

## University of Arizona Unveil New Library Sign Dedicated to Ak-Chin Indian Community



Ak-Chin councilmembers, elders, youth and language staff gather for a photo around the new library sign at the University of Arizona that was dedicated to Ak-Chin on May 8.

Story by Jordan Rodriguez, photo submitted by Gabriel Lopez

Opened in 1977, the main library on the campus of the University of Arizona has been a staple for students, faculty, and visitors.

With amenities such as virtual reality, study rooms for both individuals and groups, and building workshops, the library brings in over one-million visitors making it one of the most visited buildings on campus.

Since its opening nearly 50 years ago, it has always been referred to as the Main Library, that is until May 8, when the University of Arizona main library sign was dedicated to the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Ak-Chin was well represented at the unveiling ceremony, with community elders, tribal council, youth council and the language department in attendance.

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The initiative behind the sign dedication and unveiling was incorporated by the Linguistics Department along with the Native American Advancement & Tribal Engagement (NAATE) Department of the University of Arizona.

The two entities developed the Native Languages of Arizona Campus Sign Initiative to heighten the visibility of Arizona's Native Nations and Native languages on the U of A campus.

This is a campus-wide initiative to create a sense of belonging for Indigenous students, staff, faculty and Community members.

Levi Esquerro, Senior Vice-President of NAATE and Jacquelyn Valenzuela, Tribal

Engagement Liaison of NAATE reached out to Ak-Chin regarding this initiative. This process was started about 2 years in the making.

"It is an honor to have the Community's name dedicated to an area within the University as a symbol for our members that have attended, members that are attending and members that are thinking about attending the school," stated Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent.

"The library is an area that one can learn the many different aspects pertaining the 22 native tribes within Arizona, as well as the 574 tribes in the United States. Aspects entailing the many diverse cultural identity of each tribe."

An area such as the library symbolizes the never-ending aspects of learning. It is a place



Torch Run participants check-in and prepare for their run.

## Ak-Chin PD host Law Enforcement Torch Run

Story and photo by Jordan Rodriguez

The Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics of Arizona. Anyone was welcome to participate in the two-and-a-half-mile run/walk/bike ride sponsored through Ak-Chin.

Runners started at the Ak-Chin Circle and would hurry their way over to the finish line at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, where a meal was waiting for them immediately after they completed the race.

Law Enforcement Torch Run (also known as LETR) is the largest fundraiser for the Special Olympics across the globe.

In Arizona, law enforcement agencies raise over one million dollars per year that goes directly to the Special Olympics of Arizona to create increased opportunities for athletes. Through LETR, which raises awareness and financial support for Special Olympics worldwide, law enforcement

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## US Bureau of Reclamation tours Ak-Chin's water reservoir



Ak-Chin Farm Manager Damian Murrieta speaks with Gary Gold from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Story and photo by Jordan Rodriguez

On May 9, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation paid a visit to the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Although, the purpose of this visit was mainly educational, the group learned about where the Central Arizona Project (CAP) water enters the community and how it is transferred from the community's reservoir.

After stopping by the reservoir, the Bureau representatives visited some of the fields, looking at the sprinklers in operation and ended their day at Ak-Chin's potato shed,

where all were impressed with the farm operation and Ak-Chin farm manager, Damian Murrieta.

This is the seventh tour given this year, a number that will only continue to grow. The Ak-Chin Indian Community prides itself on being open to not only the city of Maricopa and the state of Arizona, but more importantly showing our government whether it be state or federal what this community does and the bright future we have.

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Above, moms gather for a photo at Ak-Chin Elder Center after enjoying Mother's Day activities and lunch, on May 10. (More photos on page 2)

## Mother's Day activities at Ak-Chin Elder Center

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

On May 10, the Ak-Chin Elder Center provided an excellent morning activity to begin their Mother's Day celebration.

"Mom"osas and crafts were offered to all moms who made it in for the delicious breakfast drink. Craft projects were also

offered to those who stayed for craft time.

The moms could work on painting a stenciled design on canvas bags, beading, coloring or puzzles.

At lunch, moms were treated to

a delicious Toscana soup that was just about as tasty as the one served at Olive Garden, along with bread sticks, salad and cake.

After lunch, elder staff handed out gift bags to all the moms who attended.





At left, Rechanda Manuel and Connie Cypriano play swatter toss, while Ruby Smith, Wynema Miguel and Lena Cypriano enjoy a game of Jenga.



# Cinco de Mayo celebrated at Elder Center

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

Friday, May 3 the Ak-Chin Elder Center was adorned in Cinco de Mayo themed decorations for a lunch fiesta.

Tajin and Chamoy seasoning and Mexican sweet bread. They even offered bottles of Coca Cola, like the ones you get in Mexico.

Staff really went out of their way to decorate the lunch area with Spanish décor on the tables and walls, even the mascot turtle had on a mariachi hat.

While munching on the delicious meal elders also enjoyed a game of Loteria.

Similar to Bingo, players must mark their cards when an image is shown from the deck of cards, once someone gets four images in a row either diagonal, vertical or horizontal then they shout out “Loteria”.

Winners were able to select from Mexican themed prizes that were offered.

They created a zesty menu that included; homemade salsa, chips, and guacamole for appetizers, followed by chili rellenos, Spanish rice and beans.

For dessert they handed out fresh fruit with offerings of



Top photos: Cinco de Mayo goodies and decos were set up on every table. Gary and Janice Anderson watch and listen for their Loteria game cards to be called.



At left, elders were treated to “Mom”osas for Mother’s Day. Connie Cypriano shows us her painted canvas bag she created during the Mother’s Day special craft activity.

## Elder Games at Recreation

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

For the past five weeks about 10 elders have been actively participating in games and physical activities hosted by Ak-Chin Health Education and Parks & Recreation staff.

Every Wednesday the elders go to Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation gym to enjoy an hour-long program full of fun activities and exercises.

These games and exercises involved problem-solving, cognitive reasoning and exercising their motor skills. The activities which were

geared towards getting the elders ready for any future Elder Olympic events included; walking laps around the gym, basketball toss, chicken throw, obstacle course, swatter toss, table hockey, ring toss, pong, min disc-golf, connect 4, Jenga, cornhole toss, stackers, giant uno and checkers.

One game I found enjoyable to watch was the swatter toss, where two people would sit opposite one another at a table with fly swatters and swat a balloon back and forth. Elder favorites included Jenga,

chicken toss and pong.

Ak-Chin Elder Center worked together with Health Education and Recreation to build this program and at the end of the activity elders would receive incentives based on their completion of a bingo-style card that tracked their activities for the week.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 completed this first program of activities, although both Health Education and Recreation said they plan to create another program for the fall.



Elders take a few warm up laps around the gym before starting on their bingo games.



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where many resources can be obtained to educate one’s self in order to better process a positive path in their journey in life.

“The Library, I feel, incorporates the same values the Community incorporates to our membership,” said Vice Chairman Vincent.

“In the sense that equal opportunity is offered for one to utilize the resources needed to obtain a more sustainable path of embetterment.”

Being that this is an initiative of native languages in Arizona, there are other tribes that have had and will have different

areas dedicated to their community as well.

The community has always made it a priority to get involved with and promote higher education institutions and thanks to this partnership with the U of A, will continue to do so. The university has taken steps to include cultures throughout our state.

While walking around campus you will see a melting pot of nationalities, which is why the U of A felt the importance of having a representation of all cultures, whether it be a sculpture, paintings, or signs, campus makes sure everyone is included.

“To be able to share the culture of our state is a special thing,” said Dean of University Libraries Shan Sutton.

“This library will now only continue to grow the bond between the University and the Ak-Chin Indian Community. We look forward to the future and maintaining a relationship.”

With six libraries on campus, it is a tremendous honor to see the Ak-Chin name on the sign of the main library and quite fitting. Naming a place of gathering on campus after a community whose main mission is to bring people together.

## Elder Calendar

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
<div>*Breakfast Served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM</div> <div>*Lunch Served from 12 PM to 1 PM</div> <div>*Chair Yoga is located in Elder Craft Room Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to 10 AM</div> <div>*Chair Volleyball Questions? Call the Recreation Department at 520-568-1760</div> <div>*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760</div> <div>*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520- 568-1769</div>								5/17	
5/20		5/21		5/22		5/23		5/24	
Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Apple Sauce		Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Scone & Fruit		Chorizo & Egg, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese		Quinoa Bowl, Avocado & Spinach, Fruit Salad		Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches & Cottage Cheese	
Lima Beans, Pork Chops, Broccoli, Carrots, Moon Bread, Fruit Cocktail		<i>Goodwill Shopping</i> Baked Chicken, Creamed Spinach, Corn on Cob, Wheat/White Rolls, Vanilla/Chocolate pudding		<i>Movie Day</i> Egg Salad Sandwich, Tomato w/ Cottage Cheese, Pickles, Grapes		Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs, Green Beans, Red Potato, Fresh Cut Fruit		Ground Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Cranberry/ Raisin, Oatmeal Cookies	
5/27		5/28		5/29		5/30		5/31	
CENTER CLOSED DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY		Cream Of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast/Fruit		Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mixed Berries		Veggie Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Avocado Slices, Fruit		Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Turnover & Fruit	
		Turkey Wrap, Green Leaf/Tomato, Lentil Quinoa Salad, Wax Beans, Pineapples		Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Roman Salad, Peas, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Pears		Chicken Broccoli Stir-Fry w/ Red Bell Peppers, Fried Rice, Egg Roll, Oranges		Pork Chops, Collard Greens, Sweet Potato/ Potato, Whole Wheat/ White Roll, Apple Sauce	





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Please submit all  
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**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
(CONSTRUCTION)  
DESERT WILLOW SUBDIVISION  
(60) HOMES PROJECT**

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 (60) Homes:

60 homes that are fully designed and have completed the Communities Planning and Zoning process. The 60-home infrastructure, and rough grading is complete with utility stubs for water, Sewer, Electricity, Data and Natural Gas to ea. home site. The 60-home project is comprised of 50 - 3-bedroom homes 2,374S.Ft. and 10 - 2,650sq. ft. 4-bedroom homes with garages. The homes are wood framed with post tension concrete slabs, and concrete tile roofs. Exact number of 3 vs. 4 bedrooms subject to change.

The RFP Packet and information will be provided via thumb drive to those in attendance.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be **5:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, June 14, 2024**. 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 **2:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, June 28, 2024** 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.

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.

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING & SITE WALK is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. (MST) on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, located at the EPA Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room at 46200 W. Ralph St., Maricopa, AZ 85139.**

## Hearing Notice

### Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6 p.m. on Tuesday May 28, 2024, at the Justice Center Conference Room.**

**CASE: SD-02-24: Desert Willow Apartment Complex:**  
Project Applicant/Housing Director, Grace Pablo, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct a new residential subdivision on approximately 1.9 acres of land in the R4 Residential Zone. The site is generally bounded by N Manuel Ave and the proposed Desert Willow Subdivision.

The project consists of:

- Twenty (20) dwelling units;
- Building #1 will consist of 1-(1) bedroom unit and 7-(2) bedroom units. Building #2 will consist of 2-(1) bedroom units and 4-(2) bedroom units. Building #3 will consist of 2-(1) bedroom units and 4-(2) bedroom units
- Twenty-seven (27) parking spaces, four (4) of which are ADA;
- Roadways, utilities, stormwater drainage, landscaped areas, street signage, and public open space.
- Public amenities will include 2 ramadas and bench seating in landscaped public open space areas; and
- A laundry room with 2 washers and 2 dryers.

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
45525 West Farrell Road  
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Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1385

In the Matter of the Adoption of:  
E.M.  
D.O.B: xx/xx/xxxx

CASE NO.: CV-2024-00011-VIL

CIVIL SUMMONS  
Amended

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:  
Elisa Ugalde

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:

Nikkol and Stephen Martinez  
42623 West Pecan 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 7th day of May, 2024.

DEANNA JUSTIN, Court Administrator  
of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

## ATTENTION

### Community Members Past Due Fines/Restitution

If you are delinquent on your fines/restitution, or not sure if you have an outstanding balance. Please contact the courts at (520) 568-1385 at your earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Community

**You can void any of the above collections by the following:**

- You may come and make a payment arrangement and must be consistent.
- You may come to the court and dispute the matter and request a hearing.



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN-BUILD  
"DESERT WILLOW APARTMENT COMPLEX"**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. This project consists of the following:

The project includes development of 20 dwelling units. There is a total of 3-single story buildings approximately 22,090 sq.ft. Building #1 will consist of 1-(1) bedroom unit and 7-(2) bedroom units. Building #2 will consist of 2-(1) bedroom units and 4-(2) bedroom units. Building #3 will consist of 2-(1) bedroom units and 4-(2) bedroom units. The proposed Housing Project is 1.9-acres of vacant site located west on N. Manuel Avenue. The apartment complex has completed the communities planning and Zoning requirement process and is in the construction documentation design phase at approximately at 80-90% design completion.

The community is inviting experienced design-build contractors that have vast experience in multifamily development to team up with the existing Architect and Civil engineer to institute a constructability analysis of the project and work with the Team to complete the final Construction documents and specifications.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR  
CONSTRUCTION  
"VILLAGE REGIONAL DRAINAGE PROJECT"**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on the Village Regional Drainage Project. The project consists of the following:

The scope of service includes but not limited to the following improvements: Re-configuration and regrading of existing detention basins slopes, new drainage channels to capture storm water runoff, storm pipe roadway crossings, and pipes connecting existing basins, large open channels north of Eco-Museum Road, large detention basins north of Eco-Museum Road as well as north of the existing Cemetery, headwalls, dry wells, sidewalks, re-configure Peters Ave hammer-head asphalt pavement, and riprap protection as necessary. Potholing is required using hand digging, to locate existing utilities at proposed new pipe and swales crossings. Any existing utilities that will conflict with the project will require adjustments and/or relocations. Existing roadway or sidewalk cut to install new underground pipes will be replaced in-kind.

**A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting & Site Walk is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. (MST) on Thursday, May 23, 2024, located at the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum Conference Room located at 47685 N. Eco-Museum Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory if you wish to submit a bid, and the project scope will be discussed.**


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The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until **2:00 P.M. (MST) on Monday, June 17, 2024**, 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.

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**Reservoir continued from Front**

The Bureau of Reclamation manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner for the American public.

They continue to develop strategies to manage and deliver water more efficiently and effectively to customers in order to help satisfy the many needs of irrigation, municipalities, power and the environment and serving as a technical resource for water users and planners.

**Torch Run continued from Front**

lends an important hand in celebrating the greatness in all people, especially individuals with intellectual disabilities.

100 percent of all money raised for the LETR goes directly to the Special Olympic Athletes in Arizona and other supporting programs, of that 100 percent, 95 percent of that money immediately goes to support programs and athletes.

The Ak-Chin PD will also be hosting their annual bowling fund-raiser on May 19, at Ak-Chin Circle Ten Pins Down bowling alley with proceeds going to the Special Olympics of Arizona.

Contact Michelle Granados at 520-568-1215, [mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us) or Davis Garcia at 520-568-1222, [dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us)





CLASS OF 2024

# Congrats!



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Taylor Santiago



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Aiden Antone  
Primavera Online School



Alandra Rivera  
Sequoia Pathway Academy



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## Physical Fitness

Whether it's gardening, connecting to our land by walking, swimming, or powwow dancing, being active will make you feel better, give you more energy, improve your mood and even help you to sleep better.

Be sure to enroll in a health insurance Marketplace plan to cover your overall health care needs.

For more information, contact your local Indian health care provider, visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596.

For fitness tips, visit: [IHS.Gov/ForPatients/HealthTopics/PhysicalActivity](https://www.IHS.Gov/ForPatients/HealthTopics/PhysicalActivity)



Congratulations

# Class of 2028



## 8th Grade Promotion

Maricopa Wells Middle School



Dante Peters



Elijah Peters



Elizabeth Antone



Hope Vallejos



Kellen Hoffman



Marcus Delores



Nakotah Antone



Naomi Pena



Nyalia Miguel



Congratulations to all our community graduates!

From the Runner



Leah Alejandro  
Connolly Middle School



Stella Miguel  
A+ Charter School

## Making the most of a lunch break

Story and photo by Rebecca Rosoff



cool down stretching.

Matteson shared that, "The idea is to keep people moving for the half hour and be able to get a workout in with their busy daily schedules. Not everyone has the time to go to a class or gym before or after work. If we can help by working it into their normal work day during a lunch break that is the goal. If attendance is consistent enough, we would like to add another day during the week."

For now, Lunchtime Fitness will continue to be offered on Wednesdays between 12:15pm and 12:45pm at the Ak-Chin Park's and Recreation Gymnasium.


A lot can be accomplished over a lunch break with the right motivation. For Ak-Chin Indian Community's members, residents and employees, an opportunity to sweat and burn calories is now available on Wednesdays.

Lunchtime Fitness, presented by Ak-Chin Health Education, offers a full body workout condensed into 30 minutes. On May 1st, the second week of the program, eight participants showed up to willingly be put through rigorous exercises.

Marc Matteson, Diabetes Program Coordinator, lead the group through a variety of physical activities including jogging over mini-hurdles, squats, weighted ball lifts and holds, CORE activities that target the central area of the body including supermans, cobras and planks, and warm-up/

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.





# Library presents Scholastic Book Fair and Second Ever Puppet Show



Preschoolers gather around to watch the puppet show.

Story and photo by Jordan Rodriguez

For the second time ever the Ak-Chin Library hosted a puppet show for the preschool to come and enjoy on May 9.

Going forward, the library will have one in the spring (May) and one in the fall (November).

The library had to push it up a week for the four-year-olds to see because May 9 was their last time coming to the library for the year.

Both puppet shows were drawn from a children's book. Puppet shows can be challenging for the library as they have a lot of puppets, but not always the ones they need.

Also, there are no props, so the puppeteers make them as they go along. Robin Vincent and Aaliyah Begay are both

very artistic and are doing an excellent job handling this task.

Not only did the parents enjoy the show, but more importantly the kids had a blast. In the future the library hopes to open the puppet shows up to the Ak-Chin community, not just the pre-school.

"The Library's Puppet Stage has been dark (no puppet shows) since we opened," said Library Manager Melanie Toledo.

"Previous staff lacked enthusiasm to put on puppet shows. Linda (Brill) was the first to bring puppet shows to the Community. I am excited Linda has taken on the role as the Director of the Library's Puppet Theater and training

current staff to be puppeteers."

After the show the kids were able to walk through the Scholastic book fair, also held at the library. The book fair is open to everyone, including the Maricopa community, and gives kids the opportunity to shop and pick out their own books, encouraging this generation to pick up books for enjoyment and educational purposes.

"The Education department shops the fair for incentives for students in their tutoring program," said Librarian Linda Brill. "Which helps to make the fair a success."

The proceeds from the book fair go to the purchase of books for the library and Reading Enrichment program.



Elementary students practice spelling on the last day of tutoring.

## Education Department Continues to Make an Impact

Story and photo by Jordan Rodriguez

On May 3, the Ak-Chin Education Department congratulated students on successfully completing elementary school. Students were treated to pizza and other snacks for their accomplishments.

More than just a celebration, this party was to also prepare the students on what lies ahead of them in middle school. What the education department calls the transition party gives the students some pointers on how to prepare and succeed in their new schools/grade.

A new environment with new faces and new teachers can be difficult to juggle at first, which is why the Ak-Chin Education Department felt the need to prep these middle schoolers for what awaits them in middle school. Making sure students have an understanding of what is important and necessary,

while also teaching them where to go when they need assistance, whether it be inside of the classroom or outside, is imperative.

Throughout the year the Education department also provided tutoring for students at all grade levels.

After school students would visit the education department and would be able to ask questions about their homework or just work on practice lessons that the teachers provided.

All the teachers are proud of all the students that came this year and made the effort to grow their knowledge. The education department believes providing this service is extremely important to the community as it creates more educational opportunities for our students.



## YOUR WATER. YOUR FUTURE.

Central Arizona Project created **CAP University** to provide free educational sessions in a continued effort to increase awareness and knowledge of CAP and the Colorado River.



# Jadon Valenzuela honored at Native American Program Senior Banquet

Story and photos submitted by Savannah Boyd, MSW, Ak-Chin Education Student Counselor



The Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) Native American Program held their annual Senior Banquet on Thursday, May 2nd at Marcos de Niza High School for all Native American graduates of TUHSD.

The high schools included

under TUHSD are Corona del Sol, Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe, Tempe High, and Tempe Union Online.

Among the graduates recognized, one graduate Jadon J. Valenzuela, an Ak-Chin member will be graduating

on Thursday, May 23rd from Marco de Niza High School.

During the banquet, a blessing was offered by Dr. Michael Little Crow, Math Professor at Arizona State University, a cultural performance by the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

Keynote Speaker was Council Member David Antone from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and a student speaker, Miss Cailinn Allen from Mountain Pointe High School.

Jadon was presented with a handmade stole from the Native American Program Parent Committee Members and Staff. Jadon plans to continue his education at South Mountain Community College.



The Reading Enrichment students waiting to be called to the stage.

## The Magic of Reading!

Story and photos submitted by Linda Brill, Ak-Chin Librarian

Thursday, April 25th was an exciting time for the Ak-Chin Library Reading Enrichment students!

They were treated to an evening of accolades and fun at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center Elements event center.

The theme was “The Magic of Reading!” Ak-Chin Library staff wore magician capes and the centerpieces were magician hats with rabbit ears, playing cards, paper flowers made from old book pages, and a construction paper flower on the end of a magic wand complete with a picture of a Reading Enrichment student.

The evening began with a kid-friendly buffet dinner. After dinner, Lemuel Vincent, Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman, spoke to begin the evening’s presentations.

Councilmember Lisa Garcia

then talked about her personal experience with the success of the Reading Enrichment program.

Melanie Toledo, Library Manager, shared her personal journey on learning to read, and the importance of learning to read. Mrs. Roxie then spoke about each student as they received a framed certificate and a cape.

Last but not least Robin Vincent spoke about each student’s personality as they were presented with a personalized certificate.

With that portion of the program finished, everyone moved into an adjacent room to watch the magic of Eric Giliam.

He included several students in his magic, and they had a great time! Everyone went home with full bellies, gifts, and smiles on their faces.

## Ak-Chin Health Education - May the 4th Run/Walk

Story submitted by Martina G. Peters, Ak-Chin Health Educator, photos by Raychel Peters

We had a total of 93 participants join us for the morning event. Of the 93, we had a total of 23 timed 5K participants.

Health Education always offers raffle prizes at each of the events. Every participant that arrives and participates at our events are given 3 raffle tickets with the chance to win prizes.

At this event we had Star Wars themed merchandise such as a Death Star tea pot, Star Wars pancake maker, Star Wars sandwich maker, some water toys/balloon packages, and not to mention a few \$30 gift card

selections to Fry’s, Amazon, and Marshalls.

We do change up the prizes every time and offer a selection of 10-12 prizes. So please join us at one of our next walk/runs for a chance to be entered in one of our next raffles.

The Health Education staff would like to thank Ak-Chin Farms for utilization of farm roads for our routes, Ak-Chin Public Works/Sanitation for setting up our barricades, route maintenance, and for mosquito fogging and Ak-Chin Police Department & Ak-Chin

Fire Department for being on standby for the safety of our participants.

We would also like to thank Vekol Market for always working with us to provide food for our participants and Waylon Antone for t-shirt designs.

We appreciate all the support and help we receive for our events. A special thank you to all of our participants. Thank you for taking the time to join us for fitness on a Saturday morning! We cannot wait to see you all at our next event which will be Glow Run in August.

Male Overall Winners: 1) Antonio Rodriguez 26:03, 2) Lorenzo Holcomb 27:09, and 3) Rayford Vavages 27:48

Female Overall Winners: 1) Alyssa Estrada 26:57, 2) Sarah Zabawa 27:12, 3) Cecily Peters 30:21

Age 0-10 Ariel Lopez (female), Jose Lopez Jr. (male)  
Age 11-17 Antonio Rodriguez (male)  
Age 18-29 Alyssa Estrada (female)  
Age 30-39 Sarah Zabawa (female), Willard Delma (male)  
Age 40-49 Rayford Vavages (male)  
Age 50-59 Yolanda Miranda (female), Lorenzo Holcomb (male)



## Ak-Chin Recreation hosts Meliñ S-hođam Wua’i Tournament

Story and photos submitted by Jordan Gusse, Ak-Chin Recreation Coordinator



1st Place - Rez Bombers

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation hosted the NABI Endorsed Meliñ S-hođam Wua’i (Run Hustle Shoot) High School Boys’ and Girls’ basketball tournament from May 3-5.

We hosted 11 boys’ teams and 9 girls’ teams with players from all over the valley and the country. The turnout was great as the stands were always packed and locked into the games.

Games were great and came

down to the wire and saw some amazing championship games.

For the girl’s high school division, we saw the Rez Bombers (Navajo, Hualapai, Paiute, Shoshone, Samoan, Laguna Pueblo) take 1st place, the Diné Bombers (Navajo) 2nd place and the PHX Monarchs (Gila River, Sioux, Navajo) coming in 3rd place.

For the boy’s high school division, we saw the Young Gunz



1st Place - Young Gunz

(Navajo, San Carlos, Apache, Gila River, Sioux) take 1st place, Salt River Ba’ag (Navajo, Seminole, Fort McDowell, Yavapai, Salt River Pima) take 2nd place, and BTB Boys (Gila River) take 3rd place.

We would like to thank all the participants and fans that traveled to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for a great weekend of basketball and we can’t wait to see these teams back here for this annual tournament.

### Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for  
Preschool 2024-2025 SY  
Deadline is July 29th, 2024

Our office is open  
8am-5pm  
Monday-Friday  
Register now!  
First day of Preschool  
is August 12th,  
8:30am-2:00pm

**Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:**

- Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.
- Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Community.
- Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- Non-member children based on availability.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at  
48251 W. Farrell Rd.  
Maricopa, AZ 85139  
(520) 568-1700.  
Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

**Ak-Chin Child Development offers:**

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- \*Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- \*Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)\*
- \*Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- \*Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)\*
- \*Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year\*
- Health and Safety Protocols in Place

Pick up a 2024-2025 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development.

Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.





# EMPLOYEE UPDATES



**Devonte Hopson**  
Firefighter/EMT  
FIRE



**Dwayne Yazzie**  
Truant Officer  
EDUCATION



**Gwenyvieve Leeson**  
Library Technician  
LIBRARY



**Jose Lopez**  
Groundskeeper  
PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION



**Richard Quintero**  
Deli Clerk  
VEKOL

## JOB OPENINGS

[www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us)

- Accountant (2)
- Before and After School Teacher
- Child and Family Therapist
- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Detention Officer - Certified and Non-Certified
- Gaming Agent
- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Groundskeeper
- Housing Program Counselor - Tribal Housing
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Maintenance Technician (4)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer- Certified and Non-Certified
- Security Systems Technician
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Teacher (Child Care 1 - 3 yrs old, 2 positions)

To review the full job description and apply visit [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us), Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the closing date. GREAT BENEFITS. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.

*Wishes*

Happy Birthday to my daughter Elaine  
*Love, Mom*

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Amaya, Renee, Ariaah, and Jolie and my grandsons Oscar, Henry, Daniel Jr., Aaron Jr., and Joseph Jr.  
*Love, Grandma*

### Employee Birthdays May 17th - June 6th

**17-May**  
Mauricio Chairez Velazco, Sanitation  
Ricardo Manzo, Central Plant

**18-May**  
Amy Batopis, Early Childhood  
Rozenda Manuel, Retail Department

**19-May**  
Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Elderly

**20-May**  
Darrian Justin, Sanitation  
Frances Stephens, Community Government

**21-May**  
Brian Schaublin, Fire

**23-May**  
Tera Thornton, Education

**24-May**  
Deidra Carlyle, Planning  
Victor Harer, EPD

**26-May**  
Edith Munoz, Finance

**27-May**  
Brian Manuel Jr., Tribal Gaming Agency  
Colleen Mike, Community Government  
Maria Tavena-Thomas, Social Service

**29-May**  
Nickalus Acosta, Police  
Marla Antone, Him Dak Museum  
Victor Diaz, Community Operations  
Elaine Peters, Him Dak Museum

**30-May**  
Jolie Smith, Vekol

**31-May**  
Christopher Hayes, Fire

**1-Jun**  
Tristin Martin, Police

**2-Jun**  
Pamela Dallas, Contracts and Grant  
Curtis Main, IS  
Virginia Zepeda, Sanitation

Sorry, No Transportation Provided

June 3rd - July 5th  
(5 weeks)

## 2024 Him-Dak Summer Art Program

(For Members and Residents)

Location: Art Building  
(Please drop off kids north of the Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Mon.- Fr.)

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members & Residents)

\*Registration is also available at the Him-Dak Museum

\*Will have breakfast, snacks and lunch.

The Him-Dak Summer Art Program is broken down into four grade groups:

Grades K-1st, 2nd - 4th, 5th - 8th, 9th - 12th  
(Accepting the first 15 kids signed up per grade group)

For any questions call:  
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum at 520-568-1350 or  
Email Waylon at: [wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us)

## Restorative Yoga w/Vickie

**Ak-Chin Service Center**  
**6:00p - 7:00p**

\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

- May 16, 2024
- May 23, 2024
- May 30, 2024



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

## ZUMBA fitness

**Ak-Chin Service Center**  
**Tuesdays 6:00p-7:00p**

**May 21, 2024**  
**May 28, 2024**



Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080

\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

## Spring beanstack

Download the beanstack app and log your reading minutes. Reach 1000 minutes before the spring season ends!

Starts March 20, 2024 | Ends June 20, 2024

Spring Reading participants and prizes are open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, and Employees only

Questions?  
Call Us: (520) 568-1675  
or  
Email: [library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:library@ak-chin.nsn.us)



## Birthdays May 17th - June 6th

**5/17**

Jaxson Justin  
Amaya Rocha  
Daniel Thomas  
Lucianna Orona  
Renee Boehm

**5/18**

Emerson Antone  
Ashley Batopis  
Johnathan Enos  
Amy Batopis

**5/19**

Johnnie Ormsby, Jr.  
Leslie Burnett

**5/20**

Darrian Justin  
Ariah Thompson

**5/21**

Lisa Alejandro

**5/22**

Christian Thomas  
Oscar Blackwater-Peters

**5/23**

Cecelia Norris

**5/24**

Deidra Carlyle

**5/25**

Desiree Carra  
Delia Carlyle

**5/26**

Makenna Sope  
Elianna Mariano  
Zoe Susunkewa

**5/27**

Brian Manuel, Jr.  
Mason Bowman  
Colleen Norris  
Maria Thomas  
Jayden Antone

**5/28**

Lorenzo Mejia  
Janice Anderson  
Mikelle Sope  
Henry Garcia

**5/29**

Frederick Antone  
Elaine Peters  
David Stephens  
Carmen DeLeon  
Yvette Oliver  
Daniel Lozano, Jr.  
Marla Antone

**5/30**

John Deloney, Jr.  
Jeycee Zepeda  
Samantha Green  
Jolie Peters  
Isabella Antone

**5/31**

Ryan Justin  
Santos Aguilla  
Aaron Peters, Jr.

**6/01**

Cruz Machado Jr.

**6/02**

Astraya Warren

**6/03**

Kiandra Smith

**6/04**

Joseph Zabawa Jr.

**6/05**

Alyssa Wind  
Haedin De Paola  
Jessica White  
Mario Luz

**6/06**

Uriayzz Antone  
Marie Thomas  
Ramona Kaniatobe

**6/07**

Marissa Antone  
Zylen Silas-Antone  
Marco Thompson

2024

Library Hours  
Mon-Fri 10a-7p  
Sat 12p-4p  
Sun CLOSED

Afterschool Meals  
Mon-Fri 3:30p-Sp

**May**

Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Afterschool Meals Mon-Fri 3:30p-Sp	2 5-6p Strings Lessons	3 4-6p Reading Enrichment	4 4-6p Reading Enrichment 5-6p Strings Lessons	5 11a-12p Storytime & Puppet Show!	6 4-6p Art Club 4-6p	7 12-4p May the 4th Perler Bead Craft
8 4-6p Reading Enrichment 5-6p Strings Lessons	9 4-6p Reading Enrichment	10 4-6p Reading Enrichment	11 4-6p Reading Enrichment	12 4-6p Reading Enrichment	13 4-6p Reading Enrichment	14 1p-3p Lego Club
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# Pinal 40 Gala recognizes Claude Gipson with 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award

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Claude Gipson (Photo courtesy of Pinal 40)

Saturday, May 4, Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and Resort Ballroom was overflowing with members and guests of Pinal 40, for their 10th Annual Pinal 40 Gala.

The evening was a very special occasion for Pinal 40, as they were honored to celebrate longtime Arizona commodities broker and farmer, Claude Gipson.

Claude Gipson, a well-known agricultural trader in the valley was recognized that evening, via video, with many of his friends, family and vendors sharing his life’s work and honest business ethics for the past 50 years.

Many credited him for his savvy business sense about farming and trading, while others spoke of how he overcame much adversity and discrimination to rise above and fulfill his dreams of becoming a successful businessman and building his life here in Pinal County.

At age 18, Claude made his way to Arizona, after

modities, trading in alfalfa, cottonseed and grains.

“With the help of Louis Maxcy and some others, he built that business into what became probably the most famous commodity trader here in this whole entire valley.” Robinson added.

He also owned a restaurant with a few partners, called The Arches and started a towing business, but his friends say he loved the cattle business more than anything.

He was always early to work and pretty much worked seven days a week his whole life, shared his longtime secretary Carolyn Grezecka.

Claude was a generous man, who didn’t hesitate

where they played cards.

“Claude was proud of that invitation for 2 reasons,” Fitzgibbons shared. “#1 it said a lot about where our country had come over his lifetime, but it also told a personal story about how far he had come during his lifetime; from a near lynching in Texas to an invitation to the White House for an inauguration.”

“Claude Gipson is the person you can look to and say if you work hard and set your mind to it, you can do just about anything that you want to do in this country.” Bill McLean, his personal lawyer shared.

Claude has always helped people, just like Pinal 40. When Pinal 40 first started they wanted to honor

are acknowledging him and his hard work within the community.”

Newly elected President Tony Salcido was elated to share in congratulating Claude on his award.

“It’s a great honor to be able to be up here today to tell you thank you for all you’ve done and what you’ve showed many people through the years, that you worked in the industry, especially the seed industry... again thank you very much for letting us honor you today.”

Claude was unable to accept his award in person, and so his daughter Rose Gipson was invited to accept on his behalf.

“Unfortunately, due to his health, he as you can see, was not able to attend this gala tonight.” Rose shared.

“I just want to say the Gibson family is so elated and appreciate the Pinal 40 for choosing my father, Mr. Claude Gipson for receiving this award... We will always cherish (this event) and will never forget, ever in our lives. Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts. We love you, keep us in your prayers.”

After Claude’s award was received, the evening continued with an auction for many items that were up for bid, including a one-of-a-kind shotgun, pair of diamond earrings, trip to Scotland and a grip of tickets to numerous high-end sporting events in Arizona and a great vacation package from Harrah’s.

All proceeds would be going to the Pinal 40 scholarship fund.

The evening entertainment also included up and coming country singer

Drake Milligan. Comedian Mark Cordes, was the MC for the evening.

Salcido also thanked the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino for being a top sponsor of Pinal 40, since its inception.

“Ak-Chin has been the #1 contributor to our organization. They were really a vital part in the launching of Pinal 40, during the first part of development of the organization. The Ak-Chin Indian Community has been our largest donors.”

He also credited, former Ak-Chin farm manager, Steve Coester who was instrumental in getting these donations for Pinal 40.

Pinal 40 is an organization of committed members whose primary objective is “promoting Pinal County, its youth as well as farming and agriculture related businesses. Philanthropically, Pinal 40 and its membership focus on providing support and funding for youth and education through agribusiness related scholarships and support of local charities.”

Their purpose is, “To engage in public activities which will promote and publicize Pinal County and attract visitors, businesses, and out-of-state capital: to engage in the sponsorship of events which will attract national publicity to Pinal County; to engage in youth sponsorship and scholarships with an emphasis on agricultural business interests; and to engage in any other activity which the membership deems suitable for this corporation for the growth and general welfare of Pinal County, its youth, and agricultural businesses, generally.

30 YEARS OF PLAY

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MAY 2024

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b> FRIDAY, MAY 24, SUNDAY, MAY 26 & MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024			<b>10x</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> 10X EARNING	<b>1</b> TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP	<b>4</b> RENT A CASINO ON YOUR NEXT STAY!
<b>CINCO DE MAYO</b> GIFT CARD SUNDAYS MANAGING ON PROPERTY	<b>6</b> MONDAYS NEED DRINKIN, TOO!	<b>7</b> KITCHEN APPLIANCE SET BY SERVAPPETIT GIVEAWAY & DRAWING	<b>8</b> <b>777</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>9</b> <b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> 10X EARNING	<b>10</b> TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB	<b>11</b> LITTLE JOE & FRIENDS CONCERT
<b>12</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> GIFT CARD SUNDAYS MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS AT OAK & FOX & CHOP, BLOCK & BREW	<b>13</b> REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY	<b>14</b> KITCHEN APPLIANCE SET BY SERVAPPETIT GIVEAWAY & DRAWING	<b>15</b> <b>777</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>16</b> <b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> 10X EARNING	<b>17</b> CHRIS YOUNG CONCERT	<b>18</b> AT BY USA TODAY CAESARS REWARDS LOYALTY PROGRAM
<b>19</b> GIFT CARD SUNDAYS	<b>20</b> FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X	<b>21</b> KITCHEN APPLIANCE SET BY SERVAPPETIT GIVEAWAY & DRAWING	<b>22</b> <b>10x</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>23</b> <b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> 10X EARNING	<b>24</b> PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER WIN YOUR WHEELS 30X EARNING	<b>25</b> <b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> DRAWINGS
<b>26</b> <i>Red White &amp; Blue</i> GIFT CARD SUNDAYS PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER POOL PARTY TRUMP MEET TRUMPET	<b>27</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY	<b>28</b> KITCHEN APPLIANCE SET BY SERVAPPETIT GIVEAWAY & DRAWING	<b>29</b> <b>777</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>30</b> <b>30 YEARS OF PLAY</b> \$30,000 SWEEPSTAKES	<b>31</b> FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND X	<b>ABOVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b> Every FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 8PM to 10PM

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JUNE 2024

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ULTIMATE GRILL GEAR SET GIVEAWAY</b> SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024				<b>LOUNGE HAPPY HOUR</b> WEDNESDAYS   4PM - 10PM		<b>1</b> ABOVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS
<b>2</b> GIFT CARD SUNDAYS	<b>3</b> MONDAYS NEED DRINKIN, TOO!	<b>4</b> SWISS COOLER SET GIVEAWAY	<b>5</b> <b>10x</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER BLAZING 777 WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>6</b> <b>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</b> 10X EARNING	<b>7</b> ABOVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS	<b>8</b> ABOVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS

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