

## 2022 Meet the Candidate Night at Ak-Chin Circle



Story and photos by R. Peters

On November 14, 2022, seven Ak-Chin Community members presented their platforms to members who attended the Meet the Candidate Night at Ak-Chin Circle Elements Center.

Ak-Chin Election Board officials set up the Meet the

Candidate event to provide the opportunity for the candidates to share their goals and answer questions from the membership in an effort to gain support-votes for the 2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribal Council Elections.

Once Election Board Chairman

Erica Oliver explained how the evening would proceed, each candidate was then introduced and allotted five minutes to provide their opening remarks.

Candidates, Ann Marie Antone, Lisa Garcia, Gabriel Lopez, Octavio Machado, Yolanda Miranda, Cecil

Peters and Fred Salas, then fielded several questions from community members throughout the evening.

Questions asked related to; Council Code of Ethics, Accountability, Transparency, Equality, Working with Others, Accomplishing Goals,

Addressing Drug Problems in Community, Healthcare, Pandemic Priorities for Members, Housing Guidelines, Maintenance, Education, and Addressing Key Issues in the Community.

Candidates were also asked to meet with community elders

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## Ak-Chin Veterans attend National Native American Veterans Memorial Dedication in DC

Story by R. Peters

Thousands of Native American Veterans throughout the Country gathered in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 2022, Veterans Day, to participate in the National Native American Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony.

Ak-Chin Veterans Group was represented by nine Ak-Chin Veterans, who participated in the dedication ceremony, that began with a procession around the grounds of the National Museum of American Indian and National Mall. Arizona southern sister tribes, Salt River, Gila River and Tohono O’odham Nation also had Native veterans represented.

After the procession, there was time allotted for speakers before the ceremonial lighting of the

memorial took place. The three-day ceremony had many events and activities offered for Native veterans and their families to enjoy.

The memorial is designated in a special place, in front of the NMAI, along the National Mall and honors all Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans and their families. It will serve to recognize the outstanding numbers of Native Americans who have served in the U.S. Military since the country was founded.

“Currently, more than 31,000 Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives serve on active duty, and more



Ak-Chin Veterans (l-r) Renee Boehm, Darren Peters, Elaine Peters, Jason Garcia, James Boehm, Davis Garcia, Octavio Machado, Raychel Peters and Cecil Peters, are lined up and ready for the procession on November 11, 2022.

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Story and photos by R. Peters

Above, Jimmy Zimmerman, Purple Heart Veteran proudly salutes to the crowd as he makes his way down the parade.

## Maricopa Veterans Day Parade

Maricopa Veterans Day Parade celebrated on Saturday, November 5, 2022, with over 50 entries participating.

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## Native American Heritage event filled with tradition, culture and memories

Story by R. Rosoff, pictures by R. Rosoff and D. Villegas

in many friends and visitors from local and neighboring communities.

The event was an opportunity for members of the Ak-Chin, Tohono O’odham, Gila River and Salt River-Pima Maricopa tribes to share traditional song and dance performances with the public. Vendors selling traditional arts and crafts were also invited to participate.

Erica Oliver, Harrah’s Development System Manager, welcomed guests and acknowledged Harrah’s Ak-Chin general manager and leadership team, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council and Harrah’s Ak-Chin banquets team for their pivotal roles in helping to make this annual event happen.

This year’s event was in honor of the late Louis “Tony” Lopez. Tony was very involved with hosting workshops for employees and sharing his community’s culture. “He was all about teaching and carrying on the traditions,” Oliver stated. “It is a big loss.”

The initial purpose of the Native American Heritage Event, beginning in November 2019 to coincide with Native American Heritage Month, was to bring awareness to the cultural diverseness of Arizona’s southern tribes.

Starting in 2019, the four southern Arizona tribes which were originally invited were Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa, and

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Candidates continued from Front

at the Ak-Chin Elder Center the following day during lunch to share their platform and answer more questions.

Once everyone was served a delicious chili popover, it was then opened for elders to ask questions.

Elder questions circled around; Leadership Concerns, Programs and Benefits for Elders, Dialysis Concerns, Casino Management, Healthcare, New Clinic, Department and Employee Concerns, Fairness to Employees, Unity, Culture, Religion and Services for Children.

The 2022 Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribal Council Election Candidates will be vying for three vacant seats to serve a four-year term as council member for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Voting will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at Ak-Chin Gym, from 6 am to 2 pm.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE – NOVEMBER 19, 2022



Elders meet with 2022 Council Candidates at Elder Center for lunch and discussion, November 15, 2022.

# Gratitude Walk

Story and photos by T. Marshburn



Above, walkers make their way around the fields at Ak-Chin Circle. Below everyone enjoys a stretch during the seated yoga session.



The Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program and Diabetes Education teamed up to give our 55+ members one last treat of the season.

On November 15th, members gathered at Ak-Chin Circle Elements

Conference center to enjoy a brisk walk, seated yoga, and an oatmeal bar with all the fixings.

The weather was cool but those in attendance were able to stay warm by doing seated yoga under the instruction of Christy Burnette.

Members who attended were given a T-shirt and a bag of produce among other goodies to assist in promoting healthy living.

Teri De La Cruz, Injury Prevention Specialist, was very happy with the turnout. De La Cruz says they hope to put on more events starting sometime after the New Year.

### Elder Turkey Trot (walking) Race 2022

**Monday, November 21, 2022**  
**9am at the Elder Center**

**Prizes to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placements.**

**\*Additional prizes will be given 55+ Event**  
**Bundle up and wear your best walking shoes!**

Please contact Marissa or Sonia at the Elder Center 520-568-1760 to sign up or if you have any questions.

## Elder November Breakfast-Lunch Menu

**18 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese | Chicken Casserole, Carrots/Peas, Wild Rice, Rolls, Mandarin Oranges**

**21 Cereal, Boiled Egg, Toast, Fruit | Turkey & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Wheat Rolls, Apple or Pumpkin Pie**

**22 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Egg, Toast, Fruit | Steak Salad, Beets, Rolls, Apple/Oranges**

**23 BRUNCH 8-10, Egg Enchilada w/ Green Sauce, Diced Potatoes w/ Vegetables, Oatmeal, Danish, Fresh Fruit**

**24 Center Closed – Happy Thanksgiving**

**25 Center Closed – Native American Heritage Day**

**28 Boiled Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit w/ Cottage Cheese | Baked Chicken, Yams/Potatoes, Cauliflower, Grapes**

**29 Bread Pudding, Sausage, Fruit | Cabbage Stew, Carrots, Broccoli, Biscuits, Pears**

**30 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Raisin Bread, Fruit | Pinto Beans, Pork Chop (D), Peas, Corn Bread, Jell-O**

**12/1 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Peaches**

**\*\* Menu items subject to change\*\***



*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*

## \*NOTICE\*

# 2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

**The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.**

On **Friday, January 20, 2023**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729  
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)  
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.  
Please call as soon as possible.

**Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023.** To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

**Payments less than \$15.00.** All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

**Questions?** Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.  
\*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.

# AK-CHIN MASIK TAS ALL INDIAN ELDER CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**December 7, 2022**

**Entry Fee: Free**  
**Deadline: November 30, 2022**  
**1st-3rd Place T-shirts**  
**Participation T-shirts**  
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*If you have any questions please contact Bernardina Gonzalez at 520-840-2699 Text or Call or email us at recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us.*

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or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'dham  
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If you have artwork, photos,  
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Don't forget the DEADLINE  
for the **December 2-15, 2022**  
issue is due by  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

Material submitted after the  
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#### Ak-Chin Veterans continued from Front



The National Native American Veterans Memorial sits in front of the National Museum of American Indian on the National Mall in DC.

than 140,000 veterans identify as Native—and we are honored to celebrate their enduring contribution and sacrifice.” David Saunders, National Museum of American Indian Director of Membership.

Memorial designer, Harvey Pratt, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, is a Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran and artist. He designed the elevated stainless-steel circle, balanced on a carved stone drum that incorporates the water and fire elements for ceremonial purposes, circular benches for gathering and four lances which will allow prayer clothes to be tied and hung from.

During our stay in the Nation's Capital our group enjoyed sightseeing all the monuments, memorials and museums.



Above, James Boehm, Renee Boehm and Jason Garcia, in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Veterans Day 2022.

At left, Darren Peters, pictured with the second (larger) flag raised by the Marines on Mount Suribachi, February 23, 1945, and pictured in the iconic Rosenthal Iwo Jima photo. The flag hangs on the walls of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, November 10, 2022 (Marine Corps birthday)



**Ak-Chin Indian Community**  
Capital Projects

### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON 2022 (3) HOMES CONSTRUCTION

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract.

This Construction projects consist of (3) Homes:

- Demolition and removal of all materials
- Pad build up/compaction
- All permits
- All inspections/survey
- Rebuild/plans provided
- Closeout documents/as-builts
- Safety meetings/construction meeting minutes

A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Thursday, December 1, 2022, by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us), by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. The RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, December 8, 2022. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at [cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner will receive Proposals until 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened. Electronic Proposals may be submitted to [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us).

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 pre-proposal. 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 proposals shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Proposals without consent of the Owner.



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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
45525 West Farrell Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85139  
Phone (520) 568-1395 Fax (520) 568-1396

IN THE MATTER OF:  
K.U. DOB: 05/07/2021

CASE NO.: CV-2022-017-VL  
CIVIL SUMMONS

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:  
Elisla Ugalde

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before this Court in the above entitled matter for an Adoption Hearing set on Tuesday the 6th day of December, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Ak-Chin Justice Complex 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa AZ 85138.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR AT THE TIME AND DATE SET FOR THE HEARING A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST THE RESPONDENT AND THE PETITIONER MAY BE GRANTED THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE PETITION OR THE PETITION MAY BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE OF THE PETITIONER TO APPEAR.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 18th day of October, 2022.

Deanna Rascon  
Deanna Rascon, Court Administrator  
of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY JUVENILE COURT  
COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF:  
R.S. DOB: 11/05/05  
Minor (s).

CASE NO.: CC-2022-002  
SUMMONS TO APPEAR

Concerning:  
MICHAEL SANTIAGO  
RACHANDA LEON

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:  
MICHAEL SANTIAGO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, Located at 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. for an Review Hearing.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL, THE COURT MAY APPOINT LEGAL COUNSEL AT NO COST TO YOU.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Juvenile Court, in the County of Pinal, in the State of Arizona

DATED this 6th day of October, 2022

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**Ak-Chin Education Department**  
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.  
Maricopa, Arizona 85139  
Telephone: (520) 568-1280



Dear Ak-Chin Families,

We are thankful to you!

As we prepare to take time off from school November 23-25 for the Thanksgiving break, we are grateful for everyone who has helped to restore a routine for showing up to school while supporting students and families.

Daily routines are essential for reducing stress and creating a sense of security, especially after the chaotic transitions experienced over the last two years.

**As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.** Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.

We thank:

- Our students and their families who do their best to show up to class every day even when it isn't easy.
- Our teachers who have gone above and beyond to help make school a welcoming learning environment where students can thrive.
- Our administrators who help us work together to ensure we are healthy and safe, feel a sense of community and experience the excitement of an engaging learning environment.
- Our many, many healers and helpers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

May these days off be restful and healing.

- If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to Ak-Chin Education Department for help (520) 568-1280.
- We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on November 28th.

Thank you for your partnership!



Sincerely,

Ak-Chin Education Department  
K-12 Advising Staff



### Veterans Parade continued from Front

The parade was staged at Central Arizona College, Maricopa Campus and travelled down West Bowlin Road to North Porter Road ending at Leading Edge Academy.

A luncheon was held at Leading Edge for all veterans, their families and first responders following the parade.

Ak-Chin Tribal Council was one of the featured entries, along with Council member Octavio Machado,

who was Ak-Chin's Distinguished Veteran.

The Veterans Parade Committee would like to Thank: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Ak-Chin Circle, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, City of Maricopa, Maricopa Police and Fire Departments and their volunteers, American Legion, VFW, Legacy Traditional, Sequoia Pathways and A+ Charter Schools. MUSD for providing transportation to our Veterans and the Arizona Stearman Squadron for the morning fly over.

The American Legion Auxiliary thanks the following for their continued Partnership with the Veterans and First responders Luncheon: Ak-Chin Harrah's, Vekol Market, Blue Star Mothers, Leading Edge Academy and all the local businesses that provided raffle items.

***We Thank all Veterans for their Service to our Country, to all the Participants for their support and to the Community for showing their appreciation to our Local Heroes.***

## Cooking Fires

Fires resulting from cooking continue to be the most common type of fire experienced by U.S. households. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in homes. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment.

With the holidays fast approaching, the Ak-Chin Fire Department would like to give you some safe cooking tips.

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Here are some safety tips to help:

- Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Check food that is cooking regularly and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when

cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for cooking appliances as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, or damage.

### If You Have a Cooking Fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- After you get out call 9-1-1, if the call is not going through call 520-568-1200 for the Ak-Chin Police Department.
- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep

the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.

- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

### Barbecue Grills

Stovetop and oven fires are not the only types of cooking fires. While many of the safety tips are similar to indoor cooking, there are special concerns with barbecue grills.

- Position the grill well out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking food.
- Periodically remove grease and fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- **Use only outdoors!** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, barbecue grills pose both fire and carbon monoxide hazards.

If you have any further questions please call Fire Marshal Jon at 520-568-1316.





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# TASTY CRAFTS

@ The Ak-Chin Library

Calling all young cooks  
join us Thursday's to learn cooking basics  
and fun recipes.

Tasty Crafts with Miss Amy is open to ages 8 and up  
Thursdays @ 5pm to 5:45 pm

Please call 520-568-1677 or Email [abatopis@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:abatopis@ak-chin.nsn.us)  
to sign up!

## Come Celebrate Native American Heritage Month

With  
**The Ak-Chin Library**  
And Our Special Guest!!

**Gertie Lopez**

**November 21st**  
6p.m - 8p.m

Refreshments will be served  
starting at 5:30 p.m

Open to all Community Members,  
Employees and Immediate Family

To RSVP or For More  
Information  
Call the Library @ (520) 568-1675  
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## MULTI-MEDIA MONDAYS

MAKE MUSIC  
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## ROBOTICS

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
FROM 4 TO 5:30

If you have  
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or 520-568-1675

Due to number of kits  
spots are limited!

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

## Board Games with Mr. Matt

Tuesdays from 5 to 5:45

\*Games shown not necessarily those to be played

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Questions? Call Us! 520-568-1675	31 Multi-Media Mondays 5-5:45	1 November Board Games w/ Mr. Matt 5-5:45	2 AZ on Track Family Night* Buddy's Reading Circle 2-6:30	3 Tasty Crafts @ the Library 5-5:45	4	5 LIBRARY OPEN 12-4
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\* Participants must be signed up for program to attend. Call 520-568-1675 for more information

### JOB OPENINGS

- Airport Operations Technician
- Cashier/Stocker
- Communications Officer (911)
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer - Certified and Non-Certified
- Driver - Elder Program
- Economic Development Analyst
- Environmental Specialist - GAP
- General Worker
- Police Officer (Recruit/ Non-Certified)
- Police Officer - Certified
- Senior Planner
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist
- Student Counselor (grades 9-12)

Please visit our website at [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://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.

### Wishes

Happy Birthday to my daughter Carmen Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Dallas and Brandon and granddaughters Morgan and Maria Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Morgan and Kylee Love your family

Happy Birthday to our #1 Goddaughter Jazzer Love your Godparents

Happy Birthday Morgan We hope you have the best birthday yet! Love, Dad and Mom

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>

18-Nov Pamela Thompson <i>Social &amp; Health Services</i>	Michelle Shiley <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i>	27-Nov Steve Tiemann <i>Finance</i>
19-Nov Davis Garcia <i>Law &amp; Order</i> Albertino Santiago <i>TGA</i>	23-Nov Lemuel Vincent <i>Community Government</i> Carmen Narcia <i>Him Dak Museum</i>	Richard Lopez <i>Early Childhood</i> Richard Lopez <i>Early Childhood</i>
21-Nov Autumn Gonzalez <i>Law &amp; Order</i>	24-Nov Ryan Tramel <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i> Lawrence Sordia <i>Law &amp; Order</i>	29-Nov James Reynolds <i>Law &amp; Order</i>
22-Nov Samuel Santoyo <i>Law &amp; Order</i>	26-Nov Brandon Peters <i>Finance</i>	

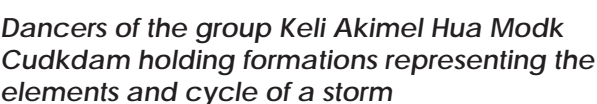
Happy Thanksgiving!

## BIRTHDAYS November 18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

11/18 Andi-Kiowan Santiago	11/26 Marciano Joaquin Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe Brandon Peters
11/19 Davis B. Garcia Persilia Hernandez Dallas Peters Albertino Santiago Raven Santiago	11/27 Joaquin Dickerson Richard Joaquin Karen Kaniatiobe Rommel Lyons Joe Miguel, Jr. Larisa Rascon Kobe Santiago
11/20 Shane Antone Ricardo DeLeon, Jr. Ronin Gloria	11/28 Michael Enos Nicholas Narcia
11/21 Ezequiel Santiago	11/29 Victor Andaverde Matilda Balderrama Tashina Salcido Lee Smith
11/22 Faith Batopis Morgan Peters	11/30 Lina Batopis Kylee Carlyle Julio Gloria Kateri Lopez Michael Luz Taylor Santiago
11/23 Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel Carmen Narcia Maria Peters Lemuel Vincent Monique White Sterling Zappia	
11/24 Brian Ruelas	
11/25 Ciera Lopez	

Happy Birthday!





are visual representations of the elements. The performers in front held the clouds, the birds were held in the middle and the dancers in the back held the rainbows indicating the time after the rain has passed.

In between the performances, Fred spoke of the social round dance which invites those from the audience to join. Fred stressed that it is important to keep the circle of hands together, closed to remind everyone of the closeness of the community. The second group was San Simon School of the Tohono O'odham Nation. The dancers helped to lead the group into the ballroom, wearing beautiful traditional dresses with the colors of yellow and purple and ribbons in red, orange and yellow, as well as shell necklaces. At the end of the dances, each member of the group introduced themselves, many speaking in their language followed by an English translation.

As the next group, the Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam, was

A group of students in yellow shirts and purple skirts are performing a dance on a patterned carpet in a large hall. They are arranged in a line, and some are holding hands. The background features a large, ornate wall with a diamond pattern and a framed picture. There are other people in the background, some sitting and some standing. The lighting is bright, and the overall atmosphere is festive.

A group of people, including children and adults, are performing a traditional dance in a large hall. They are wearing colorful, ornate costumes. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet, and the background features a large window with a decorative lattice.

*The Bird Singing and Dancing by the River group*

The following performers at the event were the Bird Singing and Dancing by the River from the Salt River-Pima Indian Community. It was shared that their style of song and language is very similar to that of the Kumeyaay tribe in southern California and others along the Colorado River. The leader narrated many of the traditional stories of two brothers and shared the meanings behind the songs and dance. The dancers faced the audience which is not a traditional way for the formation as it is customary many times for the dancers to face the singers. This change in positioning emphasized the meaning of the event and the goal of inclusion

When the final group, the Wa:k Tab Basket Dancers, entered the ballroom, the dancers faced the audience as with other performances earlier that day. The fabrics included a full spectrum of colors with rich reds, bright yellows and deep purples and blacks. The group also performed with ornate baskets made by tribal members.

This year's event marked the first time in 2 years that the groups could gather in-person. The 2020 and 2021 event were held virtually because of the pandemic. Performances were streamed on Harrah's Ak-Chin Facebook page. To close the event, Erica Oliver and M.C. Fred Lopez thanked the sister tribes and others in attendance for being part of the annual event and an extra special day that was dedicated to Tony. A reminder of the length of time apart due to covid-19 was also underlined with sentiments of joy and relief to be able to gather together again.



*Fred Lopez shares remarks during event.*

Team members Ezequiel Santiago, Leticia Santiago and Diana Soto volunteered at the annual Code Green Shred-it event at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

The Shred-it event is one of the many ways Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and its employees give back to the community. CodeGreen is a company-wide strategy to drive environmental awareness and engagement, as well as performance across the business.



### Wak Tab Basket Dancers

**Dollar4Dollar**

**GAME CARD**

**THANKSGIVING**  
**WEEKEND**

**NOV 25-27**

Purchase a game card (up to \$20)  
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GameCenter

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AK-CHIN CASINO

# NOVEMBER 2022

**CAESARS**  
REWARDS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



# Ak-Chin Indian Community Masik Tas Celebration

**Ak-Chin Circle Field & Arena**

**(16000 N. Maricopa Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139)**

**Parking is Free. Signage will direct all event traffic**

**December 4th - Toka/Songivu'l Traditional Games**

**December 7th - Chair Volleyball Tournament**

**Entertainment - Friday, December 9th:**

*Tracy Lawrence at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino; Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)*

**December 9th & 10th - Co-ed Volleyball Tournament**

**December 10th, 2022 - 5K at 9:00am**

**December 10th, 2022 - Light Parade Starting at 7:00pm**

**December 11th - Youth Council Cultural Events**

**December 16th - 7:00pm-12:00am: Papago Warriors at Ak-Chin Circle amphitheater**

**Rodeo - December 16th - 18th**

**Saturday, December 17th - FREE TO ALL AGES**

**7:00pm-10:00pm: Kumbia Kings & Grupo Metal at Ak-Chin Circle amphitheater**

**December 16th-18th - Basketball Tournament**

**Sunday, December 18th - Fireworks Show-Time TBD**

**Carnival**

**Free Carnival/Fun Zone/Petting Zoo Entertainment for the whole family!**

**Hours:**

**Friday, December 16th: 5p-10pm, Saturday, December 17th: 10a-10p, Sunday, December 18th: 10am-7pm**

**Open Wild Horse Race -**

**December 17th & 18th at 12pm**

**1st Place: Buckles \$500 added money**

**\$300 per Team**

No phone entries, no refunds.

Contact Delbert White: [dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us) or 520-414-5515

All teams must be paid up by 11am Saturday, December 17, 2022

To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN**

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

All entries must include payment.

Walk-ins on-site. Books Open 8am-11am

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo

**\*\*No personal checks accepted**



**Bull Bash - Friday,**

**December 16th at 4pm**

**Buckles to event winners!**

Events	Fee	Added \$
Open Bull Bash (limit 30)	\$150	\$500
Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10)	\$100	\$500
Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10)	\$50	\$500

One time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant

No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. \*Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note.

Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo.

To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN**

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo

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**2022 Open Rodeo**

**December 17th & 18th, 2022**

**PERFORMANCE TIMES**

Performances on Saturday & Sunday at 12pm

Slack at 8am (if needed)

Event	Fee	Added \$
Bareback (limit 20)	\$100	\$500
Saddle Bronc (limit 20)	\$100	\$500
Bull Riding (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Steer Wrestling (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Tie Down Roping (limit 30)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 40)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40)	\$100	\$500
Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 40)	\$200/Team	\$1000
Team Roping (2Xs)(limit 100)	\$200/Team	\$1000
Century Team Roping (2Xs)*(limit 40)	\$200/Team	\$1000
4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)	\$200/Team	\$1000

\*Century Team Roper Participants must be 50+

\*4 Tribes Team Roper Participants must be enrolled member of Ak-Chin, Gila River, Tohono O'odham, or Salt River, must provide proof upon request.

\*Will not count for All-Around/Only one highest placing money won in Team Roping will count toward All-Around

Must be 18 years old to participate!

One time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant

Team Ropers must pay for full team in ONE envelope with separate entry forms.

All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.

**MAIL-IN ENTRIES OPEN - October 21, 2022**

**MAIL ENTRIES TO - Ak-Chin Indian Community**

ATTN: Community Events - 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.

Maricopa, AZ 85138

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY-**

December 5, 2022

**WALK INS**

December 10th | 10am - 5pm

Ak-Chin Multitainment Center - 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.

Maricopa, AZ 85138

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo

**\*\*No personal checks accepted**

No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. \*Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note. Contact Rodeo Secretary

24 hours prior to start of rodeo.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN**

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.

**All-Indian Jr. Rodeo -**

**Friday, December 16th at 8am**

**Buckle to Event Winners!**

**Buckle & Saddle to All-Around (6-9, 10-13, 14-17)**

**5 Years & Under**

Sheep Riding (limit 20)

Dummy Roping (limit 20)

Stick Horse Race (limit 20)

Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)

Entry Fee: \$20

**10-13 Years Old**

Steer Riding (limit 20)

Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)

Barrel Racing (limit 20)

Breakaway (limit 20)

Team Roping (2x) (limit 20)

Entry Fee: \$30

**6-9 Years Old**

Calf Riding (limit 20)

Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)

Barrel Racing (limit 20)

Goat Tail Pull (limit 20)

Entry Fee: \$25

**14-17 Years Old**

Bull Riding (limit 20)

Ribbon Roping (limit 20)

Barrel Racing (limit 20)

Breakaway (limit 20)

Team Roping 2x (limit 20)

Entry Fee: \$35

Safety Vest required for All Rough Stock events.

Western Attire Enforced

No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds.

\*Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note.

Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo.

All payments must include rodeo entry form.

To receive payout, contestants must show birth certificate.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN**

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please

make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2022 Rodeo

**\*\*No personal checks accepted.**

One-time Admin Fee of \$10 per contestant

**\*\*Contestants must stay in their own age category.**

**\*\*Ribbon Roping Muggers in the 6-9 & 10-13 age divisions only.**

**\*\*\*Team Roping & Ribbon Roping partner must be 18 years or older.**

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**WALK INS**

December 10th | 10am - 5pm

Ak-Chin Multitainment Center - 16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138

**WEBSITE POSTING - December 12, 2022**

**For more information email:**

**AllEventsStaff@ak-chin.nsn.us | [masiktas.ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:masiktas.ak-chin.nsn.us) | Follow us on Facebook | @AkChinIndianCommunity**

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## Ak-Chin Masik Tas Celebration

**Ak-Chin Circle - 16000 N. Maricopa Road**

**EVENTS *FREE* TO THE PUBLIC**

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