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Teagan Delma 2021 Sunrise Ceremony

We all know just how tough this past year has been on everyone. Going through a pandemic and having to self-quarantine for days on end has not been easy. But, recently one of Ak-Chin's young women was able to fight through the pandemic to pursue a traditional rite of passage, her Apache Sunrise Ceremony.

Young Teagan Marie Delma, age 13, has proven that no matter what obstacles stand before you, selfdetermination, strength, love, faith and family can help get you through it.

Teagan, who will be a freshman this fall, is the daughter of Nicole and Willard Delma, the granddaughter of Evangeline Romo and the great-granddaughter of Benny Romo. She has roots in Ak-Chin where she lives and strong family ties in San Carlos, where her mother and father grew up.

Teagan and her family were very excited to start planning her Sunrise Ceremony in July 2020, but all was changed when COVID struck. "COVID put a hold on everything everywhere, especially on the San Carlos Apache Tribe." Teagan shared.

San Carlos was one of the Arizona tribes hit hardest by COVID. Many families suffered pain, sorry and loss as COVID cases escalated throughout. Due to all the tragedy, San Carlos cancelled all Sunrise dances and mass gatherings.

Teagan, her family and all the other families who had planned their ceremonial event had to wait for San Carlos Apache Tribal Council to hold a special meeting to determine if ceremonies would be allowed in 2021. "Thankfully with lots of prayers the council approved ceremonies in February 2021, and everything else just came together and my dance happened in May 2021."

Teagan took the time to physically and mentally



Above, Teagan Delma performs a traditional Sunrise dance, while Godmother Jennifer (Randall) Blackwater guides her. Story and photos by R. Peters

prepare for her dance. She ran two-miles every day with her mom Nicole and sister Haylee. Mentally preparing, "I would tell myself, I am strong and could do all dancing, and finish my dance strong." She also juggled in-person and online school for her middle school promotion from Maricopa Wells.

Once they were given the ok to proceed, Teagan and her family began the tedious process of setting up her camp at Point of Pines Park Cabin, a 3-hour and then some drive from Ak-Chin. Family and friends helped gather supplies and gifts that would be needed for the four-day ceremony planned the

weekend of May 7th.

After the camp was set up, Teagan built her wickiup. She and her partner, Treyiah Declay, worked hard digging holes for the poles that

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Ak-Chin Boys participate in 18th Annual NABI



Photo by James Boehm

Ak-Chin Indian Community provided members a 4th of July packed full of goodness and fun. Starting with a box of goodies to enjoy from home, as there would not be a park gathering as usual. Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation started their holiday off with a bang as people showed up to soak up the sun and have some fun attending their 4th of July Pool Party.

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July 13th, Ak-Chin's Marco Jensen shoots the ball against Warrior Movement from Colorado.

The Ak-Chin Boy's basketball team played against some of the best players in the country during the 18th Annual NABI Educational Youth Summit and

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Basketball Invitational. NABI 2021 began July 11th and continues to the 17th.

Unfortunately, Ak-Chin did not advance to the next round.

Photo by J. Peters. More photos on page 4.

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The 2021 session will continue as a home based project, for the safety of our Community.

Participants can make flower wreaths from the comfort of their home. A bag of supplies will be provided to each participant, the bag will contain enough supplies to complete 5 or 10 wreaths.

Bags can be dropped off at your home, or can be picked up at the Art Building. Finished wreaths can also be picked up from your home or dropped off at the Art Building. If you are interested in participating, please call the Him-Dak Museum @ 520-568-1350. Bag distribution is from August 3rd through October 15th.

> Finished wreaths will be distributed at grave sites, on All Souls Day.





would create the tee-pee style structure. Once the poles were set up, they tied them together with yucca and then covered the structure with brush.

Treyiah who is from Bylas, had her ceremony a few months before. Her role was to encourage and support Teagan during her dances, because she knew the whole experience that Teagan was about to go through.

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Elder July Breakfast-Lunch Menu

16 - Sausage & Egg Quesadilla, Diced Potato, Granola bar, Fruit & Juice || Bar-B-Que Pork Sandwich, Green **Beans, Carrots, Watermelon**

19 - Egg & Ham Breakfast Croissant Sandwich, Hash Brown, Grapes, Juice || Fish Sticks or Chicken **Tenders, Sautéed Spinach, Mixed** Vegetables, Cookies

20 - Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Sausage Patty, English Muffin, Fruit & Milk || Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato Carrots, Salad, **Fresh Cut Fruit**

21 - Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Fruit & Juice || Turkey Avocado Sandwich, Yellow Squash, Succotash, Apple Sauce

22 - Breakfast Enchiladas, Yogurt, Granola Bar, Banana, Juice || Chicken Alfredo w/Broccoli, Salad, **Rolls, Jell-O**

23 - Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patty,

Treyiah and Leroy. As they lined up, they collected small handfuls of yellow pollen which they used to bless. Some also came up to receive blessings and healing from Teagan at this time of the ceremony, as she is very strong with prayer and has the power to heal.

Teagan danced for over 5 hours. There were times when she struggled, but she never stopped dancing, she found the willpower to keep going. "It takes a lot out of you to dance to four songs that are 7 to 8 minutes long, maybe even longer, but with prayers, and support from my family I finished."

Once she had finished, everyone went back to camp to enjoy the delicious meals that were being prepared. After a break, Teagan appeared from her wickiup and made her way back to the dance grounds for the evening dances.

Her father Willard, along with other men went out earlier to get timber. They stacked the

Diced Potatoes, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Milk || 15 Bean Soup, Chicken & Dumpling, Asparagus, Carrots, Moon Bread, Apple, Oranges

26 - Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Milk || Cob Salad, Chicken & Wild Rice Soup, Grapes

27 - Potato with Chorizo, Beans, Tortilla, Fruit, Juice || Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Watergate Salad

28 - Scrambled Egg, Ham Steak, Diced Potato, Fruit, Juice || Chicken Patty Sandwich, Corn Salad, Beets, **Pears**

29 - French Toast, Bacon, Mixed Berries, Cereal, Milk || Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ice-Cream

30 - Scrambled Eggs with Salsa, Polish Sausage, Tortilla, Fruit & Juice || Cabbage Stew, Carrots, Peas, **Biscuit, Fruit Cocktail**

Menu subject to change



up to clean Teagan's face just enough to breathe and see. Afterwards they were led by the Crown Dancers to give all gathered a blessing with a splattering of clay.

Teagan said that when she was being painting by the Crown Dancers and her Godfather. it was a memorable moment provided, they because "blessings for the rest of my life."

prayer, and anything is possible when you pray."

Nicole ended by giving thanks, "I would just like to thank family and friends who joined us throughout the weekend. I would also like to thank all those who donated gifts, food and money for Teagan's ceremony. Thank you all for your prayers, and support. Thank you to all the men who helped build the camp. Thank you to her camp singer, her Uncle Thank Kenton. Kenny you to Tisha, Alice, Carol, and Diane for preparing and cooking all the meals throughout the weekend. Thank you to medicine man Leroy Kenton and group for their prayers, and songs. Thank you to Clarette Philips who made her whole outfit, Delmundo Cepress for weaving her Apache burden baskets, Joy Thompson for her the beautiful T-necklace, Grandma Ez for sewing camp dresses."

Teagan's Godparents Jennifer (Randall) and Chris Blackwater were chosen by her parents and grandmother. Jennifer is half Apache/O'odham from Tohono O'odham Nation and Chris is from Gila River.

Nicole felt good about picking Teagan's godparents, as they will teach and show Teagan life lessons and also teach her about Apache/O'odham ways.

Although, Teagan did not meet her Godparents until her dance, she knew they were good people, "My Godparents have a strong marriage and love unconditionally. They are very understanding and patient with everyone around them, and are very humble people."

On Friday, Teagan prepared breads that she shared during the food exchange, where she and her family brought food to the Medicine Man's camp and her Godparent's camp. Medicine Man Leroy Kenton and his group of singers provided, song, dance and prayers throughout the ceremony.

Leroy met with Teagan and her Godparents Friday afternoon for the dressing ceremony, and we watched as Jennifer placed the different traditional items on Teagan.

Jennifer carefully wove an abalone shell into Teagan's hair in front of her forehead, an eagle feather was also tied into her hair, her Apache T-necklace and a wooden straw were placed around her neck.

grandmother Barbara's seamstress Sandie.

Then she was fitted with her

buckskin cloak, handkerchief

Teagan was gifted many

camp

some made by her great-

grandmother Isabelle Sisto,

a very talented seamstress, a

beautifully ruffled blue and

orange camp dress made by her

great-grandfather Earl Sisto

from California, and purple

and green sunflower camp

dresses made by her paternal

dresses,

and cane.

colorful

Claretta Philips from San Carlos made her buckskin outfit and moccasins. The design was inspired by her sister Haylee's dress, same colors, with added purple beads. It took about 10 months to complete.

Saturday's ceremonial dance, considered one of the most challenging for the young Apache woman, brought early morning winds and a bright sun as Teagan, Leroy and the singers began. Little by little people from both camps gathered on either side to dance and give support to the young dancer, who with her partner, danced to the east for most of the day.

Jennifer helped as Teagan kneeled on her blanket and Jennifer raised Teagan's hands and moved them from side to side with the drumbeat. Teagan continued to dance on her knees. Afterwards, Jennifer massaged Teagan, circling her and massaging her whole body with her feet.

Teagan then began to dance again. At one point, Teagan would run to her cane, which was placed in all four directions. Everyone who joined her then participated in a giveaway of food and other items that were placed in the middle of the dance grounds.

There was a point in the ceremony when people came forward to offer blessings for Teagan, her godparents,

large timber pieces and made

a huge bonfire. As they fire rose, people began to gather around it, waiting for Leroy and his singers. After a while, you could see and hear rustling among the tall pines as Apache Crown Dancers made their way to the main grounds.

The Apache Crown Dancers are integral to the ceremony, they impersonate the mountain spirits that bring good blessings and drive away evil. Each had unique painted designs on their bodies, black hoods and headdresses.

After the Crown Dancers completed a round of dancing, Teagan and Treyiah, along with a few more young Apache women were paired up to dance with them. They followed behind the crown dancers as they winded around the grounds, circling the fire that continued to blaze through the night. The evening dance was very long and it was close to midnight before ending.

Teagan rose early Sunday to meet the day and Leroy at the main dance ground. As everyone gathered, pollen blessings were given to the crown dancers. Afterwards, Teagan stood under a tee-pee shaped structure to begin the sacred clay ceremony.

During the ceremony, Teagan was painted with clay, first by the Crown Dancers who came up and painted her face over and over, then her head and hair, her Godfather Chris came forward to do the same. At one point, Jennifer came After the clay ceremony was over, everyone was invited to walk the four directions, led by Teagan, her godparents, Leroy and his singers and the crown dancers. Then everyone headed back to camp for a late lunch and the gift exchange.

She learned a lot from him, like "the meaning why we dance on our knees, and what the sun symbolizes in the Apache creation story." She also shared, "our ceremonies are special to the Apache people. It holds special meaning and teachings in every song and dance. Our ceremonies mold young girls into strong women they to need to be for their future lives."

Nicole shared her feelings about the ceremony, "I am just happy that Teagan's dance had finally happened. Her dance was schedule last year in July 24, 25, and 26. With COVID her dance had to be postponed until May... When I heard the news that ceremonies were back on I was happy, nervous, and scared at the same time. I was happy because Teagan's blessings were finally going to happen for her and her new life will begin."

and Teagan She were both a little nervous about COVID still being around, "We the family kept strong and prayed every day; not only for ourselves, but for everyone who would play a role in Teagan's ceremony. We Apache believe in

"I would especially like to thank family who helped and supported Teagan, and family Barbara Delma, Alice Delma, BJ Delma, Sheena Hooke, John Bush, Diane Key, Bobby Lewis, Chuck Declay, Abel Key, and crew. We are forever grateful for everything you've done for Teagan and may you all get blessings back."



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Maricopa, Arizona 85139 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ARTWORK, LETTERS, **STORIES**

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

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

July 16 - August 5, 2021 **Education and Events prepare** families for back to school



Above, George Lewis talks with Education Admin Tech, Tera Thornton about Release of Information forms for education services, during the July 8th, Supply Distribution/ROI event.

COMMUNITY MEETING

JULY 26, 2021 6 pm (virtual meeting)



For questions or to sign up/view meeting, please email: events@ak-chin.nsn.us or call 520-568-1000.

Seat Belts Save Lives!

Seat belts save Lives! Is something you may have heard from time to time, and should never take the message lightly.

Hearing about car wrecks have become normalized in everyday life for years, even when the situations are at the most extreme, we can tend to forget or gloss these incidents.

As distracted driving, enraged driving, or just plain driving unaware has become more than common on the roadways, neglecting to put on a seat belt when in a vehicle is a decision that can carry a heavy burden.

with child passenger(s), safety should be the first priority when entering any vehicle. Not only for their safety and the safety of all passengers, but also to bring awareness; setting an example to children on how important seat belt safety is.

According to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, "Research shows that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children riding in that vehicle won't be buckled either."

Story and photos by J. Peters

more than willing to help any families with safety seat installations.

different The departments with helping hands as car seat technicians include: Cody Morris and Clayton Antone from Ak-Chin Fire Department; Stephanie Valdez, Richard Lopez, Sonya Joaquin, and Gwendolyn Lopez from the Preschool; and Health Education Director, Marc Matteson.

If you would like more information on Car Seat/Installations

BACK TO SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION

This year the Backpack Distribution will be separate from the Back to School Bash.

The Backpack Distribution will be on the following dates:

Member/Resident event



July 19th - 5:30pm - 8:00pm July 24th - 8:00am - 12:00pm All Events @ Rec Gym

Forms can be requested via email at: Deidra Carlyle - DECarlyle@ak-chin.nsn.us Diana Carlyle - DRCarlyle@ak-chin.nsn.us Maria Carlyle-Zepeda - MCarlyle-Zepeda@ak-chin.nsn.us

There is a separate form for the non-member resident student (s). Non-member resident student (s) MUST be on the housing lease, verification and signature from a Housing Representative is required to receive backpack. (Verification from Housing is needed prior to the Backpack Distribution dates of July 19th & 24th).

*The form MUST be signed by the parent/guardian to receive the backpack.



The Community sends out important info via the Community Member Email Listserv.

If you are not on the Community Member Email Listserv; please send an email to events@ak-chin.nsn.us or call (520) 568-1045.

Live events are coming back and the Community will have limited tickets to some live shows for the 2nd half of 2021.

When contacting, please provide the following information:

- Name/Best Contact
- Email/Best Contact Number.

*Please remember to receive Community Info, you must be a Community Member over the age of 18.

AK-CHIN RECREATION GAME ROOM PRESENTS

CONSOLES ٠ XBOX PS4

REGISTRATION BEGINS PROGRAM BEGINS -6:30 p.m AGES: 1.- 12 p.m

that too.

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

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

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

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the August 6 - 19, 2021 issue is due by FRIDAY, JULY 30TH

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

Material submitted after the JULY 30TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be

included in the next issue.

We cannot predict when life altering incidents like car crashes are going to hit, but there are ways to help in preventing serious and fatal injuries, such as seat belts. Driving without a seat belt can seem like a crazy idea to some, but many people make the decision daily. Especially in the case of traveling



Cody Morris from Ak-Fire Department.

Within the Ak-Chin community itself, Injury **Prevention Specialist Teri** J. De La Cruz has strived to reach out and educate parents, guardians, and responsible individuals on the importance of keeping children safely buckled when traveling.

Injury prevention provides safety seats for those who are in need and with the help trained members of and employee car seat technicians, they are

please contact Injury Prevention at 520-568-1087.



Injury Prevention Specialist Teri De La Cruz



Gwendolyn Lopez, Stephanie Valdez, Richard Lopez, from Early Childhood Education.

Emergency numbers to contact the Ak-Chin Police Department

In case you are unable to reach the Ak-Chin Police Department through the main phone number (520) 568-1200. Please utilize the following information for Police|Fire|EMS services. Please remember for Emergencies DIAL 911.



For Non-Emergencies the following numbers can be used. Land Line (520) 568-1526 Land Line (520) 568-1527 Land Line (520) 568-1528 Cell Phone (520) 510-9214

You're Invited!

Vekol & Smith Washes Watershed Plan/ Environmental Assessments (Plan/EAs) **Preliminary Alternatives Public Meeting**

Pinal County, in association with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), invite you to attend a **virtual public** meeting for the Vekol Wash and Smith Wash Watershed Plan/EAs to learn about and provide input on the preliminary alternatives to mitigate flooding issues and other natural resource concerns in the Hidden Valley/Maricopa/Stanfield area. Your input is important to the project team as they work to refine solutions that best serve the area.

The virtual public meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 5:30-6:30 p.m., and can be accessed using one of two ways: Online: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/87178783919 Phone: 833-548-0282 (Meeting ID: 871 7878) 3919)

The project team will be available to answer your questions live during the meeting. Please submit any comments regarding the preliminary alternatives by August 18, 2021 to be included in the summary of comments.

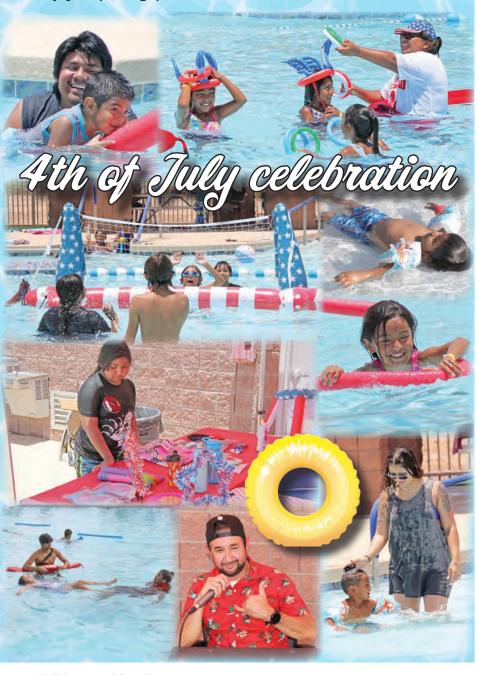
For more information regarding the meeting, to submit comments, or to request accommodations, please contact the Pinal County Flood Control District: Contact: Chris Wanamaker, County Engineer **Call:** 520-866-6010 Email: Christopher.Wanamaker@Pinal.gov Mail: Pinal County Public Works Department, P.O. Box 727, Florence, AZ 85132

Can't Make the Meeting? The virtual public meeting will be recorded and will be made available for viewing on the Flood Control District Website. To view the meeting presentation, preliminary alternatives and take the online survey please visit: https:// bit.ly/VekolSmithWatershedPlan

4th of July photos continued from Front

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Community families spent their day basking in the summer rays enjoying the energetic atmosphere. Games of volleyball and ring toss were played in the pool, along with noodle races for the little ones, with lifeguard supervision, and social distancing. When games were won kids enjoyed picking prizes from a tablefull of cool things. Dj'ing the pool party was non-other than Chairman Robert Miguel kept the party grooving through the day. A hotdog lunch was served to the hungry swimmers. A small fireworks display was provided, compliments of the hard working men and women in blue at Ak-Chin FD.



– NABI continued from Front



L-R: Coach Isaac Carlyle, Adrian Montana, Isaiah Peters, Snyder White, Jose Miguel, Jr., Frankie Carlyle, Kevin Villegas, Victor Andaverde, Zylen Antone, Coach Thomas Carlyle, Xendryk Antone, Dominic Arbizo, Tyrell Kerley and Marco Jensen.



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## 2021-2022 Preschool Registration Registration Ends July 30th Application available by request

Preschool Round up July 28th, 2021 8am-7pm

Come by drop off your application and pick up a resource bag

## 10 good reasons your child should attend preschool

1. Preschool is an opportunity for growth

2. Preschool prepares children for kindergarten

3. Preschool promotes social and emotional development

4. The preschool environment is structured

5. Children get to make choices

6. Children learn to take care of themselves and others

7. Preschool promotes language and cognitive skills

8. Preschool teachers nurture a child's curiosity

9. Preschool activities boost pre-math and literacy skills

10. Preschool helps

## **Ak-Chin Child Development**

#### **Family Resources**

Learning and Development

http://families.naeyc.org/learning-anddevelopment

**Kindergarten Transition** 

https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/ goodbye-to-preschool-hello-to-kindergarten

**Birth to Five Helpline** 

http://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/birth-five-helpline/

**Arizona Family Events** 

https://www.raisingarizonakids.com/calendar/

## Water Safety

As the weather heats up, we want to encourage everyone to stay safe and make sure you watch you children around water.





#### Aquatica Programs Calendar 16 17 ool Hours 11am-6pm 11am-6pm slots are: (11am-1pm) (1:30pm-3:30pm) (4pm-6pm) ol Hour times Water each time slot 40 people allowed Pool is open now to Ak-Chin Community Members, Conditioning can Seary Mos am-11:30 Diss.Inn.7 & 12:00pm 12:30pm **Residents and Employees** CONJURING ( Pool Hours will change when school starts 6pm-7pm lovie Dive Fa (2pm-4pm)-(4:30pm-6:30pm) Night: LUCA 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 BAC TO SCHOOL HOURS Water Condition Water Conditioning Water Conditioning Water Conditioning 30pm 10am-11am Water :00am-11:30aj :00am-11:30ai 10am-11am Conditioning & 12:00pm & 12:00pm 11:00am-11:30a 12:30pm 12:30pm k12:00pm-12:30pm 6pm-7pm &7:30pm-8:30pm BACK TO SCHOOL HOURS Pool is CLOSED 6pm-7pm lovie Dive Fai 6pm-7pm 30pm-8:30p Night: SPACE JAM 26 25 27 28 29 30 31 Pool Hours Pool Hours: Water Conditioning 10am-11am Water Conditioning Water Conditioning <u>Water</u> Conditioning en Seary Most Dive Inn.7 1:00am-11:30a :00am-11:30a 00am-11:30a & 12:00pm & 12:00pm & 12:00pm CONJURING 2 12:30pm 12:30pm 12:30pm Pool is CLOSED 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm 6pm-7pm &7:30pm-8:30p 30pm-8:30 lovie Dive Fa light: RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON **Aquatics Program Information** oning: Contact Wesley Gonzalez 520-568-1753

Ale Contact make appointment Wed/Thur/Fri Lunch Times: 11am-11:30pm/12pm-12:30pm Evening times: 6pm-7pm &7:30pm-8:30pm Ak-Chin Members, Residents, Employees are allowed to join. Age grou are 16 years and up (All participants will need to fill out a Registration Covid-19 Waiver Release Form before entering the program.) Movie Dive Inn: Contact Julia Dickerson 520-568-1754 Family Movie Dive Inn Nights: Fri 7:30pm Teen Scary Movie Dive Inn: Set. July 17th & 31at (32y rdid-tkyw old parent) guardinian will need III out an Registration and Covid-19 Waiver Release Form before entering the program) Movie Dive Inn Program is only for Ak-Chin Community members and residents develop motor skills

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

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Water Day at the Park Program At Milton Antone Park July/August 2021

| Mon                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                   | Wed                        | Thu                        | fri                        |
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| Times<br>Rec staff will no<br>entering the par<br>Please bring you | 7/16<br>Ages (5-10) 9am-9:45am<br>Ages (11-15) 10am-11am<br>Ages (16-18) 11am-12pm<br>WK1: Water Rollerball<br>Course |                            |                            |                            |
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| Blanket Volleyball                                                 | Blanket Volleyball                                                                                                    | Blanket Volleyball         | Blanket Volleyball         | Blanket Volleyball         |
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| WK3: Slip N Slide Kickball                                         | WK2: Slip N Slide Kickball                                                                                            | WK2: Slip N Slide Kickball | WK2: Slip N Slide Kickball | WK2: Slip N Slide Kickball |
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# Club Teams thrive during spring and summer 2021

Story by R. Peters, photos submitted

Playing a club team sport is a very dedicated venture.

With the pandemic, many were unable to play club sports in 2020, but 2021 has been a different story. We are featuring three Ak-Chin athletes who have been playing club sports for some time, all have been very dedicated and have devoted parents who support their love of the game.

Eliza Santiago will be a senior for Maricopa high school. She is the daughter of Albertino and Leticia Santiago.

Eliza played club volleyball with Maricopa Power 16. She has been playing club volleyball for many years, as a setter and outside hitter.

I started playing volleyball with copper sky in summer of 2016, I was 13 years old. The one thing I liked about volleyball when I first started was that it was an indoor sport, I didn't have to go outside to play in the AZ heat."

Eliza travelled to Las Vegas with her team to participate in the Jam On It Tournament at West Gate Resort and Casino, April 17-18.

Eliza shared about her season. "Most memorable moment from this year was going to Las Vegas to play in the Jam on it tournament and getting second place in the silver division. We also got 3rd place playing in APL tournament. Both tournaments were with Maricopa Power."

Eliza is playing summer volleyball at Maricopa high school and Aspire, to get ready for the 2021-2022 season. She has learned a lot and has had fun along the way, "playing volleyball, it's fun once you learn the rotation, the calls and getting better each year with serving, setting and also getting to meet new people and also winning."

Myles Peters, who plays 3rd base and pitcher for his 13U AZ Snipers club baseball team played in the Triple Crown SlumpBuster Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska during the college World Series. Dubbed the "World's Largest Youth Baseball Tournament", it has brings families together to make memories and celebrate the great game of baseball.

"Myles' played teams from Omaha, Kansas and California. They went 0-4 but played against great competition across country." Shared Myles' mom Martina Peters. There were 68 teams for 13U bracket.

Myles enjoyed the opportunity to attend a college World Series game. He and a few of his teammates were showcased on the Jumbotron twice. He also liked attending the festival night where all teams gathered to trade pins, do obstacle courses and watch fireworks and burning of bats.

Myles is the son of Brandon and Martina Peters.

Emily Peters, Myles' big sister, plays left-field and 2nd base for her 16U softball club DNC Bandits.

Last week they went to the Colorado Sparklers Tournament in Denver, CO., along with 144 teams in the 16U Sparkler Open Division. "Emily's team went 4-4 in Colorado and were given



Eliza and coach Morgan Peters at Jam On It tourney.



Eliza Santiago (#5) Maricopa Power 16 club volleyball.



Myles Peters (top row, far right) with his 13U AZ Snipers.



Emily holds her bunt stance.

3rd place in their bracket." Martina shared.

There were over 500 college coaches at the tournament, providing a great opportunity for players to showcase their talent and start their recruitment process. Emily also attended an elite college camp day that BYU softball

 Snipers.
 Ayles cranks one outfield.



Emily Peters (top row, far right) and her 16U DNC Bandits club softball team.

hosted, providing more opportunity to hone her skills and work with college coaches.

Emily just enjoys playing softball. She has played club for many years, and worked very hard to play varsity her freshman year at Maricopa high school. She appreciates the opportunity to travel with her team. She also would like to thank all her family members for coming to see her play in Colorado, all grandparents and uncles.

Emily and her 16U DNC Bandits, are playing in the Triple Crown World Series in San Diego this weekend.



Available for Review I-11 FINAL TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARY SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION (FINAL TIER 1 EIS), Nogales to Wickenburg

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, announces

The Draft Tier 1 EIS was published on April 5, 2019, and made available for review and comment from April 5 through July 8, 2019. Six public hearings were held in April and May of 2019 in Nogales, Tucson, Marana, Casa Grande, Buckeye and Wickenburg. The Record of Decision (ROD), the decision-making document final prepared by the Federal Highway Administration, is expected to be published later in 2021 after the public review of the Final Tier 1 EIS. This document will include the Selected Corridor Alternative.

July 16, 2021 as the publication date for the Interstate 11 Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Section 4(f) Evaluation (Final Tier 1 EIS), beginning a 30-day public review period.

The Final Tier 1 EIS process, conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, identifies a Preferred Corridor Alternative for the proposed I-11 corridor between Nogales and Wickenburg.

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Submit any review comments by Monday, August 16, 2021 via:

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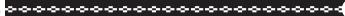
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## **Mexican Norteño Band Los Tigres Del Norte to Take the Stage at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino**



(MARICOPA, Ariz. – July 7, 2021) The seven-time Grammy award-winning band Los Tigres Del Norte will be bringing their decades of hits to The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, Sept. 17.

Known as the most influential

regional Mexican group, Los Tigres Del Norte has achieved worldwide success as the leading musical storytellers for Latin immigrants. With their polka and norteño roots, they will captivate the audience with such hits as "El Circo," "Mi Sangre Prisionera" and "La

Granja."

In recent months, the band recognition gained for encouraging Latino residents to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Their Netflix documentary, "Los Tigres Del Norte at Folsom



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Prison," exposes the injustices against incarcerated Latinos and is also a nod to musical legend Johnny Cash, who performed at the prison 50 years earlier.

After more than 50 years, the band continues making music to share the true stories of current events and social injustices in the Latino community. They plan on releasing new music soon and are currently recording their next studio album.

All Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests will be required to have their temperatures checked and

wear a mask at all times, except when eating or drinking. Los Tigres Del Norte

Date: Friday, September 17, 2021 Doors: 7p.m. Show Time: 8p.m. Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Tickets: \$94.50; \$74.50; \$54.50 Ages: All Ages On Sale through Ticketmaster



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