



Members of the Tony Duncan Native Flute and Hoop Dancing team create two round impressions during their hoop dancing performance.

## Ak-Chin celebrates Earth Day at Harrah's

Story and photos by Runner Staff

It has been a couple of years, since the Ak-Chin Indian Community has celebrated Earth Day like they normally did. Early morning clean-ups around the community, food, music, participation swag bags and prizes given away were the norm.

2025 Ak-Chin Earth Day was pretty much the same, except for the absence of the clean-up; which was due to covid

and safety concerns; creating the alternative agenda. To many, the clean-up highlighted the celebration, as they took pride in keeping the Community and Mother Earth as clean as possible.

“Obviously, since covid we had to put a stop to the celebration,” said Environmental Programs Manager Roman Orona. “Safety around the roadways

and public areas were also of concern for those participating, so a decision was made to halt this for now.”

One of the departments who took advantage in participating and took the opportunity to educate, was the Ak-Chin Preschool. Earth Day was always a day to get the little ones to start learning about how important the earth meant and how to respect

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## Kaelyn Miller at DECA International Career Development Conference

Story by Kristen Villegas, Photo Submitted by Savannah Boyd, Ak-Chin High School Advisor



For most, high school is a time for experiences and whether they had the desired outcome or were a lesson; they played a major role into your character building.

A variety of programs, clubs and sports were provided, but even

outside of school; there was always a chance to have a new adventure.

Ak-Chin member, Kaelyn Miller is one student who is in the midst of her experiences that will shape her next steps in her educational journey. A sophomore

at Desert Sunrise, she made her way to the DECA International Career Development Conference which was held on April 26-29, 2025 in Orlando, Florida.

Those who are unfamiliar with DECA; which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America; it is a program that allows students within high schools and colleges from around the world to explore courses such as business, finance, marketing, etc., while also preparing them for the future.

Through DECA, students strive to rise as potential leaders and possible business owners. This program also allows for students to compete against one another and network, all while learning the required curriculum of their schools. The ICDC is one that celebrates the young leaders with all

## Special Olympics Torch Run through Ak-Chin

Story & Photo By R. Miguel

Some minor changes in the usual Special Olympics Torch Run, supported by the Ak-Chin Police Department, were implemented, as the Ak-Chin Team participated in their portion of the year event.

A total of twenty-five runners, walkers and bikers made their way to highway 84 and State Route 347 to begin Ak-Chin's portion in the route.

This year, the handing off of the torch was eliminated by

coordination of the various agencies involved.

“Since the onset of Covid 19 in 2020, most agencies have resorted to turning it into a community event,” said Ak-Chin Police Sergeant Davis Garcia, who organized the Ak-Chin portion of the event. “Eliminating the hand off process.”

At the beginning of Ak-Chin's leg at highway 84, the department wanted to dedicate their portion of the run to the Phoenix Police

Department SWAT team, who during the past ten years of the hand-offs, it was Phoenix SWAT who encouraged the Ak-Chin team to move forward in getting the torch to its final destination.

The determination, dedication, and desire to play a role in the run was evident, as participants grinded, battled, fatigued and weathered the 14-mile trek into the community.

Of the 14-mile journey, 11 miles were dedicated to running and biking,

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Ak-Chin's Torch Run Team makes their way down State Route 347 enroute to the Old Fire Department where they handed off the torch to Pimmex.



Lopez family members, Jaylene, Ariel and Jose, enjoy their time with the Easter Bunny during the Recreation Easter Egg Hunt Celebration.

## Easter Egg Celebration

Story and photos by Runner Staff

A number of community members made their way to Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park on the morning of Saturday, April 19th, to participate in a number of activities sponsored by the Ak-Chin Recreation Department.

A line quickly formed to sign up for games, food vouchers, egg hunting and free eggs that were giving out to families.

The first egg hunt featured children from zero-to-three years of age, which took place at

the playground. The little ones quickly made their way through the area, gathering as many eggs as they possibly could and placing them in their baskets, with the help of parents of course.

The next round of egg

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# Easter Happenings for Ak-Chin Elders

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

Thursday, April 17 the Ak-Chin Elder Program created a fun Easter extravaganza for all Community elders at the Service Center.

The day began with a cute Easter bag full of holiday treats, bunny ears, glasses and snacks were included in all the bags.

The cooks also served a delicious lunch of turkey with all the trimmings and carrot cake for dessert.

During lunch, Erin Kariuki with Angel Home Health presented information on Advance Directives.

Karen provided a handout and discussed the different types of directives, which are legal documents that allow individuals

to decide what type of medical care they wish to receive if the become incapacitated and unable to make those decisions themselves.

She also talked about other types of advance directives, including; Living Wills, Healthcare Power of Attorney and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders.

Erin stressed the importance of having these documents so that “everyone can choose what they want to do.”

She also said, “it’s a blessing for your family so they know what you want.”

These legal documents can be obtained from your medical physician

or social services representative.

After the lunch and presentation concluded, elder staff handed out Bingo cards and pinto bean placeholders for elders present who then enjoyed a fun and engaging 9 rounds of Bingo.

Just about every elder was able to “BINGO” for a chance to win one of the items displayed on the table full of goodies. The last round was dedicated to a Blackout Bingo that had four winners!

Thank you to all the elders and staff for creating a lovely day of fun, food and BINGO! Thank you to Erin as well for an informative and important presentation on Advance Directives.



# Congressman honors former Chairman

Story and photo by Runner Staff



Congressman Eli Crane of Arizona presents former Chairman Robert Miguel with a plaque to recognize his acknowledgment on the House Floor.

Former Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman, Robert Miguel was presented with a plaque by Arizona Congressman, Eli Crane, During a visit to the

Ak-Chin Community on Monday, April 14, Congressman Crane and his Chief of Staff Greg Smith respectfully requested the former Chairman to attend a meeting held at Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, with Council.

Upon arrival to the facility, Miguel quietly made his way into the conference room while Council and the Congressman were having a conversation.

Attempting to walk back out of the room and wait for the discussion to end, Congressman Crane immediately stood up and welcomed Miguel in, which he did.

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Fall Prevention for Elders provided by The Injury Prevention Program



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# Elder Calendar

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5/5 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Sonoran Hot Dogs, Corn in a Cup, Pasta Salad, Mexican Sweet Bread, Fresh Cut Fruit 	5/6 Green Chilaquiles, Scrambled Eggs, Refried Beans / Sour Cream, Fruit Salad  Ham Sandwich, Cauliflower, Tomato w/ Cottage Cheese, Grapes	5/7 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Elder Diamondbacks Game, 12:40 pm Leaving at 10:30 AM  Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Romaine Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Fruit Cocktail	5/8 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Fruit w/Cottage Cheese  Mother's Day Tea Party Historic BIA House, 11 AM to 1 PM  Split Peas, Chicken w/ Vegetables (D), Acorn Squash, Crackers, Cantaloupe/Honeydew	5/9 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix Berries  Mother's Day Lunch 12 noon  Rolled Lasagna, Colored Carrots, Spring Salad, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Cake/ Apple
5/12 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Apples  Broccoli Soup & Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Peaches	5/13 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit & Yogurt  Hamburger, Green Leaf & Tomato, Baked Beans, Corn on Cob, Jell-O/ Apple	5/14 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad  Movie Day  Creamy Garlic Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Tropical Fruit	5/15 Potatoes Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Angel Home Health Presentation, 12 noon w/ Erin Kariuki  Ground Beef Taco, Shredded Lettuce/ Tomato, Brown Rice, Zucchini—Tomato Juice, Sliced Apple/Orange	5/16 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Pinto Beans & Yams,  Chicken Stir Fry & Egg Roll (D), Romaine Salad/Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding
<div>Deadline to sign up for D-Backs NARD event is May 15.</div>				





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Marisa Palomo of Penta Construction, putts her ball, hoping for a "birdie" as her teammates Ralph Gomez and Jeff Mills look on.

# Him-Dak annual Golf Tourney shares great weather and company

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Although the annual Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum celebration took place weeks ago, the festivities continued with the annual golf tournament, which took place on Monday, April 28, at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club.

One hundred golfers took to the links in hopes of placing in the tourney, which began at 9:00 am. Throughout the morning and afternoon, men and

women focused on their long drives, short game and putting in hopes of trying to get the lowest under mark as possible.

At various holes, there were opportunities to get closes to the hole, or if you were extremely lucky, a hole in one. The event was one of the more comfortable tournaments played as far as weather, as the temperature hovered just over 80 degrees, not bad

in late April.

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes General Manager, Brady Wilson stepped up to offer praise to all those who supported the cause for the Him-Dak Endowment Fund.

He then asked everyone to share in a moment of silence for Bart Smith, who passed unexpectedly on April 17. Bart was the Community Operations Manager.



Him Dak Golf Tournament First Place - Ft. McDowell/Salt River

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**Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation**

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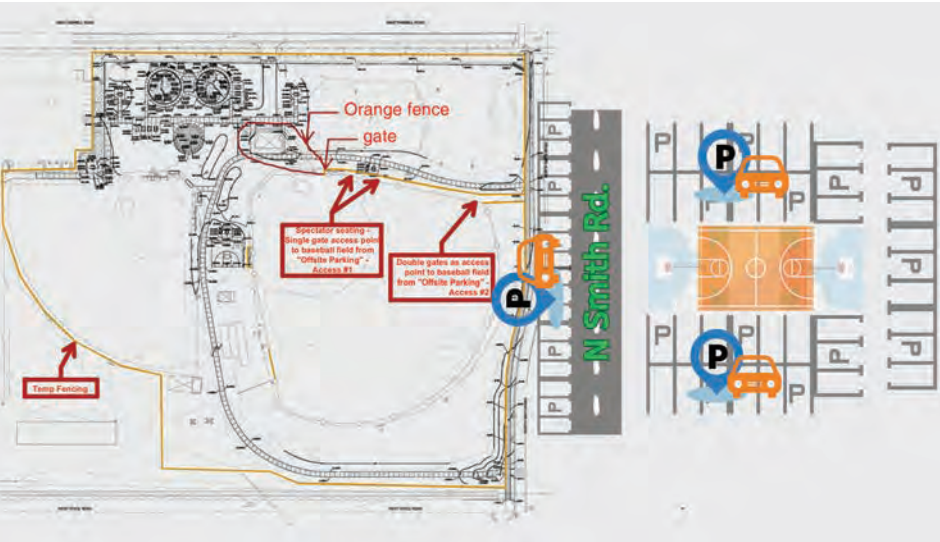
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Please see the map for detailed parking information.

At this time, parking is available by the outside basketball courts on the east side of the park. Also, please note that there are no restrooms available at the park during construction, so plan accordingly.



# April Community Meeting



Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez addresses the membership at April's Community Meeting.

Story and photo by Runner Staff

The evening of April 28, 2025, the Ak-Chin Tribal Council invited all members to attend the Community Meeting held at the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility at 6 PM.

The meeting began with opening remarks from Chairman Gabriel Lopez, followed by a prayer from Council Member Lisa Garcia.

This was not the traditional Community Meeting usually held by Council, as there was only one topic of discussion for the evening; an incentive trip for the academic achievements of Ak-Chin students from 5th- 12th grades; scheduled by the Ak-Chin Education department to take place in the summer of 2025.

Council members shared their perspective on the incentive trip; highlighting their support for rewarding students for their school related accomplishments; as well as questions on the requirements

need to qualify for the incentive trip, policies and guidelines on the overall trip planning and selection of participants.

The discussion then focused on a letter that was sent out to the community that raised questions about the status of the scheduled trip and future incentive trips.

Throughout the conversation, members shared their comments and questions with Council. There was one question posed about the dialysis facility, which then closed out the Community meeting, around 7pm.

To end the night there was a raffle for gift cards for lucky members whose names were drawn.

There will not be a Community in May, due to numerous graduations happening. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for June 30, 6pm at the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility.

# Moses Brings Plenty visits Ak-Chin



From left to right: Dennis Antone (Council Member), Delia Carlyle (Vice-Chairwoman), Moses Brings Plenty (Actor), Lisa Garcia (Council Member), and Gabriel Lopez (Chairman).

Story by Robert Miguel, Photo by Kristen Villegas

It's not often that you have actors come into the community for a visit. The most recent was when Keanu Reeves and his band Dogstar performed for one night at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort back in September of 2024.

Yellowstone actor Moses Brings Plenty made his way to the Ak-Chin Indian Community to meet with Tribal Council and took a trip through the Farms last week.

Brings Plenty was offered an invitation to come and visit the community and give a presentation on a business he and his partner, James Jordan involving health care, Tribal Nations Health.

Together they look at Group Health Plans that are suitable for Tribes and their needs.

During his stop, he was able to take a tour of the Farm Enterprise with Assistant Farm Manager Wilman Justin.

A lunch was served at the Community Government office, where staff were able to take photos and exchange pleasantries.

Brings Plenty has other credits to his acting career that includes; Hidalgo, Thunderheart and Pirates of the Caribbean.

He is an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.



Easter Celebration continued from Front

hunters moved up to four-to-eight years of age, which took place on the main ballfield. Almost the entire outfield was filled with eggs, which excited participants as they raced and nabbed a number of eggs, filling up their designed baskets with

boiled cucul nonha (egg in O’odham).

The final egg hunt was supposed to feature nine-to-twelve-year-olds, but after discussion, the Recreation staff decided to open it up to all ages, nine on up, including

adults/elders.

The announcement obviously enticed more people to participate; off and running were many who took to the field, scrambling for boiled eggs and plastic eggs that were filled with prizes.

Following each hunt, the lucky ones who discovered prize-eggs were able to redeem them for prizes and gift cards.

The last games that were played included a relay race for all ages, which featured having to spin around with a baseball bat and then racing their way to a designated area before having to run back

to where they began.

The game was welcomed with plenty of laughter and excitement to those watching.

Throughout the morning’s celebration, attendees were able to enjoy facing painting, happily provided by Ak-Chin Fire Department staff and egg basket designing, which

was overseen by Ak-Chin Recreation staff.

A couple of jumping castles were also present for children to enjoy, and the Easter Bunny was on hand to take photos and greet everyone to the celebration. Food vouchers for Vekol Market were able to be redeemed following the event.



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Kaelyn Miller continued from Front

things that encompass DECA’s core values and brings the all together once a year.

Kaelyn was asked a few questions regarding her time in DECA and her anticipated trip to the conference this year:

Why did you join DECA?

I joined DECA on a leap of faith, thinking it would be an easy class, completely unaware of what DECA actually was. All I knew was that I had signed up for Hospitality Management, which I assumed focused on learning how to be an entrepreneur. As the class started, I was surprised by all the trips my teacher had planned and the many events and competitions. It was all new and a little overwhelming at first. I remember thinking, “What did I just join? What even is DECA?” But the more my teacher explained, the more excited I became. This is Desert Sunrise’s first year being part of DECA, and I was genuinely excited to be involved. I saw it as a chance to make a difference within our school community while enjoying the fun and opportunities that came with it. I dove in headfirst with my closest friends, ready to learn and embrace everything the program had to offer.

What were you expecting when joining the program? Has it met all of your expectations?

As this is the first year our school has been a part of DECA, I didn’t have any specific expectations going in. I

was simply excited for the opportunity to be part of something new. As the year has progressed, I’ve been impressed by how much I’ve learned and how many valuable experiences the program has offered.

What have you learned about yourself in the process? What challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?

Being part of DECA has helped me grow in ways I never expected. I’ve developed patience and confidence, discovered my strengths in competition, and identified what I want to improve on moving forward. The program has pushed me to grow personally and taught me how to apply what I’ve learned to both my professional goals and everyday life. Public speaking was always my biggest fear. It used to be difficult even in front of friends. But through my Hospitality Management class, I’ve gained confidence in presenting and communicating with others. In February, after months of hard work in class and through DECA, I was invited to speak at a luncheon at the district office. I accepted without hesitation. That moment made me realize just how far I’ve come. DECA has not only helped me overcome my fears. It’s given me the tools to turn them into strengths.

What part of the DECA ICDC are you the most excited about? What preparations have you made to prepare yourself?

I’m most excited for elevating my education

and knowledge of how to be a better leader for our future generations to come after my time of being a part of DECA. I love to learn and be actively involved with this journey. Being one of the first members at my high school is truly a privilege, and I can’t wait to apply this knowledge to help guide new members next year. To be the kind of open and approachable leader I would have loved when I first joined. I’ve prepared myself by keeping an open mind and a positive attitude, as I have always done. I’m also really looking forward to going to Disney World for the first time, flying across the country with my friend and favorite teacher, and making memories that I’ll always remember. It’s a big experience, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to travel, try something new, and enjoy the moments as they come along through DECA.


Do you have any words of encouragement for those who are thinking of joining DECA?

JOIN DECA!! If your high school offers it, do it!! Take that same leap of faith I took, and go in with the willingness in your heart to experience new and different things. The number of friends, opportunities, and experiences you gain within a year is unforgettable!!! Don’t ever doubt yourself for a second, and have fun!!

Good luck to Kaelyn, we hope you go beyond the goals you set for yourself! Kaelyn Miller is the daughter of Lisa and Russell Miller.

## Community Easter Highlights





WELCOME TO OUR 2025  
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Deadline to apply will be May 22nd 2025

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Under supervision, participants of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Summer Youth program will assist with the administration of the day-to-day operations within the department they are assigned.

PLEASE SCAN ME TO APPLY



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4th-5th grade class demonstrate how they can write out their math problems on their new desks. From right to left: Rosa Merriweather, Mylaunah Antone, Kaiya McClure

# Ak-Chin Education Department Celebrates Classroom Upgrade

Story Submitted by Education Staff; Photos by Ashley Vincent

The Ak-Chin Education Department is proud to share some exciting news with our community! Thanks to a recent purchase of brand-new desks and chairs, our students are experiencing a fresh wave of excitement and motivation in their learning environments.

These aren't your average desks—each one features a whiteboard surface that allows students to write directly on them. Whether it's solving math problems, crafting stories, or practicing spelling words, these desks have quickly become a favorite classroom tool.

This upgrade is already making a big difference across all grade levels—from kindergarten through high school and even our growing GED program.

“Our students were

Kinder-2nd grade class pose for a quick picture with their new desks

Front row (right to left): Bree Wittman, Brooklynne Baptisto

Second row: Janaya Lopez, Rebecca Rodas

Third row: Danyll Narcia, Jonah Dickerson, Timothy Peters

absolutely thrilled when they saw the new desks,” shared one staff member. “They’ve been more engaged, more focused, and genuinely excited to come to class.”

The new furniture was purchased from Lakeshore, a company known for its quality educational products. Even better, Lakeshore has provided a lifetime warranty on all desks and chairs, ensuring long-term use for generations of learners.

As student enrollment increases and programs expand, we want to accommodate everyone comfortably. The new setup is already creating a buzz, with students

eager to show their families and friends just how much fun learning can be.

The joy was captured perfectly in recent classroom photos. Just one look at the students’ bright smiles, and it’s clear—this is more than just new furniture; it’s a fresh start, a boost of confidence, and a renewed love for learning.

We’d like to thank our community for your ongoing support. Your encouragement makes moments like these possible. Our students are excited, inspired, and ready to take on the future—one dry-erase desk at a time!



## Summer Youth Program Participation Requirement

Subject: Request for Release of Grades for Participation in Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program

In order to participate in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program, Ak-Chin Human Resources Department requests the release of grades and academic information. The purpose of this request is to enable the participation of students in the upcoming Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program – a program that is not part of the Ak-Chin Education Department.

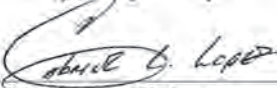
As you may be aware, the Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program requires students to demonstrate successful completion of their current school year, maintain good standing, and fulfill the educational credit requirements for their respective grades. These criteria ensure that participants are academically prepared to engage meaningfully in the program's activities.

To facilitate this process, we kindly request the release of grades and academic standing for the students. If you have signed a Release of Information with the Ak-Chin Education Department, your signature below will authorize the Ak-Chin Education Department to release the most recent school year's grade and standing records to the Human Resources Department. For those students who have not signed this release, we ask that their parent or guardian provide the Human Resources Department with proof of grades and standing for the most recent school year. Information obtained directly from parents/guardians will not be shared with the Ak-Chin Education Department.

We emphasize that all information shared will be handled in strict compliance with the Human Resources Department's policies regarding privacy and confidentiality of Human Resources' records.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as it directly impacts the timely enrollment of students in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring the success of our youth programs.

  
Gabriel Lopez, Chairman

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Student Signature and Date

# Baseball Season is Back

Baseball is in full effect, not only for the majors, but the Ak-Chin Parks & Rec teams as well. Tuesday April 1st, kicked off the first day of t-ball and coach-pitch season, and Monday April 7th, for the baseball season.

Unfortunately, there will not be any girls' softball this season, but both the t-ball and baseball teams are co-ed.

League games for t-ball and coach-pitch are held Saturday mornings at Milton "Paul"

Antone Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m.

The baseball team will be participating in the youth friendship league held in the Salt River Indian Community with times and dates still pending.

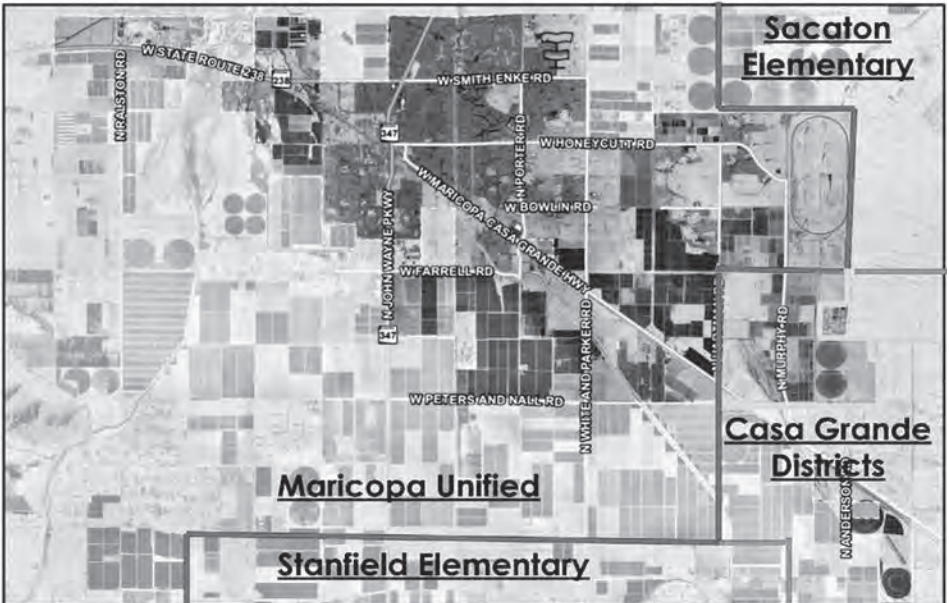
Aaron Peters calls himself safe at 1st base during April 26th game



Aliyah Vincent hits an RBI, helping her team score a point



## Maricopa City Limits and School District Boundaries



# Maricopa Unified School District Considers Boundary Adjustment

MARICOPA, AZ – In response to housing development, Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) is considering a minor boundary adjustment to align school district boundaries with the City of Maricopa boundaries.

Currently, a portion of land in the City of Maricopa falls within the district boundaries of Casa Grande Union High School District and Casa Grande Elementary School District, despite being significantly closer to MUSD campuses.

This proposed adjustment would redefine the boundary, bringing the proposed area into MUSD, providing students with closer access to neighborhood schools.

“This is about serving students where they live,” said Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent. “As the population grows it makes sense to adjust boundaries so students who live in Maricopa go to a school in MUSD.”

### What is Proposed:

- A minor boundary adjustment between MUSD and the Casa Grande districts
- A shift of select parcels into MUSD that are currently part of the Casa Grande districts but located within Maricopa city limits
- Specific terms of the arrangement will be articulated in an agreement between the three districts

### Location

See attached map

### Timeline:

- April 23: Governing Board Work Study
- May 6 at 6 PM: Community Forum
- May 14: Board Resolution to Authorize Memorandum of Understanding
- May 15: Begin gathering signatures from affected electors
- TBD: Resolution to approve petition and authorize the minor boundary adjustment
- November 1: Deadline to submit petition to

Arizona Department of Revenue and Pinal County

- July 2026: Proposed effective date for boundary change

### How the Process Works:

In accordance with A.R.S. §15-460, a minor boundary adjustment requires:

- A petition signed by a majority of electors in the proposed area
- Approval from all affected Governing Boards
- Submission to the Arizona Department of Revenue and Pinal County offices

MUSD is committed to transparency throughout this process and will provide updates to keep the community informed. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the: **Community Forum** May 6, 2025 | 6:00 PM Zoom link TBD

This is an opportunity to learn more about the proposed boundary adjustment, ask questions, and provide feedback.

# 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.



it by picking up trash.

Although, there was no picking trash up this year, the Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department (EPD) organized a great event that was held in the Ak-Chin Harrah's Casino & Resort Ballroom.

The morning began with a welcome address from Manager Orona and Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez, followed with traditional O'odham singing by Council Member Dennis Antone and Jesus "Buddy" Corella.

A number of activities and exhibits were on hand to share information and offer opportunities for the many who attended. From information on programs at the University of Arizona, to Ak-Chin departments; Police, Museum,

Language, and EPD materials; attendees lined up to take advantage of all the information they could receive.

Renowned guitarist, Gabriel Ayala, who performed Jazz-Menco music, dazzled the crowd with precise and passionate strumming of the acoustic instrument.

Attendees received a treat as World Champion Hoop Dancer, Tony Duncan, performed some dazzling work with his hoops and flute playing.

The Polynesian Dancers were also a treat as they gave the crowd a taste of the culture and traditions of the Polynesian people. Children of Janelle Gomez, who led the group, also participated in the performance.

To close out the celebration, seven-time

Native American Music Award winner in the blues rock and native folk category, Keith Secola, performed.

Manager Orona said that there will be further discussions in the future to come up with much better planning to allow employees, volunteers and others to participate in cleaning the community.

*Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on April 22nd, is a global event focused on environmental protection and raising awareness about various environmental issues. It serves as a reminder to appreciate the Earth's natural resources and encourages action to protect them. The first Earth Day was held in 1970, sparking the modern environmental movement.*



Ak-Chin Police Sergeant Davis Garcia hands the torch off to a member of the Pimmex team during the Special Olympic Torch Run in the community.

Pimmex Construction Company at the Old Fire Department, current Enrollment Office, where they handed off to Pimmex who then took the torch to its final destination, Desert Willow subdivision. Pimmex is constructing Desert Willow.

Following the torch run, everyone participating, enjoyed a barbeque luncheon at the Ak-Chin Police Department.

The Special Olympic games began on Thursday, April 24th

and ended on Saturday, April 26th at Raymond S. Kellis High School in Glendale.

The Special Olympics were founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968; who was inspired by her sister and the need for fair treatment of people with intellectual disabilities; and began the movement to implement a sporting event catered to the talents of special needs individuals.

The first Special Olympics were held in Chicago's Soldier Field

in 1968, with over one thousand athletes from the United States of America and Canada participating. Today, Special Olympics is the world's largest sports movement for people with intellectual disabilities, with more than 5 million athletes in 174 countries, and is officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Special Olympics athlete oath, "Let Me Win. But If I Cannot Win, Let Me Brave In The Attempt."



Environmental Programs Manager, Roman Orona (flute) and renowned guitarist Gabriel Ayala perform traditional songs.



John Leon Guerrero, Ak-Chin Desktop Support Assistant, enjoys himself while visiting the birds at the Wildlife Booth.



Student Advisor/Tutor Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine, receives public system information from Ak-Chin Police Department Sergeant Davis Garcia.



Earthy Enos with members of the Earth Day volunteer team, left to right: Kim Creamer, Angie Soliz and Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz.



Ak-Chin PD and Pimmex staff gather together for a group photo at the Enrollment Office following Ak-Chin's participation of the event.

Plaque Presentation continued from Page 2

The two immediately embraced and exchanged pleasantries.

The Congressman then presented a plaque to the former Chairman for his acknowledgement on the House Floor.

The presentation was a complete surprise to the former Chairman, as Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez secretly set up the meeting for Miguel to attend.

"I did not expect this from my good friend Congressman Crane. I almost did not want to accept it," Miguel said.

On December 12, 2024 Congressman Eli Crane addressed the House of Representatives to acknowledge Chairman Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The plaque reads: *Congressional Record and Proceedings and Debates of the 118th Congress, Second Session. House of Representatives Recognizing Robert Miguel - HON. Elijah*

*Crane of Arizona In The House of Representatives Thursday, December 12, 2024*

*"Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent 14 of Arizona's Tribes. One the leaders I have been able to work with is Chairman Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin Indian Community in Maricopa, Arizona, who will complete his final term this month due to term limits. Chairman Miguel first joined the Ak-Chin Tribal Council in 2014 and was elected chairman in 2016.*

*During this time, he has been a strong leader focused on serving his community with an entrepreneurial spirit, creating jobs and economic growth and promoting educational opportunities. We have worked together on efforts with the Indian Health Services, ensuring healthcare coverage for the Tribe, along with prioritizing flood control improvements with the U.S. Army*

*Corps of Engineers. The first time I met with Chairman Miguel, he shared with me the Ak-Chin slogan. 'We all win with Ak-Chin.' I will remember this enthusiasm and hard work as we continue to work with the Tribes on important issues.*

*I thank Chairman Miguel for his leadership and service. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and know he will continue to make Ak-Chin proud."* - *Honorable Elijah Crane Member of Congress*

The Congressman stated to Miguel that he could've mailed the plaque to him but wanted to present it to him personally.

"The Congressman has been extremely great for the community ever since he took office. He made his way to the community, not once or twice, but on three different occasions to personally see some of the issues we were going through and pledged his support." Miguel added.



Former Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and good friend Arizona Congressman Eli Crane exchange a hand shake at the EPA Building.



# Ak-Chin Childhood Development Class of 2025



Adaline Blaskey



Adrian Garcia



Armanii Carlyle



Ayden Pablo



Benjamin Chavez



Brodie Todachinie



Daniel Lozano, Jr.



Dustin Whitman



Hunter Henagar



Joseph Green



Kamaiya Yellowmen



Kyla-Jae Antone



Logan Tittes



Mia Montero-Zamudia



Natalia Enriquez



Noah Luz



Oliver Peters



Paislee White



Rommell Sharp



Ryder Narcia



Sadie Rivers



Tobias Barkley



Yyondrez Antone



## Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

### Students Ride to Bahama Buck's in Style

Story by Runner Staff and Mercedes Salcido; Photo by Ashley Vincent



On Friday, April 25th, a couple lucky Saddleback Elementary classes were awarded a limo-bus ride to Bahama Bucks, located next to our neighborhood Walmart store. Among the two groups were Ak-Chin Indian Community students, Adriell Rivera, DeliAnna Lewis, and William Delma, also joining the ride as a parent chaperone was Della White-Delowe.

The limo-bus took the long way around to Bahama Bucks, giving the students time to enjoy the amenities of the bus and the ride with their classmates.

The trip was an incentive from the school awarded to the classes that read the most. While the students read, they also helped raise money for their school's fundraiser, which helps fund school activities; such

as water day, field trips, assemblies, etc.

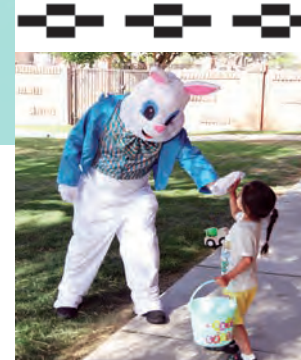
Collectively, Saddleback Elementary students logged 230,626 minutes of reading and with the help of donations, raised \$16,000 for the school.

Ak-Chin students contributed an estimate of 2,570 reading minutes, with Adriell reading 1,120 minutes, William reading 740 minutes, and DeliAnna reading 710 minutes.

Awesome job students, keep up the great work!



Photo Courtesy of Della White-Delowe



Malakai White gives the Easter Bunny a high five



Lorelei Villegas-White hunts for a golden egg



Mrs. Pollie's 3-YO Class



Ms. Mary's 3-YO Class

### Egg Hunts & Bunny Visits

Story and Photos by Kristen Villegas

Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education did not miss their opportunity to share the Easter holiday with their students as they started their morning with egg hunts and a special visit from the Easter Bunny on April 17, 2025.

Daycare classes were the first to partake in the hunts with the small group sharing their excitement

for the colorful eggs and Mr. Bunny.

3- and 4-year-old classes were next, having a bigger space to not only collect the bountiful eggs but to run around with classmates before posing for photos with the Easter Bunny. It was apparent that the morning was one for the books for the kiddos.



Mrs. Billie's 4-Year Old Class



Mrs. Francine's 4-Year Old Class





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Gila River Health Care's  
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**CLOSED  
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REMEMBER & HONOR

**MONDAY  
MAY 26, 2025**

For any information on services open during the holidays,  
please call our main line at (520) 562-3321. Regular business  
hours will resume on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you need immediate  
assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department  
at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.



**We Continue To Grow!**

**Construction Starting May 2025**

**HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS UNDERWAY**

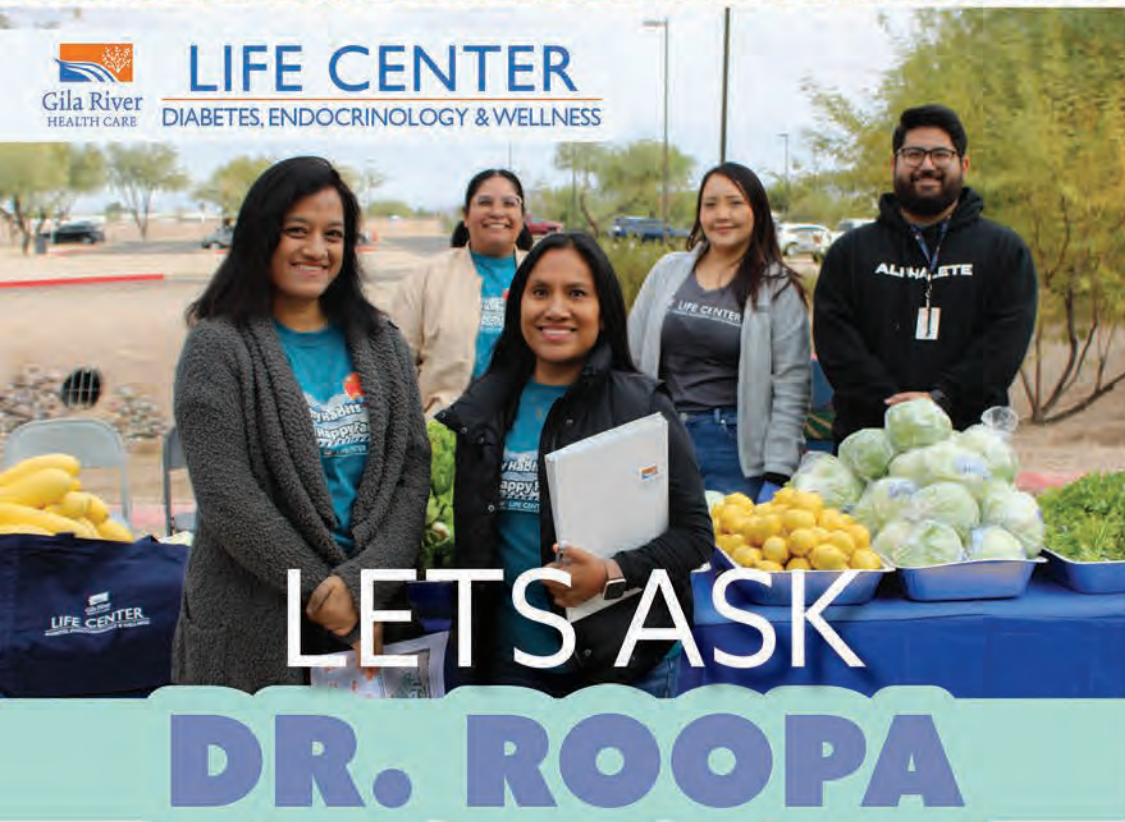
**Estimated Project Date of  
Completion: August 2025**

Over the next couple of weeks, you will notice  
construction beginning at the Main Entrance and the  
Café at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital campus.

We appreciate your patience as  
we work on these improvements.

- Enhancing Patient Care With A Lobby Renovation
- Exciting Updates Coming To Your Café Experience

For any questions, please contact  
Planning, Design & Construction at  
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 3369



**LET'S ASK  
DR. ROOPA**

We're thrilled to announce that our beloved  
"Ask Dr. Roopa" column is returning!

**PLEASE  
SUBMIT YOUR  
QUESTIONS TODAY,  
AND LET'S EXPLORE  
HEALTH, WELLNESS,  
AND DIABETES  
TOGETHER!**

Dr. Roopa (front left) is our Endocrinologist  
at the Life Center. She has been with  
Gila River Health Care since 2016.  
She brings extensive experience  
managing chronic conditions like  
diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.  
Known for her empathy and attentive  
listening, she tailors treatments to  
meet each patient's unique needs.

Join us as we explore health, wellness, and  
all things diabetes!

**ASKDRROOPA@GRHC.ORG**

Suppose you have questions about Life Center updates, the latest treatment options,  
how to manage diabetes effectively, or lifestyle changes that can help prevent diseases.  
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- Behavioral Health Services
- May Calendars
- and many more!

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## JOB OPENINGS

### CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Compensation Analyst
- Court Security Guard
- Cultural Resources Manager
- Deputy Clerk II
- Detention Officer (non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- General worker (Temp worker)
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Security Guard
- Substance Abuse Therapist

### Open to Enrolled Community Members Only

- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Museum Technician
- Oral Historian

[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.



## NO TRANSIT SERVICES

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thank you!!**

### Employee Birthdays 5/1 - 5/16

<b>5/1</b> Shauna Brown, GIS Jeffery Thornburg, Education	<b>5/6</b> Armando Zepeda Jr, Public Works	John Guerrero Jr. I.S
<b>5/3</b> Andrew Vonderheide, Tribal gaming agency	<b>5/7</b> Corrina Leija, Tribal Gaming Agency Mathew McNeil Sanitation	<b>5/15</b> Peter Margoliner, Senior Planner Robert Martinez, Public Works Ricardo Sierra, Detention
<b>5/4</b> Nicole Nickens, Admin	<b>5/10</b> David Hobbs, Water Operations	<b>5/16</b> Waylon Antone, Him Dak David Henson, Paramedic Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine, Education
<b>5/5</b> Lucy Jerry, Homemaker Blas Valles, Sanitation Francisco Velasco, Sanitation	<b>5/11</b> Esperanza Miranda, Homemaker	
	<b>5/13</b> Jordan Gusse, Parks & Rec	

### Birthdays 5/1 - 5/16

<b>MAY 1ST</b> Richard Brady Marlene Garcia Vivian Lewis Antonio Rodriquez	<b>MAY 7TH</b> Kody Carlyle Mathew McNeil Mia Montero-Zamudio Nathan Smith Gayle Yarberry	Miranda Isaac Idan Miranda Leilani Paz Davidson Ugalde Sr.
<b>MAY 2ND</b> Selina Richiusa	<b>MAY 8TH</b> Curtis Antone Ramon Batopis Jadon Ormsby Jedidiah Smith	<b>MAY 13TH</b> Maxine Antone Adam Bowman Laurel Coble Derek Manuel Christopher Pablo
<b>MAY 3RD</b> Sonya Bencivenga Rj Marsh Joseluis Santiago Samis Smith	<b>MAY 9TH</b> Guadalupe Orona Adriel Rivera David White Jr.	<b>MAY 14TH</b> Brooklynne Baptisto Gibson Romo
<b>MAY 4TH</b> Irene Arredondo Geraldine Vincent	<b>MAY 10TH</b> Marisella Allison Troy Miguel Stephan Quinonez LeighAnn Thomas Bree Whiteman	<b>MAY 15TH</b> Abel Miguel Haley Campbell Miguel Garcia Ortega
<b>MAY 5TH</b> Mayleigh Delores Lucy Jerry Jalen (Garica) Norris Bals Valles	<b>MAY 11TH</b> Esperanza Barrera Laney Delma Esperanza Idan	<b>MAY 16TH</b> Kristen Antone Waylon Antone Reannon Manuel Morgan Miller Yaretzi Montero-Zamudio
<b>MAY 6TH</b> Jordin Pete Evone Santiago		

## Employee Updates



April Smith  
Grounds keeper  
Sanitation



Ambria Valles  
Teachers Aid  
Early Childhood



Belen Olvera  
Case Manager  
Health & Human Services



Michelle Lissarrague  
Legal Assistant  
Prosecutor



Primin Goldthoath  
Park Maintenance  
Parks & Rec



Marciano Joaquin  
Grounds Keeper  
Sanitation



**National Peace Officers  
Memorial Day 2 Mile Run/Walk  
Thursday May 15, 2025**



**Where: Ak-Chin Indian Community Multi-Purpose Justice Complex**  
45525 West Farrell Road  
**Registration: 5:30 PM Starts: 6PM**  
**Meal will be served after the event**  
**For questions contact the Police Department at (520) 568-1200 or**  
[akchinpdevents@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:akchinpdevents@ak-chin.nsn.us)

### Greetings Community Membership,

Each year Community Leadership awards students graduating from high school with a trip to Hawaii. We need your help in identifying past and present graduates who have not had the opportunity to participate in this annual event.

Please contact Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at 520-568-1043 or email [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us) with names of individuals who would like to participate.

Must be an Ak-Chin Enrolled Member and have a High School Diploma to participate in trip.

## WIC

**Tuesday, May 06, 2025**  
**8:15a-11:45am**  
**EPD Building**

**Questions? Need to make an Appointment?**

**CALL: (520) 562-9698**

**Gila River Indian Community WIC Program**

**Do you qualify for WIC?**

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children under the age of 5



WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit s & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs



At the completion of the tournament a luncheon provided by Southern Dunes awaited all players following their full-course rounds. During lunch, a team combined of Salt River and the Fort McDowell community members were awarded for their first-place finish. USI and Amerind were announced as second place finishers, while the AR Mays team placed third.

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak staff, along with Community Treasurer Brandon Peters, who organized the tournament, would like to thank the following for making this year's tournament a successful one.

Presenting Sponsors – Climatic and AR Mays; Supporting Sponsors – Amerind Insurance, USI Insurance Services, Aristocrat Gaming, Gander Group, Global Promotional Sourcing, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort.

Also, a big thank you to Ak-Chin Southern Dunes maintenance crew for maintaining great course conditions and to the food and beverage team for their great costumer services. Thank you also to the volunteers from Ak-Chin – Nicole Carlyle-Coester, Delia Carlyle, Martina Peters, Renee Boehm, James Boehm and Jennifer Boehm.



Behind every great tournament are the forgotten organizers and volunteers. From l to r: Jeannette Peters, Jennifer Boehm, Martina Peters, James Boehm and Dannon Peters.



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Second Place - USI/Amerind



Third Place - AR Mays



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**BRUNCH**

**MAY 11 11AM-2PM**

**Smoked Salmon Frittata \$16**  
Breakfast Potatoes

**Traditional Breakfast \$14**  
Two eggs any style, crispy breakfast potatoes served with bacon or sausage and your choice of toast.

**Steak and Eggs \$22**  
5oz Rib Eye steak served with two eggs any style, crispy breakfast potatoes and your choice of toast.

**Southwest Benny \$15**  
Chorizo sausage patty with basted egg, topped with a serrano tomatillo Hollandaise sauce. Served with a side of breakfast potatoes or fresh fruit.

**Stuffed Pork Chop \$22**  
Stuffed bone-in pork chop with cranberry-rosemary sausage stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes and lemon grilled asparagus.

**Huevos Rancheros \$18**  
Sunny side up egg, corn tostada, chorizo, queso fresco and charro beans.

Kids Plates (12 and under)

**Kids Scramble \$7**  
Scrambled eggs topped with mixed cheese, crispy breakfast potatoes and choice of bacon or sausage.

**Chicken Strips \$7**  
Served with fries and side of ranch.

**French Toast \$8**  
Yummy French toast served with bacon or Sausage.

**Blueberry Pancakes \$8**  
Topped with fresh whipped cream. Served with bacon or sausage.

**Dessert**

**Carrot Cake \$5** **Strawberry Cheesecake \$7** **Turtle Cheesecake \$7**

Ak-ChinCircle.com      Reservations highly recommended (520) 233-2426





**MAY 2025**

**CAESARS REWARDS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p><b>MEMORIAL WEEKEND</b> FRY'S® ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY   SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025 POOL PARTY   SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 MEMORIAL DAY GIFT GIVEAWAY   MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025</p></div>				<div><p>10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p></div>	<div><p>CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>	<div><p>T-APP IN! CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>
<div><p>SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!</p></div>	<div><p>REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!</p></div>	<div><p>CHEF ON THE GO BY HELL'S KITCHEN™ GIVEAWAY</p></div>	<div><p>MYSTERY TREASURE BOX SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG</p></div>	<div><p>10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p></div>	<div><p>CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>	<div><p>LITTLE JOE &amp; LA FAMILIA CONCERT CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>
<div><p>SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING! MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH</p></div>	<div><p>FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK &amp; X!</p></div>	<div><p>CHEF ON THE GO BY HELL'S KITCHEN™ GIVEAWAY</p></div>	<div><p>MYSTERY TREASURE BOX SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG</p></div>	<div><p>10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p></div>	<div><p>CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>	<div><p>TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB CANTINA NIGHTS</p></div>
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