

Chairman Robert Miguel attends Inflation Reduction Act Celebration at the White House

Story by J. Peters. Photos submitted



Chairman Miguel stands at the gates to the White House in Washington D.C. on September 13, 2022. The Chairman was invited to the White House to celebrate the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Tuesday September 13th, the White House celebrated the Inflation Reduction Act with a gathering of supporters, including Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, along with tribal leaders from Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe and Hopi Tribe, all representing Arizona Natives.

“The Inflation Reduction Act lowers prescription drug costs, health care costs, and energy costs. It’s the most aggressive action on tackling the climate crisis in American history, which will lift up American workers and create good-paying, union jobs across the country. It’ll lower the deficit and ask the ultra-wealthy and corporations to pay their fair

share. And no one making under \$400,000.00 per year will pay a penny more in taxes,” the White House states.

The Inflation Reduction Act also targets to give affordable and clean Energy to the people, as a means to combat the horrible climate crisis we are currently living through and brings good paying jobs for the American people. In Arizona,

“It will lower energy costs for households and businesses, create manufacturing jobs for American workers, and deliver a clean, secure, and healthy future for our children and grandchildren. The savings, jobs, and other benefits provided by this legislation

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Photo by R. Peters

Warning messages flashed on alarm systems and lit up social media on Monday, September 12, as strong winds, dark rotating clouds; like the ones pictured above; thunderstorms and lightning covered Arizona skies.

The unexpected tornado warning by

the National Weather Service was issued for Northern Pima and South-Central Pinal counties.

Although, the warning expired around 430pm, large hail, damaging winds and severe thunderstorms were still expected.

Ak-Chin Education hosts Parent Information Night



Elementary Advisor Shelia Pablo-Bandin presents to community parents. By J. Peters

August 31st, Community members filled the Ak-Chin Library conference room to hear Ak-Chin Education student-advisors give presentations on how they will provide help and advice to their students.

Advisors also shared with parents the proper outlets to contact the advisors when they are needing help with their student’s education. Education ended the evening with a dinner for everyone.



Above, Prey Producer Jhane Myers (middle) takes photos after the special screening of Prey, at AMC Arizona Center 24.

Prey, a prequel sci-fi action film to Predator, with a unique twist, as the heroine is a young Comanche

woman who must save her people from the alien predator that is hunting them.

A Q&A with producer Jhane Myers and ABC13 multi-media journalist Charly Edsitty, took place afterwards.

2022 National Native Media Conference, Phoenix Arizona

Story and photos by R. Peters

After a two-year delay, the Native American Journalists Association was finally able to host the 2022 National Native Media Conference, and with everything and everyone involved it was worth the wait.

Held at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, the three-day event was very eventful from start to finish, with a board election, tribute, special movie screening, silent auction and entertaining closing ceremony.

The Opening Ceremony began with a blessing and welcome from Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, who shared how special it was to be there, “it’s like being reunited and coming back home” as he referred to

working as a photojournalist in his early career.

He credited his time at the Runner and working in the field of journalism, “as to what’s helped develop me into a tribal leader today.”

Loren Tapahe, former publisher of the Arizona Native Scene newspaper and president-CEO of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona was asked to honor the Late Tim Giago.

Mr. Giago founded the first independent American Indian newspaper, Lakota Times, later changed to Indian Country Today. He was also a founding member of the Native American Journalists Association.

Tim was known as a fierce reporter and editor who was bound to writing the truth as he saw it, working in the field of journalism for forty years. He passed away July 24, 2022.

The Opening Reception was

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Arizona BingoPalooza

Ak-Chin Elder Center and seniors are invited to participate in a FREE upcoming community event -- Arizona BingoPalooza Festival on October 18, 2022 at 10 am (AZ).

This is an AZ Statewide Bingo Tournament, where seniors and recreation centers connect across Arizona to raise awareness about social isolation amongst older adults but in a fun and exciting way -- by playing Bingo!

Last year, we set a Guinness World Record for the most players via livestream.

This is a Statewide Bingo tournament! First of its kind and the launch of an annual tradition. Think -- an annual Coachella for seniors :)

Hundreds of players and different centers will be connected from all across Arizona to play up to 10 rounds of bingo, win amazing prizes, and enjoy goodie bags at the center.

The sponsors hope to highlight center stories, discuss community wins against social isolation and a few brief educational messages.



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BINGOPALOOZA

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2022
10 AM (AZ)
Get Ready for BINGO!



Launch of an Annual Bingo Festival connecting players all across the State!

Attend this FREE event at your local Arizona center or play virtually using a personal device.

Win Grand Prizes | Goody-Bags for Attendees | Refreshments




Scan Now to Register!


It's FREE for centers and individuals to participate in the Arizona BingoPalooza. Thanks to event sponsor WellCare.

Televeda will provide all the IT support your Center needs from Prizes, to Goody-bags for all attendees, to Food & tech set up, etc.

In a fun Oscar-style award presentation, Centers can win

super fun awards such as "Most Fun & Fabulous Center in Arizona", "Friendliest Center in Arizona", "Best Decorated Center in Arizona" and many more.

If you are interested in participating in the Arizona BingoPalooza Festival on October 18, 2022 please contact the Ak-Chin Elder Center at 520-568-1760.



ELDER CHAIR YOGA W/CHRISTY

*Caregivers of Elders & Grandparents
Raising Grandkids are welcome to join*

EVERY MONDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 9AM

Please call Marissa or Sonia at the Elder Center,
@ 520-568-1760 for any questions or to sign up.
Transportation will be provided.



COMMUNITY MEETING

6PM

September 26, 2022

For more information please call (520) 568-1000.

For questions about the Injury Prevention Program please call or email Teri De La Cruz at 520-568-1087 TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.nsn.us

Balancing and YOUR BODY

Injury Prevention Program Presents

Functional Fitness

Elements Event Center
16000 Maricopa Rd.

Let's help Prevent a Fall or an Injury

Attend 1 class every week for 10 weeks and receive a day of FUN!

Find ways to strengthen muscles, Improve balance and Improve Mood & Energy

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

How Exercise Can Help You Avoid a Fall

Call Injury Prevention for more information 520-568-1087

Elder September Breakfast-Lunch Menu

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

19 Egg and Ham Sandwich, Yogurt, Granola, Fruit | **Red Chili Stew w/ Potatoes,** Carrots, Romain Salad, Chumath, Pineapple

20 Rice Pudding, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Strawberries | **Chicken Enchiladas,** Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Apples, Raisin Oatmeal Cookies

21 Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Grapes | **Black Eyed Peas,** Pork Chop (D), Sautéed Spinach,

Roasted Vegetables, Wheat Rolls, Grapes

22 Omelet, Toast, Muffin, Mix Fruit | **Chicken & Rice,** Normandy Vegetables, Corn, Watermelon

23 NARD Holiday-Elder Center Closed

26 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit | **Pork Chop Smothered,** Mashed Potato, Beet Greens w/Bacon, Apple Sauce

27 Chilaquiles, Scrambled Eggs, Beans, Fruit | **Tofu Taco w/Bell Peppers & Avocado,** Sautéed Cabbage, Wild Rice,

Fruit Cocktail

28 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Toast, Fruit | **Chicken Parmesan,** Green Beans w/Bacon & Mushrooms, Peas, Peaches

29 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | **Carne Asada & Bean Burrito,** Zucchini & Corn, Pumpkin Bar-- Apples

30 Potatoes with Chorizo, Beans, Tortilla, Muffin, Yogurt, Granola Bar | **Indian Tacos,** Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Green Beans, Jell-O, Oranges

** Menu items subject to change **

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

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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 Mercedes Rivera, 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 Mercedes Rivera 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 Vicky Smith or Mercedes Rivera, 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:

- (a) is currently an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and has been an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election, where such membership is not based on adoption under Section 2 (b) of Article II of this Constitution, AND
- (b) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age, AND
- (c) has been residing on the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation or on land owned in fee by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election, AND
- (d) has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty in any tribal, state or Federal court or of an offense which would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty under the laws of Arizona.

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 Mercedes Rivera 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.



61st Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program

The 61st annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program will be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts on October 8, 2022 starting at 6:30 P.M. This year's theme is: "Celebrating Indigenous Resilience". The program brings the rich history and culture of the Arizona tribes to the forefront and serves to enhance career opportunities and produce role models who exemplify positive Native American values.

The eight young women from

across the state vying for the 2022-23 Miss Indian Arizona title are:
Cheyanne Ruth Begay, Navajo Nation
Kaitlyn Kaylee Dillon, San Carlos Apache Tribe
Lehuna Lani Dosela, Gila River Indian Community
Emile Eich, Navajo Nation
Manderee Jose, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Sistine Lewis, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Maria Pablo, Tohono O'odham Nation

Morgan Angel Smith, San Carlos Apache Tribe

The Miss Indian Arizona Association and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona invite you to come out and support our young Indian women as they proudly display their talent, poise, grace, speaking ability and most importantly their tribal traditions on stage. This year the Association will be awarding \$10,400 in scholarship funds to the winners.

Proof of Covid 19 vaccination shot/s and the wearing of masks are required for all participants and those attending the program. Free Covid-19 Testing will be available on site. Tickets can be purchased electronically at www.chandlercenter.org, in person at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ. Box Office -480-782-2680.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

JOIN THE AK-CHIN YOUTH COUNCIL!

THE AK-CHIN YOUTH COUNCIL IS NOW RECRUITING FOR 2022-2023

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

TRAVEL/NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

MUST BE A MEMBER OR RESIDENT OF THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13-25

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED GO TO TINYURL.COM/JOINACYC OR REACH OUT TO THE YC!

CONTACT JDAVIS2@AK-CHIN.NSN.US OR 520-568-1044

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
Phone: (520)-568-1375



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation

September Schedule

Hours of Operation Gym/Weight Room M-Th 8am-9pm Fri 8am-6pm Sat-Sun 12pm-6pm Pool M-F Closed Sat-Sun 12pm-6pm	Thursdays: Weight Room 8am – 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-5pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm & 6pm – 7:30pm Game Room 3pm-6pm Volleyball Open Gym 7pm-9pm
Mondays: Weight Room 8am – 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm, 4pm-5pm & 7:30pm-9pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm	Fridays: Weight Room 8am – 6pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-6pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm CLOSED: Friday, September 23rd
Tuesdays: Weight Room 8am – 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-9pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm Game Room 3pm-6pm Zumba 6pm-7pm Volleyball Open Gym 7pm-9pm	Saturdays: Weight Room 12pm – 6pm Open Gym 12pm – 6pm Gym Reserved 5pm-7pm Pool 12pm – 6pm
Wednesdays: Weight Room 8am – 9pm Open Gym 8am-2pm & 4pm-9pm Gym Reserved 2pm-4pm 6pm -8pm Game Room 3pm-6pm	Sundays: Weight Room 12pm – 6pm Open Gym 12pm – 6pm Gym Reserved 5pm-7pm Pool 12pm – 6pm



SimplyE

The Library E-Reader App

Borrow thousands of e-books and audiobooks available at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

Welcome to SimplyE!

The only digital content app created by libraries for their communities. Browse, borrow, and enjoy any e-book or digital audiobook in our library's collection. SimplyE brings all your books together in a single app.

Easy to learn, navigate and use

Offers thousands of new e-books, audiobooks, and classics

Accessible for those with visual impairments or reading difficulties

Protects your privacy

START READING!

Download **SimplyE** at the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or contact the Library at 520-568-1675 for more information.

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

Car Seat Check-Up

Save the Date

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

MILTON PAUL ANTONIO PARK
46851 W FARRELL RD, MARICOPA, AZ 85139

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Congress holds hearing on two bills to strengthen sacred sites protection

Legislation would improve tribal co-management and protect cultural sites Washington, DC—The House Natural Resources Committee today held its first hearing on two bills designed to strengthen tribal co-management of public lands and allow Tribes to weigh in on cultural sites protection.

The Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act and Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act, introduced by Representative Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), have broad support from Tribes, Native organizations, and environmental groups.

“These bills address a significant gap in sacred sites protection,” said Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), executive director of Native Organizers Alliance. “Too often the fate of our most sacred places where we hold ceremonies, gather food and medicines, and get our drinking water, is controlled by whoever is in the White House. These bills

codify the protections, like Tribal consultation, that are so important to protecting and maintaining sacred sites.”

“When Tribes are not engaged in the planning and management of our ancestral lands,” said LeBlanc, “and when we do not have the ability to consent to their protection, development, or care, we are left to defend them through the court systems or direct action like at Standing Rock.”

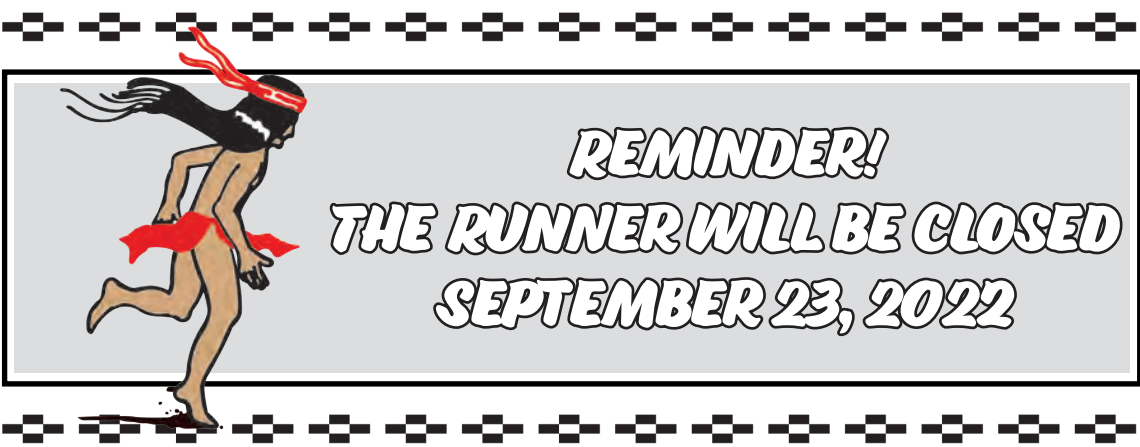
Among other provisions, the Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act would: establish a national Tribal Cultural Areas System that consists of sites on public lands that are culturally significant to Tribes; direct land management agencies to identify potential tribal cultural areas; and empower Tribes to engage in co-management of public lands through cooperative management agreements with federal agencies.

“Nobody knows our ancestral lands better than our own

people,” said LeBlanc. “Incorporating Indigenous knowledge through co-management will benefit everyone and helps us protect these places for many generations to come.”

The Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act would require public land managers to consult with tribal governments. As of now, they are only required to engage State and local governments. The legislation would also enable the purchase or transfer of public lands to Tribal nations, something that has only been available to State and local governments.

“These are commonsense laws that should have been enacted long ago to uphold tribal sovereignty and honor the treaties,” said LeBlanc. “It’s past time that Congress take action to strengthen sacred sites protection by passing these two laws.”



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 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.

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.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

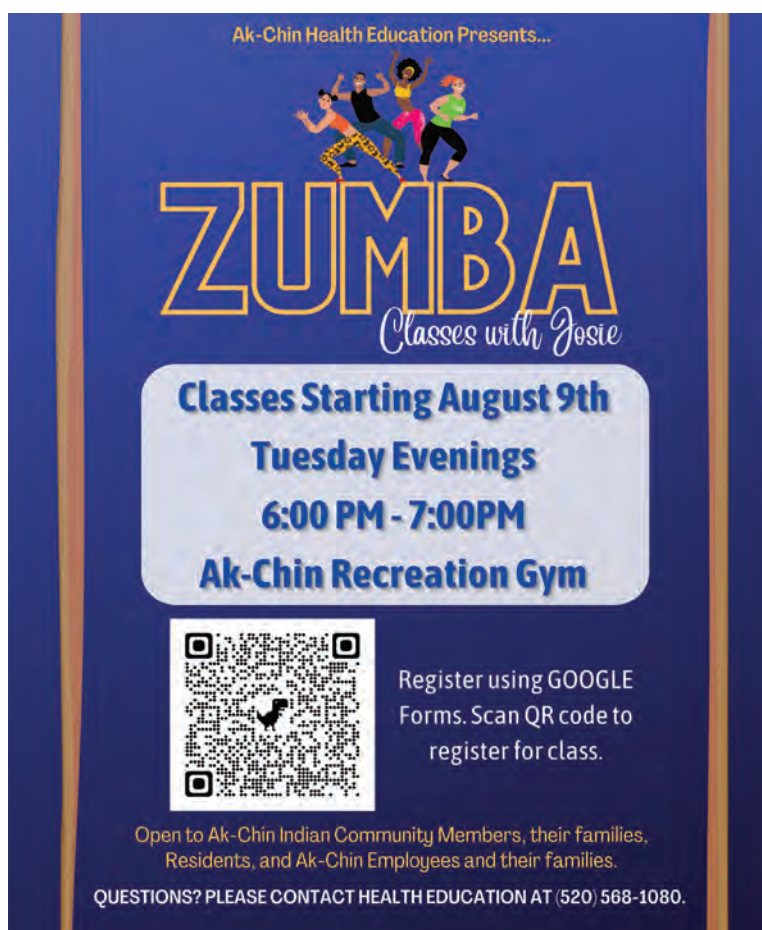
Popular Destinations:

- 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.*



TO SCHEDULE A RIDE:

CALL: 520-568-1630

TEXT: 520-340-0382

Native Media continued from Front

held at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University.

NAJA did a great job of getting Arizona tribes involved as they asked Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis to provide the welcoming and had the Gila River Basket Dancers and PeePosh Bird Dancers perform as well.

Another highlight was the entertainment for the closing ceremony and awards banquet which featured a very young and talented Pascua Yaqui Youth Deer Dancers and the White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers, featuring NAMMY nominee Joe Tohonnie Jr.

It was good to see so many Native Journalists in person after such a long dormancy and sit and learn from all the wonderful and inspiring sessions that were offered.

Sessions were led by many Native media professionals as well as well-known mainstream media outlets.



White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers perform at NAJA Awards Banquet.

One session that really pulled on everyone's heartstrings was about the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in Native Media. The session showed how Indigenous media coverage is changing the narrative, being more resourceful and accurate in telling these stories.

There was also a documentary, Daughter of a Lost Bird, that shared two native women, who were actually a mother who was adopted by a non-native family and then put her daughter up for adoption, who was also adopted by a non-native family. Both, found one another and in doing so also found their native family and learned how to identify with their culture.

It also exposed the history of Natives or

"lost birds" who were adopted out before ICWA.

I was able to network with old journalist friends and meet many new young faces. I also caught up with former Ak-Chin O'odham Runner Photojournalist, Chris Picciuolo, who is now working with Salt River O'odham Action News.

He shared that he recently won the 2022 Best of the Desert Best Columnist/Reporter- East Valley. Congratulations Chris!



Artspace Launches Program Focused on Supporting Native American Arts and Cultural Organizations to Assess and Develop Art and Cultural Space in their Communities

Artspace Projects, Inc. (Artspace) announces the launch of Pathways: A Native Space Initiative (Pathways). This cohort-based pilot program is designed to help build the capacity and leverage the existing assets of Native American arts and cultural organizations seeking to assess, expand, or develop art and cultural space in their communities.

Artspace's goal is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable spaces for artists and cultural organizations. The history of Artspace is fundamentally about working across sectors and in collaboration with the greater creative communities.

Through this collaboration, Artspace helps to provide the support structures necessary so that artists thrive and can contribute fully to the cultural, economic, and social wellbeing of their communities. Artspace will prioritize listening to, learning from, and working with artists, culture bearers, cultural practitioners, community leaders, foundation partners, and others as it launches and administers the Pathways program.

The influence that First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds have had on Artspace has been instrumental in its work with diverse Native American organizations and Native communities looking for assistance with their space goals.

Artspace recognizes First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds as thought leaders in creating social and economic change by putting artists and culture bearers at the center of community development. It is with deep gratitude to First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds that Artspace has been welcomed into this inspiring work in honoring the Collective Spirit© of the First Peoples of this nation.

The purpose of the Pathways program is to help advance art and cultural spaces in Native American communities, which serve as an essential form of infrastructure to sustain Native American artistic and cultural heritage.

Pathways shares Artspace's 40+ years of expertise in real estate development for the creative sector and integrates its experience in financing, fundraising, and facilities management to assist the program participants in developing and implementing appropriate development strategies for their own organizations. These strategies leverage existing cultural and creative assets to support the development and sustainability of arts and cultural spaces.

The Pathways Cohort is a 12-month virtual program consisting of ten Native arts and cultural organizations, beginning in December 2022 and running through November 2023. The capacity-building program consists of online meetings that are centered around the real estate development process. They include workshops, trainings, panel discussions, and one-on-one coaching sessions. Technical assistance will also be available.

To be eligible for the Pathways Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The organization is within one of the following locations: Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Southern California, South Dakota, Washington, or Wisconsin.
- The organization must have programs and a dedicated budget to support Native art and culture.
- The organization has provided arts and culture programming for at least three years.

Through a selection process, Artspace will invite ten organizations to be part of the cohort and participate in this virtual program. Applications will open September 19th at 8:00 A.M. and will extend until 5:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) on November 2, 2022. Applications can be accessed at www.artspace.org/pathways and must be completed through the online application system.

In addition to completing the online application, applicants must also provide organizational budget and board member information (if applicable). Select finalists will move to an interview round. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by November 22nd. More information and application guidelines can also be found at www.artspace.org/pathways or by emailing pathways@artspace.org.

Artspace is a non-profit organization whose mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable spaces for artists and arts organizations.

We work with organizations and municipalities to plan the spaces they need to deliver programs and services to their communities. Artspace combines real estate tools with an understanding of the creative sector to provide technical assistance, feasibility and market research, and coaching services to assist arts and cultural organizations with their unique space initiatives. Whether a mixed-use development or a long-term lease, we help our clients create sustainable, affordable, and equitable spaces. Currently, Artspace owns and operates 60 cultural facilities nationwide and delivers another cohort-based capacity-building program that has been launched in seven core communities across the U.S.

Over the last four decades, Artspace has led an accelerating national movement of artist-led community transformation. While embracing the value the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace has championed the once-radical idea that individual artists experiencing financial hardship and chronically underfunded arts organizations can leverage fundamental social change. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in New York and Washington D.C., Artspace is America's leading developer of art facilities and has served as a consultant to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Saturday, November 5, 2022
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Parade Route: CAC to Leading Edge Academy:
N Porter Rd between Bowlin and Adams Way

Luncheon to Follow
for Veterans, their families, and First Responders
11:00 am at Leading Edge Academy
For More Information Email: MaricopaParade@gmail.com

REV. 9-9-22

The Healing of Memories Retreat is a response to the emotional, psychological and spiritual wounds inflicted by war, human rights abuses and other traumatic circumstances, and is a major step that helps Veterans begin the healing journey. It provides a safe place for participants to explore personal histories and gain insight and empathy for themselves and others.

Healing of Memories

A RETREAT EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS CREATED BY FR. MICHAEL LAPSLEY

October 7 - 9, 2022

Even the longest of Journeys begin with a SINGLE STEP

"The Retreat definitely gave me hope and gave me awareness of where to go from here ... and identified where I should focus."

Free to Veterans

If you are a Veteran and would like to attend, please call Mike Wold at 651.682.9767

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EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS SEPT. 16TH - OCT. 6TH

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

10/1
Susan Peters, Courts

10/2
Delores Hernandez,
Maintenance
Nikkol Martinez, TGA

10/3
Diana Perez, Law & Order
Victoria Smith, Government
Earl Justin, Sanitation
Justine Lopez, Maintenance

10/4
Amy Rodriguez,
Housing Department
Patrick Garcia, Courts
Loc Nguyen, Law & Order

10/5
Corinna Velasco, Retail



First Day of Fall
Thursday, Sept. 22nd

ROBOTICS

FRIDAYS FROM 4 TO 5:30

Spots are limited!

Due to number of kits

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

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Gardening Club is here!

the club part anyways

More information contact the Library at
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or 520-568-1675.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services NAB-250364-OLS-21.

GAME HACKER

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.

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1000 Books thru Kindergarten

Ages 0-6 years old

Call to schedule a pick up time for your Sign Up bag!!
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Read Prize Breakdown Below

For every 100 books Recive a DG 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

Happy Birthday to my son Eugene, Sr.
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Stephanie, Danel, Cecily and Amy and my grandsons Elijah, Oliver, Adrian, Jr. and Tyson
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Cecily and Oliver
Love your Family!!!

Happy Birthday Chairman Bob!!
Enjoy your special day 😊

JOB OPENINGS

- Airport Operations Technician
- Detention Officer - Certified
- Detention Officer - Non-Certified
- Economic Development Analyst
- General Worker
- Network Systems Technician
- 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.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Angel Hoffman
Technician
Central Plant

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

**FRIDAY
September 30th**

SEPTEMBER 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

October 1st
Joseph Antone
Maynard Pablo Jr.
William Martinez
Damien Smith
Eugene Peters Sr.

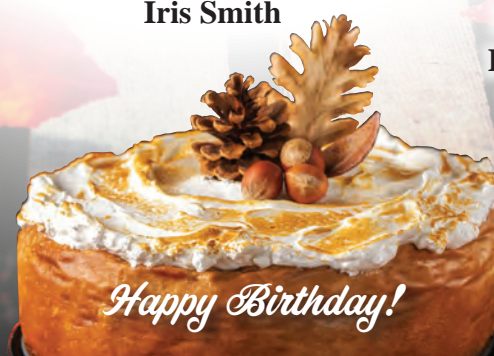
October 2nd
Elizabeth Valles
Martin Castro
Tanya Lewis
Stella Makil White
Jeaney Narcia
Noemi Hernandez
Nikkol Martinez
Alison Miguel

October 3rd
Justine Lopez
Elva Alarcon
Earl Justin, Jr.
Victoria Smith

October 4th
Neveah Antone
Amy Rodriguez
Gabriel Manuel

October 5th
Dyon Aguilla
Celia Medina
Douglas Pablo

October 6th
Ariana Bandin



Happy Birthday!

NOW PLAYING

THE WOMAN KING

Monday - Thursday:
3:30 & 6:30

Friday:
4:00, 7:00 & 10:00

Saturday:
1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00

Sunday:
1:00, 4:00 & 7:00

PEARL

Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Friday:
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday:
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00

Sunday:
12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

BARBARIAN

Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Friday:
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday:
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00

Sunday:
12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

THE INVITATION

Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Friday:
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00

Saturday:
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:30

Sunday:
12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30

BEAST

Monday - Thursday:
3:00, 5:30 & 8:00

Friday:
3:00, 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday:
11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00

Sunday:
11:00am, 1:30, 4:00, & 6:30

BULLET TRAIN

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

DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS

Monday - Thursday:
3:00 & 6:30

Friday:
3:00, 6:30 & 10:00

Saturday:
11:00am, 2:30, 6:00 & 9:30

Sunday:
11:00am, 2:30 & 6:00

THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER

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

MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU

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



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9/02 Spider-Man No Way Home

9/16 The Woman King

9/23 Don't Worry Darling

9/30 Bros

9/30 Smile

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MONDAYS | 3PM-8PM

FOOTBALL

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Large Popcorn

20oz Soda

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Fall Break

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Peach Smash

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

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SWEEPSTAKES

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AGAINST THE DEALER
IN ULTIMATE
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