



Deanna Rascon earns 2nd Masters at U of A

Story by R. Peters

Congratulations to community member, Deanna Rascon for earning her second Master's degree with the University of Arizona.

Deanna began her higher education journey in 2012, as a student at Central Arizona College. After graduating at CAC, she decided to apply for admission to U of A. "I was very nervous and scared at the same time, didn't know what to expect, until I got an email and it was from U of A. I was scared to open it because I didn't want to be disappointed or anything. So, I waited until the end of my work day, got the courage to open the email and to read those words, 'You have been ACCEPTED'."

With that email, Deanna realized, "I am going to make my dream true" which was "walking the stage at U of A to accept my degree."

After being out of school for more than

ten years, she put her heart and mind in motion and has earned; AAS in Administration of Justice; Associate of General Studies with Central Arizona College; Bachelor of Applied Science in Justice Emphasis with University of Arizona; College of Law Master of Legal Studies in Criminal Justice, and College of Law Master of Professional Studies in Indigenous Governance with U of A.

Deanna's biggest inspiration to earning her degrees has not only been her dream to walk the stage and accept her degree, it has also been "to show my kids that no matter what age you are at, you can still have dreams and you can always make your dreams come true. As long as you put all your effort and heart into it, then you will accomplish anything."

As the Court Administrator, Deanna knows that she must

always keep abreast of general law practices and all the changes that take place. "As everyone knows the laws change all the time, especially in Indian Country."

She was curious about, "knowing how the law starts, how it is applied, what are the factors that surround the law, and how is the consequence determined" and says "the law in a nut shell can be very tricky on how it is used and how it is applied."

Deanna said she loved reading cases and dissecting them, "as to what I would have done if I was on the Prosecution/Defense side. After being here at the courts for over 21 years now, I have grown to want to know about the law and everything that it entails from start to finish."

Deanna has had overcome many hurdles and obstacles on her journey, "There were many times that I had

cried and wanted to quit because it was a lot to take on; being employed full time, full time student taking at least 12 or more credits per semester, being a mom and then being a grandma."

She was very strict about her time management, setting priorities and staying true to them. "I missed out on a lot of family functions, as well as school functions that my kids were involved in."

She was a great example for her children when it came to studying. "I always told them don't neglect your studies. So, I had to practice what I had preached to them, get my studies in and then I can have some free time. I would always try to get ahead on my assignments so that I could have some time to relax and enjoy some free time."

In addition to her work and mom duties, as well her studies, Deanna was



Deanna Rascon, proudly stands behind her U of A Law sign during the College of Law Graduation at Centennial Hall, May 14, 2022. Submitted photo.

driving to Tucson for classes. "The drives to Tucson for classes 2 or 3 times out the week was tiring, but after a while I got used to it and then it didn't seem to me that Tucson was so far, it was like taking a drive to Casa Grande. I would go to work most the day then leave work and go straight to class and at

times didn't get home until 9 or 10 at night. But, still stayed up until 1 or 2 in the morning to complete homework, to do it all again the next day. I always kept telling myself, it will be worth it at the end."

Her family was a big Deanna continues to page 3 -



Story and photos by R. Peters



Above, Ak-Chin's Special Olympian Bren Valisto gives this year's Torch Run a big thumbs up! Top photo, bikers, runners and safety staff at staging area before heading out on 347.

Ak-Chin Police and Community participate in Torch Run 2022 for Special Olympics

On Friday, May 13, about a dozen bikers-runners met at the staging point near State Route 347 and Louis Johnson Rd. to begin the Ak-Chin leg of the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The group met at Ak-Chin Police department for a brief safety meeting before their 8am start

for the 6-mile portion. Safety vehicles were positioned in the front and rear of the group as they traveled 347.

The runners kept a steady pace, as bikers followed closely behind to keep a tight group along the highway.

Once the group made it to the intersection of

347 and Farrell Rd., they headed for Ak-Chin Circle Elements Event Center where another group of about a dozen walkers awaited to begin their 2.5-mile trek to Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park.

Once all bikers-runners and walkers made it to the park, a delicious luncheon of hamburgers

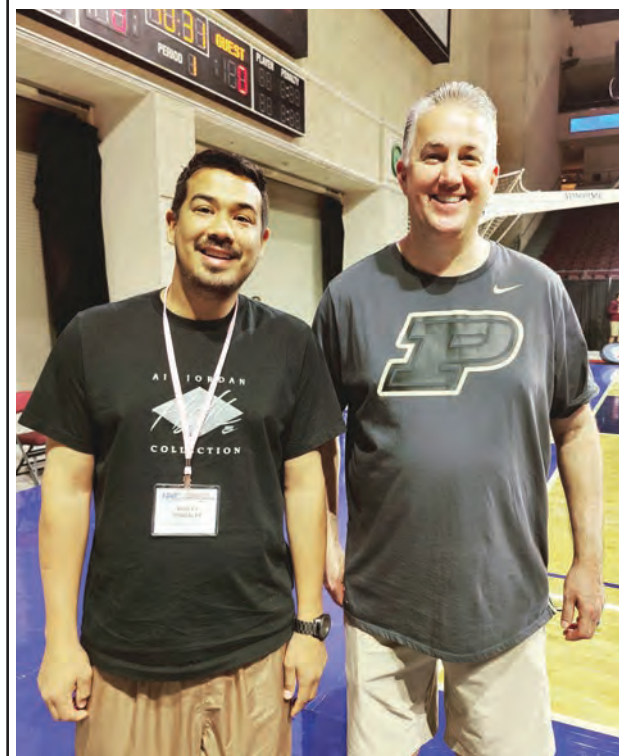
and hot dogs, cooked up by PD Chief Manuel Garcia awaited their hungry appetites.

As everyone enjoyed their meal, transportation was available to take participants back to their starting points.

Ak-Chin Police has been participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run events for many years.

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Recreation staff attend Championship Basketball Clinics



At left, Wesley Gonzalez is all smiles as he takes a photo with Purdue Coach, Matt Painter. (Submitted photo.)

The week of May 13-15, Ak-Chin Recreation Program Coordinators, Bernardina Gonzalez and Wesley Gonzalez attended the National Association of Basketball Coaches Championship Basketball Clinics.

Held at the Orleans Arena in The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, the three-day clinic focused coaching skills and getting

players to buy into the programs.

The schedule was loaded with speakers from highly respected coaches at the collegiate level including; Bobby Hurley from Arizona State, Molly Miller from Grand Canyon University as well as many other notables.

Players from a local college were recruited

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Elder Center celebrates Mother's Day with crafting and tea

As Mother's Day lands on the second Sunday in May, the Ak-Chin Elder center celebrated the special mothers in the Community with a crafty lunch party on Monday, May 9th.

Gathering during the latter morning at the elder center, senior moms joined with elder center staff on creating adorable floral spring inspired hats.

These perfect gardening hats were decorated with an abundance of colorfully, cute flowers and ribbons. With their creativity these mothers got to work on designing the most perfect hat for their next special occasion, such as their tea party luncheon.

After everyone had completed their project, the mothers were seated for the special lunch. Set out on their tables were pretty tea cup sets with spoons. Afterwards staff members brought out a yummy spread of desserts which were placed on tiered serving trays. All these special ladies had a nice time crafting and congregating.

Story photos by J. Peters



Mothers enjoy their Mother's Day craft.



Something about these hats brought a smile to their faces.



In Memory of
Genevieve Miguel

The family of the late Genevieve Miguel wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.



We especially wish to thank EVERYONE in the Miguel Family (you know who you are), the Public Works/ Sanitation Department, The Courts Department, Police & Security Department, The Antone Family, Peters Family, Garcia Family, Santiago Family, Crawford Family, Deanna Rascon, Delia Carlyle, Barbra Munoz, Virginia Zepeda, Doris Antone, Stephanie Valdez and others who have donated.

A HUGE thank you to the Vincent Family for preparing the food for us. Also, would like to thank The Lopez Family, Wood Family, Jose Family, Ak-Chin Youth Council and Gila River Youth Council for coming out and performing traditional songs and dances for our mother. Thank you to Julene Narcia and Runners for running her home. For anyone else we've missed, we want to thank you so much. Dean and Lerline thank you so much for doing the four-day rosary for her.

WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT!

Love her kids, Reyna & Jose Miguel



Keeping Contact with Emergency Responders During an Outage

In the event of cellular service disruptions, such as the one that impacted Verizon customers earlier this month, it is important that Maricopa residents know they have options for contacting emergency responders. Federal regulations have made this a priority.

The FCC requires wireless providers to transmit all 911 calls to an emergency call center, regardless of whether the caller subscribes to the provider's service.

All wireless phones, even those that are not subscribed to or supported by a specific carrier, can still call 911. In many cases even if a phone shows no signal bars, calls to 911 will still get through. In the event of an outage that impacts service to the emergency call center in Maricopa, the calls are automatically rerouted to another call center (in our case to Chandler).

Maricopa and all of Pinal County also announced last year the addition of the ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency. While texting is available, voice calls to 911 are more expedient and provide much more information to 911 call centers.

How to text 911

- Enter the numbers '911' in the 'To' field on your mobile device.
- ALWAYS provide your location and the nature of your emergency in your original text message.
- 'Send' your message.

- Be prepared to answer questions and follow any instructions provided to you by the 911 operator.
- Reply as quickly as possible.
- Always remember to use simple words. No abbreviations!

Important facts to know

- Voice calls are ALWAYS the best option for contacting 911.
- Texting is not available from deactivated cell phones, but you can still call 911 from them.
- A Text-to-911 may take longer to be received, may be delivered out of order, or not

received at all.

- Text-to-911 is not available if your cellular device is in 'roaming' status.
- You will receive a 'bounce back' message when texting is not available.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911.
- Do not text and drive!



As we laid our Holly Bear to rest, we would like to offer our deepest Appreciation to all those that have supported us in our toughest and darkest time. There are no words to explain the amount of love, sympathy, and support that we have received. We want to extend the appreciation to those that have gotten to know Holly and supported her through every milestone that she has reached and accomplished. We all were truly blessed to have her in each of our lives and being able to witness the amazing smile that she had.



We ask that you cherish your memories with her and hold on to every ounce of love that you had for her.

Because we had such a great amount of support, it would be a long list to name each and every one of you. I know you all know who you are and that you are aware that we truly appreciate you. Without you all we wouldn't have gotten through our toughest time.

With Love (Her Family); Stanley Antone, Natalie Johns, Samuel Rodriguez, Marissa & Brenna Antone, Jayce Johns and her garden helpers (Nephews & Niece)



INJURY PREVENTION PRESENTS

GAME Night

Thursday, May 26

at Elements Conference Center
Doors open at: 4:00pm

O'odham Bingo, Elder Musical Chairs, and Uno Card Games
WIN AMAZING PRIZES!!!!

Space is Limited
To register please contact Marilyn
520-568-1083

For Questions please Contact Teri De La Cruz
@Tdelacruz@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1087

Elder May Breakfast-Lunch Menu

20 Pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh berries | Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Rolls, Jelly-O

23 Biscuit & Gravy, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fruit | Split Peas, Chicken Tenders-D, Creamed Spinach, Fresh Fruit Salad

24 Oatmeal, boiled eggs, English muffin, cottage cheese, fruit | Chicken Salad in Pita, Wax Beans, WW Pasta Salad, Tropical Fruit

25 Green Chili & Egg Quesadilla, diced potatoes, fresh salsa, fresh guacamole | Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Spring Salad, Rolls, Apples

26 Hamburger, Green Chili, & Egg Burrito, cottage cheese, banana | Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Sweet Potato Casserole

27 Healthy Breakfast Salad, Sausage links, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit | Carne Asada Burrito, Zucchini w/Corn, Churro Cheesecake

30 Memorial Day Holiday – Center Closed

31 Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, toast, banana | Bar-B-Que Chicken, Butternut Squash, Brown Rice, Romaine Salad, Watermelon

** Menu items subject to change**

Sorry, No Transportation Provided

JUNE 06 - JUNE 17 & JUNE 20 - JULY 01



2022 HIM-DAK SUMMER ART PROGRAM

Will be taking registration starting, Monday May 23rd until filled

We will be having two Art Session, the first one running from June 6th - June 17th (2 weeks) and another session starting June 20th - July 1st (2 weeks).

We are limiting the registration to the first 7 kids signed up per grade group/session. Kids are only allowed to sign up for one of the sessions.

Location: Art Building

(Please drop off kids north of the Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members and Residents)

* Registration is available at the Him-Dak Museum

* Will have breakfast snack and afternoon snack (Lunch will not be provided)

The Him-Dak Summer Art Program will be broken down into four grade groups: Grades K- 1st, 2nd- 4th, 5th- 8th, 9th- 12th

(Accepting the first 7 kids signed up per grade group/session)

For any questions call: Waylon at 568-1354 or email: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us
For registration email: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us



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Announcements and wishes
may be phoned in, faxed
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ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'dham
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,
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Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
June 3 - 16, 2022
issue is due by
FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

Material submitted after the
MAY 27TH DEADLINE
cannot be guaranteed
placement. If appropriate
and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

Hearing Notice

Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the
following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Water
Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: SD-03-22: Ibarra Farms Changes to Overall Plan:

Project Applicant/Business Owner Carlos Ibarra of Ibarra Farms, is
requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for changes to the
previously approved Site Development Plan Permit Case SD-05-18
Ibarra Farms for the development of a greenhouse at 12518 N. Miguel
Street within the Santa Cruz Commerce Center.

The project consist of:

- New Tank Locations – Request to relocate the fertilizer storage tanks to within the greenhouse versus the previously approved location outside of the greenhouse;
- Water Line Changes – Request to reroute the water line alignment to connect into the relocated storage tanks within the greenhouse;
- Electrical Plans – Request to use a 200 amp electrical panel versus the approved 600 amp electrical panel; and
- Fence Changes – Request to modify the previously approved fence by removing the decorative step down railings along the parcel's boundary line.

Deanna continues from Front -



Above, Deanna's family show their support at her graduation.
Below, Deanna and her grandsons Jaxson and Jasper.



motivator to keep her on track, "hearing my little family telling me 'mom you can do it', 'don't give up', 'crazy your smart you can do it', that motivated me more to continue on."

"Work on the other hand could be demanding at times, especially when the courts were going through a lot of changes, and then taking on different roles for other employees. There were a few times when I thought I would have to quit school and just focus on my job, but one judge told me 'don't quit, this place will always be here, continue with your studies, you might one day sit the bench'. Those words always stuck with me. Although, I didn't think about being a judge, but it was true, no matter what, the courts would always be here, but in order for me to succeed I had to continue on with my studies."

Now that she has earned her second Masters she thinks she is ready for a bigger challenge. "I

know I told family and friends this is it for me, I am done with school, I am happy with what I have accomplished. But then you never know." For now, she says that she is just going to enjoy this time off with her children and grandsons.

Deanna encourages, "If you have the dream, then go for it and don't give up no matter how bad it may get, it will be all worth it at the end. Don't ever be afraid of failure, because it happens; dust yourself off and continue to pursue your dreams. After not setting foot on a college campus for over 10 years after I graduated high school, I got the courage and it felt good to be able to get back at pursuing my dreams."

She also shared this quote she read when accompanying her oldest daughter Anyssa to Florida to get her situated for school. "All dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney.

Clinic continues from Front -

to help provide play situations and drills for the clinics.

Wesley said among the highlights for him was Roy Williams, former North Carolina and Kansas University coach, Hall of Fame Coach, 3x NCAA Championships.

"He's one of my favorite coaches and he was very engaging with the crowd and

funny. He was also the most experienced coach."

Both feel this training will, "help us to communicate what we are trying to accomplish with the youth, buy them into the programs and show we care in the development of their skills." They also said, "This clinic is good for anyone who wants to become coaches, (it's) just not for basketball, but for any other sports."



MAY Community Meeting is canceled.

For more
information please
call 520-568-1000.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRAL PLANT

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) ENERGY MANAGEMENT & CONTROL SYSTEM SERVICES TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") Central Plant is seeking a professional technical support services for the Community's Energy Management & Control System ("EMCS") for the term of three years to start August 3, 2022.

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To provide monthly technical service for the Community's Energy Management and Control System for preventive maintenance of the EMCS Main Operator Workstation, EMCS Network Analysis, EMCS Global Control Modules, and EMCS Unitary Controllers at the following three locations:

- Ak-Chin Central Plant located at 15960 N. Narcia Street, Maricopa, AZ 85139
- Ak-Chin Multi-Purpose Justice Complex Building located at 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139
- Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center located at 16000 Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ. 85139.

The ACIC is hereby soliciting proposals from qualified Contractors to provide a quality technical Services Program. The ACIC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and the right to negotiate with the most responsive proposer.

For a copy of the complete RFP, please contact Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us or in person 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138.

Proposals will be due by 5:00 PM local Arizona Time on Friday June 10, 2022. Proposals shall be submitted via email to Purchasing Manager Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us

Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager
Phone: (520) 568-1043.
Ak-Chin Indian Community
Purchasing Department
42507 West Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A WATER TREATMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("the Community") is currently in need of a Water Treatment Consultant for a term of three (3) years to start September 1, 2022. The Consultant must be capable of analyzing water qualities; inspecting, maintaining and repairing water-treatment equipment and applying water treatment at both the Ak-Chin Central Plant and the Ak-Chin Justice Complex Building

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Consultant has two Chiller Plants that need monthly Water Treatment Services. Consultant is to provide chemicals and a service program to maintain water conditions required to inhibit corrosion, scale formation and biological growth for the condenser water system, and heat transfer surfaces and metallurgy. Consultant to provide chemical services for the chilled water closed loop systems at the Central Plant and Justice Center as well as the heating water closed loop system at the Justice Complex.

- Ak-Chin Central Plant located at 15960 N. Narcia Street, Maricopa, AZ 85139
- Ak-Chin Justice Complex Building, located at 45525 West Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

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For a copy of the complete RFP, please contact **Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager** at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us or in person at the Finance Building at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138.

Proposals will be **due by 5:00 PM local Arizona Time on Friday May 27, 2022**. Proposals shall be submitted via email to Purchasing Manager Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us

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**Gila River
HEALTH CARE**

**FAMILY PLANNING
MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC**

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**June 1st 2022
(Wednesday)***

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9:00am - 4:00pm

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Ak-Chin Health Education welcomes community for in-person activities

Over the past two months Ak-Chin Health Education has been working hard to provide options for their physical activities and programs. They recently provided the option for an in-person and virtual walk/run for the May 4th Be With You event and the Melin Melin Color Run.

Both events had a great turn out. "The turnout for Melin Melin Color Run in-person event was 37 participants and for virtual participants was 80 participants. The turnout for the May 4th Be With You in-person event was 36 participants, and currently 93 participants virtually." Martina Peters, Health Educator shared.

Both events were scheduled as a non-competitive 2-mile course. "We tried to keep the events family oriented for the first two in-person events."

Right now, Martina says the virtual option is more popular, as 75-80% register for virtual. When asked who were most likely to participate she shares, "From event to event we do have numbers fluctuate, however on average we have about 60-70% of all participants that are ACIC members and residents. So far, those groups lead with the largest turnout for our events."

Martina and her program have been providing virtual events since the pandemic. She learned about the virtual events from previous events she's participated in. "I first heard of virtual events from an event that I used to run in. I thought that was really neat and used this idea."

"I felt that during the pandemic

we still needed to promote exercise and host events in the community as much as possible. So far it has been working out really great as we have hosted every regular event that we normally would from May the 4th Be With You in 2020 to now. Two years later and 17 virtual events and we are still going strong. However, the next step will be trying transition back to in-person fully and with our competitive races."

Health Education will be hosting their next event in June, the Stage Run, which will be virtual. Their next big in-person event will be the GLOW RUN in August, with hopes of cooler temperatures.

Providing both options has been a great way to continue to promote health and exercise in the community. Martina hopes the community likes having both options. "If one cannot attend in-person event, there is still an opportunity to complete their walk/run virtually. We hope that it makes these events flexible for all who would like to participate."

Health Education would like to thank the departments and individuals that help make our in-person events possible. For the Melin Melin COLOR Run, we would like to thank the Ak-Chin Youth Council, Joseph Davis, Noahli Antone, Daria & Doria Garcia, Haedin DePaola, and Zachary Garcia - thank you for your continued partnership and help in this event. We would like to thank our DJ Clayton Antone - thank you for playing the best music to get our participants ready to walk and run! For both the events, a special

Story and photos by R. Peters



Families get splashed in colors.

thanks to Waylon Antone for t-shirt designs, and Shauna-Rae Brown for route maps. We also would like to thank Ak-Chin Public Works, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Ak-Chin Police Department, Ak-Chin Security, and Ak-Chin Recreation for your assistance in route maintenance, safety of our participants, and for utilizing surrounding areas of Recreation facility.

A huge thank you to our participants!! It was great to see individuals in-person, we missed you all. We hope to see more individuals at our next in-person events.



Running or walking everyone is having fun at the Health Education events.

Ak-Chin Education Department Scholarship Program

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FALL 2022 Semester	SPRING 2023 Semester	SUMMER 2023 Semester	OPEN ENTRY/ OPEN EXIT
June 30 th	November 30 th	April 30 th	Technical Programs 2-months prior to start date

Application Requirements

- Be an enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community member
- Must have a high school diploma or GED Certificate
- Must be accepted into a higher education institution

Contact Information

- Ak-Chin Scholarship Program
- Lenny Dempsey, Enrollment Academic Advisor
- Phone: (520) 568-1291
- LDempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us

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When: every Friday beginning May 27th
Time: 10am-5:30pm
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SUMMER READING

Starting May 27

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Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for SUMMER SCHOOL and 2022-2023 SY

Our office is open

8am-5pm
Mon-Fri

Bring your needed documentation and fill out an enrollment packet on site

Summer school Starts June 14th-July 8th.

Register now!

Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:

- Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries. Wait listed
- All others will be waitlisted.

Ak-Chin Child Development offers:

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- *Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- *Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)*
- *Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- *Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)*
- *Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year*
- Health and Safety Protocols in Place

* Some activities may be postponed or modified to fit safety protocols.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

Pick up a 2022-2023 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development. Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

Children's backpacks will be provided!!!

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at
48251 W. Farrell Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
(520) 568-1700.
Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

Congratulations!

 Maricopa High School

		
Angel Antone	Frankie Carlyle	Delroy Clark
		
Davin Garcia	Ralston Justin	Kaylan Peters
		
Cecilia Rodriguez	Eliza Santiago	Richard Villegas
		
Xendryk Silas-Antone <i>Sherman Indian School</i>	Rosalino Valenzuela, Jr. <i>Marcos De Niza</i>	

Class of 2022



8th Grade Promotion

		
Adriano Jose	Auciana Miguel	Ethan Humeyumptewa
		
Jason Smith	Kylie Gardner	Maverick Santiago
		
Nevaeh Johnson	Owen Santiago	Perla Rubi Corona
		
Ronin Gloria	Rose Pedro	Xavier Garcia



Maricopa Wells Middle School





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A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, by noon on Monday, May 23, 2022. The RFP will be provided

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

AK-CHIN INDIAN
COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF

A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting

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

Demand-response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial

NO SHOWS: If you are not present when the vehicle arrives, the

***Ak-Chin Tribal Transit generally does not operate on holidays recognized by the Ak-Chin Indian Community**





Join us EVERY Friday at 4:30pm during Summer Reading to see who can stay on the Rainbow Road!



FRIDAYS FROM 4 TO 5:30
STARTING JUNE 3RD



If you have questions, contact us at library@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1675

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



Write a book review for the Runner by June 1st
Use link below
<https://forms.gle/bMGRsofsU25UilQN6>
Your name will be entered for a raffle for a \$25 gift card
Call us at 520-568-1675 if you have questions!
*Open to Ak-Chin Library cardholders 13 years and over



JOB OPENINGS

- Applications Software Technician
- Communication Officer (911 Dispatcher)
- Deli Clerk
- Driver - Elder Program - Previous applicants will be considered and do not need to reapply
- Groundskeeper - Parks/Recreation
- Network Systems Technician
- Parks Maintenance Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer - Certified (AZ POST certified)
- Senior Planner (Open Until Filled, Previous applicants will be considered)
- Tribal Gaming Agency Executive Director - Open Until Filled
- Water Maintenance Supervisor

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.

Past Due Fines

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



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

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

- You may come to the court to make payment arrangements and you must be consistent on your payments.
- You may come to the court to dispute the matter and request a hearing.

Past Due fines will be sent to Valley Collection Agency

Address:
45525 W Farrell Rd,
Maricopa, AZ 85139
* Phone: (520) 568-1385
* Fax: (520) 568-1386

Oh my gosh look who is 5 years old - Happy Birthday Mr. Emerson Antone, I hope you, have an awesome day and awesome party, lots of cake and lots and lots of presents to open. I hope you get what you been asking for, Happy Birthday Baby!!
From: Grandma, Jose, Mama Crupie Uncle & Beto
We love you boy!!

Happy 5th Birthday Son Man, son where do I begin? Finally graduating pre-school



to the big school, to now being 5, all in one month!! Always be your crazy, silly, but most of all the amazing little boy you are. I hope all your present wishes come true, enjoy your day Son!!

love your Mom/Best Friend

Happy Birthday Brother Even though it's your birthday you still have to help me with our chores, and then we'll "maybe" have dinner. Kidding I love you Son! Enjoy your day, and use your listening ears all day!!
Love your Sister, Angelica

Happy Birthday Emerson (Johnny JR)
I just wanna wish you a very happy birthday, and tell you how lucky I am to have you

in my life cause you are an amazing and wonderful little kid who sometimes needs a nap to deal with.
love your Dad Johnny Reyes

Happy Birthday to my buddy Jax!
cheers to being 5!! Let's cross our fingers, and hope we get what we asked for let's give 'em heck cause we only turn 5 once!!
Your buddy Emerson

Happy Birthday to my

daughter Elaine Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Henry, Daniel Jr., and Aaron Jr., and my granddaughters Jolie Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Brother! Love your Family

Happy Birthday Pootie Tang!! We love you mucho!!

MEMORIAL DAY 2022
REMEMBERING THOSE THAT SERVED.

WIC

Will be back at the Ak-Chin Service Center Conference Room soon!!

Save the date:

July 5 at 8:30a-11:30a
August 2 at 8:30a-11:30a
Sept 6 at 8:30a-11:30a

Do you qualify for WIC?

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit s & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs!

Need to make an appointment or have questions???
Call WIC at: (520) 562-9698

Gila River Indian Community WIC Program
66 W. Pima, Sacaton, AZ



EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

MAY 20th - JUNE 2nd, 2022

MAY

20th Darrian Justin, Sanitation
21st Brian Schaublin, Fire & Safety
23rd Tera Thornton, Education
24th Victor Harer, Environmental Protection
Deidra Carlyle, Planning
25th Delia Carlyle, Council Member

26th Edith Munoz, Finance
27th Colleen Mike, Law & Order
Brian Manuel, TGA
Maria Tavena-Thomas, Social & Health Services
29th Elaine Peters, Him Dak Museum
Nickalus Acosta, Law & Order
31st Christopher Hayes, Fire & Safety

JUNE

2nd Pamela Dallas, Contracts and Grants
Virginia Zepeda, Maintenance



MAY 20TH - JUNE 2ND BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					20 Darrian Justin Frances Stephens Ariah Thompson	21 Lisa Alejandro Terry Enos
22 Christian Thomas	23 Cecelia Norris	24 Deidra Carlyle	25 Delia Carlyle Desiree Carra	26 Makenna Sope Zoe Susunkewa	27 Jayden Antone Mason Bowman Brian Manuel Jr. Colleen Norris Maria Thomas	28 Janice Anderson Henry Garcia Lorenzo Mejia Mikelle Sope
29 Frederick Antone Marla Antone Carmen DeLeon Daniel Lozano Jr. Yvette Oliver Elaine Peters David Stephens	30 Isabella Antone John Deloney Jr. Samantha Green Jolie Peters Jeycee Zepeda	31 Santos Aguilla Ryan Justin Aaron Peters Jr.	1 Cruz Machado Jr.	2 Astraya Warren		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ak-Chin Circle
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Ticket sales:
ak-chincircle.com/theater

ALL TIMES
ARE PM

DWNTON ABBEY:
A NEW ERA
Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 7:00
Friday:
3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00,
9:00 & 10:00
Saturday:
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00,
6:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 10:00
Sunday:
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00,
6:00 & 7:00

FIRESTARTER
Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00
Friday:
3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30
Saturday:
1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00
Sunday:
12:00, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

DOCTOR STRANGE IN
THE MULTIVERSE OF
MADNESS
Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 7:00
Friday:
3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00,
9:00 & 10:00
Saturday:
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00,
4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00,
8:00, 9:00, 10:00
Sunday:
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00,
6:00, 7:00 & 9:00

THE BAD GUYS
Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00
Friday:
3:00, 6:00 & 9:00
Saturday:
1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
& 10:00

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
Monday - Thursday:
4:00 & 7:00
Friday:
4:00, 7:00 & 10:00
Saturday:
1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00
Sunday:
1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

THE LOST CITY
Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:15
Friday:
3:00, 5:30, 8:15 & 10:45
Saturday:
3:00, 5:30, 8:15 & 10:45
Sunday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:15

Torch Run continued from front

In addition to the Torch Run, fundraisers are also held in the Community. A bowling tournament and raffle will be

held on Sunday, May 22 to culminate this year's events. Both will take place at Ak-Chin Circle.



Top: Runners and bikers hit the road for the first leg of Torch Run. Right: Bren Valisto holds mom Teresa's hand, as her group makes the lap at Ak-Chin Circle.



Above, the Community's walking group for the Torch Run are ready to head out from Ak-Chin Circle Elements Event Center to Milton "Paul" Antone Park.

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\$189 25% OFF GOLF SHOP 20% OFF ARROYO GRILLE
6 SUMMER ROUNDS OF GOLF 6 #miniDunes ROUNDS
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Receive \$5 off your meal with minimum \$30 purchase. Must present coupon to server. No substitutions. Not valid with any other specials, offers or discounts. One coupon per order, no split checks. Does not include alcohol. Non-transferable. Offer expires 5/31/22.

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Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

SUMMER FUN

Movie
6 MOVIES • 6 WEEKS FOR KIDS

MAY 30 - JULY 8

Kids Movies Every Monday - Friday at 10AM \$6 For all 6 or \$2 Each Film Daily

Week 1	05/30 - 06/03	Kung Fu Panda
Week 2	06/06 - 06/10	Shrek
Week 3	06/13 - 06/17	How to Train your Dragon
Week 4	06/20 - 06/24	The Croods : New Age
Week 5	06/27 - 07/01	The secret life of pets 2
Week 6	07/04 - 07/08	Sing

Doors open at 9:30AM - Movies start at 10:00AM - All films presented in 2D

For more information, to book groups, or for school fundraising opportunities contact Riva Quintana at (520) 233-2445 or RQuintana@AkChinCircle.com

Ak-ChinCircle.com
16000 N. Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Harrah's
AK-CHIN CASINO

MAY 2022

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ASK A SLOT ATTENDED ABOUT OUR NEWEST SLOT MACHINES!	2 MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING	3 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	4 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	5 GIVE YOUR FLIP FLOPS A HIGHER PURPOSE CINCO DE MAYO	6 JUANES - ORIGEN TOUR	7 DERBY DAY DRINK SPECIAL THE WINNER IS BY A NOSE
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9 MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING	10 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	11 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	12 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK LEARN HOW YOU CAN WIN \$20 INSTANTLY	13 TRY YOUR LUCK!	14 CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING BIG!
15 COME OUT & PLAY!	16 MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING	17 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	18 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	19 REWARD YOURSELF & SHOP WITH REWARD CREDITS AT THE GIFT SHOP	20 TRIPLE 7'S. EQUALS CLOUD 9!	21 WINNER, WINNER PRIME RIB FONDUE BEFORE DINNER ARMED FORCES DAY
22 WE'RE THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF PLAY	23 MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY EARNING	24 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	25 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	26 SIP & ANHH PINEAPPLE LEMONADE LOUNGE	27 HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	28 COFFEE & DONUTS. A WINNING COMBINATION
29 HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	30 MEMORIAL DAY CASH SWEEPSTAKES HOLIDAY WEEKEND TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	31 ACCESSORY SET GIVEAWAY	<p>*** MEMORIAL DAY *** CASH SWEEPSTAKES MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 WIN YOUR SHARE OF GUARANTEED \$50,000 IN CASH!</p>			