

## Boy George and Josh Turner, Headliners at Harrah's Event Center

August 19, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Events Center was at capacity for the highly anticipated Culture Club show, featuring lead singer Boy George.

Extravagantly dressed from head to toe and his flawless make-up, singer, songwriter, and fashion designer, Boy George was absolutely stunning as he cascaded down a staircase set on stage, along with bandmates Roy Hay (guitar and keyboards) and Mikey Craig (bass guitar), two drummers, and back up entourage to sing all their pop-soul hits for the nearly two-hour show.

Story and photos by R. Peters



Boy George amazes crowd at Harrah's Ak-Chin Event Center on Friday, August 19.



Josh Turner brings his big bass voice to Harrah's Ak-Chin Event Center on Saturday August 20.

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On Saturday, August 20, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests were treated to a tremendous show by American country and gospel singer, Josh Turner and his Tonkin Honkies band.

Turner, with his distinctive low baritone voice swooned all who attended his show at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Event Center. The sold-out show, which had been rescheduled over the past three years, was truly worth the wait, as guests worked their way to the stage to listen as Josh sang many hit and gospel songs, including "Firecracker", "I Saw

## August Community Meeting

Story by J. Peters

August 29, Ak-Chin Tribal Council hosted the August Community Meeting, at Ak-Chin Circle, Elements Event Center, where members gathered both in person and virtually for the 2-hour meeting.

With no presentations scheduled for this month the mic was handed over to Council, for their monthly reports and Member Q&A session.

Councilmember Lisa Garcia, first read updates from Councilmembers Delia Carlyle and Octavio Machado, who were both absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Garcia then began sharing her update, which included attending the First Things First meeting where they are looking to revise the governance policy, which provides guidance on how the group conducts meetings, businesses, and their reports. She

also attended the First Things First Tribal Connects meeting.

The First Things First group is also working on a strategic plan for the regional council, focusing on quality care, educating families and caregivers, connecting families to resources and teaching the importance of the "early years" meaning from birth to five years of age. She also attended the Early Childhood Summit, and sat in virtually to listen and learn different topics revolved around childcare, education, and meeting the needs of tribal communities.

Councilmember Garcia participated in the monthly community distribution and COVID-19 testing, and various work sessions with departments and enterprises. She also informed that they would be working with department budgets. She was a speaker at the

Education Department retreat, and attended a presentation from the Maricopa Boys and Girls Club, concluding her portion of the council reports.

Speaking next was Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent, who informed membership that he took some time off for personal reasons in the beginning of the month. He then shared about his participation in visiting the Pascua Yaqui and Fort McDowell RV resorts along with other tribal council. He also attended the meeting with the Boys and Girls club to tour their facilities in Maricopa, and attended meetings with attorneys to get through some basic processes and water issues to move Ak-Chin forward. He was grateful to be asked to do the closing for the Education Retreat.

Passing the meeting off

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## "Sapo"- Thank You" to Angie Groeneveld for 18 years of dedicated service

Story by R. Peters

Angie Groeneveld, Hospitality Operations Director for Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, retired on August 31st, after 18 years of dedicated work ethic. She leaves a legacy of leadership, loyalty and long-lasting relationships.

Angie shared her humble beginnings of first working for Harrah's, leaving to work for the competition and then returning to Harrah's to work with the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

After Angie graduated from Assumption College in San Lorenzo, Makati with a degree in Mass Communications, she was hired by a friend's father to work at his office in the Philippines. She then opened up a travel agency with a few of her friends.



Angie Groeneveld. Submitted photo

Her parents left the Philippines and moved to China and then moved to Reno, Nevada, due to her dad's profession.

She soon followed to visit and see if she would like it. While there she met the love of her life, husband Len, and

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## Zylen Antone attends first-ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase

Community member, Zylen Antone was recently selected to attend the first-ever Native American All-Star Baseball showcase, hosted by the Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation.

Zylen was among an elite group of 50 Native American high school baseball players to attend the two-day showcase that included a pro-style workout and game, held at Truist Park, July 16-17, 2022.

The pro-style workout focused on defensive work, fielding, throwing, catching and batting, followed by a Home Run Derby for selected batters.

Scouts from many major universities, and Atlanta Braves were on hand to observe the two 25-man roster teams that included at least ten pitchers and two catchers. Coaches were former Major League Baseball players; Marquis Grissom, Johnny Estrada, Marvin Freeman, and Lou Collier.

Zylen said he was selected through his play and education at Sherman Indian School in Riverside, Ca. He shared playing time at third base and outfield.

He said his favorite part of the showcase was



Zylen Antone in the Atlanta Braves dugout at Truist Park. Photos submitted. Story by R. Peters

"just being on the field, having that experience to go against other good players (from) around the country and meeting new people."

He would love the opportunity to participate in this event again, "so I can have the experience and go further with baseball."

"We greatly value our longstanding partnerships in the Native American community and are constantly looking for new and impactful ways to support them," said Derek Schiller, Atlanta Braves President and CEO.

"This first Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will help create access and exposure for Native American student athletes as they work to build their baseball careers in college and Major League Baseball. We are looking forward to welcoming these tremendous athletes and providing not only the Major League setting, but also the tools and support they need to succeed."

"It's an honor to work with the Braves as they recognize the unique talents that Native youth

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decided to stay in the US.

She was hired on at Harrah's Reno, then she accepted a generous offer to go work for the competition. She would later be contacted by Anthony Sanfilippo, former Regional Manager for Harrah's Reno. He let Angie know about a Food & Beverage position at Harrah's Ak-Chin that he felt would be the "perfect role" for her, so she applied.

"I interviewed and I liked what I saw, and I thought this would be a good fit, so they offered the job and I took it."

When Angie started working for Harrah's Ak-Chin she was asked by Geoff Andres, Harrah's General Manager at that time, to join him and take a language class that was being offered to employees. Little did she know that class would open the door to so many more learning opportunities and the beginning of many relationships.

Angie excitedly discussed her first language class, taught by her first "Maşcamdam" (teacher) Sally Antone. She said the class was very interesting. She felt that she adapted well to learning the language as she could relate it to the other three languages she spoke, English, Spanish and Tagalog (Filipino).

Angie also shared her commitment and dedication by participating in the many community events, such as the Masik Tas parades or Elder Meals and events. "We always participated in the events and contests through the years."

But her favorite story is the O'odham language classes. As she got better she would use her teachings during presentations.

"When we would do our



Above, Angie Groeneveld shares a happy moment with Ak-Chin Elder, Terry Enos at an Elder Center luncheon. Runner file photo

council presentations I would write out what I was going to say in O'odham, and I'd ask (language) to please check and make sure I did it right... then I would go up there and say "Añi Taicu Eg Lial," and they would all laugh... because it was like capital time and I had to tell them I needed money."

She is looking forward to traveling with her husband after retiring. Although, she knows she will need to stay busy. She also plans to volunteer at her church, teaching catechism. "I loved doing that, because its just so enriching watching these kids making their first confession... It's time to give back, so I'm going to call and sign up."

"I have been so fortunate to become an unofficial member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, building relationships, getting to know people... the community treasures so much of what I believe in, the relationships and valuing elders, valuing children, that's how I grew up. We always had such a respectful title to elders we didn't just say their names." She also credits the hospitality that she grew up with as

being very similar to that of the community, as well as all the "relationships I built with Sally Antone and Delia (Carlyle) and people I've known through the years.

"So grateful (for) the blessings that I received, its been a terrific career (and) the blessings have way outnumbered the challenges, and the challenges have all been learning opportunities. So, they've made me a much better person. Through the years I've learned to be a teacher, I've been a teacher who cares, a teacher who establishes relationships and makes them lasting because that's what it's all about."

She plans to keep in touch with her friends here in the Community. "Sally was my very first "Maşcamdam" and she was the one who introduced me to the Ak-Chin culture. It wouldn't have happened if she didn't open the doors and then through her I met everybody else and got more involved."

Best wishes Angie as you begin this new chapter in life.

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## NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ELECTION

The 2022 Community Election will be held on **Saturday, November 19, 2022**, at the Ak-Chin Gym. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 AM and close promptly at 2:00 PM. This election will be to elect members to serve in the three (3) Council Member positions, as the terms of Lisa Garcia, Delia M. Carlyle, and Octavio Machado, will expire.

### NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve on the Community Council for a four (4) year term commencing in January 2023.

Nomination Forms will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters through Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson, beginning **Friday, August 19, 2022** through **Monday, September 19, 2022** between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Members may self-nominate. Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination in writing and the acceptance must be notarized. All Nomination Forms must be completed and received by not later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. Nomination Forms must be returned to Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson at Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR NOMINATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION FORM.**

### AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates will be required to sign a notarized Affidavit of Qualifications for Community Council Member. Affidavits will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office through Marilyn Thompson or Vicky Smith, beginning **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** through **Monday, September 19, 2022**, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Affidavits must be completed and turned in no later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 19, 2022**.

### ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- Must be 25 years of age or older.
- Must have not been convicted of a felony in the past ten (10) years.
- Must have resided within the external boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation for at least one (1) year prior to the upcoming election.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person as instructed below or by sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots may be requested in-person from Vicky Smith or Marilyn Thompson at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office beginning **Thursday, October 20, 2022** through **Monday, November 14, 2022**, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Absentee ballots may be returned either in-person or by mail. Absentee Ballots which are returned by mail must be notarized and postmarked no later than **Monday, November 14, 2022**. In person drop off, of Notarized Absentee Ballots, must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on **Friday, November 18, 2022**.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution provides that the members of the Community Council shall obtain the training required to properly perform their duties including, but not limited to, training on financial management and the conduct of meetings.

### CODE OF ETHICS

Council Members are subject to a Code of Ethics, which is adopted pursuant to Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution.

### ELIGIBLE VOTER LIST

Copies of the Eligible Voter List will be posted at the following locations:

Community Headquarters Office  
Vekol Market  
Justice Complex  
Service Center  
Him-Dak Museum

Members are encouraged to verify that their name is on the Eligible Voter List. If your name is not on the Eligible Voter List and you think it should be, contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 568-1029. In order to be on the Eligible Voter List you must be 18 years of age or older and be an enrolled member of the Community on or before Election Day.

### EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED/DISQUALIFIED VOTES

QUALIFIED - Any ballot with at least one (1) vote.  
DISQUALIFIED - Any ballot with more than three (3) votes.  
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PARENTS – CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR THE VOTING POLLS.

Community members with questions about the Election Ordinance or the election process (including the candidate nomination and qualification process) may contact the Election Board at [akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us).

In and effort to share educational information with our Elders we have started a new Bingo game. We will be sharing information to help Elders manage their money as the age.

Each participant received a notebook/file folder for important information and a copy of AARP's Thinking Ahead Roadmap, A guide to keeping your money safe as you age.

Prizes include a budget book, a portable organizer for tracking expenses and receipts, a 2022-2023 calendar notebook and a special monetary prize for the participant who can answer one question from each chapter!

We will be playing Financial Bingo for a couple more weeks so if you are an Elder and wish to participate come have lunch with us at the Center and get your game card and folder.

**B I N G O**

Please join us at the Ak-Chin Elders Center  
For: Thinking Ahead Roadmap  
A guide for keeping your money safe as you age.

**Bingo**

Join us for lunch, and grab your bingo card!

Check back each day for bingo calls.

Game starts Friday, August 19th.

\*If you're on Home delivery you will get your card, and calls, with your meal.

Grand prize for the Elder who can answer the 6 questions at the end of the Road!

**Flower Making Session**

*In Person or Take Home*

Program runs from:  
August 2nd - October 18, 2022

In Person is every Tuesday  
Time:  
4:30 - 7:00 pm  
Place:  
Him-Dak Art Building  
(Transportation provided within the Ak-Chin Community, please call before 4:00 pm.)

For take home bags, please call the Him-Dak to schedule a pick up or drop off time.

Open to all Ak-Chin Community Members and Residents, who would like to make crepe paper flower wreaths for All Souls Day.

**520-568-1350/1354/1355**

## Elder September Breakfast-Lunch Menu

**1 Cream of Wheat,** Boiled Egg, Toast, Fruit | **Meatloaf,** Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Green Beans, Romaine Salad, Wheat Rolls, Peaches

**2 Scrambled Eggs with Potatoes Bacon and Onion,** Toast, Fruit Salad | **Tuna or Chicken on Whole Wheat Bread,** Broccoli, 3 Bean Salad, Apples, Tomato Juice

5 Labor Day Holiday – Center Closed

**6 Oatmeal,** Boiled Eggs, English Muffins, Fresh Fruit | **Grilled Chicken,** Butternut Squash, Asparagus, Wheat Rolls, Pears

**7 Breakfast Casserole,** Toast, Muffin, Oranges | **Chili Beans, Chili Meat**

**(D),** Romaine Salad, Peas, Corn Bread, Fruit Cocktail

**8 Breakfast Burrito,** Yogurt, Granola Bar, Pears | **Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D),** Corn on Cob, Carrots, Fresh Cut Fruit

**9 Cream of Wheat,** Boiled Eggs, Toast, Peaches | **Zuppa Toscana Soup w/Sausage,** Potato & Kale, Romaine Salad, Bread Sticks, Cherry Crisp-Apples

**12 Boiled Eggs,** Avocado Slices Toast, Cottage Cheese, Rice Pudding Fruit | **Split Peas w/Ham Beef & Barely Soup (D),** Sweet Potato/Potato (D), Brown Rice, Moon Bread, Strawberry Cake-Plums

**13 Cream of Wheat,** Boiled Eggs, English

Muffin, Cottage Cheese Fruit | **Salad Bar,** Potato Soup, Wheat Rolls, Mandarin Oranges

**14 Tofu Scrambled,** Avocado Slices, Toast, Strawberry Turnover, Oranges | **Fish or Chicken Sandwich on Wheat Buns,** Green Leaf/Tomato, Lima Beans, Beets, Cantaloupe

**15 Apple Cinnamon,** Pancakes, Scramble Eggs, Bacon, Fruit | **Zucchini, Yellow Squash Casserole,** Wild Rice, Romaine Salad, Tropical Fruit

**16 Overnight Oats,** Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | **Broccoli Soup,** Ham Sandwich, Fresh Cut Fruit





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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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may be phoned in, faxed  
or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'dham  
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Newspaper and encourages  
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If you have artwork, photos,  
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#### DEADLINE

Don't forget the  
DEADLINE for the  
**September 16 - 29, 2022**  
issue is due by  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Material submitted after the  
**SEPTEMBER 9TH DEADLINE**  
cannot be guaranteed  
placement. If appropriate  
and relevant, it will be  
included in the next issue.

#### Community Meeting continued from Front

to Chairman Miguel, he  
began his update sharing  
that the community got a  
visit from the San Carlos  
Apache Tribe to tour the  
Community. With Ak-  
Chin Farm Manager,  
Damian Murrieta  
alongside, Chairman  
Miguel gave San Carlos  
Apache Tribal Chairman  
Terry Rambler, and  
members of the San  
Carlos Council, San  
Carlos Farm Board and  
a few San Carlos staff  
members a tour of Ak-  
Chin. The tribe was  
very interested in the  
production and growth  
of Ak-Chin Farms.

Chairman continued  
speaking about his  
August schedule,  
that included the Self  
Governance conference  
in San Francisco with  
Councilmember Carlyle,  
where he was a moderator  
for a few sessions at the  
conference. He met with  
the news staff from the  
Phoenix Indian Center,  
and shared that he and  
Treasurer Brandon Peters  
also met with the Super  
Bowl Committee, in  
preparation for the 2023  
Superbowl which will be  
held in Arizona. He also  
shared potential activities  
that may be brought to

the Community with the  
tribe's sponsorship.

Chairman met with staff  
from the University of  
Arizona who are working  
with the Ak-Chin  
Education department to  
announce the free tuition  
program. He participated  
in the Count on Us  
election event at the  
Arizona Science Center,  
and participated in the  
Arizona Tribal Council  
of Association and  
Arizona Indian Gaming  
meetings.

Chairman Miguel  
participated in a  
Leader's luncheon at  
the Maricopa Unified  
School District. He  
spoke at a tribal leader's  
summit in Flagstaff,  
and his participation at  
the Native American  
Journalist Association  
Conference in Phoenix,  
where he was asked to do  
a blessing and welcome.  
He ended his update with  
a brief rundown of his  
schedule for next month.

After Council updates  
were done, the floor  
was opened to the  
membership for a Q&A  
session; questions and  
topics included; status  
of Community Events

Planner position,  
Ak-Chin Veterans  
Celebration and  
Masik Tas, Superbowl  
Sponsorship, Emergency  
Rental Assistance and  
Home Owners Assistance  
programs, Off-  
reservation assistance for  
minors, Park in Farms  
Housing subdivision,  
Upcoming Capital  
Projects, C-Store, RV  
Park, Casino Upgrades,  
Administration Building,  
Fresenius lease, Right-  
of-Way Projects, Right-  
of-Entry, Fee-to-Trust  
Projects, Environmental  
Assessment, American  
Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Projects, Water System  
Upgrades, Economic  
Development Review  
Committee, Current  
CDC Guidelines,  
Incident Management  
Team status, guidelines,  
roles and recruitment,  
School guidelines for  
COVID.

After the Q&A  
concluded, members  
who attended were put  
in for a raffling of gift  
cards. The meeting ended  
around 8pm. The next  
Community Meeting is  
scheduled for Monday,  
September 26. Please  
call 520-568-1000 for  
more information.



*San Carlos Tribal Farm Visit to Ak-Chin Left to right: Councilman Simon Hooke Councilman Allred Pike, Jr. Tribal Farm General Manager AJ Ben, Councilman David Nozie, Chairman Terry Rambler, Chairman Robert Miguel, Councilman John Antonio, Jr., Daniel Billy, Farm Staff, Daniel Boni, Jr., Gilson Wash Support Staff, Christabelle Mull, Tribal General Manager, Casey Ethelbah, Farm Staff, Sandra Burdette, Farm Office Manager, and Gregory Patten, Farm Staff.*



### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

#### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE COMMUNITY FIBER NETWORK UPGRADE PROJECT (DESIGN SERVICES)

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all Design Consultants to submit proposal on a Consulting Services Agreement. The selected company will supply a full design and cost estimate for the following:

- Conduit design, placement, specifications
- Fiber deployment design
- Recommendations in design for cable sizes and specifications
- Design locations of fiber enclosures and pull boxes
- Splicing/crossover schedule and design

The project funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with requirements in providing "Fair Wages".

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, by WebEx.** To register for a WebEx invitation email [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us), by noon on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until **12:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, September 21, 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](mailto: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.



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Ak-Chin Indian Community Ak-Chin Healthcare Management Structure Project

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct a plan for design for the delivery of healthcare services, hiring staff and management oversight for the operation of current and future programs, services, functions and activities. The selected consultant will develop a report with options and recommendations for Community Council consideration. This project is a 100% grant funded \$60,000 project through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, Tribal Management Grant.

#### I. BACKGROUND

The Community is a Title V self-governance compacted Tribe since 2018 with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service. The Community currently operates three (3) self-governance programs: EMS Ambulance, Health Education, and Purchased Referred Care. The Ak-Chin Healthcare Management Structure Project will establish development needs and set goals along with objectives for future development in healthcare.

#### II. QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted via email by 12:00 p.m. MST on Friday, September 16, 2022 to the Purchasing Manager. **The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday, September 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. MST.**

#### III. SUBMISSIONS

Physical submissions shall be provided in a package clearly marked "AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE PROJECT." Please submit five (5) bound and (1) unbound copies of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below.

Flora Howerton  
Purchasing Manager  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

### 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, September 13, 2022, at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

#### CASE: SD-04-22: MAIR 25(1) Reconstruction of Antone Avenue with Pedestrian Pathway:

Project Applicant/Capital Projects Director, Perry Vettraino, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for a roadway improvement project within an existing Right-of-Way. The project consists of:

- 0.32 miles of roadway improvements on Antone Avenue, south of Juan Street; and
- 0.49 miles of multi-use pathway on the east side of Antone Avenue; and
- Installation of fence; and
- Installation of solar light pole standards; and
- Transfer of BIA right-of-way and creation of Tribal right-of-way.

# WIC

#### REMINDER:

Will be held at the LIBRARY

(until further notice)

Save the date:

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:  
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66 W. Pima, Sacaton, AZ





Native American Baseball Showcase continued from Front

bring to the game. 7G has worked hard to address the challenges facing Indian Country. This partnership with the Atlanta Braves will help continue our mission of taking our Native youth to the next level,” said Bennae

Calac, Founder and Executive Director, 7G Foundation. About Atlanta Braves Based in Atlanta since 1966, the Braves are the longest continuously operating franchise in Major League Baseball. Since 1991, Braves

teams have earned two National League wild cards, 19 division championships, six National League pennants, and two World Series titles. Atlanta Braves games are telecast on Bally Sports South and Bally Sports Southeast. Radio broadcasts can be heard in Atlanta on 680 The Fan (AM)/93.7 (FM) and regionally on the Atlanta Braves Radio Network. Follow the Braves at [braves.com](http://braves.com), [facebook.com/braves](https://facebook.com/braves), and [twitter.com/braves](https://twitter.com/braves).

About 7G Foundation 7G Foundation is a collection of entrepreneurs, coaches, and tribal leaders building on the strength of their ancestors to mold the next seven generations of Native leaders through education, athletics, culture, and real-world support.



Zylen running some drills with teammates.



Group shot of the Native American All-Star Baseball Team in Atlanta, Georgia. Zylen Antone, kneeling 8th from right bottom row.

# Ak-Chin Library host: Family Story Time with Mr. Jeff

Photos by R. Peters

An evening of FUN for the whole family was had at the very special Family Storytime hosted at the Ak-Chin Library on August 12th, 2022.

Children and their families were in for a nice evening of games, funny dancing, sing-along songs, creating music, and of course story time.

Joining in for this special Family Storytime was former Ak-Chin Librarian, Jeffery Stoffer, along with his trusty side kick Bacon!

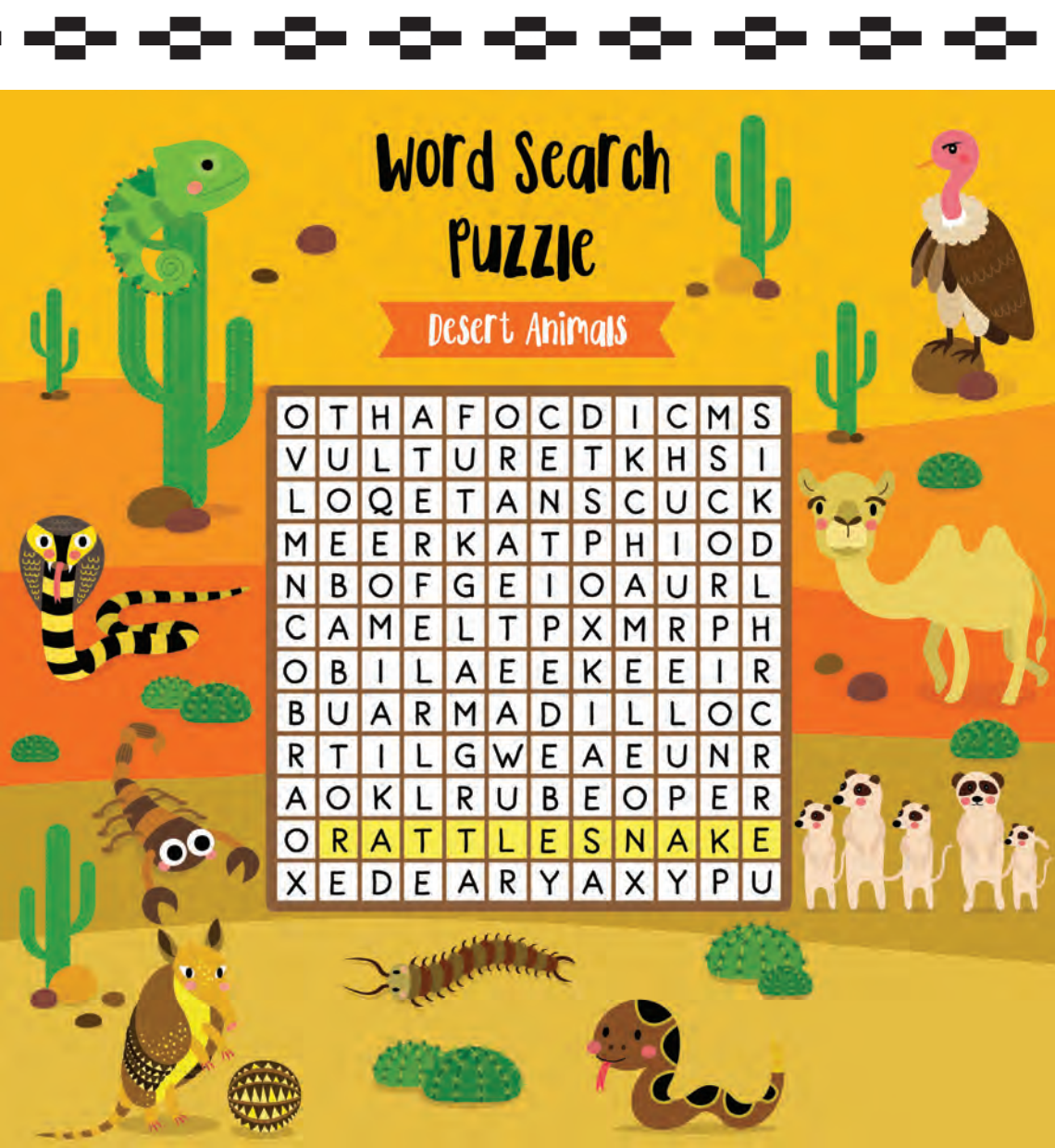
Mr. Jeff and Bacon brought an abundance of fun to families that night, as everyone gathered to hear the stories of the Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems, Naked by Michael Ian Black and Chicken Cheeks also by Michael Ian Black.



Mr. Jeff reading to the children at Family Story Time.

Along with reading books and fun activities like the parachute game, families enjoyed time together, sharing

quality reading and spending time catching up with one another.



# Pate Justin joins MWMS Volleyball for 2022 Fall season

Photo by R. Peters



Above, serving is Maricopa Wells Middle School, 8th grader, Pate Justin. Pate is starting setter for the A-Team and a co-captain.

She said her team is doing pretty good, "we need to work on communication." MWMS Panther Volleyball

A-Team, record is 3-3. Their next home game will be on September 6.

Pate and her team are scheduled for the state playoffs, September 12-13, at St. Anthony's School in Casa Grande and would love to see fans in the stands.

ATTENTION

Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

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

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

These two dudes, chill and relax while listening to stories told by Mr. Jeff.

Play time with puppets!

1000 Books thru Kindergarten

Ages 0-6 years old

Call to schedule a pick up time for your Sign Up bag!!  
520-568-1675

Read Prize Breakdown Below

For every 100 books Recive a DQ Gift card

Read 500 Books to receive a trip to Build A Bear Workshop!!!

Read 1000 Books and receive Grand Prize and a Party!!!

Program in open to Ak-Chin Community Members and Residents

You have until

September 5th to

finish 2022 Summer

Reading.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

DON'T FORGET TO LOG YOUR BOOKS TODAY!

[HTTPS://AKCHINLIBRARY.AZSUMMERREADING.ORG/](https://akchinlibrary.azsummerreading.org/)



# Ak-Chin Health Education presents: 2022 Glow Run

GLOW RUN was the first in-person only event since St. Patrick's Day 5k in March of 2020. We had 232 registrants

for this event, and had 179 individuals come join us for the evening. We did not offer a competitive timed event,

instead a fun 2-mile family walk. To encourage social distancing, we offered wave times so that 10-12 individuals

started the route every five minutes. It was an open start anywhere from 6-7:30 PM.

It was great to host an in-person event for the first time in a few years. It feels like it has been a really long time! We greatly appreciated the help that we received from Ak-Chin Youth Council, Vekol Market, Sanitation/Public Works, GIS - Shauna-Rae Brown, Clayton and Waylon Antone.

Also, we like to thank the Ak-Chin Fire and Ak-Chin Police

Department for standby support. In addition, we would like to thank all the participants for joining us for the evening. We hope that you will join us at one of our future events! It was great to see everyone in person and to be in the atmosphere of an in-person event. We hope you enjoyed!

Submitted by Martina Guy-Peters Ak-Chin Health Educator




Scenes from the Glow Run by R. Rosoff. Everyone enjoyed the evening Glow Run, despite the hot and windy weather, with light up accessories to help navigate the course. Crossing the finish line had great benefits, like a delicious bbq chicken dinner from Vekol, health snacks and finisher's t-shirt for all and a pretty cool cooler given to head of household participants. Raffle prizes were also given to select winners.



 <b>Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation</b> Schedule August 19th - 31st <i>Notes</i> MAP = Milton Antonio Park (JHP) - Hohokam Park Calendar is subject to change Recreation programs have priority use of the facilities	<b>Thursdays:</b> <b>Weight Room</b> 8am - 9pm <b>Open Gym</b> 8am-2pm & 4pm-5:30pm <b>Gym Reserved</b> 2pm-4pm & 5:30pm - 7pm <b>Game Room</b> 3pm-6pm <b>Volleyball Open Gym</b> 7pm-9pm
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Ak-Chin Health Education Presents...



**ZUMBA**  
Classes with Josie

**Classes Starting August 9th**  
**Tuesday Evenings**  
**6:00 PM - 7:00PM**  
**Ak-Chin Recreation Gym**

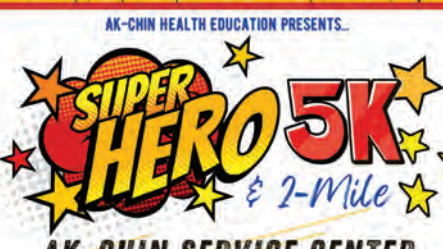


Register using GOOGLE Forms. Scan QR code to register for class.

Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, their families, Residents, and Ak-Chin Employees and their families.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...



**AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022**  
**STARTING AT 7:30 AM**

**CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!!**  
 JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR A 2-MILE OR 5K ROUTE.  
 5K STARTING AT 7:30AM AND 2 MILE AT 8:00AM.  
 REGISTER USING GOOGLE FORMS.  
 TOP FINISHERS FOR 5K WILL BE AWARDED.  
 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT, BREAKFAST & ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE.  
 OPEN TO AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES.



QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1085 OR NGUY@AK-CHIN.NSH.US



**Who can utilize Ak-Chin tribal transit services?**  
 Any individual seeking transportation to or from Ak-Chin can utilize our services. This service is provided free of charge. Any individual seeking to ride alone must be over 10 years of age or accompanied by a rider over 15 years of age.

**Where do I go to get on the**

**bus?**  
 We come to your residence in Ak-Chin. We can pick up and drop you off curbside at your door.

**My child is being sent home sick from school, can you provide transportation?**  
 Yes. Transit can provide services to and from Ak-Chin Preschool only. If they are under ten years of age then

Transit will have to pick up an adult that you are sending first and then the child from school. If no adult is available to go to the school for a passenger under ten years of age, then we will be unable to provide transport.

**Can I receive rides to work?**  
 Yes. We are open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. You can

schedule up to seven days in advance.

**Where can I go?**  
 Anywhere in Maricopa or Ak-Chin as long as it is within 5 miles of Ak-Chin boundaries. This includes shopping, dining, doctors' offices and other appointments. Please note: Ak-Chin Tribal Transit will not go to residences in Maricopa at this time. Only Public destinations.

**How much notice do you need to schedule Transit Services?**  
 We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available.

**COMPLIMENTARY ON-DEMAND SERVICE**

**PROUDLY SERVING**  
**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**

On-Demand Service is safe, reliable, efficient and clean. Call our office and inform us when you need Transportation. Ak-Chin Tribal Transit will pick you up and take you to your desired destination for free. On-Demand response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian community and most commercial and government addresses in Maricopa. You do not need to be a community member to utilize our services. Please keep our professional staff in mind to meet your Transportation needs.

**Popular Destinations:**

- Local Businesses
- Shopping centers
- Work
- Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
- Many food destinations

\*All reservations must include either a pick-up or drop-off location within the Ak-Chin Indian community.

**Please keep us in mind for your transportation needs.**  
**Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382**  
**Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 7:00AM to 5:45PM.\***

**How many times can I ride a day?**  
 At this time there is no limit to the amount service Ak-Chin Tribal Transit is willing to provide if it can be appropriately accommodated. Please call into dispatch and advise us of your needs. **What if I need to cancel a ride?**  
 You are urged to cancel a scheduled ride as early as possible. We ask for a 15-minute notice. If a 15-minute notice is not given, you will be considered a no show. Reliable and on time transportation can be difficult to achieve when proper protocols are not followed.

**What are your hours of operation?**  
 Office hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. The Transit Department observes many Ak-Chin recognized holidays. If you have questions on whether or not Transit will be offering services on a particular day, please contact us.

**Can employees be picked up from one department and taken to another department?**  
 Yes. Please contact the Transit Department and schedule services.

**Are the Transit vehicles wheelchair accessible?**  
 Yes. Transit Staff are properly trained to provide this service to our residents. Each vehicle is equipped with four ratcheting WTORS and proper lap and shoulder restraints. Please let the Transit Department know over the phone if those services will be needed.

**What if I need services that are not currently being provided?**  
 If there is a service that you currently would like to receive and we are not providing it please let us know. The only way we can change our current structure and focus our services on the community, is to have feedback on what is really needed by the community.



**TO SCHEDULE A RIDE:**  
 CALL: 520-568-1630  
 TEXT: 520-340-0382





GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE  
(520) 550-6079



GRHC.ORG/HUB

## Ak-Chin Indian Community COVID TESTING DATES

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
5 pm - 7 pm

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
5 pm - 7 pm

**Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex, Maricopa, AZ 85139**

## COVID VACCINE LOCATIONS >>>

You may also visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines

Walk-in or schedule an appointment by calling (602) 528-1482

**Red Tail Hawk Health Center**  
**COVID VACCINE ONLY**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am - 2 pm**



SCAN FOR  
VACCINE  
INFORMATION



**September is**  
**Suicide Prevention**  
**& Awareness Month**  
(SPAM).  
**Say Yes 2 Life!**  
Behavioral Health

Services is raising awareness on the stigmatized and often taboo, topic of suicide.

Scan the QR code to view the Suicide Prevention Awareness Month calendar of events.



**If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call/text 988 or call the GRIC Crisis Line at 1-800-259-3449.**

## Family Planning Calendar

*The September 2022 calendar for the Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic is available.*

**ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

*For more information, call or text (520) 371-0132.*



## Flu Season Is Coming Soon!



Flu vaccines will be available to GRHC patients, and patients of federally recognized tribal communities only.

Walk-in or schedule an appointment at any one of our Primary Care Departments (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495

## Reminder!

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

**CLOSED ON LABOR DAY**  
**Monday, 9/5/22**

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, 9/6/22.

**CLOSED ON NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**  
**FRIDAY, 9/16/22**

Normal business hours will resume Monday, 9/19/22.

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988**

**Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449**





# GAME HACKER

## Scratch 3

Are your kids interested in coding?  
Would they like to give it a try?

Join us for Game Hacker in person.  
Every Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM.

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

**Spots are limited!**

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



## Returning September 2nd



Join us every Friday from 4:30 to 6  
for Game Night at the Library!

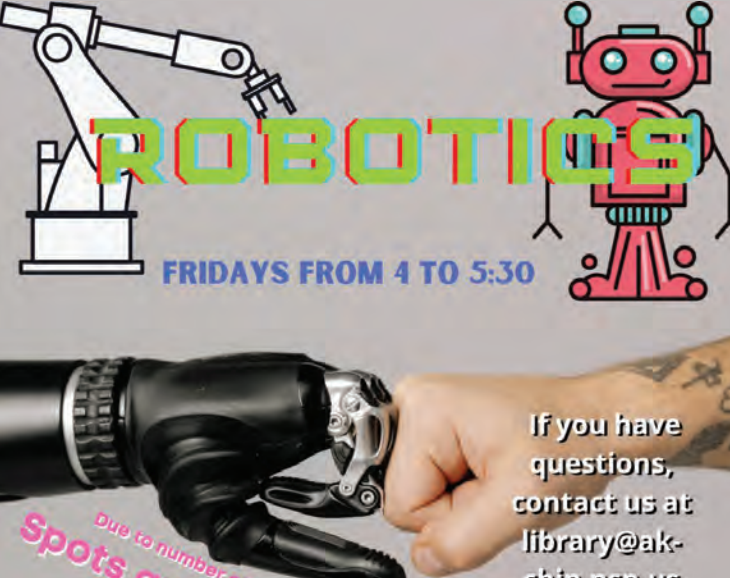


## Gardening Club is here!

the club part anyways

More information contact the Library at  
library@ak-chin.nsn.us  
or 520-568-1675.

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## ROBOTICS

FRIDAYS FROM 4 TO 5:30

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## JOB OPENINGS


- Airport Operations Technician
- Breakfast Cook
- Communications Officer (911)
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer - Certified
- Detention Officer - Non-Certified
- Driver - Elder Program (2)
- Economic Development Analyst
- Network Systems Technician
- Photo Journalist
- Police Officer (Recruit/Non-Certified)
- Police Officer - Certified
- Project Manager
- Recreation Program Assistant
- Senior Planner

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.

## Happy Labor Day!



From the staff at  
the Runner



Look who turned 18...  
Happiest Birthday my  
Robert Junior. My  
quiet, shy, humble  
guy. This day came too  
fast I want you back  
to being small and  
just chilling. You're  
my luckiest kid and  
thanks so much for  
just being you for me.  
We all love you and  
need you.

Love Mom and your  
brothers

Happy Birthday to my grandson Justin, and my  
granddaughter Mary  
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Rope!  
Love your Family

Wishes

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

9/1  
Barbara Hawkins,  
Fire & Safety  
Vanessa Soliz, Enrollment  
Celina Miguel, Courts

9/2  
Erica Aguilar, Law & Order  
Jennifer Smith, TGA

9/3  
Michelle Justin, Maintenance

9/4  
Bianka Mata, Cultural  
Tommy Jensen,  
Environmental Protection

9/5  
Karen Fierro,  
Self Governance  
Cody Morris, Fire & Safety  
Mario Campos, Maintenance

9/6  
Quinn Shumway, Prosecutor

9/7  
Clayton Antone,  
Fire & Safety  
Henry Pane, Airport

9/8  
Duane Antone,  
Him Dak Museum  
Earl Neal, Maintenance

9/9  
Michael Garza, Fire & Safety

9/11  
Francisco Viezcas, Sanitation

9/12  
Ethan Vavages, Sanitation  
Marcela Paramo, Early  
Childhood  
Ana Hernandez, TGA

9/15  
Theodore Puetz,  
Environmental Protection

9/17  
Michael Dudzinski,  
Fire & Safety

9/18  
Tamarita Ned,  
Human Resources

9/19  
Robert Miguel, Chairman  
Sonia Narcia, Elderly  
Andres Flores, TGA  
Daniel Gutierrez Flores,  
Parks & Recreation

9/20  
Matt Shepard, Fire & Safety  
Michael Baerg, Fire & Safety  
Clifford Myers, Safety

9/22  
Barbra Munoz,  
Law & Order  
Evagenlyn Romo,  
Maintenance  
Iris Smith, Elderly  
Monica Hall, TGA

9/23  
Cleo Pablo, Courts  
Brena Broseman,  
Law & Order  
Jacob Dickerson,  
Fire & Safety

9/27  
David Sye, TGA

9/30  
Veronica Santiago, Retail

# August Birthdays



**September 1st**  
John Batopis  
Daniel Chavez  
Vanessa Soliz

**September 2nd**  
Jennifer Smith  
Bernadette White

**September 3rd**  
Theresa Ormsby  
Michelle Justin  
Kyla Narcia

**September 4th**  
Bianka Stephens  
Tommy Jensen

**September 5th**  
Dawson Allison  
Harrison Smith  
Philbert Narcia Sr.  
Robert Santos Jr.  
Patricia Thomas

**September 6th**  
Marcelino Jacuinde  
Mila Aguilla

**September 7th**  
Joseph Justin  
Gabrielle Compton  
Jorge Stephens  
Clayton Antone  
Matthew Manuel  
Randall Narcia

**September 8th**  
Alana Oliver  
Darris Vincent  
Sylvia Gutierrez

**September 9th**  
Kingston Narcia  
Linus Johnson  
Eleazar Baptisto  
Justin Zabawa, Jr.

**September 10th**  
Steven Narcia  
Kelvert Joaquin

**September 11th**  
Rope Justin  
Mary Narcia

**September 13th**  
Lisa Matuz  
Tatum Campbell

**September 14th**  
Lucy Antone  
Eva Romo  
Ember Navarrette  
ShaMarie Florez

**September 15th**  
Stacie Antone  
Krislyn Pablo

**September 16th**  
Fernando Smith, Jr.  
Angela Manuel  
Angelo Manuel  
Graham Smith

**September 17th**  
Josiah Thomas  
Frederick Antone  
Rosalie Perry  
Stephanie Smallcanyon

**September 18th**  
Danel Peters  
Isaiah Miguel  
Marin Lopez  
Rebecca Ruiz

**September 19th**  
Andres Hernandez  
Sonia Narcia  
Joycelyn Kaniatobe  
Robert Miguel

**September 20th**  
Riley Wilson  
Elijah Peters  
Kyren Antone

**September 21st**  
Monica Noriega  
Dani White

**September 22nd**  
Shannen Smith  
Evangelyn Romo  
Gabriel Santiago  
Iris Smith

**September 23rd**  
Cleo Pablo  
Aurelia Dominguez  
Salmino Santiago  
Cecily Peters  
Jacob Dickerson Jr.  
Tracey Tallabas  
Nicholas Anderson

**September 24th**  
Nevaeh Jensen

**September 25th**  
Nakeasha White

**September 26th**  
Lindsay Antone

**September 27th**  
Adrian Garcia Jr.  
Alyssa Garcia  
Irene Arredondo

**September 28th**  
Jason  
Kaniatobe

**September 29th**  
Lily Garcia

**September 30th**  
Veronica Santiago  
Kaleb Rivers  
Bryson Hazen  
Dominic Romo  
Elvia Castro  
Tyson Lopez

Happy Birthday!



## NOW PLAYING

**THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30  
**Friday:**  
 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00  
**Saturday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00  
**Sunday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30

**THE INVITATION**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30  
**Friday:**  
 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:30  
**Sunday:**  
 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30

**DRAGON BALL SUPER: SUPER HERO (DUBBED)**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00  
**Friday:**  
 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30  
**Sunday:**  
 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

**BEAST**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, & 6:30  
**Friday:**  
 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
 11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00  
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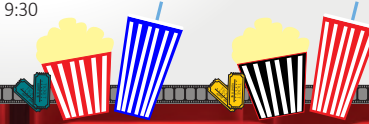
**BULLET TRAIN**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00  
**Friday:**  
 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00  
**Saturday:**  
 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00  
**Sunday:**  
 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

**DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 11:00am, 2:30 & 6:00  
**Friday:**  
 3:00, 6:30 & 10:00  
**Saturday:**  
 11:00am, 2:30, 6:00 & 9:30  
**Sunday:**  
 11:00am, 2:30, 6:00 & 9:30

**THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 1:00, 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

**MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 12:30, 3:30, 6:00 & 8:15  
**Friday:**  
 3:30, 6:00, 8:15 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
 12:30, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15 & 10:30  
**Sunday:**  
 12:30, 3:30, 6:00 & 8:15

**SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 11:30am, 3:00 & 6:30  
**Friday:**  
 3:00, 6:30 & 10:00  
**Saturday:**  
 11:30am, 3:00, 6:30 & 10:00  
**Sunday:**  
 11:30am, 3:00 & 6:30



**Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**

Ticket sales:  
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Boy George and Culture Club keep the crowd engaged during their show.

After opening up with “The Next Thing Will Be Amazing”, “It’s a Miracle” and “I’ll Tumble 4 Ya”, Boy George greeted everyone in O’odham with a well-rehearsed, “Sape Mas Ma” or hello, provided to him by Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, while backstage. He then shared a little history of the band, in between songs. Hits included, “Do You Really Want to Hurt Me”, “Time”, “Miss Me Blind”, “The War Song”, and “Karma Chameleon”.

Boy George and Culture Club,

emerged as a new wave band in the early 80’s, and were considered the Second British Invasion. They became very popular in the US on the cable music channel MTV, and have sold over 50 million records. Their music includes elements of American soul, Jamaican reggae, calypso and salsa.

Their album, Colour by Numbers, sold more than 10 million copies worldwide and listed on Rolling Stone magazine as the 100 Best Albums of the 1980’s, and included in the book, 1001

Albums You Must Hear Before You Die. The song “Time” is included on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame’s list of 500 songs that shaped rock and roll.

“Karma Chameleon” was the band’s biggest hit, peaking No. 1 in the UK, as the best-selling single of 1983. It also peaked at No. 1 in the US for three consecutive weeks, ultimately topping No. 1 in 30 countries. It is one of the top twenty best-selling singles of the 1980’s, selling seven million copies worldwide, with one of the most iconic images of Boy George on the cover.

Culture Club won BRIT Awards for Best British Breakthrough Act and Best British Group in 1983, as well as the Grammy for Best New Artist in 1984. “Karma Chameleon” won Best British Single in 1984, and the Billboard Music Awards Top UK Single, as well as the ASCAP Pop Music Awards for Most Performed Songs along with “It’s a Miracle”.

the Light”, and “Time is Love”.

During a break, Josh joked a little about the long-awaited show that took three years to get here. “You know this is a sold-out show, right... I can’t really brag about it though... we’ve been selling tickets for about three years.”

Josh dedicated his “Hometown Girls” song to all the local girls in the audience and when he sang “Your Man” everyone in the audience was so enthralled to hear that deep-southern voice. “Long Black Train” and “Why Don’t We Just Dance” sent out the same effect.

He also had fun promoting his “Josh Turner merchandise stand” located in the lobby. And while promoting the merchandise, he promoted one shirt in particular, a black t-shirt with an American Flag, saying a portion of the sale of that particular shirt would be donated to a charity, Operation Worship that is raising funds to provide Bibles to all service men and women and veterans across the world.

Josh Turner received a standing ovation in 2001, at the Grand Ole Opry when he debuted his song, “Long Black Train” which earned him a Platinum certification. The song was written as tribute to Hank Williams, Turner’s inspiration.

“Your Man” was his first number one single and the title of his second album, which also went Platinum and continued his second number one, “Why Don’t We Just Dance”. Your Man was

also nominated for a Grammy for Best Country Album and Best Male Country Vocal Performance.

Josh Turner was invited to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry on September 29, 2007. He was inducted by Vince Gill on October 27, 2007. He fulfilled his long-standing dream to cut a gospel album in 2018, I Serve a Savior, which debuted at number two on Billboard’s Country and Christian charts.



Ak-Chin beauties (l-r) Sheila Pablo-Bandin, Stacey Yarberry and Nikkol Martinez enjoy Josh Tuner.

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