday: 3 - 9 PM  
Friday: 3 PM - 12 AM  
Saturday: 11 AM - 12 AM  
Sunday: 11 AM - 9 PM

[ak-chincircle.com/bowling](http://ak-chincircle.com/bowling)

## MOVIES

[ak-chincircle.com/theater](http://ak-chincircle.com/theater)

THE UNHOLY	Saturday:	Sunday:
Monday - Thursday: 3:45pm & 6:00pm & 8:30pm	12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm & 10:30pm	12:15pm, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:45pm, 6:30pm, 8:15pm & 9:00pm
Friday: 3:45pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm & 10:45pm	Sunday: 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm & 8:00pm	
Saturday: 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm & 10:45pm		
Sunday: 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm & 8:30pm		

VOYAGERS	Saturday:	Sunday:
Monday - Thursday: 3:00pm, 5:30pm & 8:00pm	12:15pm, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:45pm, 6:30pm, 8:15pm & 9:00pm	12:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm & 9:30pm
Friday: 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm & 10:30pm	Sunday: 12:15pm, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:00pm, 5:45pm, 6:30pm, 8:15pm & 9:00pm	

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## APRIL KIDS EAT FREE

**MAC 'N' CHEESE, PLEASE!**

Order one adult entree and two beverages from the main menu and receive free kids menu entree. Must present coupon to server. Not valid with daily or Happy Hour specials. Cannot be combined with other specials or offers. Does not include alcohol. One coupon per table, no split checks. Valid for one visit daily Mon-Sat. Non-transferable. Offer expires 4/30/21.

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April 16 - May 6, 2021

Congressmen continued from Front

Indian Country.”

Congressman Mullin had visited back in 2018, but was unable to see the Community in whole. He was interested to learn and see more about Ak-Chin Farms, as he has a farming background, as does LaHood. Mullin was also interested to learn more about Ak-Chin’s water and housing.

Congressman Markwayne Mullin is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, and is one of five Native Americans in the 117th Congress. Others include; Tom Cole, a Chickasaw of Oklahoma, Yvette Herrell, a Cherokee of New Mexico, Sharice Davids of Kansas, a Ho-Chunk and Deb Haaland of New Mexico, a Laguna Pueblo.

Haaland recently resigned her seat last month to become Secretary of the Interior, returning the number of Native Americans in Congress to four.

Chairman accompanied the Congressmen on a tour of the Industrial Park, Ak-Chin Regional Airport, Hickman’s

Egg Ranch, Ak-Chin Farm, Southern Dunes and into the Community, where we made a stop and payed their respects to the Ak-Chin Community by visiting the San Juan Church.

“During the tour with LaHood, former Ak-Chin Farm Manager, Steve Coester joined the tour, which delighted the Congressman as he bombarded Steve with questions on; acreage, water, equipment, yield and crops. The Congressman was also excited and impressed with the heavy equipment that the Farm had in stock overall.”

Congressman LaHood’s father, Ray LaHood, was a Republican Congressman for 15 years and served as President Barack Obama’s Secretary of Transportation for 5 years. The Congressman, an avid golfer, loved the view and setting of the clubhouse during a brief stop at Southern Dunes. He plans on visiting again and



Chairman Miguel and Congressman LaHood spend a few moments at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club on Monday, April 9, 2021.

would entertain a possible golf outing with Chairman Miguel in the future.

“It was a great and welcomed visit from both Congressmen,” Chairman Miguel said. “I’m always supportive and encouraged to have representatives from both aisles come and visit not just our community, but Indian Country overall. This goes to show that despite the political and party differences, that we can work together for one cause, and that’s to help all people in our efforts to move forward and continue to build a prosperous Nation and to give opportunities for a brighter future.”

MOVIES • RESTAURANTS • BOWLING • ARCADE • LASER TAG • GROUP EVENTS

# APRIL EVENTS

[Ak-ChinCircle.com](http://Ak-ChinCircle.com)

### MOVIE RELEASES

4/02 The Unholy  
4/09 Voyagers  
4/16 Mortal Kombat  
4/23 Separation  
4/23 Wrath of Man

### JOB FAIR

JOIN TEAM FUN  
Saturday, April 17 10 AM - 2 PM  
[facebook.com/events/155653009780088](https://facebook.com/events/155653009780088)

### BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT

Contact Riva at (520) 233-2445 or email [RQuintana@Ak-ChinCircle.com](mailto:RQuintana@Ak-ChinCircle.com)

### Dine In or To-Go

520-233-2443

### HAPPY HOUR

Monday - Friday  
Drink Specials  
Coke Light \$2.50  
Mojito \$3.50

### BFB

Popcorn  
\$20

Any party booked in the month of April will receive a one-hour (non-redemption) arcade card for each of the party guests.

For more information, contact Riva at (520) 233-2445 or email [RQuintana@Ak-ChinCircle.com](mailto:RQuintana@Ak-ChinCircle.com)

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# APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>FINALE DRAWING - 7PM</b> One lucky winner will receive at least \$2,000 in cash, guaranteed! Plus, every 30 minutes from NOON to 6:30PM, one winner will be called to receive Free Slot Play OR Reward Credit prizes!</p>			<p>1 MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>2 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>3 WOLFGANG PUCK® PANINI GRILL GIVEAWAY</p>	
<p>4 HOPPLY EVER AFTER FREE SLOT PLAY REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>5 PURCHASE GIFT CARDS AT THE GIFT SHOP WITH REWARD CREDITS®!</p>	<p>6 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>7 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>8 MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>9 PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>10 PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>
<p>11 PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>12 GIVE THE OLDEST GAME OF CHANCE A TRY!</p>	<p>13 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>14 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>15 BUY ONE ELECTRONIC BINGO PACKAGE GET ONE FREE ON THURSDAYS!</p>	<p>16 DIAMOND PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>17 DIAMOND PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>
<p>18 DIAMOND PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>19 PLAN A WEEKEND OF RELAXATION AT THE SPA</p>	<p>20 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>21 CERAMIC KITCHENWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>22 CODEGREEN® SWEEPSTAKES MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>23 SEVEN STARS® PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>24 SEVEN STARS® PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>
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