

## 2024 AK-CHIN TRIBAL ELECTION-SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES



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Good Luck to all our Candidates running for the 2024 Tribal Election. For Candidate platforms- speeches please turn to pages 6-8.

## Presidential Rallies in full force for Arizona



**Governor Stephen Lewis, of Gila River Indian Community introduces Joe Biden, President of the United States, during a rally in Komatke, AZ on October 25, 2024.**

Story by Raychel Peters, photo courtesy of Juan Ysaguirre, Salt River O’odham Action News Reporter

As the national election quickly approaches, former and current Congressional leaders and former Presidential leaders are doing their part in promoting and endorsing their party’s candidate.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel has been invited to attend numerous rallies in the past month, including the rally in Gila River Indian Community, where U.S. President Joe Biden said he had come to “Right a wrong.”

On October 25, 2024 President Biden apologized for the abuse committed against Native American students who attended various boarding schools throughout the United States during the past 150 years.

He talked about how the federal government mandated the removal of children from their families and tribes and sent to federal boarding schools; “taken away from places they didn’t know, with people they never met and spoke a language they had never heard... lost generations, cultures and language, lost trust.”

He pointed out how the federal government had never formally apologized for what happened over the past 150 years, “until today. I formally apologize, as President of the United States of America for what we did.”

Deb Haaland, US Secretary of the Interior was also a speaker at the event.

Chairman Miguel stated that during his 11-year career as a Tribal leader, this moment was something that will be engrained with him for the rest of his life.

“To hear President Biden say something like that on a national stage and on Native land, speaks volumes of his leadership and how truly apologetic he is to this tragedy; was very emotional and sincere.

We, for so long, have suffered and have been unnoticed in a sense, are finally being recognized and are identified as equals.”

Chairman Miguel also attended a rally at the University of Arizona campus in Tucson, on Friday, October 18th, with former President, Barack Obama.

Obama encouraged early ballot voting and putting the right candidates in office, who will work to represent all people and not a political party of choice.

## Teagan Delma enjoys last run with MHS

Story by Raychel Peters, photo submitted

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**Dancers from Foclorico Cuacualti surround the altar for St. Francis of Assisi, during the Feast Day in Ak-Chin, October 19.**

## St. Francis of Assisi celebrates Feast Day

Story by Raychel Peters, photo courtesy of Flower Ruelas

On Saturday, October 19th, the Ak-Chin St. Francis of Assisi Mission celebrated Feast Day with an agenda that included mass, lunch, entertainment and dance.

The celebration plan had been in preparation for many months, and this year’s celebration would finally be able to include the highly anticipated evening dance, which had not occurred since Covid-19.

Mass was celebrated with Fr. Antony Tinker at 10am, accompanied by the choir, which included Lawrence and Sally Antone and Lerline Peters. Following the mass, opening procession of the St. Francis of Assisi statue around the church grounds commenced. Afterwards, St. Francis was placed in a decorated altar for the feast.

The feast meal was prepared by cooks from the parish and community, who were at the feast house as early as 5am to begin the food preparation, and setting up tables.

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# Participants Enjoy the Last of Hula Classes

Story by Teri De La Cruz, photo by Kristen Villegas

At the beginning of July, the Strong Heart Study sponsored a Hula for Health Amongst Native Americans program for all Indigenous peoples ranging from 30-79 years old at the Ak-Chin Service Center.

This program included participants attending 8 classes over a span of 8 weeks held on Thursdays beginning on July 11, 2024, learning the importance of movement using Hula dancing in a seated position.

The overall goal was to

measure heart health in hopes to lower blood pressure and learning important habits to keep oneself healthy. Attendees of this program expressed admiration for the classes and music; the classes left them feeling great.

Throughout the program 10 participants were consistent in attendance; this was celebrated by instructors Alicia Ku'uleinani and Celina Mahinalani as they provided a Hawaiian meal during their last class.

# Ak-Chin Elders Enjoy Grand Canyon Adventure

Story by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, photos by David Fish

On October 21, Elders from the Ak-Chin Indian Community set off on a fun-filled journey to the Grand Canyon. Their first stop was Bearizona, where perfect weather brought out active wildlife. They saw mountain goats, wolves, reindeer, deer, bison, and playful bears swimming and climbing trees.

After a BBQ lunch, the Elders explored Bearizona's gift shop, where they marveled at a giant python, a black panther and cheetah. Those who wondered out also seen armadillos, elk, more bears, racoons and otters.

Afterwards everyone was whisked away to the



Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, in Williams. Once checked in, everyone was invited to dine together at the Fred Harvey Restaurant.

The next day, they had breakfast again at Fred Harvey Restaurant and then boarded the Grand Canyon Railway train for a 2.5-hour ride to the

Grand Canyon, sharing laughs and stories along the way. Upon arrival, the Elders took in the breathtaking canyon views, enjoyed lunch, shopped, and soaked up the beautiful weather.

Dinner and overnight accommodations were provided at the Maswik Lodge at Grand Canyon.

Those who chose could also venture back to Grand Canyon for more exploring or other dinner options.

Breakfast was provided at Maswik Food Court, before boarding back on the bus for the last leg of travel at the Grand Canyon National Park. Stops included a picturesque view of the Canyon and a visit to Desert View Watch Tower for panoramic views. The last scheduled stop was to Cameron Trading Post for lunch and more shopping.

The Elders expressed heartfelt thanks to tour guide David Fish, bus driver Joe, and Free Spirit Vacations for a memorable experience.



Elder Calendar				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM  *Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760		*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769  11/16 Tribal Election Day Ak-Chin GYM 6 AM to 2 PM		11/1 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Muffin & Fruit Salad
11/4 No Breakfast - Lunch Will Be Delivered	11/5 Elder Center Closed for Move  No Breakfast - Lunch Will Be Delivered  United States Presidential Elections Service Center 6AM-7PM	11/6 Elder Center Closed for Move  No Breakfast- Lunch Will Be Delivered  Meet the Candidate Chair & Vice-Chairman, Ak-Chin Elements 6 PM to 8 PM	11/7 Elder Center Closed for Move  No Breakfast - Lunch Will Be Delivered  Him-Dak Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon Ak-Chin Elements 11 AM to 1 PM	11/8 Elder Center Closed for Move  No Breakfast - Lunch Will Be Delivered
11/11  Center Closed Veterans Day	11/12 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Apples  Elders Meals & Activities Start at the Service Center  Split Peas, Soft Beef Taco (D), Normandy Vegetables, Moon Bread, Tropical Fruit	11/13 Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches & Cottage Cheese  Pork Chops, Sweet Potato/Potato (D, Spinach Salad w/ Butternut Squash, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Peaches  Meet the Candidate Council Members Ak-Chin Elements 6 PM to 8 PM	11/14 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes / Toast, Banana  Red Stuffed Beef Peppers, Black Beans, Broccoli, Cookies/Apple	11/15 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Scone, Fruit Salad Tilapia or Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Wild Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Plums
11/18 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Green Beans, Grapes	11/19 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Apples  Spaghetti, Romaine Salad, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Jell-O/Apple	11/20 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Oatmeal Cookie & Fruit  Baked Chicken, Slice Baked Acorn, Cauliflower, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Tropical Fruit	11/21 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad  BLT Sandwich w/ Avocado, Corn, Pineapple	11/22 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit  Pinto Beans, Pork Chop (D), Carrots, Cornbread Cherry Crisp
11/25 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana  Beef Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit	11/26 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Sausage, Mix Berries  Creamy Chicken Pasta, Butternut Squash Soup, Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin- Lemon Mousse	11/27  Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	11/28  Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	11/29  Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Menu Subject to Change Without Notice				





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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

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and relevant, it will be  
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Teagan's family rallied support for her last run.

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meet of the season I got 26:20... I'm pretty proud of myself." Teagan shares.

She was also to have her family there to support her, including family from back home in San Carlos. Teagan is grateful for her parents support and credits them for her motivation. "My parents have helped me a lot with (my) cross country journey... showing up to almost every meet I have had, and always standing at the start/finish line cheering me on.

Although her XC season is



Teagan with Coach "Grandpa" Quintana

over, she still plans to keep running after taking a little break. She is also hoping to run some marathons or half-marathons in the future.



#### St. Francis Feast Day continued from Front



was beautifully decorated with handmade and fresh flowers. Everyone was invited to enjoy the traditional meal of chili stew, beans, potato salad and homemade cemat.

Clayton Antone served as the emcee, keeping



selling soda, water and raffle tickets for tables full of exciting prizes. The raffle and soda-water sales were a success this year! \$931.00 was the total collected, which goes to help pay for church and feast expenses.

Parish Chief, Florentina "Flower" Ruelas shared a



everyone informed and entertained.

Performances included; Yaqui Matachines, Gila River Basket Dancers (Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkham), Foclorico Cuacualti, San Juan Kualiya Youth Dance

Group and Lopez Band. Before the band started to play, an evening procession was held to bring St. Francis back into the church.

Throughout the day there were vendors selling crafts and food. St. Francis mission was also



word of thanks, "I would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible, the cooks for all their hard work, the decor helpers, Ak-Chin Youth Group, Ak-Chin Council, Maintenance-Custodial, Sanitation-Public Works, EPD, Runner, all performers, Clayton Antone, Roni Zappia, Terri Ysaguirre and John Nieto. Special Thanks to Father Antony for coming and celebrating Mass for us and all donations from the parishioners."



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Capital Projects

#### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN BUILD HIM-DAK MUSEUM SHADE SAILS REPLACEMENTS

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract. Shade Sails Replacements consist of the following;

- Install new Shade Fabric at Five Locations at Ak-Chin Indian Community Him-Dak Museum.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the Him-Dak Museum located **outside** at 47685 N. Eco-Museum Rd. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. RFP Packets will be available at the meeting. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted. A Site Tour will be held immediately after the meeting.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Tuesday, November 12, 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, Larry Joe at [ljoe@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:ljoe@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on November 14, 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. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all 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.

#### MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

##### Chairman and Vice-Chairman Candidates

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Location: Elements Event Center

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

##### Council Member Candidates

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Location: Elements Event Center

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

#### Ak-Chin Indian Community Election November 16, 2024

##### Official 2024 Candidates for This Year's Election

##### Tribal Chairman Candidates:

**Gabriel Lopez**  
**Lemuel Vincent**  
**Yolanda Miranda**

##### Tribal Vice-Chairman Candidates:

**Ann Marie Antone**  
**Delia Carlyle**  
**Erica Oliver**

**Application for Absentee Ballot:** Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the reservation or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person or sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots will be available at Tribal/Farm Headquarters Office beginning Monday, September 23, 2024 through Monday, November 08, 2024 (In-Person request) between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. All requests must be made personally, not through a second or third party. All persons shall identify himself or herself using the name under which he or she is enrolled when requesting an absentee ballot. All absentee ballots must be received by 5:00pm on the day of the deadline.

For questions or to request an absentee ballot, please contact Vicki Smith at (520) 568-1000.



#### Ak-Chin Indian Community Special Election November 16, 2024

##### Candidates for Tribal Council Member

**Alvin Antone**  
**Daniel Antone**  
**Dennis Antone**  
**Gloria Alejandro**  
**Marissa Antone**

**Absentee Ballot:** Pursuant to Election Ordinance, Section 14.5.4.A.1, "there is **no absentee balloting in special elections** to fill a vacancy on the Council". Accordingly, though absentee ballots will be permitted for the Regular Election, there is no absentee balloting for the Special Election that will be called to elect the successor to serve the balance of the post-dated resignation of one Council Member seat.

Community Members with questions about the Election Ordinance or the election process may contact the Election Board: [ak-chinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:ak-chinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us).



**Vote**  
**For**  
**Yolanda**  
**Miranda**



# Let's Talk Toka

The Ak-Chin Indian Community has exposed the youth to a variety of sports for generations; whether it be basketball, t-ball, volleyball, etc., children were provided options when it came to athletics. Whether you were forced to play by parents/guardians or had a genuine interest in sports, there has always been ample opportunity to explore what's offered. But let's spark your interest in a different sport; Toka.

For O'odham women, Toka is a traditional sport that has been played for generations. An aggressive game, this sport is played with a wooden stick "Usaga" as a hitting tool and a bound, cut wooden puck-like piece called an "O'la".

With similarities to field hockey, girls and women battle it out, displaying their athletic abilities through endurance and strength; the ultimate motivation is scoring on the other team's goal line. Traditionally, women are only allowed to play and men are not to touch a player's stick; there is a special process in finding one's stick as they are handcrafted from mesquite for the player, by the player.

This team sport requires women to play a variety of positions; those being hitter, runner, and blocker. Each role is essential in a successful win against the other team, with this fast-paced sport you can expect an adrenaline rush.

One comment that is made about Toka is it is intimidating; not only is there no protective gear, there is little to no rules and the field can range in length making it all the more unexpected.

Throughout time, the sport has gained good sportsmanship making a great atmosphere for sisterhood between teams and has allowed players to connect with our sister tribes; those being Salt River Pima-Maricopa

Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation and Gila River Indian Community.

At the beginning of each Toka tournament, players from all teams join in a circle to sing the "Toka Nei," the toka song. The first teams to play will stand facing each other in a line with their sticks and wait for the song to end, when the O'la is thrown in the middle, then the games begin.

Ak-Chin has two teams hailing from it, Ba:ban Ci'Ci'Vidam and S-Kubjuv Ju:dam; both teams will be participating in Masik Tas this year.

Ba:ban Ci'Ci'Vidam is a team that has been around since 2011, the first official team of Ak-Chin, though demonstrations of the sport have been shown to members at a number of Him Dak and NARD Celebrations prior.

Ba:ban Ci'Ci'Vidam was initially started by coach Gwendolyn Lopez, her team comprised of members of her family and friends; they have girls and women who are well seasoned in the sport, not afraid to show aggression when needed.

A memorial team, S-Kubjuv Ju:dam was formed by family and friends in memory of the late Holly Antone; who's impact on the community will not be forgotten. The past couple of years, this team has grown significantly and intrigued the younger generations into giving the sport a try.

In preparation of Masik Tas, S-Kubjuv Ju:dam have had the pleasure of attending two tournaments to start the Toka season; one in Anegam Village on September 21, 2024 and the other in Santa Rosa on October 12, 2024.

The team is still fairly new, but have high expectations for themselves, practicing

Story by Kristen Villegas  
Photos by Runner Staff

every week on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Both tournaments have allowed coaches to pin point areas of weakness; this is then implemented into practices for the team. Ju:dam coaches take great focus on the younger girls too, training them one on one at times to help them become comfortable in their positions on the field.

Recently, a member of S-Kubjuv Ju:dam, Amber Antone was asked to demonstrate the game of Toka during the Indigenous People's Day event held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix on October 14, 2024. Taking place twice throughout the day, Amber explained the ins and outs of Toka, highlighting the cultural significance for O'odham girls and women.

During the second session of the demonstration held at 3 PM Amber, along with Marissa Antone, one of the coaches for S-Kubjuv Ju:dam and sister of Holly, showcased the game for watchers. During this time, the crowd was invited to try their hand in hitting or ask questions regarding Toka.

S-Kubjuv Ju:dam will be participating in tournaments held in November leading up to Masik Tas, everyone is encouraged to attend.

The upcoming Masik Tas celebration will mean plenty of exciting events for members and residents to partake in; including the Spiritual Run, Light Parade, Youth Council hosted Community Day, the Masik Tas Carnival/Rodeo days and the variety of tournaments. Cultural games will also be available for all to come see on December 14, 2024, these include the Songivul and the Toka tournament.

Consider stopping by to support our Ak-Chin teams!



Above, Amber and Marissa Antone after Toka Demo at Heard Museum.

Top left photos are Ak-Chin Toka teams during the 2023 Masik Tas, before games. Bottom left photo: S-kubjuv Ju:dam during Santa Rosa Tournament. Photo below: Ba:ban Ci'Ci'Vidam during Masik Tas Cultural Games in 2023.



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November

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					8 Storytime 2:30pm MEDIUMS, MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 20yrs+	9 CODE CLUB 12pm-2pm
					15 Storytime 2:30pm	16 MAILS 12pm
					22 Storytime 2:30pm	23 CHILI CHILI BANG BANG 4pm-6pm
					29 Closed	30 Closed

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## Community Thanks for Successful Door-to-Door HHW Collection

Story and Photos Submitted by Brandy Nelson, Environmental Specialist (GAP)



Pictured above is Household Hazardous Waste being processed for disposal by Environmental Programs Department staff after collection from homes around the community.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community's Environmental Programs would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to everyone participating in our recent Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event on October 15, 2024.

The event was a great success, helping to protect our environment by properly disposing of hazardous materials that could otherwise harm the land and water.

During this event, we collected over 860 pounds of HHW, including materials such as cleaning chemicals, aerosols, oil and water mixtures, and compressed gas cylinders. These hazardous materials were safely processed and

prevented from entering our landfills, where they could have caused contamination or harm to wildlife.

In addition, we processed 4 55-gallon drums of used cooking oil, 6 55-gallon and 2 30-gallon drums of various types of grease, motor oil, and many other forms of hazardous waste. Properly disposing of HHW is not just a task, it's a responsibility we all share.

Your actions are essential for keeping dangerous chemicals out of the environment and preventing pollution. By participating in events like this, you help reduce the risk of water contamination and maintain a healthier ecosystem. Your efforts contribute to a cleaner,

safer community for everyone.

For those of you who still have TVs, computers, or appliances that need to be collected, please call 520-568-1190 or place the items by your garbage bins on pick-up day.

If you have additional HHW you would like to dispose of before our next collection event, please contact Brandy Nelson at 520-568-1176 or email at [bnelson@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:bnelson@ak-chin.nsn.us).

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for being an integral part of our mission to keep our community clean and environmentally safe! Your participation makes all the difference and we look forward to your continued support.



Vote

for

Dennis Antone

Ak-Chin Tribal Council





November 1 -14, 2024

# Pilgrimage to Magdalena is still Going Strong among the O’odham Tribes Near & Far

Story by Ashley Vincent, along with story submissions by Gabe Lopez and Dean Peters, photos by Ashley Vincent, Gabe Lopez and Dean Peters

As the fall season began for a handful of Ak-Chin members and residents, that meant it was time to prepare for their yearly journey to Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico.

Each year, a week of their time is dedicated to participating in a ritual pilgrimage that spans over 60 miles. Starting from the San Pedro y San Pablo Mission in Tubutama, the travelers walk over a span of four days to get to the Magdalena de Kino Church, which is also where the remains of Father Eusebio Francisco Kino lie.

A big celebration is always held on October 4th, at the mission church in honor of not only Father Kino but also St. Francis of Assisi and St. Francis Xavier.

Although traditionally December 3rd is the feast day of St. Francis Xavier and October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, all three “Francis” Saints are celebrated as they all link to one another through the work they have done not only through the church, but through different indigenous communities as well, mainly the Tohono O’odham tribes. O’odham from the four sister tribes aren’t the only group to make their way to the big church in Magdalena, numerous residents of Mexico can be seen walking or riding horseback in the direction of the church.

For decades families of Ak-Chin have been making a yearly journey to Magdalena to pay homage to the father and saints. There they would visit the statue of St. Francis Xavier, which was always located inside of the church, until 2013 when a small chapel was built specifically for Father Kino, which made a bigger space where visitors could sit and pray, as well as leave gifts such as flowers and ribbons.

Some families would make a day trip to the church and back home and some would camp out for days, no matter the timeframe the first thing they would do when they got into town was make their way to the church. A majority would take their saints from home and carry them to the church to be blessed where the life-sized statue of St. Francis Xavier rests. Carrying the prayers of their families, friends, and community, they would leave all the prayers there with the beloved saint.

On October 17th, the Ak-Chin Circle had a special movie showing in honor of, “The Pilgrimage to Magdalena,” which was made in 2020. The film featured some Ak-Chin walkers and emphasized what the pilgrimage to Magdalena entailed. The pilgrimage is a tradition that has been around for a number of years, a week-long journey that will test your faith, strength in prayer and endurance. Just like the families that travel to the church by vehicle, walkers also carry the prayers of their loved ones. Each walker has their own reasons for participating in

the journey.

“The Pilgrimage to Magdalena” is highly recommended for those that would like more insight about the pilgrimage or even just to see a glimpse of what the walkers experience while on their journey. Some of the writers and board members of the organization that made the movie were also in attendance. Writer Jerry Haas spoke to everyone about how the movie came about and left the mic open for the audience to share their stories about their journey to Magdalena and what it meant to them.



Florinda Peters shares her family memories traveling to Magdalena.

This year’s walkers out of Ak-Chin were Gabe Lopez, Francisco Miguel, Kathleen Miguel, Connor Miguel, Dean Peters, Stephanie Antone, Jennifer Zepeda, and Jordan Lopez. We were able to get some feedback from walkers Gabe and Dean about their pilgrimage, sharing their personal experiences and giving advice to those that may be thinking about starting their pilgrimage.

*I just completed my 11th year on the pilgrimage, I started walking in 2013. My family has participated in the Feast of St. Francis Celebration in Magdalena, Sonora Mexico before I was born, and continued today. I have a picture of my grandparents, Jonas and Mathilda Miguel’budt, my aunt Dora Jane’budt and my mother, on back of the picture states “Magdalena 1943” my mother was 1 years old. That picture is on my staff.*

*I always knew I wanted to participate; my uncle Benedict Miguel always invited me to walk with him. But I was too busy with work, I guess I wasn’t ready to make my commitment. We were told, when you commit to the pilgrimage, you have to commit to four years to fulfill your commitment. In 2012, our family went to Ma:lina to meet my uncle and others from the community as they walked into the Plaza of Ma:lina. I remember seeing my uncle walking in and I could see the pain, suffering, tiredness and stress he had on his face. I remember I got really emotional, and this heavy emotional feeling came over me, and it really affected me. At that moment, I knew I had to take part in the pilgrimage. That year was the last time my Uncle Benedict walked on the pilgrimage.*

*For me, the whole part of the pilgrimage is exciting, the preparation of your mind, body and spirit. When we*

*start our walk in the town of Tubutama, Sonora at the church of San Pedro y San Pablo Apostoles. The people feed us before we start our walk, and when we start our walk, they come out of their homes and watch us as we walk out of the town, and they wave and wish us a good walk.*

*Reconnecting with friends and family on both sides of the border, and you only see them during this time. People offering us food along the way, they say that they also receive blessing by this gesture, and also give us blessing on our pilgrimage.*

*Walking along the roads to Ma:lina and seeing the landscape and sleeping on the sides of road, sleeping under the stars and listening to the coyotes at night, peace and quiet.*

*Another special moment, walking into Ma’lina and coming out of the mountains and seeing the bell tower of the Church of Parroquia Santa Maria Magdalena, your emotions start to settle in. And walking into the Plaza and seeing your family, that moment is pretty special. Paying your respects to St. Francis, having our last Church Mass, and receiving your prayer ribbons (Li:li:ston), feeling that physical and emotional weight being lifted, and your reconnected; Mind, Body, Spirit and Faithfully. You know you had a good Pilgrimage.*

*This year I had a few calls from individuals discouraging us from making the pilgrimage this year, the illegal activity in the Sonora region had escalated. I reached out to some of the organizers and some members of our group, and we all decided that we needed to be strong in our faith and our commitment (to) St. Francis, and continue the pilgrimage. As we entered Sonora, Mexico at the Sasabe Port-of-Entry, we were greeted by the Sonora State Police and the Mexican Military. We were escorted to Tubutama by the police and military, along the way, we witnessed many burned out vehicles.*

*From start to finish, we were escorted by the Sonoran State Police and the presence of the Mexican Military patrolling the roads was very visible. A friend informed us that the cartels know we are not a threat to them, and that they know we are walking for a purpose, they will not bother you guys.*



Gabe Lopez pictured with Sonoran police escorts

*My advice, if you haven’t witnessed the Feast of St. Francis in Magdalena (Ma:lina), go and partake in the activities. Learn about the culture, so you won’t have a culture shock when you decide to partake in the pilgrimage. Talk with people that have been on the pilgrimage, the experience will be different for everyone, and every year the experience will be different. You, yourself will know when it’s time for you to make that commitment.*

*For me, it was something that I was needing, reconnecting Mind, Body, Spirit, Faith, Culturally and Traditionally. It is also my way of giving Thanks to all our ancestors, all of those who have made the pilgrimage,*

*my family for their support, and to our Creator for leading me the life that I have led. It reconnects you with the simplest things in life and makes you humble.*

-Sapo’ Gabe

*I’m happy to share my thoughts on my yearly trip to Magdalena, Mexico. This journey has become a cherished part of my life. This year marks the 13th time I’ve taken part, and each trip has changed me in a special way.*

*The pilgrimage is not just about traveling; it’s a deep spiritual journey that brings me closer to God and strengthens my faith. This year, like every other, we faced challenges but overcame them with strength and a sense of togetherness. Even though there were warnings about cartels, our faith and determination kept us going. Every step we took showed our dedication to prayer and spiritual growth.*

*I’m very thankful for the constant support and prayers from my family, friends, and the new people I met along the way. We remembered Jeremy, who inspired us with his love and faith. His spirit guided us and encouraged us to honor his memory through our journey.*



Dean Peters with new life long friend he made during the pilgrimage.

*The involvement of our community was crucial, and I am grateful to everyone who joined the rosary at San Juan Chapel for Jeremy and the walkers. Father Antony’s presence was a true blessing, and his prayers gave us strength. As we walked, we prayed for each of you, continuing the tradition of love and faith that unites us.*

*If you’re thinking about joining the pilgrimage to Magdalena, know that it’s a journey filled with faith, strength, and community. Every year brings new challenges and blessings, and the support from others makes the experience truly rewarding. Embrace the chance to deepen your spiritual connection and join a tradition that celebrates faith and togetherness.*

*Thank you all for being a part of this journey with me. Your prayers and support mean so much, and I look forward to continuing this pilgrimage in the future. Until next year, may God bless you all.*  
-Dean Peters

For those who aren’t able to travel to the church in Magdalena, a variety of villages within the Tohono O’odham Nation hold their own St. Francis feast throughout the month of October. The main feast, also known as the “ge’e piast,” is held annually on October 4th, with a different village hosting the celebration each year.

The “ge’e piast” begins with a rosary and mass followed by different entertainment, the main one includes waila bands that play throughout the night until the next morning, ending at 5 am with a rosary to conclude the feast. During this time walkers can also be seen coming from all directions making their way to the “Ge’e Piast.”



Magdalena walkers preparing to get back on the walking trail

Vote

Gabriel Lopez  
for  
Chairman

“Ves Ed Vem”



# 2024 Chairman & Vice-Chairman Candidates



**Gabriel Lopez**

Ske:g Tas en'Hajun,

My name is Gabriel Lorenzo Lopez, I am the eldest son of Thelma Miguel'budt and Daniel Lopez Sr.'budt. My maternal grandparents are Jonas & Mathilda Miguel'budt of Ak-Chin Indian Community and my paternal grandparents are Joe Frank & Eleanor (Maria) Lopez 'budt of the village of Crowhang, Tohono O'odham Nation.

I am the brother of Velacita Lopez, Lanita Lopez and Daniel Lopez Jr.'budt.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated and vying for the position of Chairman for the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council for the 2024 Community elections. I have served as a Community leader, both as Vice-Chairman and Council Member, and I am ready to continue my service to the Community, as well as all of you, the members.

I have served the Community as an employee in various Community Departments, as well as Ak-Chin Farms. We must never forget our humble economic beginnings as a farming community. I have also served as a Gaming Commissioner and sat on various Community Committees and Boards, namely the Industrial Board, Livestock Board and the Education Committee. I have continuously served the Community, always keeping in mind our unique tribal sovereignty and Him-Dak.

As most of you know, I am a strong believer in our Him-Dak (language, culture, traditions). I was taught at an early age that our Him-Dak is the biggest part of who we are as O'odham. It is my opinion, without Him-Dak, there is no guiding principles for our leaders or our Community. As leaders, our concerns should be the needs of all members, while continuing to preserve our Him-Dak and Sovereignty.

Currently, two concerns I have are the population and housing development growth surrounding the Community and how it is affecting us. The rapid growth has affected the Community socially, economically and our natural environment. Although growth might be good, we still need to preserve and protect our land and water, environment, and our historical and archaeological sites. With all this in mind, I will voice and address the concerns of the Community and bring



**Lemuel Vincent**

Greetings Membership,

My name is Lemuel Vincent. I am seeking your support for my nomination in obtaining the seat of Chairman on the Ak-Chin Community Council.

I am the son of Norman Vincent, Sr. (Baut), Pauline Vincent (Baut). My siblings consist of Fernando Smith, Sr. (Baut), Sylvester Smith (Baut), Joe Smith (Baut), Diane Rodriguez (Baut), Carole Lopez, Glennadean Lewis (Baut), Norman Vincent, Jr., Norma Vincent, and Roxanne Vincent (Baut).

My conjugal family consists of my wife Nellie Vincent, my daughter Ashley Vincent, stepdaughter Angelica Fernandez, stepsons Raymond Fernandez and Steven Fernandez.

Currently, I am serving as your Tribal Council Vice-Chairman. The experience and knowledge gained over the past four years from my service to our community has acclimated and prepared me for this next step of leadership. My involvement, and contributions to the Council has been that of progress, initiative, and responsiveness, when it comes to addressing issues to move our community forward.

As a result, I am more than ready and capable to represent Ak-Chin as your Chairman. I will apply all that I have learned, along with incorporating my positive work ethic, and genuine desire to see our community continue to grow and prosper in all aspects. This includes our membership, departments, employees, sponsorships, partnerships, and enterprises.

I am committed to the continued work concerning the processes in achieving resources in areas such as Education, Healthcare, Social Service, Elderly matters, and our water issues.

The realm that really identifies with our community, is the path of our sovereignty, the existence of who we are as O'odham. We, as a community, have dealt with issues regarding our sovereignty. As your Chairman, I will continue to fight and push the values of Ak-Chin's sovereignty in all involvements of our community.

The existence of a strong and united Tribal Council requires each council member to be willing to give a fair amount of sacrifice of themselves



**Yolanda Miranda**

Greetings Ak-Chin Membership,

I, Yolanda Miranda, respectfully and honorably accepted a nomination for Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman.

I am a proud member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. My parents are the late Arthur Miranda of Phoenix and late Arlinda Narcia of Ak-Chin. My maternal grandparents are the late Edward Narcia Sr. of Ak-Chin and the Late Elsie Losey Scott of Gila River Indian Community. My Paternal grandparents are Angel and Rosie Miranda of Phoenix, Arizona. I'm the niece of Community members Ms. Mildred Narcia, Mrs. Elizabeth (Narcia) Valles, and the late Ms. Gloria Narcia.

I have been married to my husband Samuel Atrawi for 27 years. We have two adult children Isaac and Esperanza Miranda who are Ak-Chin Indian Community members. I have two grandchildren Yael and Hezekiah Ramirez. I consider Ak-Chin Indian Community my home and you all my family.

My educational background includes a General Education Diploma (GED), Associates of Arts Degree, Bachelor's Degree in Business, and a Master's Degree in Education.

I was employed by the Ak-Chin Indian Community for 18 years. I worked at the Him-Dak Museum as a Cultural Resource monitor, to protect and monitor our beautiful community land. I transferred to the Ak-Chin Education department where I worked in several capacities from Tutor, Truant Officer, Out of District Counselor, K-12 Supervisor and Acting Director. My experience working in education gave me the opportunity to work with our children and families. It's one of my greatest accomplishments to see our membership graduate, continue to higher ed. or find a job of their choice. Creating opportunities for our community membership is valuable.

I've been appointed by the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council to serve as a Commissioner and Board member. Currently, I serve as the Vice-Chairman for the Ak-Chin Housing Board, Commissioner for the Tribal Gaming Agency at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, and served as the Vice-Chairman for Ak-Chin Planning and Zoning Commission. Serving



**Ann Marie Antone**

Ske:g Tas Membership,

I stand before you as a lifelong resident of our beloved community, humbly asking for your support and vote in the upcoming Community Elections on November 16, 2024. This land is not just my home; it is where my heart resides.

I was raised by my maternal grandmother, the late Madeline Antone. My mother is Bernadine (Antone) Romo, and stepfather, Benedict "Benny" Romo. As a proud mother of Jacob Dickerson Jr., Jace Dickerson, Julia Dickerson, and Angel Antone, and a grandmother to Arian Coronado, Joaquin Dickerson, Victoria Gamez, and Jonah Dickerson, I am deeply invested in the future of our community.

I fondly remember running through the fields of Ak-Chin Farms, when there was little development. Together, we have seen our community grow from a handful of houses into a thriving, resilient community. I am committed to continuing this work and further enhancing our economic prosperity for generations to come.

For 35 years, I have served our people in various capacities such as; Parks and Recreation Secretary, Assistant Director and Director, offering diverse program options to adapt to the new generation and their interests outside of sports as well as leading the renovation of our community parks and gym; a Community Council Member where I continued to network with other tribal leaders; as an Ak-Chin Education team member where I planned and developed academic programs to further enrich the lives of our youth; and a Harrah's Ak-Chin HDS Associate where I gained valuable skills in business, customer service, and gaming that created opportunities for a self-sufficient community.

These roles, along with my life experiences, skills, leadership and determination have given me the insight to make tough decisions that benefit us all.

At the heart of building a stronger Ak-Chin are the relationships we cultivate. Our community's strength comes from the bonds we share. Strong connections empower us to make meaningful changes, and although it takes time, it is worth the effort! When elected, I will focus on keeping our community rooted in family unity and mutual



**Delia Carlyle**

Ak-Chin Membership, my name is Delia M. Carlyle and I am humbly seeking your support to serve as your Vice-Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Although I've served as a Member of the Council in the past, I feel I can still be of service to the Community.

The Community's Constitution defines the roles of a Council Member. It's the responsibility of each Council Member to follow and understand what those roles are.

For instance, it's important that Council Members keep themselves updated on issues when making a decision that could bring about a change for the Community. It's just as important to share and explain what decisions are being made to the Members. Open communication including related documentation could help with Members getting the correct information. Council Members must also be open to comments from Members who don't necessarily agree with a decision.

Correct information could also include having written policies and procedures in place for the Members and in several instances, Community employees and Community Council to know what is expected from them. Keep in mind that any working document can be amended. It could be time consuming but reviews should be conducted on a regular basis to ensure clear standards are in place and followed with equal fairness to all. However, if any exceptions are made, justification as to the reason why must be required.

Transparency, especially with the Community budget is a must. Council Members should be able to provide information of where the funding is coming from and how it's being spent. This would include the current Community enterprises and possible other economic development projects.

Elders, Health, Him Dak, Economic Development, Education, Police and Fire protection, to name a few, are all important to the Members. It's only a recommendation but maybe consideration could be made with developing an overall Community Strategic Plan, which would prioritize the needs of the Members. It could help the Council with future planning projects or enhancing current programs.



**Erica Oliver**

Ak-Chin Community Members:

I am Erica Oliver, youngest daughter of the late Louis Johnny Manuel Sr., of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the late Alfretta Garcia, of Ak-Chin. I am seeking your support and vote in representing the Ak-Chin Indian Community as your Vice-Chairman on the Ak-Chin Community Council. My siblings are Rosalie Elaine Perry, Jeffrey Manuel, the late Louis Manuel, Jr., the late Brian Manuel Sr., and the late Joseph Manuel, all of Ak-Chin.

I have had the privilege of representing our community as the current Housing Board Chairman. I also served as the Ak-Chin Election Board Chairman, Ak-Chin Enrollment Committee Chairman, Ak-Chin Planning & Zoning Commissioner, and Ak-Chin Education Committee member.

In 2005, I was appointed to serve on the Articles of Association Revisions Committee. Our job was to revise the 1961 Articles of Association and create our first-ever Constitution, which is what governs our community today; our Constitution was approved in 2016.

My service on our boards and committees helped me understand what our policies are, and why they exist. Additional progress and accomplishments during my years of service include helping to create a whole new DNA policy with Enrollment. This policy helps to protect the integrity of the Enrollment process for our new members.

During my time on the Election Board, we created a whole new Recall Process, and on the Housing Board, we are working together to revise the policies for the Community, HUD, and Tax Credit homes. These experiences have allowed me to understand the importance of our laws, ordinances, and policies.

Currently, I am the manager of a training and development program for our Ak-Chin tribal members at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. I have worked at Harrah's Ak-Chin for over 14 years. I have presented at the annual Native American Human Resources Conferences on Leadership Training & Development, discussing best practices for training our tribal members for positions of leadership.

I have worked in the judicial field for our Community as the



# 2024 Special Election Council Candidates



## Alvin Antone

Members of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, my name is Alvin Blase Antone. My parents are Lawrence and Sally Antone, my maternal grandparents are Juan and Juanita Norris and my paternal grandparents are Marciano and Marie Antone. My siblings are Josie Antone (deceased), Dwayne Antone, Albert Antone (deceased), Clayton Antone, Marla Antone, Waylon Antone, and Melanie Antone. I am married to Angel Antone and I am the proud father of Calvin, Noahli, Alex Antone and Aaliyah Alvarez.

I would like to thank the Community Member who nominated me. It was an honor for me when I served on Council prior and intend to serve my Community to the best of my ability, if elected. Anyone with a strong mind, love, and respect for our Community is more than capable of leading our Membership to a great future. I feel that those of us from the younger generation need to step up and learn what needs to be done to ensure the well-being of our Community for generations to come.

There are so many aspects to our Community, namely our Elders and our Youth. I believe it is absolutely vital to strive for our membership in health, education, and overall well-being. By maintaining our healthcare, education and vitality will only enable us to strengthen our Community. My prior experience as a Council Member provided me with a strong foundation of the duties and obligations, I would uphold on behalf of our Community. It is important to keep the Community's priorities at the forefront.

I have been fortunate enough to witness the changes in our Community, thus far. For example, bringing Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino to the Community in 1994 has helped bring me out of my shell. Working at Harrah's helped me to be outspoken and more understanding. I participated in the HDS program which helped me learn all aspects of the casino. I am currently working as a Senior Tribal Gaming Agent at Harrah's which allows me to know and continue to learn the casino policies and procedures in more depth set forth by the Arizona State Gaming Compact.

I was raised in a strict home. Growing up I questioned why my parents were so hard on us, especially my dad. I remember waking up when it was dark and not coming home until sun down, after working with the cattle all day. I didn't understand why it

was that way; until I had kids of my own. I know now that tough love has made me the person I am today. Throughout it all I learned patience, respect, hard work and most of all I learned that my parents had a hidden agenda and raised me that way to keep me out of trouble and help me to succeed. Because of them I have the opportunity to do many things such as step up and join the running for Community Council.

In closing, I would like to thank the Ak-Chin Indian Community for your time.

Thank You,  
Alvin B. Antone



## Daniel Antone

Daniel Antone is currently a Sergeant for Ak-Chin Security and is running for a seat on Ak-Chin Tribal Council.



## Dennis Antone

S-ke:g Tas Vesic Om Wei,

Ani an ap Cegig Dennis J. Antone. Ani not Vaiko Vestamam Aidag. N Vosk c' Ka:k 'o ap cecegig Francis Antone c' Gladys Antone (badt). N Ba:b c' Hu'ul 'o ap ce'cegig Alvin Lewis c' Edra Ann Jose (badt). N Vepanuk 'o ap cecegig James Antone (badt) c Kristen Antone. Mun cikpan Ak Ciñ Department Public Works.

Good day everyone,

My name is Dennis J. Antone, I am 30 years old. My parents are Erwin and Theresa Antone (badt). My paternal grandparents are Francis and Gladys Antone (badt). My maternal grandparents are Alvin Lewis (badt) and Edra Ann Jose (badt). My siblings are James Antone (badt) and Kristen Antone.

I am currently employed with the Ak-Chin Department of Sanitation & Public Works. I have been with Sanitation & Public Works since 2015-2019 and returned back in 2023. My employment history includes the Gila River Fuels Crew in 2019 for a season, Pima Fire Agency: Wildland Firefighter- FFT2 2019 for a season, Ak-Chin Farms from 2020-2022, and Spectrum Mechanical as a Welder from 2022-2023.

As a youth I was able to participate as a spiritual runner for the Community, I was very active with the Ak-Chin

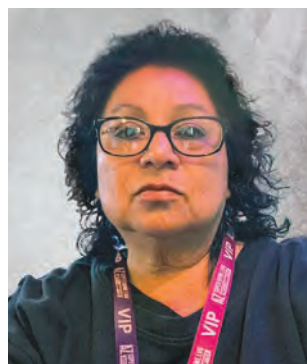
Parks & Recreation athletic programs such as Baseball & Basketball as well as Songivu'l. My first exposure to Tribal Politics was through the Ak-Chin Youth Council, where I served as an At-Large Member, Vice President and President. I enjoy coaching youth sports and learning about our Him-dak, through song, language, traditional games, ceremony and spending time and learning from our people who carry this knowledge, so I'm able to pass it on to our people.

I have respectfully accepted the nomination for Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Representative. The experience thus far is very humbling and intimidating, however I believed it was the people and the community who helped guide me through life and molded me into the man I am today. I feel it is time for me to represent our people and our community.

In closing, I kindly ask for your vote on Saturday, November 16, 2024. I also encourage all eligible community members to go and cast your vote! Vote the person who you feel is the best for the position rather than popularity and/or size of the family, because at the end of the day we are all in this together no matter what your role is in our community.

Thai Hegai,

Thank you, Respectfully,  
Dennis J. Antone.



## Gloria Alejandro

Hello, my name is Gloria Alejandro, granddaughter of Malinda Miguel Batopis. I have resided in our community since November 7, 2012; almost 12 years. I am running for Ak-Chin Community Council. I would like to share a little bit about myself and my experience that I feel may contribute to our Community.

I received my bachelor's degree in 2004, thanks to the support of our Community Council and Education Department. I worked over 30 years in technology, operations and project management. I have obtained knowledge and insight in teamwork, communication and management that I can apply as a Council Member.

My vision as a Council Member for the Ak-Chin Indian Community is to prioritize growth and prosperity within our Community, by effectively reviewing and communicating all potential investments and funding opportunities, while sustaining our

sovereignty. I would like to see more outreach programs for our membership, in Education, Elders, Environmental and Health & Human Services.

My belief has always been, that whatever we impose or do in our Community, should benefit our membership equally. Community Members should have more opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on all topics; all of our voices should be heard. I also believe working as a team we can accomplish more for our Membership.

I would like to humbly ask for your support and your vote to help us make a difference in our Community as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gloria Alejandro



## Marissa Antone

Ak-Chin Community Members,

I am Marissa Antone, a proud lifelong resident of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, I respectfully seek your support as I campaign for a seat on our community council.

I am the daughter of Stanley Antone and Natalie Johns of Gila River. My paternal grandparents are the late Willie Antone and Madeline Antone, my maternal grandparents are the late John Lopez and Mayrna Johns-Lopez both of Gila River. My siblings are Brenna Antone, Jayce Johns and the late Holly Antone. I am married to my amazing husband Alex Bowman and a very proud mother of my son Nakotah.

I have established many hobbies that help with adults and youth in our community has enriched my ability to connect across generations. I strive to empower team members, helping them build self-confidence and recognize their strengths, while fostering collaborations and connections with other tribes and fellow Toka players.

With the experience and insights I have gained from my various roles in the community, I am excited about the opportunity to run for council. I believe this is a chance for me to give back to the community and promote balance. I am eager to be a voice for you and would be honored to have your support in representing our community.

Thank You.

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## Gabriel L. Lopez

them to the table whether it be on the local, state, and federal levels.

I have continuously emphasized working together, respecting one another, and communicating with one another all in a positive way. TEAMWORK, R E S P E C T, COMMUNICATION, and POSITIVITY. I have always believed that these qualities must come from the top, from the leadership. By doing this, together we can overcome obstacles, together we will have strength and together we will be ONE community.

In closing, I humbly ask for your vote of support. As your Chairman, I will be fair and impartial, my decisions will be made with consideration to equality, and first and foremost, the betterment of the Community and all Community Members. Remember to vote on November 16, 2024, and best wishes to all the candidates.

S-Sapo,  
Gabriel L. Lopez



## Lemuel T. Vincent

we all work towards the betterment of our community. As Chairman, I will support and help build upon the necessary work ethic, communication, and leadership to aide in developing a more cohesive and productive Council. This is essential for the Council to continue in the tasks of tackling the issues and matters pertaining to our community. C o m m u n i c a t i o n, empathy, and open-minded approaches are essential when working with the membership as well as the community as a whole.

When speaking of sacrifice, I am referring to the dedication and devotion each council member is willing to give to create a strong unity. This will help to bring focus, attention, and diligence to the issues of our community, including you, the people of our community, just as we are elected to represent.

If elected as your Chairman, I will continue to listen, assist, and represent our community with respect.

I encourage all eligible members to go out and vote. Not only in the tribal election but all aspects of our Government and Presidential elections as well, because your voice matters. Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Lemuel T. Vincent



## Yolanda Miranda

the community board and commissions has given me the opportunity to work with other

board and commission members to ensure and secure the health, welfare, and shelter for our community.

Moving forward as the Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribe we must continue to strive and secure our memberships, land, water, and assets. Our future and vision for our children, grandchildren, and future generations is vital. Providing opportunities, fairness, and equality for our current and future generations is important. Securing our Him-Dak values, traditions and language will keep our identity strong.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community was built by strong leaders who left a legacy for us to fill. I am respectfully and humbly asking you to support me with your vote. We are approaching a new year with new leadership. VOTE Yolanda Miranda for Chairman.



## Ann Marie Antone

respect. Serving as a council member is about the people, it is about listening to the people, respecting the voice of the people, and working together to improve the quality of life in the community.

My vision is to expand our economic base through education, innovation, preserving our language along with our culture, as well as ensure our youth are prepared for the future. We must diversify our revenue sources beyond casino income by exploring sustainable options such as solar and green energy initiatives. I support growth and development to create a legacy for future community members.

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to represent the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Should you grant me the privilege to serve as Vice Chairman, I will build on the positive efforts already underway, while addressing areas in need of growth. Together, we will continue to improve and uplift our community.

Sapo!  
Ann Marie Antone



## Delia Carlyle

All the above and so much more can't be done without team work so that everyone is on the same page as we move forward. We have so much to be thankful for, but we must also be prepared to overcome any challenges. I hope you feel that I can be part of the team.

In conclusion, I extend my best wishes to all those Members who have stepped up with seeking a position on the Council.

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# Monday's Halloween Extravaganza Recap

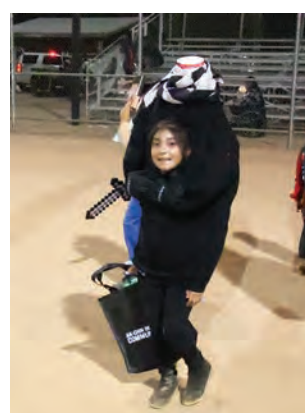
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Winner 0-4



Pumpkin carving contest winners.  
Photo submitted by Alyssa Joaquin.



Winner for 5-8

On October 28, two Ak-Chin departments hosted Halloween gatherings in the Community for all to enjoy.

To start the night, Ak-Chin Health Education hosted one of their many walks at 5:30 PM, this one being Halloween inspired.

Families were then encouraged to make their way to Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park at 6 PM to attend the Trunk or Treat festivities.

Departments from the Community set up on the baseball field in a semi-circle to hand out treats to all the costumed and even non-costumed participants.

Ak-Chin PD offered a cake walk just outside the field and then to the softball field on the west side more departments led games, a bounce house and food provided by Vekol Market.

Once completed, families had the opportunity to take a stroll around the park for the Scary Story Walk.

At 7pm, Chairman Robert Miguel announced the winners of the Pumpkin Carving Contest; Spongebob's Pinapple, Pikachu and Stacked Nightmare Before Christmas Pumpkins taking the win.

Winners were Jonah Dickerson, Joaquin Dickerson and Melody Gauna.

Ak-Chin Preschool was also named winner of the department trunk decorating contest with their Mario themed booth, winning a Netflix and Chill basket.

At 730pm the costume contest began, with 5 age ranges competing. 0-4 winner was Cameron Villegas-White with his "Chick" costume.

5-8 winner was Delliana Lewis with her "Headless body" fit.

9-12 winner was Joann Preston as a "Purge" character.

Dante Peters was named winner for 13-17 with his

"Mario" costume.

The "Joker" Frankie Carlyle was named winner of the 18 and up group. Winners received totes filled with goodies.

Ak-Chin Events staff acknowledged all who participated.

"The Events Department would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the departments that participated. Your efforts in decorating your Trunks were truly fantastic.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to the community for their active participation and for looking absolutely fabulous in their costumes.

Your presence made the event truly special. A special mention to Chairman Robert Miguel, Parks and Recreation, Library, Health Education, Police, Fire Department, and Public Works for their invaluable support in planning and executing the event."



Winner for 18 and Up

## U.S. Department of Energy Announces the Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Activities in Support of Commercial HALEU Production

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the potential impacts of the Department's Proposed Action to acquire, through procurement from commercial sources, high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) and to facilitate the establishment of commercial HALEU fuel production.

HALEU is a crucial material required by most U.S. advanced reactors to achieve smaller designs, longer operating cycles, and increased efficiencies over current nuclear energy technologies. HALEU is not currently available in sufficient amounts from domestic suppliers. The lack of an adequate domestic, commercial fuel supply could impede both reactor demonstrations and the development of future advanced reactor technologies.

The final EIS follows the Notice of Availability of the Draft HALEU EIS on March 8, 2024. DOE formally accepted comments on the draft through April 22, 2024, but accepted comments received beyond that date to the extent practicable. During the review and comment period, DOE held two virtual Tribal listening sessions, one in-person Tribal listening session, and three virtual public hearings. DOE received a total of 223 comment submissions on the draft EIS. Thirty-six of those comment submissions came from Tribes or Tribal members and the rest came from Federal and state agencies, industry, nonprofit organizations, and the public. In preparing the final HALEU EIS, DOE considered and responded to all comments. The responses can be found in Volume 3 of the final HALEU EIS.

The Final EIS is available on the project website at <https://www.energy.gov/ne/haleu-environmental-impact-statement>.

Requests for physical copies of the final HALEU EIS can be made through email to [HALEU-EIS@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:HALEU-EIS@nuclear.energy.gov) or U.S. mail to, Mr. James Lovejoy, DOE EIS Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS 1235, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415.

DOE will issue a Record of Decision for the final HALEU EIS no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability of the final HALEU EIS by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Record of Decision will be available in the Federal Register and on the project website.

## ATTENTION!

The Ak-Chin Tribal Courts at this time will only allow the parties who have a case pending before the court to be in the courtroom. All other parties including family members and/or friends are prohibited.

### PROBATION/PRE-TRIAL CHECK INS

Individuals checking in with Probation and/or Pre-Trial Services you may check in with Court Security first and the individual you are here to see will be notified.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you.

## Functional Fitness for ELDERS



Ak-Chin Service Center  
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Remaining 2024 Schedule

Nov 07

Nov 12

Nov 14

Nov 19

Nov 21

(Walk for Gratitude)

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by The Injury Prevention Program  
Questions??? Call Teri De La Cruz at (520) 568-1087

Chairman & Vice-Chairman  
Platforms continued from Page 7

Erica Oliver

Secretary for the Ak-Chin Prosecutor, and as Court Programs Coordinator for the Ak-Chin Community Court. These experiences helped me gain knowledge of federal and tribal laws within the judicial system. In addition to my employment, and service on our boards and committees, I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Leadership Management with a Minor in Human Resources in 2022.

It has been my lifelong passion to serve our community and help with the development and growth of our tribal members and the creation of services for our members. As your elected Vice-Chairman, I am confident in my ability to represent our community fairly, respectfully, and ethically. I will continue in the direction of progress with our land, water, healthcare, and services for our members and the future of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. I will hold on to the vision that our past leaders and community members advocated for to determine the best direction for our community to flourish, while also leading our community to greater accomplishments for the future of Ak-Chin.

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

CASE NO.: CV-2024-00025-DV  
CIVIL SUMMONS

Duane Lee Antone Petitioner  
VS  
Mercedes Stephens Respondent

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:  
Mercedes Stephens

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before this Court in the above entitled matter for a Preliminary Hearing set on Thursday the 12th day of December, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Ak-Chin Justice Complex 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa AZ 85139.

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

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 28th day of October, 2024.

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





This November,  
Tribal sovereignty and  
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stand with  
Tribal  
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Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

[grhc.org](http://grhc.org)



## LAUNCHING NOVEMBER 2024!

**Patients and visitors, we are updating how you access our free Wi-Fi at our locations.**

Should you have a question about this change, feel free to contact the Customer Service or Patient Registration.

Scan the QR code to access FAQs and login instructions.



## ATTENTION: CURBSIDE DELIVERY ENDING

“BEGINNING 11/4/2024, CURBSIDE DELIVERY WILL BE DISCONTINUED. WE WELCOME YOU TO COME INSIDE THE CAFÉ TO PLACE OR PICK UP YOUR ORDERS.

THE CAFÉ IS PROUD TO BE A POPULAR FOOD SERVICE CHOICE TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND THEIR VISITORS.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.”

## GET YOUR FLU SHOT

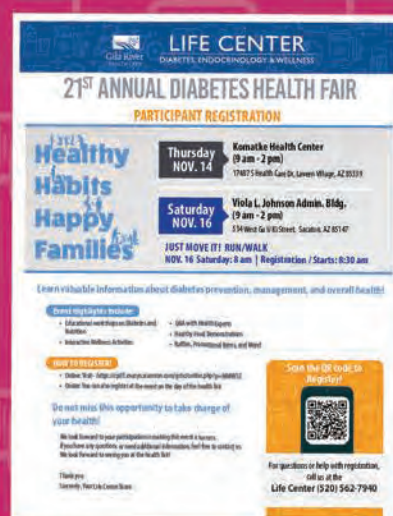
The Flu Vaccine is available to Gila River Health Care Patients



Walk-in to one of our GRHC Primary Care Departments.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495  
Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000 Ext. 6060  
Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center (520) 796-2600 Ext. 2697  
Ak-Chin Clinic (520) 568-3881  
Pediatrics (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7337

Scan the QR code to view more GRHC's Information, and Events!



Visit page at:  
[grhc.org/news-information-and-events/](http://grhc.org/news-information-and-events/)

## Upcoming Holiday Closures

**Veterans Day ..... Monday 11/11/24**  
**Thanksgiving Day .. Thursday 11/28/24**  
**Christmas Day ..... Wednesday 12/25/24**  
**New Years Day ..... Wednesday 01/01/25**

As the end of the year approaches, we wanted to let you know about our upcoming closures.

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call Gila River Health Care's main line (520) 562-3321.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

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





# JOB OPENINGS

## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Animal Control Officer
- Administration Support Technician- Parks/Rec
- Accountant
- Bus Driver – Early Childhood Education/ Preschool
- Compensation Analyst
- Communication Officer
- Communication Officer part-time
- Child and Family Therapist
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Environmental Technician
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Parks Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Recreation Program Assistant
- Security System Technician
- Security Guard
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Utilities Technician
- Youth Council Coordinator

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

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.

## AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT

### 2024 Transit Schedule Changes

**Closing at NOON**  
**December 19th**

**Closed ALL DAY**  
**November 11th & 27th-29th**  
**December 20th & 25th-27th**  
**January 1st - 3rd, 2025**

***Please make alternate arrangements for transport on these dates.***

***Thank you!!***

## Registration to Participate

Information:  
Parade@ALPOST133az.org  
Register :  
[www.MaricopaParade.com](http://www.MaricopaParade.com)  
Or scan the QR code



## Wishes

**Y'Sabella Auriel Peters (10/16)**  
**Happy 2nd birthday to my Gorgeous Babygirl,**  
**Daddee Misses You and Loves You So Much**

**Happy Belated 9th Bday to My Son**  
**Xzyander Peters AKA SONIC (9/23)**  
**Can't Forget You DallHyss Renay Peters**  
**XOXO**

**Happy Birthday to my granddaughters**  
**Y'Sabelle, Jaylene and Ramona and**  
**grandsons Xzyander, Aaron Sr., Jose, and**  
**Darnell**  
**Love, Grandma**

**Happy Birthday Mag!!**  
**WE LOVE YOU...**



## Maricopa Veterans Day Parade

Starting at 9am

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

Parade Route: Central  
Arizona College to  
Leading Edge Academy

Free lunch for Veterans  
and their families at  
Leading Edge Academy

Sponsored by: American Legion Auxiliary unit 133

Planning Committee :



## Birthdays 11/1 - 11/14

**NOVEMBER 1ST**  
Jason Narcia  
Autumn Vallejos  
Jose Hernandez  
Gwendolyn Pilone  
Mary Narcia

**NOVEMBER 2ND**  
Ayden Acunia-Pablo

**NOVEMBER 3RD**  
Carla Carlyle  
Israel Santiago  
Neveah Pilone  
Darrin Manuel

**NOVEMBER 4TH**  
Kahleah Delowe  
Mauricio Contreras-Valles

Rosa Merriweather  
Siann Ugalde

**NOVEMBER 5TH**  
Aaron Peters Sr.  
Rena Santiago

**NOVEMBER 6TH**  
Alonzo Lopez  
Jose Lopez  
Andrea Lopez  
Thonva Florez

**NOVEMBER 7TH**  
Norma Vincent  
Brittney King  
Heaven Smith  
Auciana Miguel

**NOVEMBER 8TH**  
Jaylene Lopez

**NOVEMBER 9TH**  
Cecil Peters  
Malinda Ormsby  
Mikayla Matuz  
Daniel Narcia

**NOVEMBER 10TH**  
Marguon Robles  
Shannon Narcia

**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
Ramona Narcia  
Erick  
Merriweather  
Rayan  
Merriweather  
Jamison Vincent

**NOVEMBER 12TH**  
Elissa Justin  
Arnulfo Arellanes-Burgos Jr.  
Mark Pablo  
Nvaila Miguel

**NOVEMBER 13TH**  
Anthony Antone  
Darnell Peters  
Aaron Narcia

**NOVEMBER 14TH**  
Joe Miguel  
Raychel Peters  
Victor Bandin  
Hiram Ugalde  
Emmalyn  
Anderson

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 11/1 - 11/14

**11/1**  
Linda Brill,  
Library

Mariah  
Carlyle,  
Community  
Operations

Gwendolyn  
Lopez,  
Early  
Childhood

Joseph  
Plough,  
Fire

Jason Thomas,  
Finance

**11/3**  
Eby Abel,  
Community  
Operations

Zachary  
Quintero,  
Retail

**11/6**  
Jose Lopez,  
Sanitation

**11/7**  
Alana Machado  
Arellanes,  
Retail  
Department

Ysidro  
Sandoval III,  
Police

Ross Stimac,  
EPD

Tanner Wear,  
Police

**11/8**  
Eddie Berzoza,  
Sanitation

Timothy  
Hawk,  
Police

**11/9**  
Susan Cons,  
Social Service

Cecil Peters,  
Community  
Government

**11/10**  
Monique  
Alvarez,  
Police

Shannon  
Narcia,  
Finance

**11/14**  
Ruben  
Corona,  
Police

Raychel  
Peters,  
Runner

Sean Sacro,  
Police

Kenyen  
Thompson,  
Education

## Storytime at the Ak-Chin Library

Guardians must be present with their child. Attending Storytime does not require preschool enrollment for children.

Every Friday  
@ 2:30pm



Scan the QR code or fill out a form at the Ak-Chin Library!

Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Call us at 520-568-1675 or email: [library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:library@ak-chin.nsn.us)

## DO YOU LIKE... ROBOTS, TECHNOLOGY, AND CODE?



## JOIN CODE CLUB

Join us Saturday, November 9th, for Code Club from 12pm-2pm at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library. Get a chance to use Ozobots with a festive November activity and learn how to put together code. Code Club is open to the public, ages 8+. Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome, transportation is not provided.



Scan to Sign Up!

## Gila River HEALTH CARE FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

### FAMILY PLANNING MEDICAL MOBILE CLINIC

**Tuesday,**  
**Nov 05, 2024**  
**9:00a - 2:00p**  
**Vekol Market**  
**Parking Lot**

#### Services Provided:

- 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 Post-Partum Care
- Preconception Counseling
- Prevention Counseling and Education

**ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**

Call or Text us at (520) 371-0132

**\*\*\* The Mobile Unit is NOT Handicap Accessible\*\*\***





# Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Launches EQUAL Business Impact Group

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Oct. 23, 2024) Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino launched EQUAL, the property's newest Business Impact Group (BIG), at the Phoenix Pride Parade on Sunday, Oct. 20. The LGBTQIA+ and Ally Employee Business Impact Group will provide professional networking and volunteer opportunities for its members and help foster and promote equality internally and externally for the organization.

Each BIG within Harrah's Ak-Chin is sponsored by members of the senior leadership team. Employment Manager Lauren Conley is the EQUAL Senior Level Sponsor and April Tawney Director

of Facilities and Surveillance will serve as the EQUAL Executive Sponsor.

"It was the perfect day to launch EQUAL," said Conley. "This member-led group will provide the opportunity for personal and professional networking and development, as well as opportunities to give back to our community. I'm so happy to be a part of it."

This is the third BIG instituted by Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. The SALUTE BIG for Military team members and their allies was launched September 2019. The SAVVY BIG that promotes the empowerment, support

and advancement of women, was launched in 2021.

BIGs are staff-led groups and are open to all team members who support the BIG's mission. The goals of each BIG are:

- Promote cultural awareness and education
- Develop team members personally and professionally
- Drive innovation and strategic business initiatives
- Support diverse team member recruitment and retention
- Foster a positive company image in our communities

Ten years ago, Caesars Entertainment established EQUAL, then the first-of-its-kind in the gaming

and entertainment industry. EQUAL is one of the company's seven BIGs, which are a core element of its diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) strategy to integrate team members who self-identify with groups created to support different dimension of diversity.

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, please visit [www.harrahsakchin.com](http://www.harrahsakchin.com).

Guests must be 21 or older to gamble. Remember to "Know When To Stop Before You Start. ®" If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2024, Caesars License Company, LLC.



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino launches the EQUAL Business Impact Group at the Phoenix Pride Parade on Sunday, October 20.

Ak-ChinCircle.com

**Gobble Gallup Motorcycle Run**

November 24

Registration Starts at **10:30AM** | Kickstands Up at **NOON**  
Vendors onsite, FREE donuts and coffee, Food & Live Entertainment by Last Train To Juarez after the ride.  
Registration **\$20** Per Person or 1 Frozen Turkey  
All Proceeds go to Maricopa Pantry To Help Feed Those in Need For Thanksgiving  
  
"EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY A HOT MEAL ON THANKSGIVING"  
  
Ride Pins For The First 100 Riders  
  
16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa AZ, 85138

\*PERFORMANCE TIMES MAY VARY | NO COVER

Saturday November 2nd

Sunday November 24th

Saturday November 30th

LUXE LOUNGE

Ak-ChinCircle.com

THE LUXE LOUNGE IS A 21 AND OVER VENUE

**SAVE THE DATE**

Light Parade

December 14, 2024

Free Carnival, Concert, and Rodeo

December 20 – 22, 2024

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

[events@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:events@ak-chin.nsn.us)

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AK-CHIN CASINO

NOVEMBER 2024

CAESARS

REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>BLACK FRIDAY</b>	<b>TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b> FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024	<div>1</div> CANTINA NIGHTS	<div>2</div> CANTINA NIGHTS
<div>3</div> SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<div>4</div> REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	<div>5</div> ELECTION DAY PRESIDENTIAL PRIZES HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>6</div> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>7</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	<div>8</div> CANTINA NIGHTS	<div>9</div> TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB CANTINA NIGHTS
<div>10</div> SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<div>11</div> GRATITUDE TREATS FOR THE TROOPS!	<div>12</div> HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>13</div> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>14</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	<div>15</div> CANTINA NIGHTS	<div>16</div> TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP CANTINA NIGHTS
<div>17</div> SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<div>18</div> FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X!	<div>19</div> HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>20</div> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>21</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	<div>22</div> CANTINA NIGHTS	<div>23</div> RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY! CANTINA NIGHTS
<div>24</div> SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<div>25</div> GAME ON!	<div>26</div> HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>27</div> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	<div>28</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	<div>29</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! 30X EARNING TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER CANTINA NIGHTS	<div>30</div> WIN YOUR WHEELS! DRAWINGS HOT SEATS GIFT WRAP SET GIVEAWAY CANTINA NIGHTS