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Historic Gaming Compact opens sports betting for Arizona Tribes



L-R: Tribal Gaming Executive Director Charles McCarty, Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent, Governor Doug Ducey, Chairman Robert Miguel, Harrah's Ak-Chin General Manager Michael Kintner and Ak-Chin Legal Counsel Bill Strickland, Jr., gather for a group at the Heard Museum in Phoenix on April 15, 2021. (Submitted photo)

On Thursday, April 15, sixteen Arizona Tribal Leaders met with Governor Doug Ducey at the Heard Museum to witness the signing of an historic tribal-state gaming compact amendment that will permit legalized sports betting in the

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent were in awe at the turnout of tribal leaders

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and their commitment to getting this gaming agreement approved.

Tribes had been in negotiations for five years, before coming to an agreement.

Chairman shared that prior to the historic signing, "Tribal Leaders were placed into a room together and it was truly an emotional moment. To me it felt a little like time stood still to allow the opportunity

to take in that not only were we preparing to potentially make life better for our people and the State overall, but I personally felt the power and strength that was in that room."

Vice-Chairman Vincent shared his experience, during a community meeting, "It was my first endeavor of being there, which is real exciting for me because going back on what the council said was that

April Community Meeting

Chairman Robert Miguel welcomed members to the virtual April 26 Community meeting, that featured one presentation from Ak-Chin Incident Management Team (IMT).

Community Services Manager, Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester, opened with a prayer before presenting on the IMT. She explained how and why the team was put together, per the Community's emergency operations plan.

The team was established on March 23, 2020, and has eight team members who each have certain functions. Chief of Police, Manuel Garcia, who is also the Chief of Operations for IMT, shared his role.

Chief Garcia's responsibility is primarily over operations. For the most part he is involved with covering any events in the Community that are COVID related and trying to keep things flowing smoothly.

He thanked the membership as well for following the mandates and staying safe. "We do really have to thank you the Community members and residents for what you do as well, because you're really sacrificing a lot."

He also shared a story about the Community children and how they're dealing with the pandemic. "It was really neat to see kids at the bus stop... all of them were wearing their masks...but my hopes are that one day masks will go away or somehow that's modified sometime in the future."

After Chief finished, Coco provided COVID stats for positive cases, quarantined homes and vaccinations.

As of April 26, the total Community related cases both off and on the Community boundaries, was at a total of 7. Back in January there were over 40.

"We've come a long way and that's a good thing, as Chief said thank you, it's the Community that's helping with this effort as well."

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Reflecting: Ak-Chin Police Chief Milton Paul Antone

Story by J. Peters

Ak-Chin Chief of Police, Milton Paul Antone's life was taken 28 years ago when the 30-year-old Police Chief responded to a call for assistance from Pinal County. His heroic act and immense bravery trying to reason with a suspect before an exchange of gun fire, inevitably brought his life to a halt when he was struck by a bullet fired by the suspect.

On his day of burial, it was estimated that 200 uniformed officers were in attendance to give their final goodbyes to their fallen brother.

He is survived by five brothers; Martin Sr., Daniel, William, Fred and Stanley Antone, and two sisters; Bernadine Romo and Wilma Antone-Frausto.

Chief Antone (bad) had served with the Ak-Chin Police Department for 8 years, starting in 1975. His dedication of service to his community led to his promotion to Police Chief in 1982.

That same year in December, Chief Antone (bad) was nominated for a special recognition award from the Pima Law Enforcement Agency due to his outstanding service for saving the life of an elder lady stranded in a flooded wash on the Ak-Chin reservation.

Chief Antone (bad) was an upstanding citizen, proudly served his community. He coached both little league and women softball teams



Ak-Chin Chief of Police Milton Paul Antone End of Watch: April 14, 1983

Police Chief.

Paul was always engaging with his community, helping in creating a brighter tomorrow for his people. He was always willing to take the time to talk with community members, encouraging the youth to stay in school and out of trouble, offering hope and assistance for many who needed a helping hand.

Through years the the community has kept his memory alive by having anniversary events, including dedicating community

while serving as an officer and park Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park in his honor.

> During May, his birthday month, family and friends would participate in the community event, sharing sorrows, wonderful memories, and gratitude to the Police Chief, thanking him for his devotion to his home, his people, and the state of Arizona.

> On the anniversary day of his death, April 14th, of this year, the Ak-Chin Police Department shared a link for

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MHS Senior Athletes



Maricopa High School Senior, Evone Santiago celebrates her senior night with mom Veronica, sister Taylor and dad Marcos Santiago. Evone played for the Lady Rams Varsity softball team as an outfielder and infielder.

(Photo credit: Victor Moreno)

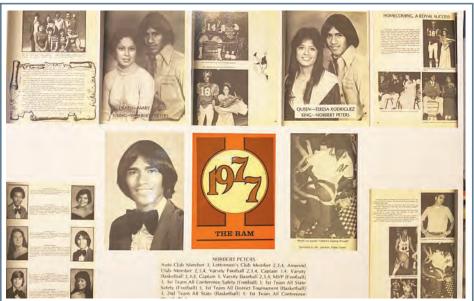


Isaiah Peters, Senior at Maricopa High School is joined by family for his last home game for the Rams Varsity Baseball team. L-R: sister, Kylee Carlyle, grandparents Jesus and Lucy Rodriguez, Isaiah, mom Diana Carlyle and step-dad Carlton Carlyle. Isaiah played for the Rams Varsity baseball team as an pitcher and left outfielder.

(Photo credit: Victor Moreno)

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Belated: The Peters family would like to send a big thank you to Eddie Rodriguez and family for their support during our loss of our dear, Norbert Peters Sr. We appreciate your condolences and the beautiful photo board of Norbert that highlights his days at Maricopa High. It is friends and family like you that help us to heal and remember how great a light he was and continues to be in this world. Thank you.

May Elder Breakfast/Lunch Menu

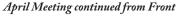
- 10) Sausage patties, scrambled eggs, diced potatoes, toast, fruit, chocolate milk | Lasagna, Asparagus, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Cake
- 11) Chorizo & egg burrito, fruit, granola bar, juice | Pizza, Wings & Salad, Pineapples
- 12) Pancakes, bacon, fruit, granola bar, juice | Beef Tortas, Corn Salad, Tomato Cucumber Salad, Cookies
- 13) Ground steak, scrambled eggs, toast, granola bar, juice | Crusted Tilapia Or Chicken,, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit
- 14) Cream of wheat, boiled eggs, bagel with cream cheese, yogurt, cereal, milk | Chili Beans, Chili, Meat (D), Beets, Zucchini, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit

- 17) Chorizo & egg quesadilla, fruit, granola bar, juice | Fish or Chicken, Sandwich, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail
- 18) French Toast, bacon, granola bar, juice | Tacos, Black Beans, Rice, Churros
- 19) Potato, egg & cheese burrito, fruit, granola bar, juice | Bar-B-Que Chicken, Yam, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Grapes
- 20) Oatmeal, boiled eggs, toast, yogurt, cereal, milk | White Bean w/Spinach, Wax bean, Normandy Vegetable, Beef Stir Fry (D), Apricots
- 21 Sausage patties, hash browns, toast, scrambled eggs, fruit, chocolate milk | Swedish Meatballs, Creamed Spinach, Roasted Acorn, Jell-O

I would like to recognize our Detention Officers, Administration and Cooks for their commitment and service to our Community. Throughout the last year our Detention staff remained resilient, adapted to the fluid working conditions and additional demands due to COVID-19.

Thank you, Ak-Chin Police Department Detention Staff, for your service and "Keeping Our Community Safe"

Manuel Garcia, Chief of Police



Coco went share number of total Community **COVID** cases within reservation boundaries, was 3, and total homes within the boundaries currently quarantined were 3 homes, which was very good, considering a few months back it was almost 50 homes.

Total Community members that have had at least one COVID vaccination, was 331, or 27.65%. Total Community members that are fully vaccinated, which means they have had their first and second shots and are 14 days out, is 244, or 20.38%.

Coco shared percentages of Community members not vaccinated, not eligible for vaccination and eligible, but not vaccinated.

She then moved on to talk about herd immunity, which "is just getting a population of enough people to get vaccinated so that the virus is not able to spread as easily. So, if you get enough people protected then it can't jump from one person to another as easily as it would with somebody that's not vaccinated or not protected."

According to the statistics and experts in the field, the Community would need at least 75% of our total population vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity.

"In our case that'd be about 898 people... we're only at about 20% of the of Community members that are fully vaccinated... we still have some work to do in order to be able to get that herd immunity."

After Coco finished providing stats and percentages, members began to send in their questions and comments.

Questions stemmed from inquiries on employee vaccination status, surveys on vaccination and reasons for not getting vaccinated.

Also asked was whether contact tracing was only limited to Community members on the reservation.

IMT would like to find out reasons why

members may not be getting vaccinated, they agreed that they need to do a better job of educating everyone.

Council and IMT again

thanked the Community

for their diligence and patience, "We're all in this together, ultimately we'll get there at some point, hopefully to a new normal."

Questions were asked about the IMT budget,

what IMT does for quarantined households, and reporting what was bought and allocated at the next Community meeting.

IMT budget is coming

from the CARES Act

and is spent on specific things that are COVID related, such as PPE, sanitation supplies, and equipment, like the thermometers that check your temperature at the doors.

Residents who have

COVID in the household or have been exposed are put on quarantine for 14 days, per the CDC, "because that is how long it takes COVID to manifest itself or recover."

the family or household specific items, such as cleaning supplies, masks, and gloves and then follow up with groceries. The main focus is to help keep the family from leaving the residence and be out and about.

Members were encouraged to make an appointment with the Finance department if they would like to view financials.

Questions were asked on how and when the tribe will go back to normal, why events are happening in the Community when there are still restrictions and limitations on event gatherings, and when restrictions will be lifted.

Council stressed the difference between a heavily regulated and restricted environment like the casino or the workplace has policies; mask mandates, safety protocols, sanitizing, social distancing; being enforced.

Whereas, private gatherings in the

Community are not being heavily regulated or have authority to enforce safety restrictions.

The last questions focused on recreation opening, programs and sports, and opening up the preschool.

Recreation and Council had a work session planned for the following day to discuss potentially opening up on a limited basis. "Recreation is working on some plans, they have done a very good job trying to make them, if you can imagine, as contactless as possible...safe as possible."

Re-opening Community departments will heavily depend on our numbers staying stable. Our COVID and quarantine cases need to go down and our testing and vaccination numbers need to go up, "that's why we keep encouraging people to get vaccinated, get tested, wear your mask, keep your distance, use your hand sanitizer... that will help keep these numbers stable and as long as they're stable programs can start happening on a very slow and very, very

Council provided updates on the new gaming compact, hiring a Purchase Referred Care manager, Washington football team naming committee, and the CAP water lawsuit.

cautious opening."

"Congratulations to all of you who have family and friends or relatives that are graduating in any aspect," Chairman shared. "It's special that they'll be able to move forward and that they're having ceremonies now. Next year cross our fingers that it will be open for all to attend."

"Thank you guys for being on with us, again we look forward to the next Community meeting."

The next Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24th, 6pm.

To sign up for the virtual meeting please email events@ak-chin.nsn.us or call 520-568-1000.





The Runner is accepting graduation photos and wishes for our May 21st issue. If you have or know a family member graduating from higher education, high school, or promoting that you would like to acknowledge please send us their photo and information. Deadline to send is May 14, 2021.

Please email your wishes and photo, along with name and school to runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us

Thank you

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

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

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

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

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the May 21 - June 3, 2021

issue is due by FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

Material submitted after the MAY 14TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

Public Works takes on IPM for Community mosquito control

Anopheles

Mosquito control has been a call and fog way to control mosquitoes in the Community.

By the time the fogging is started, many individuals may have already been bitten. This only exponentially increases new numbers of next generations and decreases the effectiveness of mosquito control later in the season.

Increased costs of commercial applications, increased pesticide exposure to the Community and reduced effectiveness of adulticides have created an opportunity to rethink mosquito control using Integrated Pest Management practices or IPM.

That is to say; focus on community prevention around our homes, use trapping techniques to identify and use larvicides in target areas and only use adult stage pesticides (fogging) when needed.

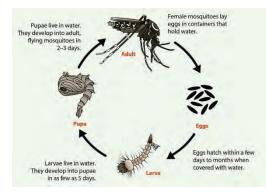


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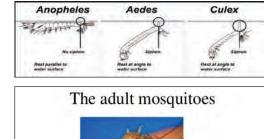
Public Works are and have been involved in vegetation control in the community, using proven cutting, trimming and pruning techniques for many years.

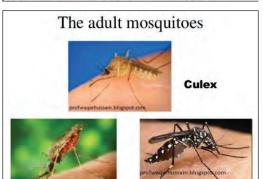
Pesticides such as herbicides have been applied for weed control around streets, walk ways and right of ways and you may have seen operations in use.

Other pesticides we see used in the Community include Insecticides used for home pest control of ants, scorpions, termites, fleas and flying insects.

Mosquitoes are a pest that only wants a blood meal to hatch more generations.

Mosquitoes are a special pest because of the diseases they can carry and spread. Dengue, Chikungunya, Yellow Fever and Zika virus are spread by certain species of mosquitos.





Public Works have embarked on an intensive training program to accurately identify, target and control mosquitoes in the 2021 season. This will truly need to be a Community effort! To use all the tools that are available to our Community.

To begin with and most importantly, your supporting efforts are needed around your home, to follow good mosquito prevention controls of keeping water from accumulating where mosquitoes can harbor their larvae and grow.



Dr. Lucy LI - University of Arizona "IPM in Community" goes over use of trapping in IPM mosquito program.

Public Works to apply larvicides as part of IPM Mosquito control program. Training in ID and trapping conducted April 8th and equipment calibration and use April 14th.



Equipment and Mosquito Control pesticide (larvicide/adulticide) strategies – Adapco Rep Nate Hill

April 14th attendees

1 Andrew Jimenez 2 Armando Zepeda 3 Jason Garcia

4 Nikolai "Nick" White

- 5 Jonathan Laboring
- 6 Delbert White 7 Robert Martinez
- 8 Adrian Angulo- Mechanic
- 9 Francisco "Javier" Viezcas- Mechanic

Field Calibrations and formulation training

Submitted by: **Theodore Puetz**

Specialist - EPD

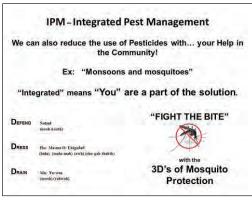
Ak-Chin Pesticide Control



Back pack Fogger calibrations



Special Drop-in this Issue!



Please see Fight the Bite Brochure in this issue of the Runner. This one activity can greatly impact the total numbers that can hatch out ready for their first meal (you, your family or your pets).

> **Summary: Mosquito Control strategies for** Community

Community – Fight the Bite May 9th to October 15th

Key on Back yard water management at all times

Public Works - May through October Trap and Target larvicide hot spots with "tools" in the tool Box

Public Works - May through October Monitor and plan targeted Fogging where needed.

Essential. On the job, and at home. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection.

cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines

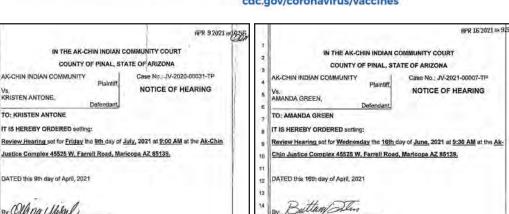
EARTH DAY 2021



Thursday, April 22nd, Harrah's and Ak-Chin employees take a quick "masks on" photo in front of Ak-Chin Circle, after completing a 347 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP.

Groups of 10 or less teamed up to help pick up trash along the highway in front of Ak-Chin Circle and Harrah's, equipped with safety vests, gloves, trash grabbers and bags.

After the clean up, everyone received a nice goodie bag filled with Environmental education and a t-shirt to commemorate the day.





May 7 - 20, 2021 00000000000000000 ibrary announces passing of furry friend Buddy

20th, Library Manager Melanie Toledo shared sad news regarding the passing of Buddy, the Library's former "Reader Dog" who had made the library his second home for 6 years.

The adorable, lovable, Corgi drew widespread attention in the community with his arrival He helped generations of children, inspiring them to create, learn and enjoy reading.

When the news was announced via e-mail, employees shared condolences for the lovable pup, to former Librarian Jeffrey Stoffer, and the Library

We have included the e-mail that was sent out breaking the news to all from Melanie.

Buddy & the Rainbow Bridge

Good Afternoon,

I was on my way to the Library today and I received a text from Jeff that our Buddy passed away this morning

I was thinking about him last week and wondering when they might visit the Library again. Jeff visited the Library

Summer

Reading

SIGN UP

TODAY!

MAY 29TH

https://akchinlibrary.azsummerreading.org/

Game Night

Treats!

READ

in early 2019 and he told me before he drove out to Ak-Chin, Buddy was behaving as he used to when he would report to work with Jeff. Buddy was waiting at the door ready to take the drive from Chandler to Ak-Chin.

For those of you who do not know Buddy or Jeff, Jeff was the Ak-Chin Librarian from April 2009-November 2018 and Buddy was our full-time "Reader Dog" made possible by the Strickland Donation in 2013.

Jeff picked out Buddy from the Arizona Cactus Corgi Rescue in Avondale, Arizona.

Buddy was trained, and

became a certified therapy dog through Pet Partners and Library staff would visit one of the Maricopa elementary schools and our kids would read to him during the tutoring sessions after school.

Buddy visited the Preschool, he visited the Elder Center few times, and kids/parents would visit him at the Library.

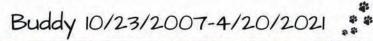
There is research on the benefits on children reading to dogs and Council loved the idea when we proposed it in late 2012. In the proposal, we mentioned that Buddy didn't want a check, he only wanted

COMING SOON

STATE

PARK

PASSES

























Attached (above) is the collage of photos and the first photo you see is Buddy's Day 1 at the Ak-Chin Library, February 25, 2013 and the last photo of Delia and CoCo, was Buddy's last day at the Library (July

to get paid with love and treats.

We had birthday parties for Buddy, he starred in our Movie Club movies, and he was well known and respected in the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Jeff created this homage to Buddy. He calls it a "Buddypoolza," please watch when you have a chance and show your children or forward this e-mail to them to see some Buddy videos. Some of the children in the videos are probably 18 years old or close

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=QSnFbqT Ai8&list =PLQA4W5bVYnktLlxUF6F WASnJwvK8PbjyK&index=1



The Rainbow Bridge is a meadow where animals wait for their humans to join them, and the bridge that takes them all to Heaven, together.

May 2020 **Ak-Chin Child Development**

Playful Learning Activities

Literacy

Matching Letter Sounds Give your child an alphabet card (a piece of paper with a letter written on it) and have them place it on something that begins with that letter. For example, the Letter B could be placed on a book or ball.

Letter Treasure Hunt Hide alphabet cards around the house. Have your child find them, say the letter and/ or sound and bring it to you. Have them continue to look for the cards until all are found. Common letters to start with are the letters in their first and last name.

Math

Shapes

Help your child learn their shapes by tracing common household items. Turn over a cup to make circles and trace your cell phone for rectangles. Hunting is part of the fun. Kids may want to decorate their shapes or cut

For Ak-Chin Members, Residents,

them out, endless possibilities.

Science

Sink or Float Experiment Help your child learn about density. Have them gather items that can be put into water. Put water into the container. As

your child picks an item ask them if they think the item will sink or float and test their prediction by having them place it in the

Music and Movement <u>Housework</u> <u>Hustle</u> Turn household

water.

Offer

sink, the tub or a large bowl/

teensy portions. Let them get hungry. Describe foods with colors,

hot vs. cold, texture. Compare it to foods they know.

chores into a dance party. Dancing and singing together as kids straighten their rooms, put

away their toys, make the beds.

Turn daily tasks into a fun and active experience for your family.

10 Ways to Help **Toddlers** Try New **Foods**

flavor! trying!

Keep

Add

refusal personally.

Don't take

Serve foods similar to ones they usually

Take meals like. and snacks outside.

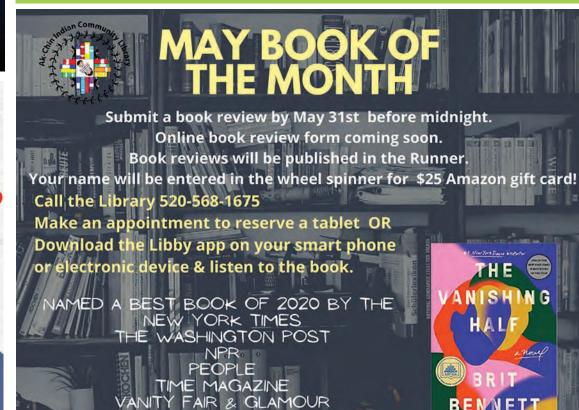
Relax and Remember: It's 100% try not to normal to be push too wary of new hard! foods.

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

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



Join us the 2nd Friday of the Month at



non-profit organization honors fallen law enforcement officers in the country. The site gives a place to house the shared memories of the past police force. Chief Antone's (bad) page gives an inside look on how others have remembered him in his glory days as it provides an opportunity to look back, share heartfelt memories and give thanks by all who knew him.

Here is the link if you wish to share a reflection on the late and great Police Chief Milton Paul Antone https://www. odmp.org/officer/1256chief-of-police-miltonpaul-antone.

Chief of Police Milton "Paul" Antone (bad) remains a symbolic figure of heroism within our community to this day. His memory will not be forgotten and remains a proud chapter of our past and his spirit will continue to keep the Ak-Chin Community's future strong.





Above, photos of past memorial events held in honor of Police Chief Milton "Paul" Antone. Photos from Ak-Chin Him-Dak Archives.



Family and friends of the late Chief of Police Milton "Paul" Antone gather around memorial wall at Pinal County Sheriff's Office in Florence, Arizona, on May 5, 2016. Runner Photo.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON FIRE STATION CANOPY PROJECT

May 7 - 20, 2021

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on the Fire Station Canopy Project. The project for consists of the following;

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. (MST) on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, located at the Ak-Chin Fire Department 45401 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory if you wish to submit a bid, and the project scope will be discussed. You must register to attend by emailing FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, 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. Project is design/build. Only complete turn-key proposals for the Fire Station Canopy Project will be accepted. Project scope consists of concrete pad extension, steel canopy extension, and electrical charging/ lights.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 2:00 P.M. (MST) on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 1:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, May 27, 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.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON VILLAGE REGIONAL DRAINAGE **DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE PROJECT**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on the Village Regional Drainage Design and Construction Cost Estimate Project. The project for consists of the following;

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. (MST) on Tuesday May 11, 2021, located at the Ak-Chin Capital Projects Office parking lot located at 45710 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory if you wish to submit a bid, and the project scope will be discussed. You must register to attend by emailing FHowerton@ ak-chin.nsn.us, 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.

1.Central Regional Village Drainage – Off-Site

The successful firm will design the proposed off-site drainage for approximately 4.5 acres.

Some inclusions to the scope will be:

- Hydrology Analysis
- Survey & TOPO · Analysis to include existing retention basins near
- water tank, and Church locations in the proposed 4.5

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Ak-Chin Indian Community

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Pantry

First Things First launches # FIRST THINGS FIRST **#ShareTheCareAZ** campaign to say thanks

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Throughout the month of May, FTF is recognizing the state's child care preschool workers. teachers and friend and family caregivers who help our youngest children learn, grow and succeed. Everyone is invited to visit the Share the Care AZ page, FirstThingsFirst.org/ sharethecareaz/ for simple ways to show support to this essential workforce.

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serve families who need safe, trusted child care in order to continue working.

Despite the many challenges of the past year, the child care industry has kept a positive attitude, said FTF Senior Director for Early Learning Ginger Sandweg.

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While the last year challenging for everyone, the resilience and dedication of early educators renewed deep appreciation those who provide child care and the essential role it plays. Especially in uncertain times, early care and education providers offer families critical support when they need it most.

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Project:



Team Entry: \$100.00 per team 5 Members per team. Facility Fee: \$5.00 Per Team Member paid day of Event at the Helm.



avis Garcia P: 520-568-1222 Email: dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.



We look forward to your participation and as always Thank you for your support.

Special Olympics

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

Reflection continued from Front

Police Chief. Thanking provides an opportunity him for his devotion to his home, his people, and the state of Arizona.

On the anniversary day

of his death, April 14th of this year, the Ak-Chin Police Department shared a link to Chief Antone (bth) page on the Officer Down Memorial the non-profit Page, organization honors fallen law enforcement officers in the country. The site gives a place to house the shared memories of the past police force. Chief Antone (bth) page gives an inside look on how others have remembered him in his glory days as it

to look back, share heartfelt memories and thank you by all who know him.

Here is the link if you wish to share a reflection on the late and great Police Chief Milton Paul Antone (bth) https:// www.odmp.org/ officer/1256-chief-ofpolice-milton-paulantone.

His memory will not be forgotten and remains a proud chapter in our past and his spirit will continue to keep the Ak-Chin Community's future strong.





A photo of a past memorial events held in honor of Police Chief Milton "Paul" Antone. Photos from Ak-Chin Him-Dak Archives.



Family and friends of the late Ak-Chin Chief of Police Milton "Paul" Antone gather around memorial wall at Pinal County Sheriff's Office in Florence after Peace Officers Service on May 5, 2016. Photo from Runner archives.



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May 7 - 20, 2021

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the 'Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on the Fire Station Canopy Project. The project for consists of the following;

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. (MST) on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, located at the Ak-Chin Fire Department 45401 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory if you wish to submit a bid, and the project scope will be discussed. You must register to attend by emailing FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, 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. Project is design/build. Only complete turn-key proposals for the Fire Station Canopy Project will be accepted. Project scope consists of concrete pad extension, steel canopy extension, and electrical charging/lights.

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1. Central Regional Village Drainage – Off-Site

The successful firm will design the proposed off-site drainage for approximately 4.5 acres.

Some inclusions to the scope will be:

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MAY 2021 SCHEDULE

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May 11		Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 4 pm
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May 15		Mobile Vaccine Unit	ТВА
May 16	B	Moblie Vaccine Unit	ТВА
May 17		Rawhide Vaccine Event	12 am - 8 pm
May 18		Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 4 pm
May 19		Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 4 pm
May 21		D6 Service Center (Komatke)	9 am - 3 pm
May 22		D7 Service Center (Maricopa Colony)	9 am - 3 pm
May 24		Mobile Vaccine Unit	ТВА
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May 25		Mobile Vaccine Unit	ТВА
May 26		Sacaton Boys & Girls Club	9 am - 4 pm
May 27		D5 Service Center (Casa Blanca)	9 am - 3 pm
May 28		Mobile Vaccine Unit	ТВА



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Caring House receives a five-star Long Stay Quality Measure rating from CMS.

The Caring House underwent a recent audit by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Quality Control Measures in both long stay (more than 100 days) and short stay (less than 100 days) residencies.

In the long-stay category, officials reviewed various data, including the percentage of residents experiencing one more injury falls and the rate of high-risk residents with pressure sores. For the short stay category, officials looked at the percentage of residents with pressure injuries and those who improved during their stay. The Caring House scored five stars in the long-stay category (which includes most residents) and three stars in the short-stay category. The average rating for The Caring House rose from 2020, going from three stars to four.





Reminder

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

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

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021





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Climate Science, San Jose State University

Courtesy Jan Null, CCM; Department of Meteorology &

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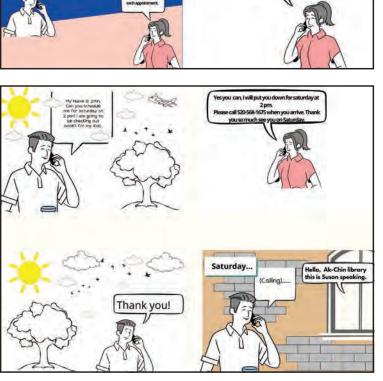
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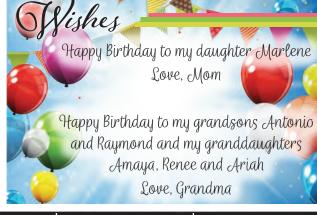
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Historic Compact continued from Front this was a long time making... the negotiating, going back and forth... we had all these leaders in there that wanted the same thing... everybody was on board and it was good to see that."

Also attending on behalf of Ak-Chin was Harrah's Ak-Chin General Manager Michael Kintner, "I am super proud and honored to have

attended this historic event at the Heard Museum... I am also extremely excited for the opportunities this expanded gaming legislation provides the Ak-Chin Community, our Team Members and our guests. Congratulations to the Ak-Chin Indian Community and all of the Arizona Native American Communities on the passing of this historic legislation!"

Both Chairman and Kintner explained that once the compact goes into effect it would take a couple of months before the casinos will be able to offer sports betting and new table games like craps and roulette.

Chairman Miguel is looking forward to seeing the many benefits this will bring to Ak"The continued financial growth of the Community, which will allow us to expand much needed services and opportunities in all realms. We can now continue to identify other needs of the Community that aren't in place yet. We can dream a little more and we will have the financial resources to make these dreams come true."

"With the signing of the new compact, one particular item I am excited about is the opportunity for another Casino in our Community. Not anytime soon, but possibly in a few decades or so... When the Community first signed their compact in 1998, they were given the option of a potential second casino. Council at that

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time felt the need for a second casino was not a necessity, so the compact reflected that Ak-Chin was awarded one casino."

"With growth in membership and the opportunity to expand landbase wise in the future, Council and In House Legal negotiated with the State in possibly revitalizing the second casino option. Following lengthy negotiations, the State agreed to accommodate the request to reflect the opportunity for a second casino. Again, this is not something that will happen tomorrow or in the near future... but it does allow the opportunity if and when Ak-Chin decides to move in this direction."

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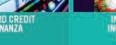




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