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2023 Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Swears in Garcia, Lopez and Peters



Tuesday, January 3, 2023, the Ak-Chin Indian Community held a Swearing In Ceremony for the three newly-elected Council members.

Lisa Garcia is being sworn in, as her aunt



Mildred Narcia holds the bible.

Gabriel Lopez is being sworn in, accompanied by his daughter Kateri and granddaughter.



Cecil Peters is being sworn in, while his sister Elaine Peters holds the bible.

Cake was served after the ceremony.

2022 Ak-Chin Masik Tas celebrates with action-packed entertainment

Story by R. Peters, photos by Runner Staff

Ak-Chin celebrated its 2022 birthday with a full-blown Masik Tas schedule, after a two-year absence, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Events were tightly planned for pretty much all of December, beginning with a spiritual run and traditional games on December 4, followed by the ever-popular All-Indian Elder Chair Volleyball tournament on December 7.

The weekend of December 9-10 welcomed an All-Indian Adult Co-ed Volleyball tournament, Fun Run/Walk, Light Parade and Ak-Chin Youth Council events.

December 16-18 had a jam-packed schedule, with a Basketball Tournament, rodeo events, carnival/fun

zone and petting zoo. There was a line up of great entertainment to get everyone feeling festive, from traditional dancers, singers and chicken scratch bands to Latin Grammy Award winners Kumbia Kings and Grupo Metal.

Ak-Chin Masik Tas All-Indian Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament had close to 30 teams coming to the community, with games starting on Thursday, December 15.

Sunday's games went well into the evening with Ballhogs winning the women's championship, Outsiders placing second, and Unknowns third.

For the men's tourney Warriors won championship, second place was Ruff Ryderz,

and OTF for third place.

The Jr. Rodeo, held on Friday, December 16, brought out many young cowboys and cowgirls to compete in the various events.

Ak-Chin participants included; Jose Lopez (Stick Horse Barrels/ Sheep Riding), Caleb Ugalde (6-9 Goat Tail Pull/Ribbon Roping/Calf Riding), Yael "Yaya" Ramirez (Sheep Riding), Paislee White and her baby brother Malakai White (Sheep Riding), Oliver Peters (Sheep Riding), Abraham Jose (6-9 Ribbon Roping/Calf Riding),

Pate Justin (10-13 Ribbon Roping), Rope Justin (10-13 Ribbon Roping/Breakaway/ Team Roping/Steer Riding), Zachary Garcia (14-17 Ribbon Roping)



2022 Ak-Chin Wild Horse Race Champions, L-R: Ryan Justin (stock contractor) Nicholas Anderson, Nikolai White, Domonique White and Delbert White. (More photos on pages 4-5).

Chizzum Justin (14-17 Ribbon Roping/Team Roping) and Domonique White (14-17 Team Roping).

For many of these youngsters it was the first time participating.

Abraham Jose won first place for the 6-9 Ribbon

Roping, receiving a buckle and cash award.

Pate Justin placed second in the 10-13 Ribbon Roping, while her brother Rope took second and third in the 10-13 Team Roping and second in the Steer Riding.

"Yael "Yaya" Ramirez

was surprised by the big white scary sheep," Grandma Yolanda Miranda shared. "This was Yaya's first rodeo but not his last. He is looking forward to the sister tribe rodeos. Yaya is working on his speed, strength, riding, and roping ability for the next rodeo." Cowboy Up

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Ak-Chin Youth Council host Masik Tas Chudth

Photos by Runner Staff - turn to pages 4 & 5 for more photos



We held the Chudth on December 14th, at the Old Vaila Site.

We had about 50 people in attendance, consisting of Community members,

singers and dancers from the O'odham Sister tribes, as well as Miss & Jr. Miss Gila River.

We started the evening playing Traditional

Stick Games "Gins" & "Komai". Attendants played games for prizes and were taught the rules of the game, how the games originated, and what their significance is to the O'odham tribes.

Once the sun went down, we began serving coffee, hot chocolate, posole,

and menudo to try and help everyone stay warm. Singers from Ak-Chin, Gila River, and the Tohono O'odham Nation began sharing songs from their communities, as everyone came up to dance the night away.

We ended the event with our giveaway dance, where we gave away various items such as household items, snacks, and jewelry.

In conclusion, Coordinator Joseph Davis shared some words enlightening the community visitors on what we're celebrating, and what Masik Tas represents to those here in the community.

President Doria Garcia sent everyone off with

a heartfelt thank you to those who came out to join us, and she was able to reflect on not only the Chudth, but each of the events that the YC sponsored throughout the month.

"It has brought me great joy to see our Youth Council host our 1st ever Chudth (Gathering) in the Ak-Chin Indian Community." Doria began.

"We would like to thank you all who came out to help celebrate our Ak-Chin Masik Tas, especially our fellow Sister Tribes.

We felt with us hosting this event, it was going to be a 'wake-up' call to us as O'odham to reconnect with our 'games',

'songs', 'dances', and our Him-Dak.

It is very vital that we continue to practice our respected ways as Ak-Chin, Akimel, Onk-Akimel, and Tohono O'odham to keep our history and 'way of life' alive to our future generations and so on and so forth."

On behalf of the Ak-Chin Youth Council, we hope ALL who attended our events took something away from it, or learned something new about our O'odham Him-Dak.

We once again want to 'THANK YOU ALL' for the outpouring love and support towards the Ak-Chin Youth Council. May you all have a fun and safe Happy New Year!!!

Polar Express shares stories, cookies and gifts

Submitted by Ak-Chin Library



The return of the Polar Express program activities included an actual "reading" of the book, Polar Express by Matt Cross, Library Technician and good ol' BINGO. BINGO prizes were wrapped Christmas gifts, a few holiday

tins and a handful of Squishmallows. The library served an assortment of Vekol cookies with hot chocolate & marshmallows. Polar Express participants had a chance to select from a variety of Christmas

mugs to use for their hot chocolate and take home! We had 28 Polar Express fans that attended the event. The highlight of the evening was all children who attended was given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Mongoose

Expo scooter with safety accessories! The library was able to raffle off 6 scooters! We were hoping for a visit from the Grinch, but everyone was having such a good time playing BINGO, we ran out of time!

Community Toys for Tots distribution

Photos by T. Marshburn



On December 22, 2022 Community families received gifts, courtesy of Toys for Tots. Toys were provided for children aged 0-17, with a



convenient drive-up. The event was held at the old fire building.

Masik Tas continues from Front

Later, on Friday, spectators were in for a real treat as the Bull Bash was scheduled, with Open Bull Bash, Open Novice Bull Riding, and Open Women's Steer Riding competitions.

We had two strong-willed women participate in the Women's Steer Riding, sisters Brianna Peters and Alexis Lopez.

December 17-18, the Open Wild Horse Race, All-Indian Rodeo, Open Rodeo welcomed the adult cowboys and cowgirls to Ak-Chin Circle Arena.

Ak-Chin had a slew of participants: Nicholas Anderson-Nikolai White-Dominique White (Wild Horse Race), Joseph Zabawa, Jr. (4 Tribes Team Roping), Joe Zabawa (Century Team Roping) and Tami Justin (Ladies Team Roping).

Wild Horse Race Team Ak-Chin, made history, with first-time

participant Nicholas Anderson, as they won first, second and third place.

"They cleaned house" shared proud dad Delbert White of Nikolai and Domonique.

"Nobody crossed (finish line) but them so they took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. 1st was buckles and cash, 2nd would have been embroidered bags sponsored by Dion Nozie of Team Nozie and cash, and 3rd would have been cash but they got all of it."

Joseph Zabawa Jr., also won a little cash for placing third header in the 4 Tribes Team Roping. Tami Justin won 2nd, heeling in the Ladies Team Roping.

Although the weather was cold and rainy at times, that did not stop people from coming out to enjoy the FREE rodeo, carnival rides, fun zone and petting zoo. Entertainment for the weekend

kicked off on Friday with Papago Warriors in front of Ak-Chin Circle Amphitheater. Saturday brought the Kumbia Kings and Grupo Metal. There was also a fire-works show scheduled on Saturday.

Sunday's entertainment included traditional dance groups, singers and chicken scratch bands Chaka n Friends and Gertie and the T.O. Boyz.

2022 may have come to an end, but many are still relishing and reminiscing about all the fun that was had at this year's Masik Tas 2022.

Congratulations to all participants and winners for 2022 Ak-Chin Masik Tas.

Special Thanks to Justine, Tyaun, Delila, Lyndsey, Justin, and Kerriana for providing coverage on all events, photos and coverage were outstanding!

Huge thanks to Diana and Rebecca for staying on top of all print orders and working hard to ensure customer satisfaction!!



Hello,

My name is Janice Anderson; I live in the Ak-Chin Indian Community. I am searching for possible volunteers to participate in one of two focus group discussions or an individual interview on *American Indian Caregivers*. The study is for my dissertation project at Grand Canyon University. Participants must meet specific criteria, which are outlined below. I am authorized to give a \$30 gift card to recruited volunteers.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS American Indian Caregivers

JANICE ANDERSON, A GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL STUDENT, IS RECRUITING 31 AMERICAN INDIAN CAREGIVERS FROM THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY AS VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS IN A STUDY TITLED

AMERICAN INDIAN CAREGIVERS

The purpose of this qualitative descriptive study is to explore how American Indian caregivers describe their experiences practicing physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional traditional healing methods when caring for chronically ill American Indians in the Southwest United States.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY, YOU...

- Must be 18 years old or older.
- Must be an American Indian caregiver.
- Must live within the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- Must provide care to an American Indian with one or more chronic illnesses.
- Must agree to share your experiences.
- Must agree to be audio-recorded.
- Must agree to sign an Informed Consent form.
- Must commit approximately 60 minutes to the study.
- Answer optional demographic information.

If you do not meet the volunteer criteria outlined above, you are not eligible to participate.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY, CONTACT:

Janice Anderson

Email: JAnderson140@my.gcu.edu

Cell phone: 520.404.4317

Elder January Breakfast-Lunch Menu

6 Pancakes,
Scrambled
Egg, Bacon,
Fruit | Zuppa
Toscana Soup
w/Sausage,
Potato & Kale,
Romaine Salad,
Bread Sticks,
Cherry Cobbler

Boiled Eggs,
Toast, Banana
| Chicken
Tortilla Soup,
Quesadilla,
Lemon Cake

9 Chicken
Fried Steak,
Scrambled Eggs,
Biscuit, Orange
Slices | Split
Peas w/Ham,
Sweet Potato/
Potato, Brown
Rice, Pop Over,
Peaches

16 - Martin
Luther King
Holiday -
Center Closed

17 Boiled Eggs,
Bacon Avocado
Slices, Toast,
Mix Fruit |
Chicken Fajitas,
Mexican Rice,
Pinto Beans,
Brownies

10 Oatmeal,
Boiled Eggs,
Toast, Mix
Berries | Salad
Bar, Potato
Soup, Rolls,
Plums

18 Waffles,
Scrambled
Eggs, Potatoes,
Fried Apples |
White Beans,
Pork Chop
(D), Sauteed
Spinach,
Roasted

11 Breakfast
Casserole, Toast,
Avocado Slices,
Cantaloupe |
Fish or Chicken
Sandwich,
Lima Beans,
Beets, Blueberry
Cobbler

Vegetables,
Fresh Cut Fruit
19 Oatmeal,
Boiled Eggs,
Toast, Pears
| Red Chili
Stew, Carrots,
Romaine Salad,
Apple, Oranges

12 Boiled Eggs,
Grilled Ham &
Cheese, Scones,
Pineapple
| Squash
Casserole,
Wild Rice,
Romaine Salad,
Mandarin
Oranges

20 Scrambled
Eggs,
Hashbrown
Casserole,
Sausage Toast,
Yogurt | Indian
Taco, Lettuce,
Tomato, Cheese,
Jell-O

13 Cream
of Wheat,

**** 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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Ak-Chin O'dham
Runner is a Community
Newspaper and encourages
Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos,
poems or a great story that
you would like to share,
please contact us so we
can include it in "YOUR"
newspaper. Also, if you have
suggestions or comments
about "YOUR" newspaper,
let the Runner Staff know
that too.

All submitted letters MUST
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Authors must also include
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clarity, grammar and good
taste. All submissions should
be received as typed or
non-cursive writing. Please
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DEADLINE

Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
January 20 -
February 2, 2023
issue is due by
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Material submitted after the
JANUARY 13TH DEADLINE
cannot be guaranteed
placement. If appropriate
and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

Grinchmas

Story and photos by T. Marshburn



School was out but
Education's Grinchmas
event was in full swing.

The Grinch stopped
by to do arts and crafts
with the kids. They
enjoyed hot cocoa, and
decorated picture frames
that would hold their
special memory with the
Grinch courtesy of the
Runner staff.

Parents and staff
watched as the not so
grumpy Grinch not only
stole Christmas but stole
the hearts of the kids in
the community Ak-Chin.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD

VACANCY OPEN TO AK-CHIN
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

Reminder: Community Members can only serve
on three (3) Boards, Commissions, or Committees
maximum at any given time.

The Ak-Chin Housing Board:

1. Ensures compliance with the housing programs,
which include but are not limited to all Ak-
Chin Community homes, Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) homes and Tax Credit homes
in coordination with the Community Council.
2. Is responsible for preparing recommendations to
the Community Council for approval or denial of
Housing Board actions/decisions.
3. Is responsible for ensuring that all established
policies regarding lease compliance, resident issues
and home care and maintenance are followed and
enforced.
4. Taking timely action on all Housing Board related
matters
5. Preparing for and attending all meetings and
trainings of the Board.

Requirements: All interested parties who desire to serve
on the Ak-Chin Housing Board must submit a letter of
interest detailing why they are interested in serving on
the Ak-Chin Housing Board. In your letter of interest,
please note which Board, Commission, or Committee
you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Community employees must also submit
documentation from their supervisor allowing them to
serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board

Please send all letters of interest Attn:

Ak-Chin Community Council
ATTN: Victoria A. Smith
42507 W. Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline to submit letter of interest is
Friday, January 13, 2023 by 5:00pm.



THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS THREE (3) VACANCIES FOR THE AK-CHIN GAMING COMMISSION

All interested individuals are eligible to apply; however
Ak-Chin members will be given first preference.

Reminder: You may only serve on three (3) Boards or
Commissions or Committees maximum at any given time.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Community Council is seeking
individuals with the following qualifications:

1. Must have knowledge or possess the ability to learn
the Ak-Chin Gaming Compact, Code and Harrah's/
Ak-Chin Casino Resort Management Agreement.
2. Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the
Ak-Chin Gaming Compact, Code and Harrah's/Ak-
Chin Casino Resort Management Agreement, and
the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
3. Must have the ability to learn and understand the
Federal, State, and Community regulatory processes
pertaining to the Tribal Gaming Agency and Harrah's
Casino Resort.
4. Must possess a valid Driver's License.

Requirements: All interested individuals must submit
a Letter of Interest detailing why they are interested in
serving on the Ak-Chin Gaming Commission. Community
employees must submit documentation from their
supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Gaming
Commission. In your letter of interest, please note which
Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on,
and when your term expires. All interested individuals
must be able to successfully complete a background
check and obtain an Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming License.

Please send all letters of interest:

Ak-Chin Community Council
Attn: Victoria A. Smith
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Deadline to submit letter of interest is
Friday, January 13, 2023.



Christmas House Light Contest

Story by Ak-Chin Recreation, photos by D. Villegas

First of all, thank you to
all that registered into our
Annual Xmas Contest!

There were amazing
homes registered in the
Parks & Recreation's
Annual Xmas House
Lights Contest.

Many Community

Members and Residents
stepped up by spreading
holiday cheer with
colorful holiday lights,
inflatables and Christmas
themed movies
categories!

Winners were judged
on creativity, originality
and artistic endeavors,

and on display for all
to see the beautiful and
creatively decorated
houses throughout our
Village.

Drum roll please.....
Congratulations to the
2022 Annual Xmas
House Lights Contest
Winners.



Disney
Themed:

1st Place:
Lillian
Shade

2nd Place:
Nancy
Carlyle

Classic
Themed:

1st Place:
Sandra Shade

2nd Place:
Candi
Chavez

3rd Place:
Aaron Peters



Comedy
Themed:

1st Place:
Vera &
Mark Pablo

2nd Place:
Marla
Antone
(submitted
photo)

3rd Place:
Stephanie
Vincent

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 45525 West Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ 85139 Phone (520) 538-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386		NOV 29 2022 04:58 PM
In the Matter of the Adoption of: A.M.A. D.O.B. 03/24/2006		CASE NO.: CV-2022-024-VIL CIVIL SUMMONS
THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Alonso Arellanes Burgos		
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.		
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER in the said matter within a period of 20 days if you are served within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community; 30 days if you are served outside the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community at the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee; further you must send a copy of your written answer to:		
Silas Curtis Norris 41940 W. Pocatane Lane Maricopa AZ 85138		
After you have been served and the written answer period has lapsed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing of this matter, and you will be notified of the time and date that you will be required to appear.		
IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUMMONS a judgment by default will be entered against you and the opposing party shall be awarded the relief demanded in this matter.		
GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 29th day of November, 2022.		
[Signature] Deanne Rascon, Court Administrator of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court		

Masik Tas 2022





GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE
(520) 550-6079



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JANUARY

COVID / FLU VACCINE LOCATIONS

Visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines.

Walk in or schedule an appointment by calling 602-528-1280.



SCAN FOR VACCINE
INFORMATION

Red Tail Hawk Health Center
January 14th
10 am - 2 pm

Red Tail Hawk Health Center
January 28th
10 am - 2 pm

Ak-Chin Indian Community COVID TESTING DATES

January 17th and 18th • 5 pm - 7 pm

Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex, Maricopa, AZ 85139

**1 MASK
FIGHTS ALL
3 VIRUSES**
COVID-19, RSV, & FLU!

WHAT IS THE FLU?

- Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs
- Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly
- Wearing a mask can prevent the spread of the flu
- The CDC recommends you can wear a mask inside public places like grocery stores and movie theaters at any time

DID YOU KNOW?

- Influenza and RSV activity is high and influenza continues to increase rapidly
- More than ten times more flu cases reported the week of December 12, 2022 than in an average year
- Rise in respiratory illnesses sparks long emergency room wait times statewide
- GRHC Influenza positive tests 7 times higher season to date than last year at this time
- Influenza cases are higher and hitting earlier this year than the last 4 years
- 1980% higher number of flu cases compared to last year's flu season

HOW DOES THE FLU SPREAD?

- Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby
- A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose

ARE FLU VACCINES SAFE?

- Flu vaccines have an excellent safety record
- Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades
- Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages
- Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age
- CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

TRANSMISSION
PREVENTION
MASKING
FIGHT
HANDWASHING
SUPERHERO
VACCINE
QUARANTINE

DISTANCING
VIRUSES
COVID
RSV
FLU



F D A C F Z L G W P A R S V Q
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C Y T S D K Q Q A D G V K Y A
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V X A P A A I J I X C B O H A
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K A O B R R Q E H U R O N N R
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G X B M A S K I N G N L U K O

**Scan QR
code to view
BHS Calendar
of events**



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code to read
the January
Community
Newsletter**



FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE TO GRHC PATIENTS, WALK-IN TO ONE OF OUR GRHC PRIMARY CARE DEPARTMENTS OR VISIT A VACCINE OUTREACH EVENT. REFER TO CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR UPDATES GRHC.ORG/HUB OR VISIT CDC.GOV/FLU



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

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

Ak-Chin O'odham Nēok Ki



Winter Storytelling with Camillus Lopez

Tohono O'odham Nation

Friday January 20, 2023

Field Across Language / Cultural Building

6:00 pm - 8:30

Dinner Will Be Served

Open to all Community Members & Residence

DRESS WARM

DONT FORGET
YOUR CHAIR

For more info contact: Felicia Vincent (520) 568-1338 or Email : favincent@ak-chin.nsn.us



January 2023

Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Questions? Call Us! 520-568-1675 Library Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-6pm Saturday Appointment Only Sunday		3	4 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	5	6 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	7
	9 Multi Media Monday 5-5:45	10	11 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	12 Tasty Crafts w/ Amy 5-5:45	13	14 LIBRARY CLOSED
	15 LIBRARY CLOSED	16 LIBRARY CLOSED	17	18 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	19	20
	22 Multi Media Monday 5-5:45	23	24 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	25 Tasty Crafts w/ Amy 5-5:45	26	27
	29	30	31 February	1 Buddy's Reading Circle* 2-6:30 LEGO Robotics 4-5:30	2	3

* Participants must be signed up for program to attend. Call 520-568-1675 for more information



We'll Pick You Up

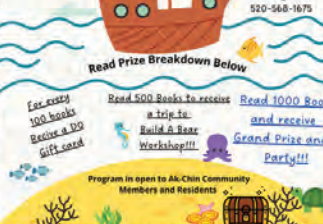
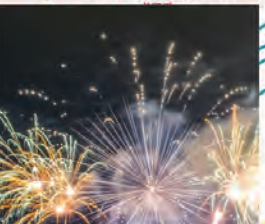
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- Economic Development Analyst
- General Worker
- Security Guard (5)
- Senior Planner
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist
- Wastewater Treatment Operator

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EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS JAN. 1 - 19

1-Jan
Timothy Nanstiel, Tribal Gaming

3-Jan
Johnny Ramirez, Environmental Protection

5-Jan
Christopher Beginski, Fire & Safety
Andrew Jimenez, Sanitation
DelRoy Narcia, Law & Order

6-Jan
Jose Miguel, Sanitation
Henrietta Rubio, Law & Order

7-Jan
Wayne Allison, Law & Order
Steve Peters, Retail

9-Jan
Jennifer Hill, Law & Order

10-Jan
Gilbert Celaya, Law & Order

11-Jan
Octavio Machado, Community Government

13-Jan
Elizabeth Chavez, Elderly
Teri De La Cruz, Health Education

15-Jan
Veronica Armadillo, Maintenance
Jordan Lopez, Parks & Recreation

17-Jan
Celest Soliz, Law & Order



JANUARY 1ST - 19TH BIRTHDAYS

January 1st
Duane NarciaJanuary 2nd
Azlynn Carra
Jolene CampbellJanuary 4th
Jaianna Pilone
Stephen Narcia
Skyler Luna
Alexandra OsifeJanuary 5th
DelRoy Narcia
Joseph PiloneJanuary 6th
Heaven Coble
Yolanda Melero-Moroyoqui
Jose Miguel Sr.
Joseph NarciaJanuary 7th
Brandon Smith
Kevin Villegas
Gabriel PabloJanuary 8th
Jessica Zabawa
Ethan Humeyumptewa
Ashley ManuelJanuary 9th
Paden Marsh
Jennifer Hill
Jose Balderrama
Leo ThomasJanuary 10th
Jack Tittes-Long
Jason LuzJanuary 11th
Octavio Machado
Edward RochaBradley Miguel
Euphrasia Mike
Persephanie Antone
Mylaunah RoblesJanuary 12th
Celiyah AntoneJanuary 13th
Ezri Miguel
Ella Lewis
Amarissa Garcia
Viviana RasconJanuary 14th
Karli Hoffman
Kimberly Smith
Teresa ValistoJanuary 15th
Carmella Ortiz
Jakob Thomas

January 16th
Karly Campbell
Dallaz Jackson-Narcia
Verdina Aguilla
Eduardo Santiago

January 17th
Ryder Narcia
Logan Tittes
Dawn Lewis
Stacey YarberryJanuary 18th
Sanya Enos
Richard Joaquin
Dominique White
Nathaniel EnosJanuary 19th
Perla Corona
Rosalino Ormsby

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- SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 17TH.
- REGISTRATION CLOSES JANUARY 10TH.

Questions? Please Contact Health Education at (520)568-1085 or mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

Happy 6th birthday to my Ezri Apolonia! Oh my baby girlsh I wish you could stay this little forever! You are such a smart and caring little girl, even with that attitude of a teenager, but I wouldn't have it any other way! I love you forever my Apolonia ❤️

Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Kevin and Edward and my granddaughter Jessica

Love, Grandma

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MOVIE RELEASES

1/06 M3GAN
1/13 A Man Called Otto
1/27 Distant
1/27 Plane

MLK DAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING
I have a dream

NATIONAL POPCORN DAY
FREE REGULAR POPCORN
the purchase of a movie ticket

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!
FRI, JAN 20 4PM-8PM
SAT, JAN 21 11AM-8PM
SUN, JAN 22 11AM-8PM
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Regular Popcorn \$3
Regular Fountain Drinks \$3
Movie Tickets \$7 All Day

FAMILY FUN DEAL
Popcorn, Drinks, & Games for \$75

JANUARY MONTHLY MOVIE MUST-HAVE COMBO
\$16
Large Popcorn
3 Soft Drinks
Hershey's Cookies 'n' Cream Bar

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Receive one FREE Reg. Popcorn, upgrade to a Lg. for \$2.00
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January 2023

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REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	2 ENTER TO WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$25,000 IN MARCH	3 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	4 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	5 SHARE YOUR EMAIL AND YOU WON'T MISS A THING! VISIT US ONLINE AT CAESARSREWARDS.COM/MYREWARDS	6 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	7 WEEKENDS NEED COFFEE, TOO. DUNKIN'
8 DOUBLE ENTRY DAY FOR THE ALASKA CRUISE DRAWING BONUS REWARD CREDITS	9 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS AT THE GIFT SHOP, THE SPA & MORE!	10 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	11 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	12 JACKPOT!	13 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	14 #1 BY USA TODAY SIGN UP FOR CAESARS REWARDS AND INSTANTLY WIN!
15 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	16 YOU CHOOSE THE CHOICE IS YOURS! MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	18 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	19 DATE NIGHT AT OAK & FORK	20 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	21 THERESA CAPUTO LIVE! THE EXPERIENCE MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER
22 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	23 FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER!	24 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	25 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	26 SPORTSBOOK & CAESARS REWARDS MOBILE APP AUCTION	27 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	28 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 FROM FIRST DOWN TO TOUCHDOWN, OUR CAESARS SPORTSBOOK IS READY FOR YOU DURING THE BIG GAME!
29 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	30 \$25K JACKPOT WINNERS CIRCLE SWEEPSTAKES	31 LEGACY COLLECTION BY CRG PRESTIGE TRAVEL SET GIVEAWAY	<p>MYSTERY</p> <p>TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS - 8AM - 11:59PM</p>			