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Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino celebrates

25 years in community

Story and photos by J. Peters

Friday, December 27, 2019, marked the 25th Anniversary of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino opening its doors in Pinal County and changing the lives of a small tribal community for many years to come.

Celebrating those 25 successful years, Harrah's had a small intimate gathering in the newly renovated Agave's restaurant, with hors d'oeuvres lavishly set up both inside and outside, along with a selection of delicious desserts, and cocktails.

As friends and family

enjoyed the evening the celebration continued with a small ceremony, with Robert Livingston, Harrah's Regional President and General Manager, gathering everyone on the outdoor patio to give admiration to the Harrah's team.

He talked about their mission statement and goals, which over the years has been simply to "inspire grownups to play" and says they have been doing that at the property for 25 years. "The team has successfully created this fun atmosphere, not only



Harrah's day one employees celebrate their tenures and 25th anniversary L to R: Mario Cardenas, Caryn Potter, Joann McQueen, Jessica Mavis, Janet Beronio, Barbara Achten, Keith McGlaughlin, Jane Stimmel, and Karen Schofield.

for our guests but for our employees, our team members."

Invited dignitaries were asked to say a few words, beginning with Ak-Chin Councilwoman Lisa Garcia who

thanked Harrah's and their hard workers. "We appreciate the event and the honor and privilege to recognize those who have been here since

day one or pre-day one. Your dedication and your commitment to the property and to the enterprise is again, very, very, very heartwarming.

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Industrial Board members Entz and Reynolds retire

Story and photo by J. Peters



Phil Entz, Council member Lisa Garcia and Robin Reynolds pictured together at retirement luncheon.

On December 19th, the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board said their good by es and well wishes to Board Consultants, Robin

Reynolds and Phil Entz.

Industrial Park board members met at Ak-Chin EPD facility where they had a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Entz. Council member and longtime Lisa Garcia friend presented the two with woven baskets hand to show appreciation of their service to the community. As hugs were given and some tears were shed the two shared their parting celebration among joyful faces.

Mrs. Reynolds began working with the community back in 2003, when her firm, Nice Creative was contracted to brand the identity for Ak-Chin Energy Services. She became a board member in 2008, marketing the tribe's industrial properties. She also worked as an

economic development advisor and tribal liaison for the board. Robin has over 25 years of experience in Marketing and has earned many accolades for her creative work. She has decided to semi-retire and hopes to devote more time to her personal ventures.

In her resignation letter to the board, Robin shared, "I am extremely proud of the contributions Nice Creative has made to the work of the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board, especially for Santa Cruz Commerce and the Ak-Chin Regional Airport. It has been our honor to work with you to help you try to attain your goals. We will always value the friendships we have forged and we wish you only success and prosperity in all of your future endeavors."

Mr. Entz, founder of Urban Tech Ltd., has been with the community since 1999, when he was invited to submit an ICDBG Grant Writing Proposal. He has been very proactive with tribal communities in Arizona and California, and has extensive experience in Feasibility Analysis, Land Use Planning, Master Planning, Project Programing, and Pro-Forma Analysis.

was instrumental He the formation of the Ak-Chin Planning Department reactivation of the Ak-Chin Industrial Park Board. He served as Property Manager for the Industrial Park, as well as overseeing the first redevelopment of the Ak-Chin Regional Airport. He has assisted in many capacities and has been a great asset to ensuring numerous grants and development for growth in the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Both Robin and Phil will be truly missed by the Ak-Chin Indian Community. We wish them well in all their future plans.

Polar Express arrives at preschool

Photo and story by C. Picciuolo



Choo-Choo here comes the Polar Express!

On December 19, the magic of the Polar Express arrived at Ak-Chin Preschool much to the delight of kids and families. The event was put together with the teamwork of Ak-Chin Library, Youth Council, Language, Education and the Early Childhood Development Center.

While Santa Claus, his elves, and the department helpers wrapped up their last-minute duties, RSVP'd kids in PJ's with their families lined up outside of the Preschool.

Once the magic doors opened, guests looked around in wonder as each room was filled with a different Christmasthemed activity and the main gathering space was decked-out in sparkling holiday decorations.

To begin the festivities,

proud parents grandparents gathered around to take photos and video of three and four-year-olds on stage in front of Santa's Ak-Chin workshop. Language had a front row seat and guided the young ones to many holidaythemed songs such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little (Christmas) Star," "We Wish You a Merry "Jingle Christmas," Bells," and a song about reindeer.

After the performance, the Language Department handed out goodie bags to the kids for their great performances.

The families were now free to check out all of the secret rooms with crafts such as reindeer balloon animals, gingerbread ornaments, Christmas slime, polar buddy necklaces, DIY Elmo and Cookie Monster crafts and gumball machines, to name a few.

Dancing with the Language Department was a huge hit as kids were able to work off all their energy before going over to the workshop for gifts and photos with Santa.

The Christmas funcontinued out the side door into a dark alley winter wonderland with moving lights, which led to a pathway that took families all aboard the Polar Express train for a ride.

Families were then able to walk to the Service Center for a warm meal and cookies with Christmas decorations on the tables as they enjoyed each other's company after a whimsical evening.

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JoAnn Carlyle Hulse

Carlvle Hulse JoAnn passed awav on December 28, 2019 at the age of 74, surrounded by all of her loved ones.

A proud citizen of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, JoAnn was born to Hiram John Carlyle and Tillie Romo Carlyle on August 26, 1945.

received her JoAnn Bachelor of Arts in Education from Arizona State University in 1974 and she went on to

generations elementary students for 29 years with the Maricopa Unified School District. She loved teaching and she loved her students.

She is preceded in death by her brothers Richard Davis Carlyle and Wilbert "Buddy" Carlyle her grandson, Stephen Edward Coester Jr. She is survived by her sister, Leona M. Carlyle Kakar, her daughters Nicole Carlyle-Coester and Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, her grandsons, Dustin C. Burnett and Garrett L. Burnett. She also leaves behind dozens of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She will be missed by all of those who loved her.

Services for JoAnn will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 10am-12pm, at Ak-Chin Service Center, 48227 W. Farrell Rd. Burial will follow at Ak-Chin Cemetery.



married Joe Foreman and began their family, living on Bogle Farms south of Maricopa for many years before eventually moving into her last residence "in town" on Dallas Smith lane. They had one daughter.

Thelma Foreman

MARICOPA Thelma Lorene (Wagner) Foreman, 82, died on Dec. 23, 2019, after a long illness while in the care of Hospice of the Valley, Ryan House in Phoenix.

Mrs. Foreman was born to Zellah and Bufford Wagner Ralston, Oklahoma, on Jan. 12, 1937. The family moved to Arizona during the grips of the Great Depression with the hope of a prosperous new life. They settled first in Flagstaff for two years before relocating to Stanfield. She had wonderful memories of her grade school in Casa Grande and her middle

school in Stanfield.

The Wagner family lived in the shadow of Red River Land & Cattle Co., owned and operated by John Wayne and Louis Johnson. During cotton harvest season, she would stay with her grandparents, Josie and Lee Yarbrough, in Eloy. She would fondly recall how exciting this bustling little town was during her youth. As a teenager she toiled many long days toting a 50-foot sack picking cotton alongside her parents, siblings and

The Wagner family later moved to the Ak-Chin Indian Community, where they became firmly rooted for many years. During this time, she took a daily bus ride down a long, bumpy and unpaved road from Maricopa to Casa Grande Union High School. She was a majorette in both her junior and senior years and graduated near the top of her class in

other family members.

Her first job out of high school was working at the Casa Grande Mills textile plant for two years. She

1955.

She had the great fortune to get a position with the Maricopa Unified School District, which would not only change her life for the better but also countless others during their school careers. She became a school secretary, but it was widely known that she could tackle any task. She was always the first person to greet new

students with a kind,

caring and reassuring

was calming the understanding presence generations Maricopa school children their parents) She worked needed. for the district for 34 years and also served on the Maricopa school board with great pride. She missed the school after retirement but was always available to anyone who needed her.

her retirement years, she was given an unexpected role as a caregiver to her husband and sister, Donna, for nearly a decade. She put herself aside in providing compassionate and loving care to both prior to their

She was preceded in death by her husband; a granddaughter, Lauren Ellena; and six siblings, Sonny, Bobbie June, Jimmy, Danny, Donna Mike. Survivors include a daughter, Josie Lee Argyros, and two grandsons.

Memorial contributions be made to: Hospice of the Valley (Ryan House), 110 W. Muhammad Ali Way, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Visitation beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, followed by a memorial service at 2, at J. Warren Funeral Services, Cole & Maud The Gardens Chapel in Casa Grande.

Community Reflections of 2019...



As 2019 comes to a close, the Ak-Chin Community has seen many changes, while other agendas have stayed consistent for the best interests of the community.

The Ak-Chin Community has seen and endured the unfortunate loss of community members in 2019. We continue to recognize their memory and the contribution to the "greatest" community ever by remembering how they played a role to the overall success of who or what Ak-Chin was to them. Just as other members who are no longer with us, they each played a part in inspiring and motivating our continued strides in providing the best we can offer to our people.

In the gaming front, Governor Doug Ducey directed his staff to work with the 22 Tribes of Arizona on a new gaming compact, which would modernize gaming with the intent to bring more financial figures to both the Tribes and State. Currently, both the State and Tribes have continued to meet in hopes of coming to a compromise and deal by January of 2020. Ak-Chin at this time has representation on the Arizona Indian Gaming Association and on the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Boards.

Of the numerous sponsorships the community are associated with, the Waste Management Phoenix Open was one to remember as professional golfer and Navajo Nation descent, Rickie Fowler, captured the 2019 WMPO title. The Professional Bull Riders Championship, World's Longest Drive, and other events we were associated with were also memorable

The community and enterprises have seen the opening of new amenities and buildings, which included; the Event Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin, re-opening of Hohokam Park, renovated basketball court next to the Ak-Chin Recreation Center, Preschool Expansion, Agave's restaurant, and Language department, just to name a few.

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Elders celebrate **Christmas at Elements**



A snapshot in time from the Elder Christmas Party at Elements Event Center at Ak-Chin Circle. According to Senior Services transportation supervisor Georgia Corella, the turnout was good and the Elders enjoyed the entertainment and food. Music was provided by waila band Southern Scratch from Florence, AZ.



2019 Holiday Home Vecorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to our top 5 winners in this year's home decorating contest. There were many beautiful and cheery Christmas homes in the community. We thank you all for showing your Christmas Spirit! Have a blessed New Year!



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Best Overall



Most Festive



Most Elegant



Most Creative



Jan. 3 **Turkey Sandwich** Fresh Fruit

Jan. 6 Stuffed Bell Pepper Mixed Vegetable Brown Rice, Pears

Jan. 7 Pinto Beans Beef & Gravy **Butternut Squash** Salad/ Rolls Crepes/ Plums

Jan. 8 Chicken Enchilada Black Beans Spanish Rice Green Lettuce/ Tomato Fruit Cocktail

Jan. 9 Salad Bar Potato Soup Wheat Crackers Jell-O Oranges

Jan. 10 Breakfast Buffet Scrambled Eggs, Potato, Bacon

Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit

Jan. 13 Cabbage Stew Carrots/ Peas Yams/Potato (D) Apple Crisp

Jan. 14 Turkey Mushroom Stuffed Acorn Wild Rice/ Beets Spring Salad/ Pineapple

Jan. 15 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges

Jan. 16 Sandwich Bar Pea Salad Three Bean Salad Tropical Fruit

Jan. 17 Indian Tacos Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Cupcakes

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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the

January 17 - February 6, 2020 issue is due by

<u>FRIDAY</u> **JANUARY 10, 2020**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than

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Any material submitted after the

JANUARY 10TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed

placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, will be included in the following issue.

The Community celebrates the holidays

Story and photos by Runner Staff

On Saturday, December 21st, the Ak-Chin Community came together at Ak-Chin Recreation facility for the annual communal holiday celebration to enjoy a night of Christmas cheer and laughter.

As members started to make their way into the gym they were greeted by a holly jolly familiar face in a red suit. Santa Clause, escorted by the Ak-Chin Fire Department gave hugs and well wishes to all the families at the dinner. Taking his seat, Santa was ready to



This boy was super excited to take his picture with Santa.



Guess who won a new bike!



Two girls having fun at the Christmas dinner.

spend the evening with the community.

Ak-Chin Police Department, in partnership with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program provided an abundance of presents for all the children in the community. As the children lined up and visited with Santa to give him their Christmas wishes and lists they were given a Christmas gift.

A special raffle was also held, where many children also received a brand-new bike. From toddlers to teenagers, every child went home with a

Inside the gym different activities were provided, such as, colorful face painting by creative community members and decorating gingerbread houses with the Youth Council. Families gathered together to enjoy the hearty meal and everyone had their fill of Christmas treats.

As the evening rolled on, many stopped to get a nice hot cup of cocoa and take family photos with Santa.





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Harrah's 25th continued from Front



Mercedes Rivera and mom Dorothy Vasquez have a fun time at the Harrahs celebration evening.



Harrah's presents with Ak-Chin plaque to commemorate Harrah's Ak-Chin anniversary.

you are our family and we thank you for making the property a success."

She also talked about the dedication of the Harrah's team and the expansion before ending, "On behalf of the Community and Tribal Council thank you for your service, thank you to your commitment; we look to another 25 years and then some."

Livingston at that time took the opportunity to present Ak-Chin with a "little something" which was actually a pretty large plaque that read, "25 years of successful partnership, December 27, 1994 – December 27, 2019

City of Maricopa spoke a few words at the ceremony congratulating Harrah's for their accomplishments and thanking Ak-Chin for their partnership.

Christian

Price,

Mayor

it's about partnerships and the

"This is what it's all about,

city of Maricopa is honored to be a partner with the Ak-Chin Tribal Nation, and all the things that they have going on." He shared how grateful the city is to have Harrah's as Pinal County's largest employer. "We're incredibly grateful this holiday season to celebrate with you on this wonderful 25th anniversary."

Livingston gave much respect to the next speaker who he introduced as the "original general manager" of Harrah's Ak-Chin. "I already knew the story of this property, I already knew the culture that had been created at this property, and so it was Janet Beronio that got the ball rolling, that got the culture going and I don't think we ever let up." Livingston credited Beronio for laying a strong foundation and culture for Harrah's Ak-Chin, "that is still going strong.

Janet Beronio reminisced about the start of the casino and working hard with her Harrah's family to get the casino off the ground.

Don't give me too much credit because it is with all of these people out here, whether you were here from day one or you came later...whenever you came that's what made the property successful." So thank you to all of you... I was here for nine years, it was the highlight of my life, my career."

A special recognition was given to those who had been working with Harrah's since day one, or pre-day Seventeen employees were recognized for their outstanding dedication, with many in attendance. Those hard-working individuals who still today remain with Harrah's were given the love and applause they all welldeserved, as Livingston jokingly said, "It's not easy opening this kind of business... they must really love this place because they are still here."

After all seventeen day one employees were acknowledged a toast was raised in their honor as well as to celebrate the 25th anniversary, due to the weather fireworks were put on hold, and a video of early Harrah's was then shown. The night carried on with more merriment and celebration, with everyone receiving a

parting gift upon departure.



CREATIVE LEARNING



January 3 - 16, 2020

Elementary Incentive Day at UltraStar

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On December 18, MUSD and out-of-district K-5 Ak-Chin students with good attendance and grades were treated to a day of bowling, pizza, arcades and a movie at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle for their achievements. The Ak-Chin Education Department said that the fun was provided to let the kids know that they are proud of their hard work. Education



Students gather outside of UltraStar before seeing Frozen 2 as a part of their reward.

hopes to send a message great and be rewarded. encouragement for future students to encourage them to do

The movie that the kids saw was Frozen 2.

Polar Express continued from front



Delicious dinner at Service Center.



Balloon animal specialist making Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer.



Making yummy Christmas goodies, one of the many DIY activities at the Polar Express event.



Kids stop by at Santa's workshop to find out if they have been naughty or nice.



Congratulations to Mrs. Sheila Bandin at Ak-Chin Education, whose amazingly creative "Polar Express" Christmas door decoration won first place by 16 votes! The students ultimately decided who won the contest at the Ak-Chin Education department.

Ak-Chin Members influence family to earn the GED

Article and photo submitted by Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor

On Thursday, December 19th, Angel Hoffman attempted and passed his final GED exam section, social studies, earning his GED.

Angel is the 7th Ak-Chin GED graduate of 2019 and the GED program's 54th graduate since 2013.

Angel began the GED program in late September 2019 and was a regular in the morning GED class. His consistency paid off, and he was able to earn his diploma in less than three months.

Upon entering the program, Angel spoke about receiving inspiration from his brother, Chaning Hoffman, a 2013 Ak-Chin GED graduate.

Angel is one of several recent GED graduates who have had siblings who also completed the Ak-Chin GED Program.

Angel, like many students before, was inspired and encouraged to earn his GED, after talking with a family member who was already successful in completing the program.



Angel Hoffman, displaying his diploma.

Talking with someone who has had success completing goal that you hope achieve, can be extremely helpful encouraging you to believe in yourself, and to know that you can do it too!

Who do you successfully earned their GED? Are you next? Come on into the Education

For more information, stop by the GED office Monday through Friday, and get started on your GED journey!

Department to find out!

Angel's brother Chaning Hoffman with GED Instructor Desiree Guarino at the 2013 know who has GED Graduation Ceremony.

Current GED Class Days/Times: Mon-Fri: 10:00A-12:00P; M, T, TH, F: 2:00P-5:00P; Wed: 4:30-7:00P GED Office: 520-568-

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O'odham Neok

S-ekik Vecik Aida:g Ves Am (Happy New Year to All)

O'ODHAM COUNTING **ACTIVITY**

Directions: Using a line, connect the correct O'odham Word Number in the left column with the correct number in the right column. When finished, bring your completed sheet to the Language Building and you will be entered into a drawing. Deadline is January 30, 2020. Good luck!

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Ak-Chin Language Department guiding four year old kids with Christmas songs at the Polar Express event.



Christmas dances at Ak-Chin Preschool with the Language Department during the Polar Express

Gakimdak Maşađ (January)

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hosted two well established conference/sessions; the 2019 Tribal EPA Region 9 Conference and the Self Governance Strategic sessions were held in the Events Center ballrooms.

The Events Center in it's first year has not only hosted conferences and numerous activities, functions and parties, but great concert events with high end entertainers. From entertainers such as Dwight Yoakam, Dave Chappelle, Pen & Teller, Los Lonely Boys, Los Lobos, Los Tigres del Norte, Eddie Money, Tracy Lawrence and many others, the comments of "who'd ever thought that these guys would be performing in our backyard" from Ak-Chin members and Maricopians continue. Look for more great acts in 2020.

Seniors and Disabled

Throughout the year, Council Members were attending and speaking at various meetings pertaining to water, in particular Ak-Chin's water rights. From continuous meetings with consultants, lawyers, lobbyists, and the Bureau of Reclamation, the community has continued to address the importance of Ak-Chin's water and the need to provide the best water quality afforded to the community.

Departments in the community have seen employees come and go as the doors continue to revolve. Through it all, departments continue function and provide the best services possible to the people of the community. Some have retired and some have departed potentially for greener pastures, which we say to those "the community always wishes you the best in success and thank

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, January 17, 2020

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Salt River Pina-Maricopa Indian Community

you for being a part of our community during your time with us."

Together, the community has seen growth, not only within Ak-Chin, also with our neighbors; Maricopa continues to grow from 30,000 citizens a few years ago, to over 55,000 today. Continued efforts from both Ak-Chin and Maricopa leadership to work together is crucial in providing the necessary quality services and opportunity for all

Ak-Chin continues to play a leading role in Indian Country as we are considered a template and role model for other tribes to duplicate. We've had leadership from throughout the country who have visited the community and inquired about the success of the community, from entertainment, gaming and farming. Through conversation, I have had the privilege of sharing that "the success of the community is because of each and every member of Ak-Chin, all enterprises, all employees, sponsorships, and to those we donate to."

iceberg recap of 2019 for us, there are and have been numerous efforts to continue to move our community to bigger and brighter things by leadership. I look forward and am excited to see what 2020 brings to the Ak-Chin Community.

Above, is just the tip of the

Please remember, "Ask not what Ak-Chin can do for you, but what you can do for Ak-Chin."

Happy New Year to all and please be safe!

Respectfully, Robert "Bob" Miguel Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman

Breathe the Fresh Air

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Photos and article by Theodore Puetz, Pesticide Control Specialist

The last three months have been peppered with harvest holiday activities that have been greeted with the Halloween treats for the little ones followed by Thanksgiving family get togethers. December brings to us the Masik-Tas Birthday Celebration, the Christmas joy of giving and receiving, and year end well wishing, with hopes for a better and brighter year ahead. As our days are now filled with increasing sunshine, and the anticipation of spring, these days are the best days for planning to make the next year the best ever.

One important plan we can make happen now is to make sure our homes are safer by checking for old pesticide containers and disinfectants (bleach) to be sure they are stored or locked away and out of reach of the little ones, or disposed of according to the label. Keeping pests out also matches well with other energy saving actions you can take to save money in your home this winter.

With the colder weather upon us, checking the air filters in our homes will help to



freshen our air, keep molds from forming and improve air quality while improving the efficiency of your heating system. Most heating and cooling systems recommend changing filters once a month. Sealing windows, doors and other heat loss areas, you would be building a significant barrier for pests to enter and reduce the need for pesticides in your home. Keeping warm air in, at the same time keeping pests out is a winter win-win.

We hope last year was good for your family and wishing you a happy and joyous New

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January 2020

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Transportation

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

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Elder Shopping and Errands are provided every Monday and Friday at 1 PM If you need transportation for Shopping and Errands on any Other day, please call Transit Department. 520-568-1630

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in program. Call 520-568-1675 for more information. Elder Coloring-Takes place at the Elder Center Japan Pop - Transportation to

and from library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate. Baby Time! – every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00AM. Children 0-5 ONLY. OVERDRIVE TRUCK - No sign up required, Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult. **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday – Friday – 8AM-6PM Saturday-12PM-4PM Sunday-Closed

RECREATION INFORMATION

For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @520-568-1740 **Calendar Subject to Change*



ELDER CENTER

JANUARY 1 Center Closed

JANUARY 7

Movie Day

JANUARY 17

Elder Check Day **JANUARY 20**

Center Closed

JANUARY 22

Movie Day **JANUARY 23**

Education Presentation-After School Program, 12:15pm

JANUARY 28

Basic First Aid for Elders,

12:30pm

JANUARY 29

Caregiver CPR at Elder Center, 1pm

JANUARY 30

Oasis BINGO w/Gwen, 12:30pm



LIBRARY

JANUARY 1 Library Closed

JANUARY 3

Elder Crafts, 11:00am-12:00pm Lego Robots!, 4:15pm

JANUARY 4

Japan Pop*, 12pm-2pm

JANUARY 7

Elder Coloring*, 9am-10am Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

JANUARY 8

Baby Time!* 10-10:45am KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm Game Hacker*

JANUARY 9

4:15pm-6:pm

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

JANUARY 10

Mars Family Science Night, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

JANUARY 11 Movie Club*, 9:30am – 4pm

Library Closed JANUARY 14

> Preschool Storytime, 11am-12Pm

JANUARY 15 Baby Time!*

> 10-10:45am KRAFTZ

2:30pm-4:30pm Game Hacker* 4:15pm-6pm

JANUARY 16 Preschool Storytime,

11am-12pm

JANUARY 17

Library closes at 5pm **JANUARY 18**

Library Closed

JANUARY 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Library Closed

JANUARY 21

Elder Coloring*, 9:00am-10:00am Preschool Storytime, 11:00am-12:00pm

JANUARY 22

Baby Time!* 10:00-10:45am KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm Game Hacker* 4:15pm-6:00pm

JANUARY 23

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm

JANUARY 24 Lego Robots!, 4:15pm

JANUARY 25 Japan Pop*, 12:00pm-2:00pm

JANUARY 29 Baby Time!* 10:00-10:45am

KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm Game Hacker* 4:15pm-6:00pm

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm

JANUARY 30

JANUARY 31 Lego Robots!, 4:15pm





JANUARY 3

New Year's Men's & Women's

Basketball Tournament

JANUARY 11 New Year's Co-Ed Volleyball **Tournament**

(CLOSED) **JANUARY 21**

JANUARY 20

9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 22

9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 23

5p-6:30p

9-12 Basketball Practice

JANUARY 24

Education- Student Recognition Night 4p-8p (Gym) JANUARY 27 Employee New Year Mega

Volleyball Tournament

JANUARY 28 9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 29

9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 30 9-12 Basketball Practice

5p-6:30p



Ak-Chin Youth Council Leading Edge Academy **hosts 12th Annual Volleyball Toy Drive**

Story and photos submitted

On December 14, eight teams took to the Ak-Chin gymnasium to give and have some fun! For the small token of an unwrapped toy all teams and players had the chance to participate in the toy drive tournament, with The Squad taking home the championship jackets and honors. LBC and Ol' School were award t-shirts for their efforts. Over 50 toys were collected and then donated to the Polar Express event held the following week.

Ak-Chin Youth Council would like to thank all teams for participating and everyone who helped referee.



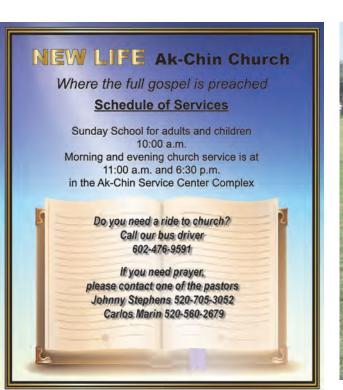
1st Place- The Squad



2nd Place-LBC



3rd Place- Ol' School





Maricopa completes most successful crosscountry season to date

The Leading-Edge Academy Maricopa cross country team had an excellent 2019 XC season. In just 2 years, the team has grown from 3 participants to 32 with a bunch of eager 4th graders ready to participate next year.

The student athletes bought in and this year they were able to see some very positive results. As a team, they

of five races. LEA Maricopa runners consistently placed in the Top 10 for each Boys and Girls race.

Elijah Tanon (8th) finished a respectable 85th place at the CAA State Meet in 2018. He consistently put in the work over the Summer with hopes being much more competitive. The hard work paid off and

placed 3rd Overall out was very evident as he started the 2019 XC season with an overall win! Elijah would go on to either win or place second in all five CAA races. He now has his sights on the 2020 Track and Field season and is using his off-season to

Story and photos submitted

race 5k's, 10k's, and even a Triathlon. He recently placed 2nd Overall at the Maricopa Turkey Trot 5k with a time of 19:05.



Above: Leading Edge Academy-Maricopa cross country team are all smiles and play the part of a winning squad.

Below: Elijah Tanon celebrates his team's and personal achievements.



St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission 16657 N. Church St. Maricopa, AZ 85139 Ak-Chin Indian Community

JANUARY 2020 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

January 5 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski January 12 – Fr. Richard Felt January 19 – Fr. John Hannigan January 26 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 4, 10am

Holy Family Feast Day - Fr. Antony Tinker, FHS

January 18, 10am

CCOE Meeting - Our Lady of Victory - Hashan Kehk

Baptisms are every 4th Sunday of the month and baptism classes are every 2nd Saturday of the month. If you are interested please



Ak-Chin Health and Human Services

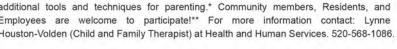


When: Please call to arrange start date. Where: Conference Room (48227W. Farrell Road Maricopa, Arizona 85139)

Contact: Health & Human Services at (520) 568-1093)

The goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offer additional tools and techniques for parenting.* Community members, Residents, and Employees are welcome to participate!** For more information contact: Lynne Houston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health and Human Services. 520-568-1086.

*A Certificate of Completion is issued when a participant actively participates in and completes the entire series of topics. ndividuals not employed by the community, not residents or community memb contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details.





If someone told you that your baby's chances of dying are

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40 TIMES GREATER

when sleeping in an adult bed rather than a crib, where would you put your baby to sleep tonight?





Baby sleeps safest ALONE, on their BACK, and in a CRIB For more information: https://dcs.az.gov/services/office-prever





The Facts

- Among children aged 0–12, American Indian and Alaska Native children have the highest traffic death rate of all racial/ethnic groups in the United
- More than half of car seats and booster seats are not used correctly. If the seat isn't installed the right way, or you're using the wrong type of seat for your child's age, height, or weight, your child is not as safe as he or she could be.²
- Using age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, and seat belts significantly reduce the risk of injury and death among children in a crash.

Help Keep Yourself and Your **Loved Ones Safe**

You can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe by:

- Using a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt on every trip, no matter how short. Finding the right car seat or booster seat for your child's age, height, and weight. See the chart below for tips.



- Getting help installing a car or booster seat from a certified child passenger
- Properly buckling children aged 12 and under in the back seat. The back seat is
- Never placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag. Airbags can injure or kill small children riding in the
- Not using traditional baby carriers (such as cradleboards) in place of a car seat. Traditional carriers do not keep children safe in cars or trucks.
- Always wearing a seat belt when pregnant. Be sure to wear the lap belt below your belty. Place the shoulder belt across your chest—never behind the back, under the arm, or across the stomach.³

January **Employee Birthdays**

Timothy Nanstiel, TGA

Johnny Ramirez, EPD

Christopher Beginski,

Fire & Safety DelRoy Narcia, Security

Andrew Jimenez,

Sanitation

Jose Miguel,

Parks & Recreation

Henrietta Rubio,

Law & Order

Bridgette Pena, EPD

Gabriel Pablo, IS

Wayne Allison,

Law & Order

Steve Peters, Vekol

Ashley Manuel, Vekol

9 Jennifer Hill, Law & Order

Octavio Machado, Council

Elizabeth Chavez, Elderly

Michael Heronema, Security Teresa Valisto, Education

Veronica Armadillo, Maintenance

> 16 Maressa Robles, Law & Order



Do you have Unwanted, Unused or **Expired Prescription Medications?**

You can help prevent medication abuse and misuse in our Community. If you have prescription or over-the-counter and other unused medicines.

Please consider disposing of them with a Drug Deactivation bag available at the

> Ak-Chin Health Clinic, Public Health Nurse-Rochelle or **Injury Prevention**

Rochelle Townsley, RN - 520-610-1915



For Questions on the Deactivation Drug bags please call **Injury Prevention Program** 520-568-1087

Jose E. Miguel Sr. I feel so blessed to have you as my son. On your birthday, I would like to wish you the best. May you be successful on your Pursuit to happiness. May our Creator bless you on this Special Pay. Happy Birthday My Son!! Se'kik Masik Tas Am wi eg Ceoj e ma From your MOM!

Happy Birthday Son!



Happy Birthday Wad, You teach me a lotta things and you are

the best Pad Ever!! Hope you enjoy your Birthday. With Love, Myaila

Happy Birthday Wad!! You are the best Pad

Ever!! Thank-you for teaching me how to play basketball. I Love You, From

Auciana

Happy Birthday Wad! Thank-you for everything, raising me, teaching me right from wrong, also helping me learn from my mistakes. Enjoy your day Pops! From your Son Bruh,

Baby Jay

Happy Birthday to my Hubby! Thank-you for everything! May the Good Lord watch over you and bless you with good health, success and happiness and many more birthdays to come. I keel blessed to have you as my husband. I love you, enjoy your day.

Happy Birthday my great-granddaughter gessica and my great-grandson Edward Love, Grandma

Love Always,

Your Wifey, Lena Rose







Mario Santiago

Chelsey Mike

Anariee Carra

Felicia Vincent

Aniyaa Carra

Beatrice Romo

Thomas Carlyle

- Archaeologist
- Custodian
- Maintenance Technician
- Police Officer Certified
- Police Commander
- Breakfast Cook-Elder Program
- Accountant

<u>APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!</u>

Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website (www.ak-chin.nsn.us) and click Job Openings to review or apply for an open position. If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment MUST be submitted at the time of application.

NOW HIRING

- Experienced Line Cook
- Experienced Server
- Experienced Bartender
- Experienced Nightclub/Sports Bar Server
- Experienced Maintenance Mechanic

Interested candidates may apply at UltraStarAZ.com or pick up an application at Ultrastar's box office.

Open to Enrolled

<u> Ak-Chin Members Only</u>

Cultural Resources Specialist

Art Technician

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			I Duane Narcia	2 Azlynn Carra Jolene Campbell	3	4 Alexandra Osife Jaianna Pilone Skyler G.Luna Stephen M.Narcia
5 Joseph Pilone DelRoy Narcia	6 Yolanda Melero- Moroyoqui Heaven Coble Jose Miguel, Sr. Joseph Narcia, Jr. (Ugalde)	7 Gabriel Pablo Kevin Villegas Brandon Smith	8 Ethan Humeyumptewa Ashley Manuel Jessica Zabawa	9 Leo Thomas Paden Marsh Jennifer Hill Jose Balderrama	10 Jason Luz	11 Euphrasia Mike, Octavio Machado Persephanie Antone Bradley Miguel Edward Rocha Mylaunah Robles
12 Celiyah Antone	13 Ezri Miguel Viviana Rascon Ella Lewis Amarissa Garcia	14 Teresa Valisto Kimberly Smith Karli Hoffman	15 Jakob Thomas Carmella Ortiz	16 Verdina Aguilla Dallaz Jackson- Narcia Karly Campbell Eduardo Santiago	17 Stacey Yarberry Dawn Lewis, (Fuentes)	18 Richard Joaquin IV Sanya Enos Dominique White Nathaniel Enos
19 Perla Corona Rosalino Ormsby	20 Juan Medina Bernadine Romo Adriana Narcia Roland Narcia Joshua Peters Jonathan Peters Stephanie Alejandro Joe Medina	21	22 Estalynn Lopez Francisco Kaniatobe Marie Lewis Leah Castro	23 Danielle Shade-Theel Kris Narcia Amber Antone Maite Ortega Saraih Peters	24	25 Jaime Salcido
26 Freddie Salas	27 Lydell Delowe, Jr.	28 Richard Ouintero	29 Patricia Perillo	30 Horacio Valles	31 Mateo Rodriguez	

April Smith

Irene Smith

Genevieve Miguel

Paulette Kisto

Spencer Antone Lucas Antone

Byron White

Micah Coble

Carlton Carlyle, Sr.

Celeste Gloria

Ak-Chin Indian Community

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Environmental Protection Department (Water Operations)



EMERGENCIES CALL 520-858-6999 **OUTDOOR WATER**

> **EMERGENCIES CALL** 520-858-6061



The Ak-Chin Indian Community is now on Facebook! Make sure to LIKE us to stay up-to-date on what is happening in the Community. 80------

Little Joe Performs at Harrah's Ak-Chin



On Saturday, December 28th, 79-year-old Latin Grammy award winner Joe "Little Joe" Hernandez of Temple, Texas, took to the stage at the Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, putting on a performance that delighted the crowd on hand.

Donned in mariachi attire and draped with a Mexico poncho, Little Joe came out singing "God Bless America" which was met with a rousing applause. He followed that up with hits such as; Ella, Borrachera, Preita Linda, Margarita, Red Neck Mexican Boy, and Las Nubes (Dark

Clouds), the song that put Little Joe on the map per say.

Following his performance, fans rushed the stage in efforts to shake a hand, take selfie photos, and relay well wishes to Little Joe as he stood on stage.

Prior to the show, Little Joe and his son Ivan made a personal visit to the San Juan Church where he honored and worshipped the church and Ak-Chin Community. While at the church, the Miguel family presented Little Joe with a shell necklace, which he wore throughout his performance.



producer to one of the most recognizable electronic artists on the planet in unprecedented time. KYGO established himself as a household name thanks to his widely popular remixes, sell out shows in North America and Europe as well as headline festivals performances at including Coachella and Ultra Music Festival. He reached one billion streams faster than any other artist, and he has already

Tabbed by Billboard Magazine as the "the next EDM superstar",

KYGO has gone from bedroom

coorslightbirdsnest.com.

January 3 - 16, 2020

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - KYGO, a Norwegian-born music producer and DJ has been added to the entertainment lineup for the 2020 Coors Light Birds Nest, headlining the final night of the popular four-night concert series at the Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting www.

The lineup continues to take shape for the 2020 Coors Light Birds Nest as the headliners for all four nights have been secured.

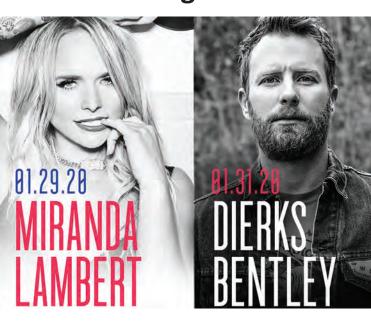
amassed more than 13 billion

combined audio and video

streams worldwide.

Things get started with Miranda Lambert and Cody Johnson taking the stage on Wednesday, Jan. 29, G-Eazy with special guest on Thursday, Jan. 30, Dierks Bentley making a return to the Coors Light Birds Nest on Friday, Jan. 30 and KYGO closing things out on Saturday, Feb. 1. The remaining Coors Light Birds Nest lineup will be announced as more artists are

International Music Sensation KYGO set to perform on Saturday at **2020 Coors Light Birds Nest**



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Coors Light Birds Nest general admission tickets will start at \$75, while VIP tickets are available starting at \$285 each and provide exclusive access to the Jameson VIP area where guests are treated to a complimentary catered dinner, complimentary drinks and access to a newly redesigned premium viewing area for the shows. Organizers encourage fans to buy their tickets early as ticket prices may increase as the event draws closer.

The Coors Light Birds Nest is located directly across from the main Waste Management Phoenix Open tournament entrance at 82nd Street and Bell Road. The entertainment venue opens at 3:30 p.m. and closes at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Headline acts will take the main stage each evening at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Coors Light Birds Nest is a 21-andover venue.

For more information about the Coors Light Birds Nest visit www. coorslightbirdsnest.com.



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Josh Turner Reschedules Performance at The **Events Center Harrah's** Ak-Chin Casino

(MARICOPA, Ariz - Dec. 13, 2019) - Josh Turner, MCA Nashville recording artist, has announced that he has rescheduled his performance at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino to Friday, March 27, 2020. After a tragic accident involving members of his touring team, Turner cancelled his remaining 2019 performances. Original purchased tickets will be honored.

As one of country music's most recognizable talents, Turner has been honored with multiple Grammy, CMA and ACM award nominations, as well as received six Inspirational Country Music Awards.

Turner is known for his unique voice and many hits including "Hometown Girl," "Would You Go With Me," "Your Man," "Time Is Love," "Why Don't We Just Dance" and "Long Black Train." In addition,

Turner is one of the youngest members inducted into the Grand Ole Opry, selling more than eight million units and topping more than 1.5 billion in global streaming and populated radio.

Along with his success as a musician, Turner has also tackled the written word as an author. He released his first book, "Man Stuff: Thoughts on Faith, Family and Fatherhood," in 2014, highlighting songwriting and

performing in his childhood.

In support of early music

education, Turner created



The Josh Turner Scholarship Fund to assist other children following the same path, mirroring his own upbringing.

Josh Turner – Live in Concert Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 Doors: 7 PM Show Time: 8 PM Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Tickets: Starting \$88, purchased original tickets will be honored Ages: All

On Sale through Ticketmaster About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino:

Celebrating 25 years in Maricopa, Arizona, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner. Harrah's Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, visit www.harrahsakchin.com







New Year! New Opportunities for Living Healthier Lives!

New Year - New You!

Now is the time to start working towards a new you with these five healthy living tips!

- 1. Schedule your annual check-up with your primary care provider!
- 2. Move more and move often! Something as simple as parking farther away from the door or opting to take the stairs instead of the elevator can make a difference. Every little bit counts.
- 3. Eat better! Opt for healthier food choices and eat out less as often as possible. You can learn more about healthy food choices by checking out the Life Center for healthy recipes and other healthy food tips.
- 4. Drink more water! Drinking plenty of water can help maintain kidney health.
- 5. Relax, Relate, Release! Try something new and learn how to unwind through meditation. Did you know that meditation could help promote emotional health and control anxiety?

To learn more about what you can do to improve your health, call the Primary Care Department:

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital. (520) 562-3321 ext. 1495 Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000 ext. 6060

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

New Walk-In process will be available at Hau'pal Health Center (PCD and Life Center only)

Begins Monday, January 6, 2020

For more information, contact: Primary Care Department (520) 796-2600 ext. 2697 Life Center (520) 796-2600 ext. 2657

