



2015 MHS Lady Rams State Champion Basketball Team, top row (l-r): Danae Ruiz, Ashia Laidler-Nelson, Kelly Payne and Sydni Callis. Bottom row (l-r): Jaleesa Rodriguez, Tyra Williams, Jamila Rodgers, Ashleigh Haley and Tiara Edmonds (lounging). *Photos submitted*

MHS Lady Rams 2015 state champs vs 2021-22

On February 4, the Maricopa High School gymnasium was all abuzz about the alumni game that would pitch the up and coming Maricopa Lady Rams 2021-22 against the powerhouse 2015 State Champion

Lady Rams for a friendly game of basketball.

Danae Ruiz from the 2015 team was one of the coordinators who put the game together for a fun experience and the opportunity for the

champs to get together again on the court.

The fun night that probably included some pain relief afterwards, had Maricopa girls running and gunning, as well as some bumbling

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Chairman participates in President's one-year Anniversary

Submitted by Chairman Miguel



To celebrate the Biden-Harris Administration one-year anniversary, many events were held to commemorate the President's first year in office.

One particular event, held on January 20, 2022, was coordinated by the Democratic

National Committee (DNC) and featured a WebEx presentation with President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris.

This particular occasion was significant to the Ak-Chin Indian Community as Chairman Robert Miguel was asked to be

a part of the presentation, first by making comments and then introducing DNC Chairman Jaime Harrison.

Following introduction and comments from Chairman Harrison, the floor was then given to Vice-President Harris and then President Biden

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Opening ceremonies for the WHOOP Shot of Glory inside the famed "16th Hole" at TPC Scottsdale.

Story and photo by R. Peters

WM Phoenix Open 2022

Even though Ak-Chin is no longer a presenting sponsor for the Waste Management Phoenix Open, many members and employees were able to enjoy the 2022 "People's Open". Thanks to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, tickets were made available for the various events held February 7-13 at TPC Scottsdale.

There was a Hole 16th Suite available through Harrah's on Tuesday that many members took advantage of.

Harrah's suite on the iconic 16 provided a spectacular view, close-up golf action and an exuberant atmosphere like none other on the course.

Wednesday's Pro-Am brought out many top celebrities and pro athletes like Josh Duhamel, Aaron Rodgers, and Michael Phelps who paired up with PGA TOUR pros, making for a great day of golf and celebrity sightings.

Afterwards, everyone found their way back to the 16th hole for

the chance to win \$1 million for the charity of their choice during the closest-to-the pin contest, WHOOP Shot at Glory.

Wednesday night also kicked off the Coors Light Bird's Nest concert series with live entertainment scheduled through Saturday.

Thursday kicked off the first round of the Phoenix Open, with a field of 132 players, all looking for their share of the \$8.2 million purse.

There were many astonishing moments during the 2022 Phoenix Open, including two hole-in-ones on the iconic 16.

Saturday's hole-in-one shot was made by Sam Ryder and when it hit the cup the Coliseum was in uproar, wildly spraying their drinks and tossing their cans onto the green, making it the 10th ace on 16 in WMPO history.

Volunteers had to do a quick and thorough clean-up in order for play to resume.

The last time anyone hit a hole-in-one on 16 was from Francesco Molinari in 2015.

Sunday, Carlos Ortiz hit another hole-in-one on 16, again rousing the crowd to a wild drink-spraying, can-tossing frenzy. Ortiz followed up with an eagle on 17.

Ortiz's ace was the 11th on 16, and first time since 1997 that multiple hole-in-ones on 16 were made during the same tournament, by Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker.

Before someone could be announced winner of the 2022 WM Phoenix Open on Super Bowl Sunday, a three-round play-off took place between Patrick Cantlay and Scottie Scheffler.

After the third sudden-death, Scheffler made birdie to win, earning nearly \$1.5 million and 500 FedExCup points.

For more information on The Thunderbirds or the 2022 WM Phoenix Open, visit www.wmphenixopen.com.

Caesars Entertainment and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Host National Day of Hiring Event

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Feb. 15, 2022) – Caesars Entertainment, an incredible array of iconic brands including Harrah's, is hosting a National Day of Hiring event on Thursday, February 24.

The nationwide event will offer individuals an opportunity to learn how to kick start their career with one of the country's leading entertainment and hospitality companies.

Locally, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is hosting the event in the Events Center ballroom from 2-7p.m.

"We pride ourselves on being a great place to work and we are looking forward to bringing on new members of our team," says Michael Kintner, senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

"Open roles at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino represent a variety of areas including culinary, food & beverage, finance, audio visual,

security, table games and environmental cleaning services."

Hiring managers will be offering on-the-spot interviews.

Benefits available to Caesars Entertainment Team Members include affordable best-in-class healthcare and wellness, 401k with employer match, paid time off, professional development, Team Member discounts, and much more.

Some select positions also offer a signing bonus of up to \$1,500.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino also offers a culinary development program and an external table games school.

Attendees are encouraged to dress professional and bring a copy of their resume the day of the event.

To view and apply for full-, part-time and on-call positions offering a flexible schedule, visit www.harrahsakchin.com.

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CPR Class offered for Community Caregivers

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

On February 9th and 10th our Caregiver support team held a CPR class here at the Ak-Chin Elders Center for community caregivers.

We only had 4 Caregivers able to take the class. Doctor appointments for their loved ones, work, and scheduling conflicts made it difficult for most of them to attend. We will be scheduling another class soon to assist those who could not come.

Nobody in your life is as deserving of love as a family caregiver. The problem is that Caregivers tend to be taken for granted, while always making sure our loved ones have everything they need.

Caregivers spend time:

- Making sure that our loved ones get the rest they need, but never giving themselves a break
- Making sure that our loved ones have all the medical attention they need, but forgoing their own basic checkups.
- Making sure our loved ones get the nutrition that they need, but not

taking the time to eat a healthy meal themselves.

It doesn't have to be Valentine's Day to show how much you care for the family member who cares so much they're willing to put their own life on hold to care for someone they love.

Family Caregiver Valentine's/Any day Gift Ideas:

- Offer to care for your loved one while the primary caregiver takes a CPR class!
- A homemade card - with a gift certificate to a place you know they enjoy shopping.
- "Chocolate!"
- Care Coupons for tasks or services that they most need, to be used at their convenience. (Oil change for their car, or a gas card)
- Sneak a peek in the refrigerator and see what they would like. Fresh fruit, homemade soups, pre-cooked meals - COOKIES!!



18- Cream of wheat, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, cereal, banana, milk Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Rice Krispies- Apples	23- Oatmeal, boiled eggs, toast, yogurt, milk Chicken Hominy Bake, Normandy Vegetables, Salad, Strawberry Shortcake-Plum	peppers, onions, & cheese) diced potatoes, toast, juice Tuna Fish or Chicken Sandwich, Wax Beans, Broccoli, Jell-O-Apple
21- Presidents Day- Center Closed	24- Bacon, scrambled eggs, diced potatoes, toast, juice Cheese Macaroni w/ Ham, Rolls, Sautéed Spinach, Butternut Squash, Apricots	28- Potato, green chili, egg, & cheese burrito, banana, cliff bar, juice Red Chili Stew, Green Beans, Beets, Chumath, Apple Rings w/Cottage Cheese
22- Chorizo & egg burrito, Kashi bar, grapes, juice White Bean Soup w/ Spinach, Chicken (D), Asparagus, Carrots, Apple/Oranges	25- Sausage scramble (sausage, egg, bell	** Some items may change without notice **

Notice to those with Community Broadband in their homes

If your internet in your home is not working please call the IS Department at 520-568-1120.



Thank you,
Information Systems Department

Community photographer shares perspective



Susan Peters submitted this wondrous photo, showing the beauty of our surroundings. Having always been inspired to take scenery photos for some time now, Susan wanted to show how beautiful our community has always been. Pictured above is a photo taken near the entrance into the Ak-Chin Community.

"I knew I was going to capture the perfect one, the way the weather was and how the sun light hit perfectly. After I seen what I captured it inspired me to be more creative and do more pictures around the community." Susan shared.

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**Attention to:
All Community
Members,
Non-members
and Residents**

Past Due Fines

If you are delinquent on your fines, or if you are unsure if you have any fines.

Please contact the courts at earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Ak-Chin Indian Community

Past Due fines will be sent to Valley Collection Agency

You can avoid any of the above collections by the following:

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Community Caregivers and Grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to attend: 'Let's Make Life Easier' which will be held via zoom on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

This training will be covering basic caregiver challenges, such as:

- identifying and managing stress
- communicating better with family
- knowing when it's time to ask for in-home help and how to obtain it
- tips for working caregivers, and more!

If you need assistance to register, do not have zoom, or would like to attend this training at the Elder Center please call Candace Allcott, Sonia Narcia, or Marissa Antone at 520-568-1760.

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
Area Agency on Aging, Region 8
Family Caregiver Support Program Presents:

Caregivers: Let's Make Life Easier!

Tuesday, Feb 22, 2022
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Learn about:

- signs & sources of stress
- caregiver-related challenges
- paying for in-home help

Join us!

To register, please contact:
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Family Caregiver Support
Program Coordinator
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
Area Agency on Aging, Region 8
jackie.edwards@itcaonline.com
or
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March 4 - 17, 2022
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Material submitted after the
FEBRUARY 25TH DEADLINE
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and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Promotes Two Long-Time Employees

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Feb. 14, 2022) – Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, part of Caesars Entertainment and the state's only tribal casino to have an international management partner, today announced the promotion of April Stovall to director of facilities and surveillance and Melissa Rowberry to database marketing and advertising manager.

In her new role, Stovall will continue to

oversee surveillance, engineering, utilities and act as the liaison between the construction companies and internal operations with the added responsibility of managing environmental cleaning services.

Rowberry will manage the direct marketing team, responsible for building successful marketing campaigns and monthly outreach strategies that will drive traffic and build

brand awareness for the property. In addition, Rowberry will oversee all advertising efforts.

"Both April and Melissa are long-time Harrah's Ak-Chin employees and are deserving of the promotion and increase in responsibilities," said Michael Kintner, senior vice president and general manager. "It is always a pleasure to recognize stellar employees in this way."



April Stovall
Director of Facilities
and Surveillance.



Melissa Rowberry
Database Marketing
and Advertising
Manager



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD Employee Dining Room (EDR) Canopy & Patio

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. The project for Design/Construction consists of the following:

Remove and Replace existing structure. New canopy will include but not limited to lighting, RO misting system, natural gas to heaters and fans. Remove and Replace existing concrete patio.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for February 22, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m. (MST) at Harrah's Ak-Chin Resort and Casino located at 15406 N. Maricopa Rd., Maricopa AZ 85139. Meet at the Security Office Entrance. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 1:00 p.m. (MST) on March 4, 2022. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Judy Purcell at jpurcell@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Bid Proposals until 1:00 p.m. (MST) on March 15, 2022 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 Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD Slot Performance & Misc. Storage Warehouse

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. The project for Design/Construction consists of the following:

Warehouse approximately 70'x27' with 2 roll up doors, sprinkled and conditioned space located West of the HR office area.

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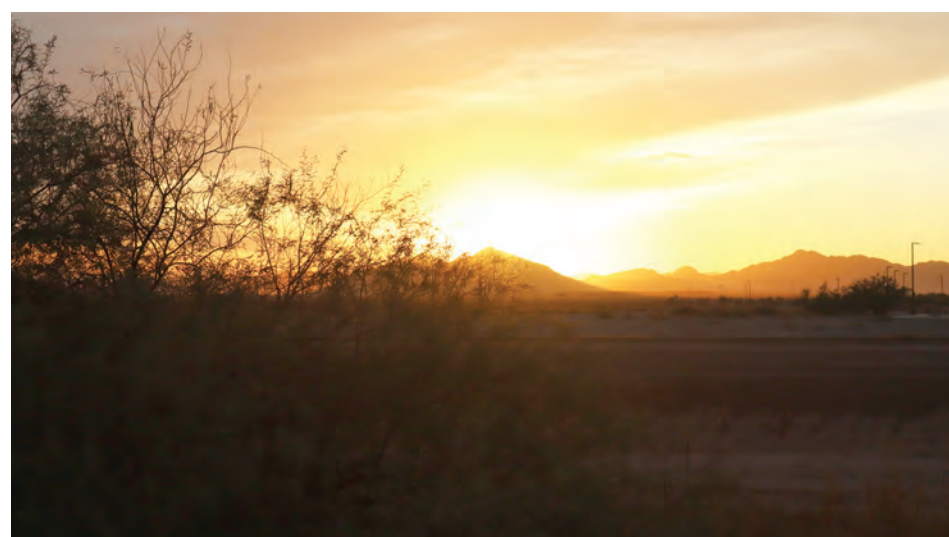
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"As a photographer I thought it was only right to share pictures that I take of the community. I hope the community enjoys the photos that I capture as much as I do."



Top photo taken at the rodeo grounds behind Ak-Chin Circle.
Below photo taken on the dirt road (bridge) behind fire department.




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REMINDER

Due to the President's Day holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, February 21st.

Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, February 22nd.



Maricopa Wells Middle School athletes provide fans an action packed Tuesday evening

Story and photos by J. Peters

February 8th, students, family and faculty came to witness a night of fantastic sporting events at Maricopa Wells Middle School.

Maricopa Wells girls' basketball played in front of a packed gymnasium against middle school rivals, Desert Wind, while the MWMS boys baseball team hosted DW on

the diamond.

The girl's "B" basketball team played the first game of the afternoon against Desert Winds, revving up the crowd with their upbeat attitudes and drive, staying toe to toe with their opponents.

Meanwhile, MWMS boy's baseball team was in a league

of their own, with a few key impressive plays MWMS boys kept a steady hold on the DW Tigers. Unfortunately, the Panthers lost 5-12.

But, the game that stole the show of the evening had to be the final basketball game between MWMS girl's "A" team and Desert Winds "A" team. When both teams



Auciana Miguel is ready to get the rebound.



Pate Justin sinks a free throw for the "B" team.



Zachary Garcia steps towards second base.



Carrieanna Villarreal drives in towards the basket.



Horacio "Paydoe" Corella plays right field.



Draven Soliz swiftly slides in and steals third base.

We apologize dear readers ad this puzzle was not thoroughly revised before going to print. We are aware the is no "February" word in the puzzle like it has displayed on the key. Thank you for those who have reached out to us about this mistake.

Valentine's Day

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stepped onto the court there was no telling where the game would lead. Desert Winds had the upper hand during the first half, but that turned into a well fought battle as MWMS Panthers showed their pride and skill. It was a close finish till the end. MWMS girls' basketball team squeaked by with the win 34-32.

Ak-Chin had many players participating for all teams; girls basketball included: Auciana Miguel, Nyaila Miguel, Kylie Gardner, Joanna Acosta, Carrieanna Villarreal and Pate Justin. Boys Baseball included: Draven Soliz, Horacio "Paydoe" Corella and Zachary Garcia.



Joanna Acosta ((12) and Kylie Gardner (1) stay on guard.

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JZZLE TIME

Spot 10 differences

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for comments.

During Biden's comments he expressed, "I would like to thank Robert Miguel for your kind words and for your leadership."

Vice-President Harris added, "I am honored and happy to be here before all friends and supporters as we celebrate the first year of the Biden-Harris Administration."

Both the President and Vice-President spoke of the administration and how they have moved forward in dealing with the Covid pandemic, by providing continued testing and vaccinations, job creations, schools re-opening and continued funding for all needs, just to name a few.

During his comments, Chairman Miguel thanked the Administration for being a true supporter for Indian Country.

"From even before he took office, President Biden became a historic champion for Indian Country when he nominated our sister, Deb Haaland, to be his Secretary of the Interior. This was an office that once sought our termination, and now it's one that our children can look to for a role model."

"Then on the day he took office President Biden immediately revoked the permit granted for

the Keystone Pipeline protecting the lands and waters of Native people across North America.

His administration then immediately prioritized a return to tribal consultation, he reinstated the Tribal Nations Summit and he ensured that Indian Country would be partners in distributions of the early vaccine doses."

Chairman Miguel also pointed out how the administration has focused and helped Tribal Nations with the passage of the American Rescue Plan and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"It's helped us thus far with planning and looking for a brighter future during one of the darkest days of the

pandemic. This will ensure that we have the capacity to build for the future with the largest investment in Indian Country infrastructure history."

President Biden acknowledged that his only disappointment thus far in its first year, was that his administration could not host the Tribal Nations Gathering at the White House, but looks for a potential opportunity of that occurring this year.

The WebEx event was broadcast and streamed live around the world.



Tyra Williams enjoying some time in the limelight.

of the ball and stumbling on the court.

Although, the younger girls may have had more stamina, it was the championship team who rallied once more for an easy 60-40 victory.

Ak-Chin member Tyra Williams, had fun playing with her old teammates.

"It was great to see them all again."

She said they didn't know if they could do it, but they did better than expected.

The last time they all played together was during the 2015 championship game. Afterwards, a couple of them graduated.

"I'd like to see it done in 5 more years!" Tyra shared.

"A few of them stayed close so I see them often, but I hadn't seen half the team in years. I loved seeing Jamila and Danae pull off their same moves, they still got it!"

Tyra's mom Grace Pablo had fun reconnecting with

some of the parents to reminisce about their girls.

She said the highlight of the game was, "when Tiara Edmonds kept falling. I believe she fell and laid on the ground about 3-4 times, it was so funny."

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New EMPLOYEES



Amanda Maldonado
Purchased Referred Care
Benefits Coordinator



Corrina Leija
Tribal Gaming Agent
TGA



Darrian Justin
Laborer
Sanitation



Earl Justin, Jr.
Groundskeeper
Sanitation



Ethan Vavages
Laborer
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Pete Bejar
Tribal Gaming Agent
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EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

2/1 - Anthony Giovanni, *Fire & Safety*
2/1 - Wesley Gonzalez, *Parks & Recreation*
2/1 - Christopher Cypriano, *Maintenance*
2/4 - Francine Sanchez, *Early Childhood*
2/7 - Matthew Tess, *Education*
2/8 - Concepcion Miguel,
Purchase Referred Care Manager
2/8 - Jade Rodriguez, *Law & Order*
2/10 - Julia Dickerson, *Education*
2/11 - Jeannette Peters, *Him Dak Museum*
2/11 - Kyle Chavez, *Security Guard*
2/11 - Salinda Lopez, *Human Resources*
2/12 - Grace Pablo, *Housing Department*
2/13 - Griselda Fonseca Saldana,
Maintenance

2/13 - Justin Burke, *Fire & Safety*
2/14 - Lori Leavitt, *Fire & Safety*
2/15 - Diana Velazquez, *Education*
2/19 - Debbie Soliz, *IS*
2/19 - Lisa Garcia, *Council*
2/20 - Aaron Apodaca, *Retail*
2/21 - Randon Quasula, *Maintenance*
2/27 - Jesse Tyrone Calugcugan,
Law & Order
2/28 - Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, *Finance*
2/28 - Raymond Whitman, *Transit*
2/28 - Rebecca Alvarez, *IS*

Wishes

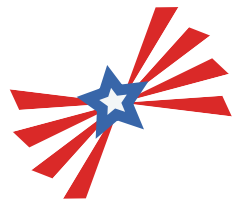
**Happy Birthday to my granddaughters
Jane and Kylie and my grandsons Junior
and Alexander
Love, Grandma**

JOB OPENINGS

- Police Officer (certified and non/certified)
- Communications Officer
- Maintenance Technician
- Applications Software Technician
- Deli Clerk
- Environmental Programs Manager
- Senior Cook - Preschool
- Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Temp/Reserve Firefighter EMT

**Open to Enrolled Community Members and Current
Community Employees:** (all close on 02/22/2022 at midnight)

- Recreation Programs Coordinator
 - Recreation Programs Assistant
 - Parks Maintenance Technician
 - Groundskeeper - Parks/Rec
- Please visit our website at www.ak-chin.nsn.us, for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply. If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.



February Birthdays



FEBRUARY 1st

Ian Narcia
Christopher Cypriano
Angelina
Arellanes-Burgos
Chyen Anderson
Adam Bowman

FEBRUARY 2nd

Preciousrose Warren
Jonah Dickerson
David Manuel Jr.

FEBRUARY 3rd

Elizabeth Antone

FEBRUARY 4th

Latasha White

FEBRUARY 5th

Dominique Nosie-Romo
Charles Carlyle
Benny Romo

FEBRUARY 6th

Stella Miguel
Audrina Antone

FEBRUARY 7th

Bercco Thompson Jr.
Eugene Peters Jr.

FEBRUARY 8th

Elizabeth Baptisto
Geneva Antone
Marcos Olivas Jr.
Deana Quinonez

FEBRUARY 9th

Aiyana Campbell

FEBRUARY 10th

Alexandra Carlyle
Isaiah Osife
Julia Dickerson
Draven Soliz

FEBRUARY 11th

Marlon Peters
Kyle Chavez
Mary Diaz
Jeanette Peters

FEBRUARY 12th

Destiney Delowe
Erin Pete
Grace Pablo
Caleb Ugalde

FEBRUARY 13th

Koren Vincent
Karin Smith

FEBRUARY 14th

Johnny Stephens
Valentina Narcia
Michaela Peters
DeliAnna Lewis
Justin Perillo

FEBRUARY 15th

Terry Aguilla Jr.
Carole Lopez
Aleena Antone
Cheyenne Vallejos

FEBRUARY 16th

Lanita Lopez

FEBRUARY 17th

Mara Delores
Jose Lopez

FEBRUARY 18th

Annalise Manuel
Edward Martinez

FEBRUARY 19th

Philbert Narcia Jr.
Kerrin Miguel
Lisa Garcia
Jane Lopez
Marcos Santiago
Tyra Williams
Jonas Miguel
Unique Santiago
Maria Narcia
Rechanda Manuel

FEBRUARY 21st

Calvin Van Sickle

FEBRUARY 22nd

Perris-Jade White

FEBRUARY 23rd

Joseph Narcia
Octaviana Ormsby
Ryleigh Delores
Joshua Dominguez
Victor Ortega

FEBRUARY 24th

Kylie Gardner
Junior Peters
Keira Attakai

FEBRUARY 25th

Alexander Lopez
Corianna Nevarez
Vallejos

FEBRUARY 26th

Christian Castro
Havier Stephens Jr.

FEBRUARY 27th

Woodrow Marsh
Shyla Thomas

FEBRUARY 28th

Raymond Miguel
Victoria Smith
Rebecca Alvarez
Robert Narcia

FEBRUARY 29th

Traci Thomas
Cody Miguel



Love was in the air at Latin and smooth jazz concert

Photos and story by R. Bowen



Jazz band, A Touch of Class with vocalist Nancy Taylor, perform during a Valentine's concert at Copper Sky for singles and couples alike.

Pleasant evening weather, a pink Valentine's gift bag and a variety of vendors welcomed attendees to the Latin and Smooth Jazz Concert at Copper Sky Regional Park on Saturday, February 12, 2022. The event, presented by O'Jon Enterprises, Maricopa Veterans Care (Project) and AMPS Magazine Phoenix, was a fun way for couples and singles to enjoy delicious food and lively music.



Indigo Ballroom Dancers present a well choreographed routine for the crowd.

Sharing the spotlight for a brief time was a dance troupe brought by the Indigo Ballroom, performing their routine in festive sequined dresses. Adding to the ambience was DJ Mentalz, MC for the evening. A surprise addition to the lineup was a rap performed by ASU student Jeremy Lee.

An interlude followed which allowed those in attendance to visit the vendors selling jewelry, homemade soap and desserts, perfect for shoppers looking for inspired and unique Valentine's gifts. Ticket holders could also partake in food from Helen's Kitchen which included mouthwatering lasagna, pasta, pesto gnocchi, salad and rolls.

To round out the night, Carmela y Más, Latin Jazz & Salsa Band electrified the audience with their set.



The audience enjoying a pleasant and romantic evening.

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Harrah's Suite 16 at WM Phoenix Open



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino staff enjoying the 2022 Waste Management Phoenix Open from the Loge Suite on the iconic 16th hole.

We had customers visit us from sister properties in New Orleans, Council Bluffs, Metropolis and Southern California, and they all had wonderful things to say about their visit to Arizona.

New Orleans said it was a "bucket list" item to visit the WM Phoenix Open and went on to say that his stay with us was "perfect" from the wonderful rooms to very friendly staff.

for the property and out at the Open and we are looking forward to it again next year when the Super Bowl is in town.

Michael Kintner,
Senior VP & GM
Caesars-Harrah's

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FEBRUARY 2022

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PAMPER YOUR SPIRIT WITH SIGNATURE TREATMENTS THE SPA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BOOM, FIZZLE, POP. TRY A REFRESHING STRAWBERRY LIMEADE LOUNGE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>EARN UP TO 10,000 REWARD CREDITS AFTER SIGNING UP</p>
<p>8</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>10</p> <p>REWARD YOURSELF. SHOP WITH REWARD CREDITS AT THE GIFT SHOP</p>	<p>11</p> <p>REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>PLACE YOUR SPORTS BETS AT THE 24/7 KIOSKS</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SUPER BOWL PARTY REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HAPPY Valentine's DAY! CELEBRATE YOUR WAY THIS VALENTINE'S DAY! LIVE MUSIC</p>
<p>15</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>18</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>
<p>22</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>PARINI STACKABLE COOKWARE GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>24</p> <p>TAKE A JOYRIDE TO HARRAH-DICE ON THE AK-CHIN EXPRESS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PLAY LATE NIGHT KENO ON FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT</p>	<p>27</p> <p>REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>THE FLAVORS YOU CRAVE ARE HERE. TRY THE PRIME RIB FONDUÉ CHOP BLOCK & BREW</p>

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