



Velacita Lopez of the Ak-Chin Language Program starts the book launch of “Ka:los and His Friends,” with a storytime held at Ak-Chin Library, full of members and Ak-Chin employees on January 21.

## The Debut of “Ka:los and His Friends”

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

On the night of January 21, 2026, the Ak-Chin Education department and Language Program read the second book to the Ka:los series for the first time to the community and employees at the Ak-Chin Library.

“Ka:los and his Friends,” follows the little quail as he meets up with his friends throughout the desert spanning a day; Ka:los mixes mud for a mud house, played with friends and eats food with friends’ families

while listening to songs sung by an elder.

The book is written in English and translated in O’odham throughout, which was created to help readers identify foods, animals and verbs in O’odham. The proper usage of familial terms is also present in the book.

The first book, “Ka:los Greets the Storm,” was released during the Covid 19 Pandemic and due to restrictions and social distancing placements, it was only

gifted to members, 1 copy per home.

This book featured an exploration into the summer seasons many colors, weather changes and various desert plants, in addition to incorporating the O’odham language, while also following little Ka:los.

Ak-Chin Language Department staffers Velacita Lopez and Lerline Peters wrote both Ka:los books and with the help of AlphaGraphics

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2026 Employee Mega Volleyball Champions - Ak-Chin Circle teammates are all smiles after their undefeated rise to the ship. Top row, l-r: Cruz Rodriguez, Davion Flores, and Henry Garcia. Bottom row, l-r: Morgan Peters, Tommy Jensen, and Briana Peters.

## New Mega Volleyball Champs: Ak-Chin Circle

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos by Runner staff

Every year, we have seen the Ak-Chin Fire department take the “W” in the Parks and Recreation Employee Mega Volleyball Challenge. Well, this year, you’d be surprised to find out they took 3rd place and a new team moved in to take that championship spot.

That’s right, the Employee Mega Volleyball tournament named Ak-Chin Circle as the 2026 winners; taking

1st place easily. Ak-Chin Circle not only made an impression on the court, it was a well-deserved win as their hard work had them moving through the bracket, undefeated.

The tournament took place on January 28, 2026 at the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation gymnasium with the first matchup at 6 PM. Teams in participation were; Ak-Chin Circle, Preschool, Parks and Reckless, Vekol Ball

Crushers, Rez Ballerz (Community Council/ Govt.), Divided (mix of departments), Team Cha-Ching (Finance and Purchasing), Ash Kickers-ACFD, and the Blazing Turtles (Elder Staff).

Throughout the games, there was hysterical laughter and plenty of funny moments shared; with a few slips, falls, and lots of bouncing off the mega volleyball; fortunately, no serious

## Ak-Chin Elders Celebrate New Year in New Building

Story by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Programs Director, photos by Runner Staff

On January 28th, the Ak-Chin Elder Center hosted its New Building – New Year Party, and it was a fantastic celebration!

This gathering aimed to bring our elders together to explore their beautifully expanded and renovated space, to share wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year, and to enjoy the new building with family and friends.

The new building is incredible! But what

truly made it feel like home was the laughter and joy shared among our elders and their guest. The Elder Center staff successfully created an inviting atmosphere filled with Community laughter and good spirits.

Construction began in November 2024. We were temporarily occupying the Service Center. The elders watched daily from where they were sitting, looking out the window

the transformation of their future home. Now, they are excited to engage in activities in their stylish new space.

The party was a great success! The Akimel Waila Band brought the energy with their fantastic music, encouraging everyone to dance and celebrate.

A big thank you to Vekol Market for providing delicious food! Guests couldn’t stop raving



Ak-Chin Elder Center staff enjoy a group photo during their Grand Opening Celebration of the newly renovated Elder Center building.

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## Southwest Indian Agricultural Association host conference at Harrah’s Ak-Chin

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

The Southwest Indian Agricultural Association held their 38th Annual Conference at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino, January 19-22.

This year’s theme, “Empowering Native American Farmers and Ranchers in Land, Water, and Agriculture Across Generations” focused on bringing tribal farmers and ranchers together for an in-person networking opportunity, as well as learn about the latest developments of range management and agriculture production.

The conference, which was sponsored by USDA ARPTAI/NIFA, APHIS, Land Access/FSA began on Monday with pre-conference work sessions.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community was asked to attend and assist with the first day conference agenda.

Ak-Chin Chairman, Gabriel Lopez provided welcoming remarks, followed by Ak-Chin Elder Sally Antone, who



SWIAA Board President Andy Antone, Sr. (at left) along with Vice President/Secretary Raelene Havatone (at right) present the Dr. Roe B. Lewis Scholarship to Juana Apachito.

provided the Invocation.

Ak-Chin Veterans Group performed the Posting of Colors and the National Anthem, was sung in

O’odham by Neok Ki, Ak-Chin Language Program.

The two-day conference provided informational

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about the meal.

And let’s not forget the impressive cakes from Bashas! We had four full-sized sheets, each featuring a different flavor.

THANK YOU to the Akimel Waila Band for their fantastic performance! Your music set the tone for a fun filled party.

To the team at Vekol Market, YOU ROCK! Your food was a highlight of the day. Thank you for making our celebration even better!

Round of applause to the Runner staff for the photo booth and pictures. Everyone really enjoyed getting their photos taken and printed – shout out to the Elder Center staff for the set up and props!

Kudos to the Elder Center Staff! You all worked tirelessly before the event,

ensuring every detail was just right, from the tablecloths to the Ak-Chin colors and balloons. THANK YOU for your hard work!

We are also grateful to the Museum, Runner, Cultural Resources, and Pre-school for providing Christmas gifts to our elders. Your kindness makes such a difference.

A special shout-out to Capital Projects Manager, Larry Joe! Thank you for keeping the Elder Center staff involved in the construction and interior planning of our new home. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Lastly, thank you to the Community Council for your ongoing support of our Elder Programs.

Together, we’ve created a wonderful space for our community elders. Here’s to many more amazing moments at the Elder Center!



# CALLING ALL AK-CHIN ELDER’S!

## THE NEW YEAR IS HERE!

The Elder Program are currently updating Elder Intake Assessments for the New Year.

Call The Elder Center to schedule a time and date to update your Intake Forms.

We hope to see you soon!

Questions or Concerns? Call Marissa Antone or Sonia Narcia @520-568-1760

# Special Brainstorming Gathering held for Elders

Story and photo by Raychel Peters



On Tuesday, February 3rd, about a dozen elders met at the Ak-Chin Elder Center for a special Brainstorming Gathering.

The gathering began around 530pm, with elders circled around tables suggesting their ideas about new services and activities they would like to have provided at the Ak-Chin Elder Center.

As they munched on sandwiches and snacks a great discussion began to unfold.

Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Elder Programs Director, continued feedback as Marissa Antone, Elder Program Coordinator jotted down all suggestions on huge sheets of paper that were taped up on

the wall.

By the end of the brainstorming session there were over 30 ideas that were developed and transcribed.

The elder staff will take these notes and develop a list that all elders can look at.

Once the list is compiled elders who would like to suggest more ideas will be added.

Afterwards, another Brainstorming Gathering will be held to further discuss the implementation of some of the suggested services.

Please stay tuned for the next Elder Brainstorming Gathering.

FEBRUARY ELDER CALENDAR						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>Apples: Eating one medium apple a day may help lower blood pressure, cholesterol and inflammation. Apples improve heart and gut health from fiber and antioxidants, weight management due to fullness, better blood sugar control with low glycemic impact.</div><div>Menu Subject to Change Without Notice</div></div>					2/6 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit Salad   Chicken w/Rice, 3 Bean Salad, Chumath, Peaches	
	2/9 Ham & Eggs Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Potatoes / Toast, Fruit & Yogurt   Chicken Alfredo, Acorn Squash, Romain Salad, Texas Toast, Brownies/Lemon Squares	2/10 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit   Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Romain Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Grapes	2/11 Breakfast Burrito Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Salad, Muffin   Split Peas w/Ham, Chicken & Potatoes (D), Cauliflower, Whole Wheat Crackers, Mandarin Oranges	2/12 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mixed Berries   Turkey Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Chips, Fruit Cup	2/13 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana   Lasagna, Zucchini & Yellow Squash, Green Leaf Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Strawberry Cake/Apple	
	2/16 CENTER CLOSED-PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY	2/17 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Peaches with Cottage Cheese   Indian Tacos, Corn on the Cob, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Fresh Cut Fruit	2/18 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit   Egg Salad Sandwich, Tomato w/Cottage Cheese, Cucumber Salad (D) Avocado, Pineapples	2/19 Breakfast Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Sour Cream, Fruit Salad   Fish Taco w/ Shredded, Green Leaf/ Tomato, Wild Rice, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail	2/20 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Tortilla, Fruit & Yogurt   Roast, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Apples/Orange	
	2/23 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit   Red Chili Stew w/Potato, Carrots, Chumath, Banana/Fruit Cup (D)	2/24 Potato with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit with Cottage Cheese   Baked Ham, Sauteed Cabbage W/Spinach, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Apple Salad	2/25 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mixed Berries   Chicken Enchilada, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Vanilla Pudding	2/26 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana   French Bread Pizza & Salad, Apple/Orange	2/27 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Fruit Salad   Pinto Beans, Pork Chop (D), Zucchini, Corn Bread, Strawberry Chocolate Crepes	





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issue is due by  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes,  
etc. no later than  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

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**JANUARY 30TH DEADLINE**  
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placement. If appropriate  
and relevant, it will be  
included in the next issue.

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With much love and respect  
from our hearts to yours...*

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!**  
**The White and Salas-Vargas Family**



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## January Community Meeting

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

At left, Ak-Chin Community Council address  
the membership at the January Community  
Meeting; (l-r): Councilmember Cecil Peters,  
Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Vice-Chairwoman  
Delia Carlyle and Councilmember Dennis  
Antone.



The first Community Meeting of  
the year was held on January 26,  
2026 at 6 PM at the recently re-  
opened Ak-Chin Service Center  
and featured a presentation  
on the proposed economic  
development near the airport  
and industrial park.

To start the meeting, Chairman  
Gabriel Lopez thanked members  
for their attendance and opened  
the floor for prayers from the  
group. Community elder, Janice  
Anderson shared a prayer  
before Kimley-Horn presented  
their Economic Development  
Zone Master Plan.

Adam Perillo, an Architect from  
Kimley-Horn and Tim Costello,  
Airport Manager shared a power  
point presentation illustrating  
recent studies on the area that

sits near the Maricopa-Casa  
Grande Highway. The power  
point introduced two concepts  
for potential construction; one  
would have the area zoned for  
commercial use, which would  
include retail, hospitality, food  
and beverage.

It was noted that most members  
seemed in favor of the  
commercial concept as it has the  
hope of creating new revenue  
for the community and thus,  
more jobs.

The second concept leaned  
into a more industrial route;  
for example, this could  
include businesses that involve  
manufacturing or the production  
of a good. A good can range  
from automotive supplies to  
food production of any kind,

though it is not limited to that.

After the presentation, Tim and  
Adam gave the opportunity  
for members to ask questions,  
comment their concerns or  
get a better understanding of  
the concepts and what could  
potentially come next.

Questions regarding the wash  
near that area raised concerns  
and road hazards/ safeties along  
the Maricopa-Casa Grande  
Highway. Questions on trends  
in the state of Arizona were also  
brought up, as far as real estate  
standards go.

Next, Council updated  
members on their recent events  
and activities. These featured  
training/work sessions, the  
Tribal Leaders Gaming meeting,

Legislative Day, the Southwest  
Indian Agricultural Association  
Conference, and a Tribal Opioid  
Settlement.

Lastly, the floor was given to  
membership to ask questions and  
suggestions. A suggestion was  
brought to council regarding an  
Elder full-time care facility or  
home. A question regarding the  
community operations manager  
position was also asked. It was  
also announced that the UNITY  
run would be returning. Raffle  
prize winners were then named,  
concluding the meeting.

Community Meetings are  
held on the last Monday of the  
month. February's Meeting  
is scheduled for February 23,  
2026, at 6 PM, at the Service  
Center.

**Rope's Round-Up**  
**FEBRUARY 12 - 15, 2026**  
**RODEO EVENTS** Ak-Chin Circle Arena | 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.  
**TRAILER ROPING** Thursday, February 12th, 10am  
**OPEN JR. RODEO** Friday, February 13th, 9am  
**OPEN WOMEN'S RODEO** Saturday, February 14th, 1pm  
**OPEN RODEO** Sunday, February 15th, 12pm  
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WALK INS  
Monday, February 9th, 2P-5P  
Ak-Chin Entertainment Center  
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**34th ANNUAL  
HIM-DAK CELEBRATION**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**April 11, 2026**  
AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
HIM-DAK  
For any questions please contact the Him-Dak Museum at (520) 368-1350

**MARICOPA DECA PRESENTS**  
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**AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS**  
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**5K & 2 MILE**  
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EDUCATION AT MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US OR (520) 568-1085



Ka:los and His Friends continued from front

located in Chandler, AZ; they were able to bring the story to publication.

Illustrations for the books were done by Ak-Chin member Dwayne Antone, a well-known artist who brought his creative style to the books of Ka:los.

Mario Molina, Education Director noted, “Mr. Antone was recommended by several

individuals during the initial discussions of creating the book.

After a brief meeting to describe the project, Dwayne came up with some great ideas on how he would illustrate the book.”

The first reading of “Ka:los and his Friends” was at 6 PM with Ms. Velacita Lopez, reading to members, with a slide

show of the pictures from the book on display, big enough for everyone to see.

At the end of the reading, Lerline Peters, explained the glossary in the back and encouraged all, both young and old, to read it to familiarize themselves with the language. After the reading, everyone was escorted in the

multipurpose room of the library, where Dwayne Antone was signing books, which were then given out.

Meanwhile, Education staff were set up in the education-library lobby, where they passed out coloring pages, drinks and to go plates for all.

“We were pleasantly surprised on the amount of people who showed

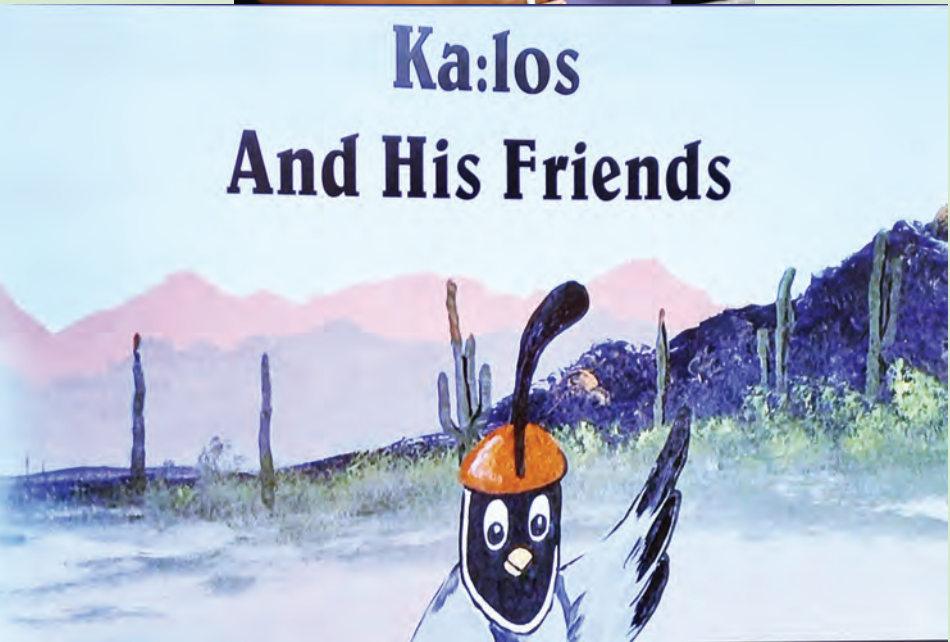
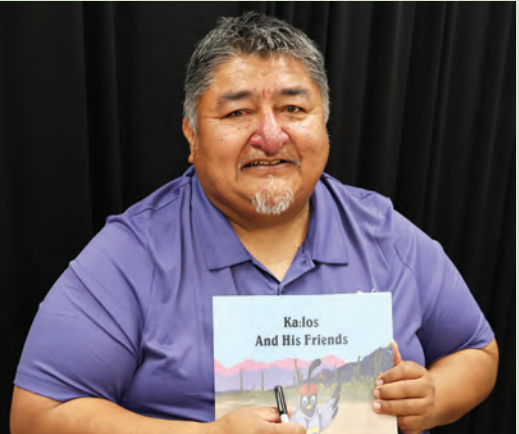
for the book launch and we are happy that the book was well received.

Our Language and Education staff did a great job in coordinating our efforts with the library staff to ensure the evening went well,” expressed Molina when asked about the turnout.

“The Language Program is currently planning future events and

programming for the Community. We hope to have our calendar of events finalized soon with our next language event occurring in late February.”

If you have not received a copy of the newest book, please contact Education staff at 520-568-1280 for more information on that.



## Puzzling Day Challenge

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos courtesy of Naomi Bishop, Ak-Chin Library Manager

A race to completion was had at the Ak-Chin Library on January 29, 2026 as four teams put their best efforts into finishing a 286–300-piece puzzle within an hour; winner would receive the title of “Puzzle Champion.”

Doesn’t sound too bad, but what if you don’t work well under pressure? What if you lose a puzzle piece? What if you run out of time?

These anxieties must have been felt during the race, but it was noted that everyone had their game face on. The room was hushed as teams whispered to one another, a few peeks over the shoulder were not missed either.

Teams included Seba 4, The Missing Pieces, Puzzle Masters and Team Richard & Riley.

As they worked against the clock to get the last piece of the puzzle in place before the time ran out, the team who rose as victorious was Team Puzzle Masters: Volincia Pablo, Doyleen Pablo, Dee-Andra Pedro, and Ms. Linda Brill.

Congratulations to Team Puzzle Masters for their puzzling win! All competitors received puzzles to take home courtesy of Library staff.

There are new additions to the library programming every month, be sure to check out their calendar in the Runner or contact them at [Library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:Library@ak-chin.nsn.us).





# music LESSONS

When  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.  
Hours  
4 p.m - 6 p.m

Lessons will be 1 hour each per student  
Please contact Library to schedule a  
4 p.m or 5 p.m slot on each day.

Available every week.

Lessons will be on following Instruments

- Button Accordion
- Bass Guitar
- Bajo Quinto Guitar
- Drums



**TO SIGN UP**  
OR  
For Any Questions  
Contact The Library at  
(520)568-1675  
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[Library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:Library@ak-chin.nsn.us)

## Library After Dark

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



The Ak-Chin Library has been a place for children in the Community to explore new adventures in books, crafting and for the most part, the services are kid majority.

Well, on January 15, 2026 the Ak-Chin Library provided a night just for the adults of the community; employees and residents alike; with

the option to enjoy the book haven with no children around.

This included their quiet reading and browsing of the library’s abundance of books on shelves and through Libby; an application that allows access to the library digital collection of books; you can download it onto your phone,



tablets or computers.

There was also rock painting and a meal; one could say the atmosphere was one filled with laughter and good vibes.

The Ak-Chin Library has many more activities for all, please check out their calendar. If you have any questions contact them at [Library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:Library@ak-chin.nsn.us).

## January Storytime Reads

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Each month we can expect fun reads that are holiday-based or focused on specific topics; this can include a focus on feelings, forgiveness, trust and so much more.

To close out winter in Arizona, Storytime for January featured the last of the winter reads. Books read this January were; “Martin’s Big Words,” “There’s Snow One Like You,” and “Whose Prints?” with curated story crafts following.

The Ak-Chin Library has been creating programs that have piqued the interest of many, both the Community Reading Challenge and Dog Man Readathon were a huge successes last year and the work the library staff does to get

the intercession/ summer school kids to read, does not go unnoticed.

Storytime has been a regular for library programming and with each week; it continues to be a favorite for the youth of the community.

If you’d like your child to participate in Storytime, they are held every Wednesday at 10 am. Maybe we can expect some Valentine’s Day or Black History Month books in February? Come by to see for yourself.



# National Pesticide Safety Education Month

Submitted by Theodore Puetz, Pesticide Control Specialist, Ak-Chin Indian Community Environmental Programs



Utilizing IPM to reduce potential pesticide exposure and improve safety and protect the pollinators that are so important to our food quality and supply.

Integrating Pest management allow us to focus on our homes at time of optimum weather conditions to do the job on invading pests. This can set the stage for improving pest control with less pesticides.

## February: Pest Proof your Home and Take Pesticide Inventory



February is an excellent time to take Pesticide inventory in and around your home, take pause to review your pest control actions of last year, and how to take preventative measures going forward to insure better control and cost savings. Please take time to think ... asking yourself; “Was the pest you were trying to control stated on the pesticide label?” By identifying the pesticides now, you will also make your home safer by finding the crucial information on the label and storing containers according to the label precautions.

All EPA approved pesticides state the following on the Label:  
“Keep Out of Reach of Children”



Remember, old expired pesticide containers can be claimed at the next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event or bring them to Environmental Programs. Now is the best time to prepare and get old spent pesticide containers ready for disposal while temperatures are cool.

## What to look for pesticide container removal?

- 1) **Pesticidal Claims** – a statement about what the product claims to kill or repel. Disinfectants may state on the label “Kills 99.9% of germs” or kills bacteria and viruses
- 2) **Warning Statements:** “Keep out of Reach of Children” – means that children may not use or have access to, or be exposed to pesticides. These statements can be “Danger, Warning or Caution”.
- 3) **EPA Registration Numbers:** This means EPA has reviewed this product and has legally registered it as a pesticide. You can be assured the label claims are correct if used according to the Label.

Take count of the inventory in the garage, garden areas and outside the living spaces of your home to account for reducing potential pesticide exposure while getting ahead of potential infestations\*.

<u>Inside</u>	<u>Barrier to Entry</u>	<u>Outside</u>
Reduce the Clutter	Yard clean up	Remove unused toys
Re-evaluate Storage needs	Screens	Trim and remove wood
Regular cleaning	Sealing Cracks	Trash Disposal
Waste disposal	Door Sweeps & Seals	Roof check (entry points)
Check water Leaks		

\* Pest Proofing Contributions from Dr. Shaku Nair, Dr. Shujuan Li and Dr. Dawn Gouge - University of Arizona

At this point in time, the stage is now set to implement your strategies of a sound IPM plan to include the following:

- 1) Regular inspection and monitoring for pests.
- 2) Accurate pest identification
- 3) Utilize pet friendly traps in potential suspected entry points- (repair – weatherize)
- 4) Keep food, water and harborage away from your home
- 5) Taking notes on what is working and where to improve
- 6) Use targeted applications of pesticides only when needed
- 7) Share your plan with your family and let them know you care

## Community efforts equal Community Results: Pests and Mosquito Control

Setting the stage in February reduces the early pest population pressures which can complement Public Works efforts in the greater Community. In the last few years Public Works has taken on Mosquito control (adulticide fogging) with positive results. During monsoons, water management around our homes will have a direct effect on Mosquito populations surrounding our homes in the neighborhood. Larvicides have been proven to be effective in early control reducing Mosquito pressures. It is truly the Community’s combined effort that will contribute to the overall goal to keep pest pressures under control for this next year. This is a purposeful set up to complement Public Works’ strategies.

Pretreatment for termite control to begins essential pest control and continues with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) minimizing the need for pesticides in and around Community. Keeping water from pooling around our homes can eliminate mosquito breeding areas.



As with any IPM Program, pest identification is essential to pest management. Assistance can be found at the NPIC website found below. Insect ID

<https://npic.orst.edu/mlrDetail.html?state=AZ&to=PFS#pestFactsheets>



# Trash to Treasure Craft - Make Reusable Produce Bags from Old T-Shirts

Submitted by Brandy Nelson, Environmental Specialist, Ak-Chin Indian Community Environmental Programs

Old T-shirts that are stained, stretched, or no longer wearable don’t have to be thrown away. With just a few simple cuts and no sewing required, you can turn them into reusable produce or shopping bags. This easy project helps reduce single-use plastic bags and gives new life to clothing that would otherwise end up in the trash.

## What You’ll Need:

- 1 clean, old T-shirt
- Scissors

(No sewing, glue, or special tools required)

## Step-by-Step Instructions:

### Prepare the Shirt

1. Lay the T-shirt flat on a table or floor. Smooth out any wrinkles.
2. Cut off the sleeves along the seam to create arm holes.
3. Cut along the neckline to create a larger opening for the bag.



### Create the Bottom of the Bag



4. Turn the shirt inside out.
5. Tie the bottom of the shirt into a tight knot to close the base of the bag.

Optional: For a stronger closure, cut small fringe strips along the bottom and tie them together in pairs.

## Turn and Use

6. Turn the shirt right side out.
7. Your reusable bag is ready to use for groceries, produce, library books, or everyday items.



## Helpful Tips

- Thicker T-shirts make sturdier bags.
- Larger shirts hold more items and work well for shopping trips.
- These bags are washable and can be reused over and over again.

## Why It’s a Great “Trash to Treasure” Project?

- Reduces plastic bag use
- Reuses clothing that might otherwise be discarded
- Requires no sewing or crafting experience
- Quick and cost-free to make

Complete this project? Please email photos to Brandy Nelson at [BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us) at Environmental Programs.

SCAN & EDIT OLD PHOTOS

REMOVE  
Cracks  
Scratches  
Age spots  
Pen marks  
Stains

EDIT  
Color  
Image size

Before

After

Before

After

For Any Questions  
Contact The Library at  
(520)568-1675  
Or Email  
library@ak-chin.nsn.us



sessions focused on quality beef assurance, livestock diseases, tax prep for producers, farming and agriculture, as well as SWIAA Board elections, approval of by-laws and meetings.

SWIAA provided the opportunity for those who wanted to prep and test for the BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) exam. An awards presentation was also held during the luncheon on Wednesday to recognize scholarship recipients and SWIAA members.

There were door prizes and raffles held throughout, with a grand prize drawing at the end of the conference.

The Late Leona Carlyle - Kakar was a SWIAA member during its early beginnings, representing the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Farms.



Above, Ak-Chin Veterans Group and Ak-Chin Language Program gather after SWIAA Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday, January 20. L-R: Cecil Peters, Horacio Corella, Raychel Peters, Lerline Peters, Renee Boehm, Velacita Lopez and Davis Garcia.

Below: Photos of different types of gardening techniques showcased during the "Growing Food in Climate Chaos" session, presented by Darrell Yazzie Jr., BS in Biology (Dine' College) Extension Agent for SW Navajo & Local Grower.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Capital Projects Office



January 30, 2026

## PROJECT CONSTRUCTION NOTICE for WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT 266 HOMES, AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

### Project Description:

This project will replace the water service lines between houses and the water mainline for 266 houses throughout the Ak-Chin Indian Community in Maricopa Arizona. The service waterline replacement will include new service tap connection to the water mainline and installing new water meters. The old service line will be disconnected and the old water meter will be removed. The disturbed areas within the construction limits will be resorted to original position.

### Purpose of the Project:

The project is similar to a maintenance type contract. This project will replace the old service lines with new more dependable water service lines and new water meters.

### Intent of the Project:

This project will improve the water service quality to the houses by minimizing water line breaks and repeated repairs on the old service waterlines.

### Timeline of the Project:

The project will start construction on March 02, 2026, and will continue for 9 months. Construction will start at the Mesquite Subdivision, west side and continue eastward. Flyer notices will be distributed to individual houses prior to starting construction on the houses new water service lines.

### Project Team:

Owner/Applicant: Carlton Carlyle Water Operation Manager Ak-Chin Indian Community Phone: (520) 568-1148	Design Engineer Marcus Felter Indian Health Service Western Arizona District Office Phoenix, AZ Phone: (480) 280-6341
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# VIDEO CREATION

Turn your home videos and photos in to a video to share with family or on social media.

Memorial Video  
Slide Show  
Event Celebration

For More Information  
Call The Library  
at  
520-568-1675 or Email  
library@ak-chin.nsn.us

## FOOD HANDLERS CLASS

### FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026  
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER  
10 AM - 12 PM

Questions?? or to Sign-Up... Please call (520) 568-1083

Who Should Attend??  
• Food Service Workers  
• Volunteers  
• Interested Community Members

## February.10.2026 February.17.2026 February.24.2026

### Ak-Chin Service Center Tuesdays - 6:00pm -7:00pm

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080  
\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

## VHS to mp4

Convert Your home VHS videos to Digital mp4 format.  
Then you can share with Family and Friends.

Stop by The Library with your VHS tapes.  
or  
Contact us by email or phone at  
library@ak-chin.nsn.us  
(520) 568-1675

## THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS FIVE (5) VACANCIES FOR THE AK-CHIN GAMING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

### Requirements:

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

Please send all letters of interest:

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

Deadline to submit letter of interest  
is Friday, February 20, 2026 by 5:00pm



## AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ONE (1) VACANCY OPEN FOR THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES (ACES) BOARD

Open to Ak-Chin Community Members only

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

### FUNCTIONS OF THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES:

1. Regulates and oversees all areas of power and electric utility sources and services of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
2. To acquire, maintain and expand electric utility services within the community.
3. To study and investigate the feasibility of acquiring, operating, and maintaining other electric utility service within the community.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The Community Council is looking for individuals with the following qualifications:

1. Must have the ability and willingness to learn and understand the Electric Power Industry.
2. Experience working in a business environment and the ability to learn and understand business practices is preferred, but not required.
3. Must have sufficient education and/or experience to make sound judgments.
4. Must be able to attend board meetings and functions at various scheduled times and at least on a quarterly basis.
5. All community members who apply must provide written authorization from their immediate Supervisors allowing them to serve on the board.
6. All applicants must Possess a valid driver's license.

Please send all letters of interest Attn:

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

### REQUIREMENTS:

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

Deadline for all letters of interest  
is February 20, 2026 at 5:00pm





injuries were apparent. But I bet there are a few sore bodies out there.

All teams had their own strategy; some used their group humor to get through the games, smiling all the while; win or lose.

The super competitive teams had a sneak attack system from the back court, or strategized catching, walking and launching that freakishly large beach ball, as far as they could.

On Ak-Chin Circle's tail for the win was the Rez Ballerz, who would

place second after their defeat by the Circle crew.

Though they placed second, the Community Council/Govt. Rez Ballerz gained the upper hand against other competitors showing they meant business.

Ak-Chin Circle and the Ash Kickers made the games interesting with a round for the first point lasting more than 5 minutes.

Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, Jordan Gusse stated, "The Parks and Recreation Department would

like to thank all the departments that participated in the Mega Volleyball Tournament. The evening was filled with great teamwork, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs, making it a fun and memorable event for everyone involved.

Gusse added, "We appreciate each department for coming together, showing their community spirit, and helping make the tournament a success. We look forward to seeing everyone participate in future employee tournaments and continuing the fun together."



2ND PLACE TEAM REZ BALLERS



3RD PLACE TEAM ASH KICKERS-ACFD



# Last Games for Youth B-Ball

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

The Ak-Chin youth ended their basketball season with games held on January 17, 2026 starting at 10 AM. Good season kids! Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation have Co-Ed flag football next, if you have questions on signing your child up or on practices, please contact at 520-568-1740 or recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us.



# Him-Dak Ceramic Classes

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

Attention all artists, ceramics is back for all; held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sessions at 11 AM and 4 PM. It's almost Valentine's Day too so if you were looking for a gift... hint hint.

For more information contact Him-Dak staff at 520-568-1350. They do offer transportation too.



# For you from Me, XO

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

Him-Dak's Valentine Craft was held in the Art Building on February 4, 2026. If you were looking to make your honey a cute, thoughtful gift this was the place to be. Decorative jewelry boxes, rose filled wreaths and much more was up for decorating. Cute, love themed stands were available to create along with crafty cakes were a thing as well. If you missed out on this holiday based craft night, the Him-Dak Museum will be having their Easter Crafts in March; check the flyer below.



Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation
520-568-1740
recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

Milton "Paul" Antone & Hohokam Park
Park-tastic Hours: 8 am to 9 pm Daily

Leaf plenty of time for requests!

Don't Branch out alone! Reserve Your Spot

Facility Request Forms Visit ak-chin.nsn.us Go to Forms Select Recreation (It's a walk in the park)

Ramada Reservations "Shade-tional Fun!"

Helpful Information

Parking: Please park only in our designated parking lots.
Need to know: No personal grills or smokers are permitted in our parks. No alcohol or drugs of any kind are permitted in our parks. Only ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS & DEPARTMENTS may submit facility request forms.

46753 West Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ, 85138





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### OUR MISSION:

*To provide high-quality health care and improve the health of the Gila River Indian Community and other federally recognized tribes.*

#### Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital



483 West Seed Farm Road  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

**Main Number:**  
**(520) 562-3321**

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17487 South Health Care Drive  
Laveen, Arizona 85339

**Main Number**  
**(520) 550-6000**

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3042 West Queen Creek Road  
Chandler, Arizona 85286

**Main Number:**  
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## AVAILABLE CLINICAL SERVICES:

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**Audiology**

**Dental**

**Dialysis**

**Emergency Department**

**Inpatient**

**Laboratory**

**Life Center**

*(Diabetes, Endocrinology & Wellness)*

**Medical Imaging**

**Optometry**

**Pharmacy**

**Physical Therapy**

**Podiatry**

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*(Family Medicine, Orthopedics, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Pediatrics, and Internal Medicine)*

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# JOB OPENINGS

## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Accounts Payable Technician
- Assistant Cook (Detention Facility)
- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Court Security Guard
- Detention Officer Certified (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)
- Security Systems Technician

## Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician
- Oral Historian (part-time)

[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.

## Employee Birthdays 2/7 - 2/19

2/7

Roman Orona,  
EPD

Matthew Tess,  
Education

2/8

Concepcion Miguel,  
PRC

Marcos Olivas Jr.  
Sanitation  
Jade Rodriguez,  
Detention

2/10

Julia Dickerson,  
Education  
Isaiah Osife,  
Parks & Rec

2/11

Kyle Chavez,  
Security

Mary Diaz,  
TGA

Salinda Lopez,  
HR

Jeannette Peters,  
Him-Dak

2/12

Grace Pablo,  
Housing

2/13

Justin Burke,  
Fire  
Griselda Fonseca  
Saldana,  
Custodian

2/15

Diana Velazquez,  
Education

2/16

Pirmin Goldtooth,  
Parks & Rec

2/17

Grant Cozzens,  
Police

2/19

Lisa Garcia,  
Council  
Debbie Parkman,  
I.S

## JOIN US THIS

## Crafternoon

MAKE A  
VALENTINE  
CARD AND  
OTHER  
CRAFTS FOR  
YOUR  
VALENTINE!

TUESDAY

FEB 10TH  
3PM-6PM

Programs and events  
open to Ak-Chin  
members, residents, and  
employees.  
Minors under 16 must be  
accompanied by an adult  
over 18.

CALL: (520) 568-1675 OR  
EMAIL: [LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US](mailto:LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US)



Location: Art Building (Him-Dak Museum)

Session Begins: January 27, 2026

Session Ends: March 05, 2026

When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from

11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

4:30PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

COME IN ANYTIME BETWEEN THE TIMES ABOVE/ WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE

Transportation Provided

Pick Up and Drop Off within the Ak-Chin Indian Community

For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:00 p.m.)

for any additional questions please call: 520-568-1350

NO EXPERIENCE  
NEEDED!

Happy Birthday to my  
daughter Jeanette  
Love, Mom

Michaela, Aleena,  
Mara and Jane  
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday to  
my grandsons Jan,  
Eugene Jr., Marlon,  
and Jose and my  
granddaughters  
Abigail, Audrina,

Happy Birthday Fikhi  
and Keasha  
Love your family

Happy Anniversary  
Mag! LY

## Employee Updates



Charles Sudano  
Bus Driver  
Transit



Marcela Paramo  
Admin Support Assistant  
Courts

## FRIDAY Fibers & FRIENDS

February, Bring your own  
Friday 13th project to work  
5pm-6pm on or make a  
felt valentine  
at the library!  
Ages 15+

Programs and events open to Ak-Chin  
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PICKUP TIMES	BUS SHELTER	LOCATION
10:15AM 12:00PM	YES	WB -West of Carlyle Rd
10:16AM 12:01AM	YES	NE Elders Center
10:17AM 12:02PM		Apartments
10:18AM 12:03PM	YES	EB-Elders Center
10:20AM 12:05PM		Vekol Market
10:21AM 12:06PM		Library and Gym
10:23AM 12:08PM		Lewis and Joaquin
10:24AM 12:09PM		Joaquin and Joaquin
10:24AM 12:09PM		Lewis at Park
10:24AM 12:09PM		Lewis and Manual
10:25AM 12:10PM		Smith and Lewis
10:26AM 12:11PM	YES	Bureau of Indian Affairs
10:27AM 12:12PM	YES	Police Station
10:28AM 12:13PM		Peters and Narcia
10:28AM 12:13PM		Pablo and Narcia
10:29AM 12:14PM		Pablo and Miguel
10:30AM 12:15PM		Ralph and Miguel
10:30AM 12:15PM		Ralph and Milton
10:31AM 12:16PM		Ralph and Hohokam St

Transit will still be offering Free On-Demand door to door pickup in Ak-Chin that can be scheduled up to 7 days in advance. This new route is an addition to our current services. Residents can make unlimited On-Demand Reservations in addition to the new fixed route.

KEY  
WB = West Bound  
EB = East Bound  
SB = South Bound  
NB = North Bound.  
Yes at bus shelter indicates the stop is at the bus shelter

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE:  
CALL: 520-568-1630  
TEXT: 520-340-0382

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT  
SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

## February 2/1 - 2/19 Birthdays

FEBRUARY 1

Ian Narcia

Christopher Cypriano

Angelina Arellanes-

Burgos

Chyenne Anderson

Adam J. Bowman

FEBRUARY 2

Abigail Thompson

Preciousrose Warren

Jonah Dickerson

David Manuel Jr.

FEBRUARY 3

Elizabeth Antone

FEBRUARY 4

Latasha White

FEBRUARY 5

Dominique Nosie-Romo

FEBRUARY 6

Stella Miguel

Audrina Antone

FEBRUARY 7

Bercco Thompson Jr.

Eugene Peters Jr.

FEBRUARY 8

Deana Quinonez

Elizabeth Baptisto

Geneva Antone

Marcos Olivas Jr.

FEBRUARY 9

Aiyana Campbell

FEBRUARY 10

Alexandra Carlyle

Isaiah Osife

Draven Soliz

Julia Dickerson

FEBRUARY 11

Marlon Peters

Kyle Chavez

Mary Diaz

Jeanette Peters

FEBRUARY 12

Destiney Delowe

Erin Pete

Grace Pablo

Caleb Ugalde

FEBRUARY 13

Koren Marrietta

Karin Smith

FEBRUARY 14

Valentina Narcia

Michaela Peters

DeliAnna Lewis

Justin Perillo

Johnny Stephens

FEBRUARY 15

Terry Aguilla Jr.

Carole Lopez

Aleena Antone

Cheyenne Vallejos

FEBRUARY 16

Lanita Lopez

Gianna Garcia

FEBRUARY 17

Jose M. Lopez

Mara Delores

FEBRUARY 18

Edward Martinez

Annalise Manuel

FEBRUARY 19

Jane Lopez

Marcos Santiago

Tyra Williams

Jonas Miguel

Kerrin Miguel

Philbert Narcia Jr.

Lisa Garcia

Library Hours  
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm  
Sat: 12pm-4pm  
Sun: Closed

2/2026  
February  
Black History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm World Regd About Day!	5	6	7 Take Your Child to the Library Day!
8	9	10 Crafternoon 3-6pm	11 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm Open Studio 4-6pm	12	13 Friday Fibers & Friends 5-6pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Closed
15	16 Closed President's Day	17	18 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm	19	20 Resume & Job Search Workshop 11am-12pm	21
22	23	24	25 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm Open Studio 4-6pm	26	27 PIKACHU DAY	28

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# Theresa Caputo Live! The Experience at Harrah's

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

To end the month of January, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino brought "Theresa Caputo Live!

The Experience" back for show-goers on January 30, 2026. Her viewers and supporters filled the event center with much anticipation for the show they were about to see.

In her opening words that Friday night she stated, "I don't care if you believe what I do or don't." Whether you believe or not, Theresa has made it her mission to help people heal by providing readings and communicating with deceased family members of friends.

The night was emotional, but in a cathartic way, as many shared tears and kind words at hearing others stories and their battle with grief. Talking

about their loved ones was bittersweet as it was evident these people struggled to cope, but reassurance from Theresa was well received. Her advice communicated from the spirits was to find peace and know they will find and have found theirs. Overall, it was an experience meant to be present for.

Theresa Caputo is a well-known medium, making her mark on television with her series, "The Long Island Medium," and "Theresa Caputo: Raising Spirits." An author of 4 best-selling books, "There's More to Life Than This: Healing Messages, Remarkable Stories, and Insight from the Other Side" "You Can't Make This Stuff Up," "Good Grief' Heal Your Soul, Honor Your Loved Ones and Learn to Live Again" "Moving

Through Losses with Wisdom from the Other Side". She's also got her foot in podcasting with her podcast "Hey Spirit."



Theresa Caputo was a hoot, she blends good natured humor with positive words for fans.

Wednesday  
April 22nd

Save THE DATE

For Ak-Chin Environmental Programs  
Earth Day Celebration at  
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

MOVIES • RESTAURANTS • BOWLING • ARCADE • LASER TAG • GROUP EVENTS

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**  
Ak-ChinCircle.com

**VALENTINE'S DAY DEAL**  
2 GAMES PER COUPLE | 1 PEPPERONI PIZZA | 1 FITCHER OF SODA  
\$40

**DATE NIGHT**  
SPECIAL INCLUDES:  
1 Bottle of Wine  
2 Entrées of your Choice  
2 Movie Tickets  
2 Reg. Drinks & 1 Lg. Popcorn  
\$130

**MOVIE RELEASES**  
2/06 Whistle  
2/06 Dracula  
2/06 Solo Mio  
2/06 The Strangers Chapter 3  
2/13 GOAT  
2/13 Cold Storage  
2/13 Crime 101  
2/13 Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die  
2/20 I Can Only Imagine 2  
2/20 How to Make a Killing  
2/27 Scream 7  
2/27 Elvis Presley in Concert

**KIDS Valentine's Event**  
Feb. 14 | 12pm - 3pm  
in the lobby • Coloring stations  
• Face paint  
• Craft kits  
\*while supplies last

**NATIONAL FETTUCCINE Alfredo Day**  
Saturday, Feb 7  
\$10  
Add chicken for \$4

**Happy Valentine's DAY**  
Chocolate Covered Strawberries  
\$12

**Love Bug**  
\$10

**MONTHLY MOVIE MUST-HAVE COMBO**  
\$20  
Larger Popcorn  
Movie Ticket  
Reg. Drink

**ALL DAY HAPPY HOUR**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY 2026  
FOOD SPECIALS  
Chicken Quesadilla with apple and nut cheese \$9  
Chicken Quesadilla with apple \$7  
Chicken Quesadilla with apple \$7  
Korean Fried Chicken \$10  
Korean Fried Chicken \$10  
Korean Fried Chicken \$10  
DRINK SPECIALS  
\$3.50 \$4.50  
\$5 \$4.50

**LUXE LOUNGE Kings of Soul**  
DINNER | DANCE | CHAMPAGNE | SPECIAL MENU  
FEB 14 GET DOWN SATURDAYS 10PM-2AM  
21+ ONLY FREE Admission  
NOV ECHO

**VARIETY BAND**  
8PM-10PM DOORS OPEN AT 7PM  
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**VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER EVENT**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
PRIME RIB DINNER \$36  
**SATURDAY DATE NIGHT**  
DINNER FOR TWO \$65  
**WEEKLY SPECIALS @5PM**  
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**Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

**CAESARS REWARDS**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE  
INDUSTRY NIGHTS  
WITH TABLE GAMES

2 LEVEL UP WITH ONE TAP,  
DOWNLOAD THE APP!

3 HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION  
BY CHEF'S COUNTER™  
GIVEAWAY

4 CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC  
10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER  
FOREVER YOUNG

5 BOURBON WHISKEY  
GIVEAWAY  
YOUR CHOICE TO  
PLAY YOUR WAY

6 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
AT THE LOUNGE  
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY NIGHTS

7 FRY'S FOOD STORES®  
ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD  
GIVEAWAY

8 SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE  
INDUSTRY NIGHTS  
WITH TABLE GAMES  
SUPER BOWL LX PARTY

9 MONDAYS NEED DUNKIN', TOO!

10 HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION  
BY CHEF'S COUNTER™  
GIVEAWAY

11 CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC  
10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER  
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12 YOUR CHOICE TO  
PLAY YOUR WAY

13 TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN  
SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB

14 ROMANTIC GETAWAY  
SWEETSTAKES  
JEWELRY GIVEAWAY  
DIRTY YACHTIN' SCOUNDRELS  
LIVE AT THE LOUNGE

15 SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE  
INDUSTRY NIGHTS  
WITH TABLE GAMES  
ROCK REVISITED LIVE AT  
THE LOUNGE

16 10X  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

17 10X  
HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION  
BY CHEF'S COUNTER™  
GIVEAWAY  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

18 CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC  
FOREVER YOUNG  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

19 YOUR CHOICE TO  
PLAY YOUR WAY  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

20 10X  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

21 TURN CREDITS  
INTO CUISINE  
10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER

22 SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE  
INDUSTRY NIGHTS  
WITH TABLE GAMES

23 CAESARS  
SPORTSBAR  
COMING SOON  
CAESARS SPORTSBAR

24 HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION  
BY CHEF'S COUNTER™  
GIVEAWAY

25 CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC  
10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER  
FOREVER YOUNG

26 YOUR CHOICE TO  
PLAY YOUR WAY

27 BOHEMIAN QUEEN LIVE AT  
THE LOUNGE

28 BE INSTANTLY  
ENTERTAINED

**PAVE YOUR WAY TO FREE PLAY**  
NOW - TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026  
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**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE**  
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY NIGHTS

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
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