



Davante Adams, wide receiver for the Las Vegas Raiders makes a silly pose with attendees of the Nike N7 experience during Football night.

Community Kids attend Nike N7 Sports Experience

Story and photos by T. Marshburn

To celebrate Super Bowl week and Spring training, The Notah Begay III Foundation, First Tee – Phoenix and US Sports Camps hosted the Nike N7 Sports Experience for local Native American and Indigenous youth. The camps covered golf, football, baseball and softball, with high energy and interaction between the ages of 7-17, all genders, gathered and shared a day of exercising and education with top national and local coaches. The golf event took place at Talking Stick Resort. Through different stations the kids were able to test out their golfing skills. The station I thought was the coolest was the “Dream” station. It started with Notah Begay III, one of the first Native Americans to play in the

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January 2023 Community Meeting



2023 Ak-Chin Tribal Council (l-r): Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent, Council member Lisa Garcia, Chairman Robert Miguel, Council members Gabriel Lopez and Cecil Peters.

Story and photo by R. Peters

Ak-Chin Tribal Council held their first Community Meeting for 2023 on Monday, January 30. As there were no presentations on agenda, Council members shared updates for the month. Chairman Robert Miguel began the meeting with opening remarks, and introduction of council’s newly elected council members Gabriel Lopez and Cecil Peters. Council member Lisa Garcia followed with a prayer. Chairman attended Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs Inauguration at the State Capital. He talked about her relationship prior to becoming Governor with tribes and her vision to continue to work with Arizona tribes. He attended the Legislative Forecast luncheon at Chase Field with the Arizona Diamondbacks and many other dignitaries and newly elected officials, as well as attending the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the State Capital. He talked about a last-minute request for a brief meet and greet with Vice-President Kamala Harris near Tonopah at an energy meeting, sharing how the Biden-Harris administration continues to work with tribes. Chairman’s final update was meeting with semi-retired pro baseball player Jacoby Ellsbury, from the Colorado River Indian Tribes. During the meeting they discussed possible opportunity for Ellsbury to come out and do some clinics with our youth. Council member Cecil Peters welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, before sharing his updates, which included attending the

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Lena Cypriano-Santiago Women’s History Month Feature

Story by T. Marshburn, photo submitted by A. Santiago



I was born in Gila Bend in 1950. My mom is the late Catherine Santiago and my father is the late Roy Santiago. I was a middle child, with 2 brothers, Clyde

Santiago and Harry Moreno who have passed and 2 sisters, Connie Santiago and Analita Laborin who live in Ak-Chin. I grew up in Gila Bend

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Ralston Justin (5th from left) is surrounded by family, co-workers and friends after he and his band, Dogyard’s performance at Ak-Chin Hohokam Park, February 24.

DOGYARD plays first hometown gig at Hohokam Skate Park

Story and photos by R. Peters

Friday, February 24, Hohokam Skate Park in Ak-Chin Indian Community transformed into a mini concert venue with four bands lined up to play, starting at 7pm. The event was posted on FB and had a pretty good turnout, as the small gathering turned into a decent crowd of moshers and skaters circling the skate arena. Once the final band began, Dogyard, featuring community member Ralston Justin on rhythm guitar, the crowd practically took over the whole skate area. Ralston, who sometimes plays leads and backup vocals said he knew some of the band members for years before he started playing with the band. “I’ve jammed with Chris (lead guitarist) and Danny (drummer) before... “so we all knew of each other musically wise.” Ray plays bass and Fizz is lead vocals. Chris texted Ralston to come jam with them, “and I went over to the practice space and the rest is history.” Ralston then shared how the event all came together. “We all wanted to have our first show of 2023 to be a hometown show, we just didn’t know where. Danny asked if it could be at the skate park and then I ran with that and asked Ann Antone... she gave us the green light



LEO THOMAS

On Saturday, February 18, 2023, Leo Thomas, loving husband, passed away at the age of 78 years in Chandler, Arizona.

Leo was born on January 9, 1945 in the Ak-Chin Indian Community to Anthony and Phillipa Thomas. He graduated high school from Stewart Indian High School, Stewart, Nevada and attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Leo was a proud Army Veteran who completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. After his discharge from the Army in 1968, Leo served in various administrative positions within the Ak-Chin Indian Community. He formerly served as the Vice-Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Housing Board of Commissioners, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Commission and member of the Ak-Chin Farm Board.

Leo and his wife, Imogene, were joined in marriage on June 29, 1996 in the Ak-Chin Indian Community. He loved to listen to music (conjunto) and listening to history tapes provided from Sun Sound.

Leo had a positive attitude, was easy to talk with and was always willing to offer any advice and words of encouragement to others.

He was known to say, “Believe in yourself. When a negative thought enters your mind, cancel it out and keep the faith. As you grow, always learn something new and continue to improve yourself.”

Leo is survived by his wife, Imogene Thomas, and his sisters, Adeline Thomas and Patricia Thomas both of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. He is also survived by 7 nieces, 1 nephew, 17 grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Phillipa Thomas, brothers, Gregory Thomas and Gary Thomas and sisters, Darlene Thomas, Joyce Thomas and Anna Thomas.

Leo will be immensely missed by his family and friends but they all look forward to being all together again.

Wake services were held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 4 PM-8 PM at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Gymnasium. Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 9 AM, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Committal Service with Military Honors will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, 2:00PM – 2:30PM at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85024.



TERRY O. ENOS

We the family would like to send our deepest gratitude for the services provided during our time of grief. For the kind words, sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family. Thank you for your time, help, assistance and donations it will always be remembered. We apologize if we may have not mentioned everyone.

- Ak-Chin Public Works, Ak-Chin Fire Dept.
- Ak-Chin Veterans, Ak-Chin Runner
- Ak-Chin Recreation, Ak-Chin Elderly Dept.
- Ak-Chin Council, Ak-Chin Boys basketball team
- Ak-Chin Police Dept., Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino
- Ak-Chin Public Health Nurses
- Thema Homecare, Empower Homecare
- Felicia Vincent
- St. Francis Assisi church/ Father Antony Tinker
- San Juan Church/ Miguel family
- Tony Jose & family, Sally & Lawrence
- Leo Lewis/ choirs
- NABI foundation/Gina Marie-Scarpa
- Gila River Council, Salt River Council
- District 4 Service Center
- J. Warren, Casa Grande Honor Post guard
- Will Dunn/ Cotton Blossom Flower Shop

He will be forever missed, but never forgotten. From the family of “Terry O. Enos”



Community Meeting continued from Front

Legislative Day, tribal leaders breakfast as well as a meet and greet with Governor Hobbs. He then talked about spending remainder of month doing many web-ex meetings with departments and lawyers and trying to play catch up with what’s going on in the community and surrounding areas. Council member Gabriel Lopez had a month load of work sessions and meetings to share, that began with the first council meeting via web-ex. He also participated in other web-ex and

conference calls, such as the BIA roads and maintenance program meeting, and water litigation conference call with legal team. Lopez shared PRC meeting regarding AHCCS provider enrollment forms, attending tribal leaders breakfast, web-ex meetings with environmental programs on grants and budget review. He also had a work session with enrollment and incident management team and burial policy draft meeting, as well as capital projects update, Farm policy and

procedures meeting, and meeting with city of Maricopa to discuss the Sonoran parkway. Council member Lisa Garcia was next to provide updates. She participated in work sessions on PRC, advocating for members to get on some sort of healthcare coverage, also working with Gila River Healthcare to ensure referrals, bills and medication are being filled in a timely manner. Lisa discussed meeting with Hesperus to once again host West Point Academy at Harrah’s. She also attended a fee-

to-trust land management consultation, work session with IMT. She reminded how monthly distributions have stopped, but covid testing is ongoing and IMT is still an active resource, for supplies, or help with something. Lisa attended Inter Tribal Council Tribal Leaders meeting at Ft. McDowell, on fraudulent practices of treatment-rehab-hospice facilities. Tribal leaders were privy to presentation on stringent protocols for those homes. After Garcia had finished, she turned it over to Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent. Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent, gave thanks to all in attendance and then began update with opportunity to meet secretary Deb Haaland and learn about her boarding school initiative, reaching out to

tribes of Arizona to hear their stories and offer healing services. Lemuel also met with Congressman Dusty Johnson, and took him on visit to Ak-Chin farms to learn about the agriculture and hear about the water settlement. He then shared about being busy with Masik Tas and holiday events, stating it was a good experience coming back to something normal and receiving praise and thanks from the city of Maricopa – appreciative for free events, carnival, rodeo and concerts. Council then opened up the discussion for membership to ask questions. Questions focused on: right of way violations/concerns with Sonoran Parkway, Hwy 328, cease and desist orders, meetings with ADOT, Super bowl ticket allotment, agreement

– transportation, liaison for Gila River healthcare, lab work at Ak-Chin Clinic, rental assistance program, casino conferences-food guidelines, community budgets, Community meetings back at service center, upcoming goals for council-community, water issues, healthcare concerns, economic development, new homes and apartment update, status of cactus statue from casino, and enrollment options at new high school. Once the meeting concluded a raffle was held and then meeting adjourned approximately 730pm. The February Community meeting was canceled. Next Community meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 6pm, location tentatively at Ak-Chin Service Center.

Elder March Breakfast-Lunch Menu

3 Scrambled Eggs with Vegetables, Toast, Muffin Fruit | Grilled Chicken over Caesar Salad, Beets, Grapes

6 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | Hamburger, Green Leaf & Tomato, Baked Beans, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail

7 Ham Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Toast Fruit, Scone | Pinto Bean & Chorizo Soup, Pork Chops (D), Normandy Vegetable, Romain Salad, Cherry Crisp/Orange

8 Mushroom Spinach Scrambled Eggs, Toast Avocado Slices, Oranges | Tilapia or Baked Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Wild Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit

9 Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Raisin Bread, Fruit | Bean or Chicken Tostada, White Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Fresh Pears

10 Potato Sausage, Casserole Boiled Eggs, Tortilla, Scone Fruit |

Egg Salad Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Chips, Watergate Salad/Plum

13 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Loaded Baked Potato, Romain Salad, Pineapples

14 Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa, Fruit with Cottage Cheese | Chicken Rolled Taquitos, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Churros/Apple

15 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Hashbrown, Toast, Apples | Pork Chops, Green Beans, Creamed Spinach, Mandarin Oranges

16 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | White Beans, Chicken Soft Taco (D), Cauliflower, Salad, Tropical Fruit

17 Green Pancakes, Ham & Eggs, Fruit Salad | Irish Stew, Steamed Cabbage, Rolls, Pistachio Cake/Apple

**** Menu subject to change ****

Home Assessments are Important!

The Injury Prevention Program will be scheduling your assessment soon. This is a great way to let us know of concerns & needs for you or a family member

- check smoke detectors

- fall hazards in the home

- test electrical outlets

- test hot water temperature

- help dispose of expired medications

HELP KEEP OUR ELDERS SAFE

For questions please call or email Teri De La Cruz at 520-568-1087
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Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
March 17 - April 6, 2023
issue is due by
FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST

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MARCH 31ST DEADLINE
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and relevant, it will be
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Nathius Jacuinde Honored for Bravery



Nathius receives certificate and gift bag from Ak-Chin Fire department, February 28.



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

StrongHearts Responds To Gun Violence

(EAGAN, Minn., February 17, 2023) – Less than two full months into 2023, our country has already experienced more than 70 incidences of gun violence.

Michigan State University is the latest to experience a mass shooting in a school setting.

StrongHearts Native Helpline stands with the victims and survivors of gun violence, their family and friends, as they process their horrific experience.

"When we think about survivors of trauma from the standpoint of domestic and sexual violence, we know that these experiences take time and effort to heal," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

"Likewise, gun violence has become a constant source of trauma in America turning our schools, shopping centers and our homes into a battleground."

Jump explained survivors of trauma need mental health services for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that is more often than not unavailable in poor communities where gun violence is prevalent.

"There is a dire need for health professionals to mobilize and respond to the increasing number of gun violence cases that plagues our country," concluded Jump.

StrongHearts Native Helpline supports common sense legislation to ensure the safety of all citizens in the United States. We understand that gun violence is not a stand alone issue.

America's mental health system is broken and fails to meet the most basic needs of its citizens.

StrongHearts Native Helpline supports the Strengthening Protections for Domestic Violence and Stalking Survivors Act, recently introduced by Senator Klobuchar (MN) and Representatives Dingell (MI) and Fitzpatrick (PA) and implore our elected representatives to take swift action to improve the safety of our citizens.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic and sexual violence. For support and advocacy, call or text: 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.



IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
45525 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386

In the Matter of the Adoption of: CASE NO.: CV-2023-001-VIL
A.A. D.O.B.: 04/08/2005 CIVIL SUMMONS

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
Alonzo Arellanes

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:

Mercedes & Fernando Rivera
13019 North Farm 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 24th day of January, 2023.

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

Ak-Chin Fire department honored Nathius Jacuinde with an award for his bravery on February 28.

While walking home from school Nathius saved his sister from being attacked by a dog.

Nathius recalls the incident telling us that he seen the dog and his first reaction was to push his

sister out of the way.

Nathius was transported to Banner Children's Hospital where he was treated for his injuries he sustained.

In addition to a certificate Nathius was presented with a bag of goodies and an open invitation from the fire department to stop by and hang out with them.

Story and photo by T. Marshburn

Ak-Chin Fire was so impressed with how calm Nathius was they felt they had to reward him in some way.

This is the first time an award like this has been given to anyone. The fire department threw out the idea of Nathius joining their team one day as a fire fighter, stating, that kind of bravery is exactly what they are looking for.

Lena continued from Front

until i was 4 or 5 years old.

After my father passed away my mom moved us to Ak-Chin around 1955 and we lived in the mud house currently still standing at Fabian Santiago's residence.

We moved back and forth between Ak-Chin and Gila Bend living with family. At one time we also lived in a house by the reservoir and also in one of the farm houses in the farm area.

I looked after my siblings and cooked and washed their clothes every day. I also worked in the farms for Ak-Chin and Maricopa.

I picked and chopped cotton, and was a seasonal worker picking watermelon, onions, pistachios, pecans and jalapenos.

I have 6 children; Yolanda Melero, Christopher Cypriano, Michael Santiago, Alberto Santiago, Armonda Santiago, and Yessenia Santiago.

I lived in Maricopa for 10 years with my kids, then I moved my family to Ak-Chin in 1994 when I got my first house.

I started working at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino as a day one employee in 1994. I was as a steward, and worked my way up. I finished my job as a cook and retired after 17 years.

In my free time I like to sew traditional dresses, men's traditional shirts, quilts and curtains. I still also like to cook for my family.

I am currently taking care of my

4 grandchildren. I have a total of 19 grandchildren.

The most favorite part of living in Ak-Chin is the amount of growth, we have developed. The worst thing that I have witnessed is Covid 19, but we survived.

For the future of Ak-Chin Community I hope the O'dham language doesn't disappear.

March is Women's history month. A time to honor women and their vital role of in society.

The Ak-Chin O'dham Runner will be featuring some of the important women in the community. If you know someone who may be interested in being featured in the Runner, please contact us at runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN MISC. DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design-Build Agreement. These misc. projects consist of the following;

1. Chilled Water Insulation and Step Barrier
 - a. Replace Chilled Water insulation on roof. Add step barriers and needed platforms.
2. Valet Parking Lot
 - a. Redo the Valet lot in its entirety including redesign, shade awnings, new parking lot lights, landscaping, crosswalk/s, signage and surveillance cameras.
3. Agave's Walk-in Coolers
 - a. Replace condenser racks, evap. heads, piping, controls and new electrical (chilled water application).
4. Back of House Access Control & Doors
 - a. Replace several sets of doors and implement Maxess Access controls.
5. Hose Bibs
 - a. Extend piping and add hose bids to several locations throughout parking garage.

A **MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference** is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Friday, March 24, 2023 Harrah's Ak-Chin Resort and Casino located at 15406 N. Maricopa Rd., Maricopa AZ 85139. Meet at the Security Office Entrance. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Only Design-Build Entities that are registered State Gaming License Holders and preferable property Gaming License Holders will be considered. It is preferable the Mandatory Pre-Bid is attended by General Contractors and Designers and not Subcontractors and Material Suppliers.

To **REGISTER** for this MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference contact Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us no later than Thursday, March 23, 2023. Upon registration, the complete detailed RFP Packet will be emailed to registered attendees.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, April 14, 2023. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

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

Mateo Rodriguez wins at Science Fair

Submitted by Jennifer Boehm-King

Mateo Rodriguez won first place at the Maricopa Legacy School Science Fair in Engineering for the

6th Grade class.

His project was a hydraulic water propelled Ferris



wheel as an alternative means to clean energy.

He will compete on behalf of his class at the Legacy Regional Science Fair being held in Maricopa on March 3rd.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Do you have plans after High School?
Are you returning to College or University?
Or are you planning for Vocational Training?

Whatever your plans are, the Scholarship Program is here to help.

What you need to apply for the Scholarship Program:

- You must be an Enrolled Member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community;
- You must have received your High School Diploma or a GED Certificate;
- You will need a Letter of Acceptance from the institution you will be attending; and
- You will need a career plan; An Academic Plan of Study with your Class Schedule.

Don't forget to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please visit www.studentaid.gov to apply.

Our scholarship application deadlines are as follows:

FALL Semester	SPRING Semester	SUMMER Session	Vocational Training
Deadline: June 30	Deadline: November 30	Deadline: April 30	Deadline: 2 months prior to entry

Your contact at the Scholarship Program is
Mr. Lenny Dempsey, Enrollment Advisor
Email: Ldempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us
Office: (520) 568-1291 / 1280

DOGYARD continued from Front

and just like that, the first step was in."

part of the Mul-Chu-Tha event for Gila River.

not been any better, the energy was there all the way!"

Ralston gave a shout out to the three other bands that jammed with them that evening, "Okinawa Plane Crash", "Trashcan" and "Night of the Spiders".

He gave another shout out to Andrew Pedro from Ceremented, "for having us on the bill, and I encourage everyone if they can, to go check it out."

He credits those who helped make that night happen, "the event wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for Delbert White, Ann Antone, Lesha Vincent, Council and everyone who came out to support.

There was a merch stand set up selling, shirts, buttons and CDs.

Ralston was pretty stoked about the turn out for their first show in the community.

So, we thank all you guys for the help and who knows we might do another show sometime soon."

"More than thrilled to see the turnout for our first hometown show. The crowd could have



Clockwise, Ralston gets the crowd going as lead singer Fizz grabs her mic. Felicia Vincent shows off her DOGYARD shirt. Felicia also gifted all band members with a shell necklace adorned with the Ak-Chin seal. The merch stand stayed busy offering up items from all bands. Young skaters take advantage of the park while enjoying listening to the bands.



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

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CASTING SEARCH for the Native Community

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For Speaking and Non-Speaking Roles

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Native, adult males (18-40)
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Travel & Housing will be provided (if necessary)

Please Apply BEFORE Sunday, March 12, 2023

Click on link below or paste it into your browser and follow all instructions

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All applicants must create a FREE Actors Access account.
If you have any difficulty with the link or need assistance, contact:

RHCTalent@gmail.com

N7 continues from Front

PGA, who told a story about his upbringing and the challenges he faced as a child.

The children got to talk about their own hopes and dreams, even writing them on sticky notes to be displayed throughout the day.

The kids were divided into smaller groups to navigate through the different stations.

There were a number of athletes at each event, but Davante Adams was definitely the star of the show for the football night.

The children were so excited to see him. They literally chased him off the field as he yelled "I got \$5 for anyone who can catch me."

Much like the other nights they had high energy interactive stations for football.

The stations included running, throwing and catching under the direction of professional coaches and athletes.

The final event was baseball and it opened with a heartfelt message from Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel.

He spoke about the importance of never giving up on your dreams, which seemed to be a big theme of each event.

Every speaker told inspirational stories that I sure the children will keep with them forever.



Ak-Chin kids participating in various activities and posing alongside athletes such as Notah Begay III (Golf), Christian Watson (Football), Davante Adams (Football) and Jacoby Ellsbury (Baseball).



Chairman throws First Pitch



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was recently asked to throw out the first pitch of the University of Arizona men's baseball season at Salt River Fields in Scottsdale.

Tennessee Volunteers. The Volunteers went into the game ranked as the #2 team in the Nation. The UofA Wildcats came away with a 2-1 victory.



Chairman Miguel gets signature from University of Arizona Wildcat, catcher-pitcher Luke Moeller.

Due to the significance of the tribes' relationships with the University of Arizona, as well as playing on the indigenous grounds at Salt River Fields, it was very appropriate and respectful for UofA to reach out and have a tribal leader initiate their 2023 season.

The game featured the University of Arizona Wildcats vs the



MARCH 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Gathering held at the Service Center, 6- 8PM
Community Meeting held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION

Elder Center 520-568-1760
Center Hours
Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM
Lunch 12 noon

Transportation

520-568-1760 or 520-568-1769
Please Call Before 4 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9AM-6PM
Saturday-Appointment Only
Sunday-Closed
Questions? Call Us!
520-568-1675

RECREATION INFORMATION

For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @520-568-1740

MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ELDER CENTER



ELDER CHAIR VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE DAYS

Wednesday and Friday
9:00 - 11:00AM
@ Recreation Gym

Transportation

520-568-1760 or
520-568-1769

Please Call Before 4 PM

HEALTH EDUCATION



WIC SERVICES

Tuesday, March 7
9:00 - 11:00 AM
@ Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

Wednesday, March 8*
9:00AM - 3:00PM
@ Ak-Chin Clinic Parking Lot
*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

***The mobile unit is not handicapped accessible. ***

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

2 MILE WALK
Saturday, March 18
9:00 AM
@ Ak-Chin Service Center

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 - 11:00 AM
@ Elements Event Center
16000 Maricopa Road

LIBRARY



MONDAYS

MULTI MEDIA MONDAYS
5:00 - 5:45PM

WEDNESDAYS

LEGO ROBOTICS
4:00 - 5:30PM
BUDDY'S READING CIRCLE*
2:00 - 6:00PM
*Participants must be signed up for program to attend.
Call 520-568-1675 for more information.

THURSDAY 3/9 & 3/23
TASTY CRAFTS W/AMY
5:00 - 5:45PM

Week of 3/27
Easter Scavenger Hunt Begins

PARKS & RECREATION



GAME ROOM*

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**
5:00 - 7:00PM
XBOX & PS4

*Ages 9 - 17; Must call to schedule slot time; waiver release and conduct form must be signed and completed
**Friday tournament - prizes (1st - 3rd place)

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE



GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE
(520) 550-6079



GRHC.ORG/HUB

VACCINE AVAILABILITY

You can visit any of the GRHC Primary Care Departments for the COVID-19 and Flu vaccines at any time during regular office hours.



SCAN FOR
VACCINE
INFORMATION



Beginning April 1, 2023

AHCCCS eligibility reviews will return



LET US HELP YOU RENEW YOUR AHCCCS COVERAGE

**GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE
ELIGIBILITY CLERKS ARE HERE TO ASSIST WITH:**



**Updating
contact
information**



**Completing
renewal
applications**

DON'T RISK LOSING YOUR AHCCCS COVERAGE

*In-Person Assistance Available at all GRHC Locations
Monday - Friday (8 am - 5 pm)*

**Contact your Gila River Health Care Eligibility Clerks at:
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 2737, 1204 or 1827 Or Email: eligclerks@grhc.org**

COME JOIN US!

MARCH 17TH - 18TH, 2023



REZ-ILIENT
HEALTHY KIDS & FAMILIES #HKF

**During the 59th Annual
Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo
at the Sacaton Fairgrounds.**

MORE INFO TO COME!



SAVE THE DATE



STREAM ON @GILARIVER

ASK YOUR PROVIDER
WITH DR. RYAN SOUTHWORTH

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 9TH, 2023
@ 5:30 PM**

HAVE A QUESTION?
runner@grhc.org



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

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Gila River HEALTH CARE

FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

CALL OR TEXT (520) 371-0132

March 08th 2023

(Wednesday)*

In the Ak-Chin Clinic Parking Lot

9:00am - 3:00pm

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OUR CLINICAL SERVICES FOR MEN & WOMEN:

- Family Planning counseling and education
- STD testing and treatment
- HIV testing and counseling
- Birth control and pregnancy education
- Well-Woman exams
- Pap smears and breast exams
- GYN diagnosis and treatment
- Emergency contraception
- Prenatal and postpartum care
- Preconception counseling
- Prevention counseling and education

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

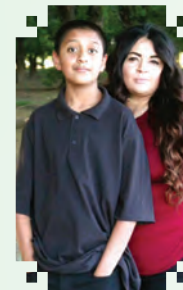
We are flexible...Let us know what time works best for you!

Wishes

Happy 16th Birthday
Maverick Jordan.
Love ya!!



Happy 13th Birthday
Dante.
Love ya!!



Happy Birthday to my grandsons
Dante, Cayden, Cody, Devin and Narin
and to my granddaughters
Emma and Alexandra
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Cayden
Love your family

JOIN US FOR A

Saint Patrick's Day

2-MILE WALK

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH @ 9:00AM

AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER

BREAKFAST | RAFFLE PRIZES | T-SHIRTS

REGISTER USING GOOGLE FORMS
REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 16TH

EVENT OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Martina Peters (520)568-1085 or
mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

JOB OPENINGS



- Economic Development Analyst
- Firefighter/Medic
- General Worker
- Motor Pool Technician
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist

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.

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 3/1 - 3/16

2-Mar

Alyssa Joaquin, *Retail*

5-Mar

Gabriel Lopez,
Council

12-Mar

Gabriela Potter,
Finance

Christine Dodwell,
Tribal Gaming

3-Mar

Harry Grizzle,
Law & Order
Wilma Antone-
Frausto, *Early*
Childhood

7-Mar

Delbert White,
Sanitation

14-Mar

Brenna Antone,
Maintenance

4-Mar

John Janzen, *Capital*
Projects

8-Mar

Anthony Martinez,
Law & Order

15-Mar

Dwayne Antone,
Sanitation

9-Mar

Julio Glori, *Elderly*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01

Olivia Vincent
Maverick Santiago
Nolan Miguel
Ferrin Sope

03/02

Kristina Garcia
Sonja White

03/03

Courtney Miguel
Wilma Antone
Ardon Green

03/04

Deion Narcia
Mario Twohearts
Madeleine Van
Sickle
Armanii Whitman

03/05

Gabriel Lopez
Dante Peters
Cayden Peters
Sharalee
Dominguez-Zapata
Kerianna Justin
Emma Narcia
Dannika Lewis

03/06

Nakotah Antone
Cody Narcia
Jose Gutierrez, Jr.
Damonique Lewis

03/07

Emily Lewis
Alexandra Lopez
Delbert White

03/08

Leighsa Miguel

03/09

Jonathan Narcia
Stanislaus Antone
Charlene Whitman

03/10

Mercedes Stephens
Marcus Delores, Jr.
Irene Medina

03/11

Robert Stephens, Jr.
Devin Peters
Angelisa Cuatt
Mildred Narcia
Breon Stephens
Giulianna Sandoval
Antonenko Alvarez

03/12

Lisa Chavez

03/13

Samantha Castro
Ameliano Jacuinde

03/14

Brenna Antone
Crystal Maddox
Davin Garcia

03/15

Narin Lopez
LeRoy Narcia
Dwayne Antone
Ana Blanchard
Joseph Green, Jr.
Anastasia Soke

03/16

Tracy Wind
Mariella Norris
Kalvin Antone

03/18

Karlie Smith
Kelly Antone
Kane Miguel

03/20

Jose Hernandez
Sarah Carlyle
Carlton Carlyle, Jr.
Gabriel Sierra
James
Daria Garcia

03/21

Joel Vincent
Eric Chavez

03/22

Manuel Garcia
Nicole Vincent
George Lewis, Jr.

03/23

Mark A. Pablo
Marie Ortega
Melanie Antone
Brandon Antone
Deanna Rascon
Christian Alvarez

03/24

Yamiah Miguel
Yaniah Miguel
Jessie Williams

03/25

David White, Sr.
Jacob Santiago
Mario Ortega

03/26

Evelina Lopez
Kerwin Ugalde

03/27

Benedict Miguel
Celia Soto

03/28

Maria Santiago

03/29

Monica Ruiz
Megan Quintero
Leona Kakar
Dannon Peters

03/30

Marvin Shade
Allissia Bandin
Aaliyah Balderrama

03/31

Zaydyn Norris
Maria Hernandez
Robert Velasquez
Shannon Peters
Courtney Delores

Country Pop Singer Jordan Davis to Take the Stage at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino



(MARICOPA, Ariz. — Feb. 23, 2023) — Jordan Davis, an American country pop singer and songwriter best known for his hit duet “Buy Dirt” with Luke Bryan, is coming to The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, April 28.

A creative soul born in Shreveport, Louisiana, Davis secured a recording contract with Universal Music Group Nashville in 2016 with his genre-defying sound and lyrically-driven tracks. “Buy Dirt,” Davis’ 2021 duet

with Luke Bryan, reached Number One on the Hot Country Songs chart and was one of the Top Five most streamed country songs in both 2021 and 2022.

“I’ve settled into a really good headspace in writing songs, which is rooted in being honest—about past things that I’ve gone through, good or bad, and about some things that have kind of scared me about the future. So, the best thing for me is that ‘Buy Dirt’ opened up a whole other lane of songs that I think people can really connect

with,” says Davis.

A well-respected and relevant artist, Davis is set to bring his talents to The Events Center stage for a night to remember with songs that people are going to feel—not just hear.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino proudly presents:

JORDAN DAVIS

Date: Friday, April 28, 2023

Doors: 7:00PM

Showtime: 8:00PM

Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Tickets: General Admission—\$49.50

Ages: All Ages

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino:

Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner, Maricopa-based Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be

used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

Harrah's Ak-Chin boasts one of the two Bingo halls within the Caesars portfolio, continuing the proud heritage of William F. Harrah, who opened his first Bingo hall in Reno in 1937.

In addition to Craps, Roulette, sports betting, slot machines, video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives, and blackjack, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant and Dunkin'®.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino features 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with a swim-up bar.

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MARCH EVENTS
Ak-ChinCircle.com

LUXE LOUNGE PRESENTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
With Musical Guests

FRIDAY MARCH 17
8PM - MIDNIGHT
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
LUXE IS 21+ Venue

MOVIE RELEASES

3/03	Creed III
3/10	Champions
3/10	Scream VI
3/10	65
3/17	SHAZAM!: Fury Of The Gods
3/24	John Wick: Chapter 4
3/31	Dungeons And Dragons Honor Among Thieves

MARCH 10 NATIONAL POPCORN LOVER'S DAY
BEER \$20

MONTHLY MOVIE MUST-HAVE COMBO \$16

CENTRAL 67
March 11, 2023
\$1,000 BEST IN SHOW!

FOOD TRUCK BATTLE
March 11, 2023
11AM-5PM

WESTERN BUSINESS EXPO 2023
March 11, 2023
11AM-3:30PM

CHIHUAHUA
March 11, 2023
Win \$500 & \$100

Spring Break Dollar 4 Dollar
Purchase a game card (up to \$20) and we will match that amount
MARCH 6-24
PLAY WIN
Ak-ChinCircle.com

Movies showing this weekend:

OPERATION FORTUNE: RUSE DE GUERRE

JESUS REVOLUTION

COCAINE BEAR

ANT-MAN AND THE WASP: QUANTUMANIA*

80 FOR BRADY

MISSING

PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER*

*3D showing times available

Tickets available online:
ak-chincircle.com/theater

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PADDY'S PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023 SWIPE AT A PROMOTIONAL KIOSK - 8AM - 11:59PM			1 CAST IRON SERIES BY HELL'S KITCHEN™ GIVEAWAY*	2 HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!	3 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	4 CHOPBLOCK & BREW SOCIAL INFLUENCERS' TOP PICK! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!
5 DOUBLE ENTRY DAY FOR THE ALASKA CRUISE DRAWING BONUS REWARD CREDITS	6 IT'S TIME TO CHIME!	7 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	8 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	9 #NATIONALMEATBALLDAY	10 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	11 GARY ALLAN CONCERT
12 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	13 FIND OUT WHAT'S APP'ENING! CAESARS REWARDS	14 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	15 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	16 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK TAKE YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!	17 ST. PADDY'S PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER BONUS REWARD CREDITS NICK OFFERMAN SHOW	18 DUNKIN' HAS YOUR MORNING AFTER COFFEE CURE
19 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	20 CRUISE INTO SPRING	21 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	22 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	23 ENTER YOUR JACKPOT FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN \$25K IN JUNE!	24 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	25 PLAY YOUR WAY TO \$100K EARN AND ENTER TO WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$25,000 IN MARCH
26 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	27 SHARE YOUR EMAIL AND YOU WON'T MISS A THING! VISIT US ONLINE AT CAESARSREWARDS.COM/MYREWARDS	28 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	29 KOOLGO™ GAMEDAY COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	30 SPA, POOL, REPEAT!	31 BONUS REWARD CREDITS	

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