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2020 Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash continues to honor the culture of neighboring tribes

Story and photos by R. Peters



Leona Kakar and Chairman Robert Miguel pose with Little Mister Ak-Chin Josiah Malone and Little Miss Ak-Chin Jessica Zabawa.

Throughout February locals have been gearing up for the annual Casa Grande Cowboy Days O'odham Tash events, scheduled over a twoweek period, at the Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds.

Organized by West Pinal County Mounted Sheriff's Posse the event has been around since the 60's, and were zoomed down Once the parade was Ak-Chin Community has played a vital role over the years, as has the sister tribes of Tohono

O'odham, Gila River UltraStar's fancy van and Salt River. O'odham Tash Parade,

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, who was honored to represent as the 2020 Grand Marshal, was accompanied by long-time community leader Leona Kakar. After a slight mixup in vehicles both Robert and Leona to lead the parade.

and driver, Jennifer Participating in the Birk, sales director, followed closely behind, as did newly crowned Little Mr. and Miss Ak-Chin royalty, Josiah Malone and Jessica Zabawa who were able to shake off first appearance jitters to wow the crowd with their friendly smiles and waves.

sporty off-road vehicle crowds made their way to the rodeo grounds

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Ak-Chin's Humeyumptewa wins Native Edible

Story and photo by: C. Picciuolo



Above, Andrew Humeyumptewa ecstatically celebrates with family and supportive HDS Associates after his win at the 2020 Native Edible Experience in Scottsdale.

Deconstructed rabbit stew draws big praise

Ak-Chin was Member Community chef Andrew Humeyupmtewa's time to step into the spotlight.

With Harrah's Ak-Chin executive chefs Colin Ribble and Joe Bedell helping to prep Andrew's deconstructed rabbit stew dish, his confidence shined at the Arizona Native Edible Experience at Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Indian Florence Blvd. in a finished cars and Museum of the West on 280 attendees showed wrapped in a pork caul Saturday, February 8.

> According to AZ Native Edible Experience

Jeffrey coordinator Lazos Ferns, the intent of the event is to bring together Indigenous Arizona chefs/food foragers and ancestral food knowledge keepers in a setting and platform that elevates, educates and inspires both native and the general public to the richness on both indigenous cultures and the landscapes of this His

up to try out dishes fat, a brown sugar carrot, from four chefs, which garlic-herbed also included Twila

Cassadore-San Carlos Apache Mario Renetto-Etsitty and Brian Yazzie- both Dine/ Navajo.

Humeyumptewa stationed outside in a courtyard of the museum because the preparation of his dish needed room to let the smoke escape.

deconstructed rabbit stew included a pan-seared rabbit loin

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Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan SpeakOut Meetings



Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan shows the project site, which is approximately 290 acres.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Government has initiated a planning project for the Ak-Chin Circle area that has been designated in 290 acres of commercial property

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surrounding Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and UltraStar, heading south along State Route 347.

Numerous meetings were set for the Community to

"speakout" about the Master Plan Update that was originally identified in the 2013 Ak-Chin Public Use and Commercial Area Master Plan.

Meetings were set up during the week of February 10, inviting the community to help identify the types of services, retail, restaurants, and entertainment needs the community would like to see in that area.

Fagerstrom, Brian Founder, Amaktoolik Studios, has been hired as the design architect for the project. He along with Lisa Jelliffe, Amaktoolik strategic planner presented at the master plan update meetings, along with Ak-Chin Planning staff, Lisa Wiltshire-Mays, development analyst and Jaclyn Sarnowski, community planner.

"The updated master plan will lead to the next generation of entertainment and business opportunities. development strengthen Ak-Chin's position as an economic leader in the region," Brian shared.

A site map was provided for everyone to view at the meetings, along with idea boards for everyone to put their marks, comments and notes

on. The idea boards focused on; what stores are needed, what would be a good fit, and a wish tree. Top contenders included; bank, grocery store, gas station, car repair/tire shop, cultural experience, discount store, mall and restaurants.

"Working on this project is exciting because of the many ideas coming from all across the community. They come from youth to the elders, as well from tribal members, to staff, and even outside visitors. It seems logical that future opportunities will be a unique blend of diverse ideas." Brian added.

The site map and idea boards will be available to view at the February Community meeting, at the Ak-Chin Service Center, Monday, February 24. The meeting is at 6pm.

There is also an Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update survey "Make Your Voice Count!" that members are encouraged to take, with an opportunity for one eligible survey participant to win a new Apple iPad. The survey is due by February 29.

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Elders all shook up from Elvis visit on Valentine's Day



Elvis brings a hunk a hunk a burnin' love to the Elders during their Valentine's Day party.



Molly Norris enjoys a photo with Elvis.

Elder Valentine Chair Volleyball brings the love and fun



Silver Hawks- Champions



Rebels 2- Second Place

What a great way to spend Valentine's Day as over 20 teams came out to Ak-Chin gym to share their love of chair volleyball.

The morning stared pretty early for the teams who came out, as games started at 8am. Those who were not

first on the bracket enjoyed time munching on breakfast snacks or catching up with one another.

Ak-Chin had two teams represented, with the Mighty Turtles and Huhjud. Huhujud posted a 0-2 record with losses to Jackrabbits 2 and Masig

and losses to Serv-iors and Once Wild.

Those who were taken out early cheered on the remaining

By 1pm, the placement games had finished, with S-hehe:gik O'odham placing third, and the Silver Hawks coming all the way up from the loser's bracket to beat the undefeated Rebels 2 team.

teams while enjoying their

February presentations pay extra attention to Elders



Amaktoolik strategic planner Lisa Jelliffe shows the Wish Tree idea board with Amaktoolik CEO/Founder Brian Fagerstrom as Ak-Chin oral historian Genevieve Miguel talks with elders during the Ak-Chin Circle Masterplan Update meeting.

The Ak-Chin Elder Center has had quite a busy first half of February with Elders having a chance to take the time to focus on their health and give their thoughts on the Ak-Chin Master Plan Update.

Elders discussed with the consulting agency on site what they believed should be built on Ak-Chin land between Farrell Road and Smith Wash toward the south end of Harrah's Ak-Chin.

Sweets were passed out and Elders filled out surveys and added thoughts to the "Wish Tree," which had Post-It notes with ideas such as Native-owned businesses, an outdoor mall, healthy stores and restaurants, and Whataburger.

Focusing on health and mobility, Elders were able to make sure that their basic means of moving around were fixed on Walker/Wheelchair Repair Day.

"The terrain here in Ak-Chin is very hard on walkers and wheelchairs," says elderly care supervisor Candace Allcott. "Medicare will only purchase one piece of durable medical equipment every 5 years, and these walkers and wheelchairs will not hold up that long. Penny Harris had a contact for repairs so we teamed up with Health and Human services to hold a 'repair day."

The Mighty Turtles went 2-2 with wins against Yava'be Spikerz and Salt River Elite

Hu'u2.



Walkers and wheelchairs are repaired as part of the Walker/Wheelchair Repair Day.



Diabetes program manager Marc Matteson discusses diabetes with the Elders.

Elders or Community members who were unable to come to our first repair day will still have another chance to get theirs done. Watch out in future Runner issues for the announcement of the next Repair Day.

On February 5, Ak-Chin Health Education held a "Diabetes 101" focused on the basics of diabetes: what it is, how it happens, what the doctors are looking for, etc. A second diabetes session was held on Feb 12, and talked about how to properly take blood sugar tests, read the meters and A1c levels. Health Ed. also talked about the different types of meters, test strips, lancets, and how to properly dispose of the used strips and lancets.

On Feb 18, Health Education provided a presentation of Bones and Muscles for Healthy Aging, which focused on stretching, nutrition and rheumatoid arthritis symptoms



S-hehe:gik O'odham-Third Place

To All Who Were There For Us,

It has been a very difficult time. I haven't been able to write this letter until now. I want to thank everyone who helped or donated regarding both my sons' funeral arrangements. I lost both of my sons Duane and Franklin just months apart.

There are so many people I appreciate and want to thank. I want to thank the Industrial Park Board for their kind donation, the Ak-Chin Sanitation Department for digging Duane's grave and making sure Franklin is there with him.

Thank you to the technicians at the dialysis center for the beautiful flowers. Thank

you to my sisters and extended family for preparing the food and the clean-up.

Franklin was an advocate for sheltered animals. I want to thank the people who donated to the Animal Shelter in Franklin's name. That would have made him very happy.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us during this difficult time. Your kindness and compassion will not be forgotten.

Sincerely, Armida Mattia

Elder Menu

Feb. 21
Red Chili,
Indian Tacos
Corn on
Cob, Jell-O/
Apples

Feb. 24
Roasted
Pork,
Normandy
Vegetables,
Mashed
Potato
Rolls/
Tropical
Fruit

Feb. 25
Squash
Casserole,
Brown Rice
Crackers
-Salad,
Cherry Crisp

Feb. 26
Baked
Chicken,
Sautéed
Spinach,
Spaghetti
Squash
Fresh Cut
Fruit

Feb. 27
Bar-B-Que
Ribs, Plain
Ribs (D)
Yams/
Potato (D),
Salad/
Plums

Feb. 28
Tapery
Beans,
Wheat Berry
Asparagus,
Rolls,
Banana
Bread

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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the MARCH 6-19, 2020 issue is due by

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH Please submit all

announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

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and relevant, it will be

included in the next issue.

January 2020 **Meeting**

Story and photos by Runner Staff



January Community Meeting at Ak-Chin Service Center was a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events and projects for the Community, such as the Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan project, Safety program, Census 2020 and maintenance issues.

After opening the from Chairman Robert Miguel, Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith provided his monthly updates, including community events that will be coming out. He began talking about the Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan, sharing "we have some outreach surveys that are going out or should be out currently." It will be available online and in the Runner. A meeting was also set with the elders to walk them through the survey.

Bart said the community is looking at demographics of the area, and focus on the workforce support that currently exists and what will be needed in the future. The community performed an assessment for the work force, and in

2030 it projected that the population will increase to 90,000 in the area. He also pointed out that the city of Maricopa has very little areas designated for commercial or business development. So, the community is preparing to take advantage of the growth opportunities and place those businesses at Ak-Chin Circle.

He also talked about the utility assessment being conducted within the airport area. Stressing are expensive assessments that needed in order for future development. He posed questions on whether the community will provide their own services, "or are we going to link up with some of those utility (services) out there," such as Global Water and Century Link.

Cliff Myers, Ak-Chin Safety Director provided an update on TOSHA and Community Safety. Ak-Chin's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) established in 2014 by the tribe. Everyone who works within Ak-Chin is

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under Ak-Chin's TOSHA

Chairman Miguel speaks to MWMS



Chairman Robert Miguel, along with Maricopa Wells Principal Thad Miller, enjoy conversation with Ak-Chin middle school students.

Story and photos by Runner Staff

On February 6, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel afternoon spent the speaking to Ak-Chin students at Maricopa Wells Middle School.

"After meeting with Faith Batopis - Ak-Chin Middle School Advisor, we both thought that it would be a great idea for students from the Community to hear from leadership and to stress the importance of education and how they each are important to the Community."

Miguel spoke with grade levels 6-8, in separate sessions about community departments, as well as the history

of Ak-Chin, what it

looked like before they

were born, family and relationships.

"Something that I was excited to see was how excited they got when they realized how closely related they were to one another. They also were interested in knowing how and who MPA park was named after. I got a kick out of asking them if they knew who I was. Most knew, but the rest knew me as 'Stella's Dad!""

Chairman said it was great to see the students open up and questions and hopes to have another session at the middle school, with coordination on future sessions at the high school and elementary.

Community Derby Grande Opening



Casa Grande Big House Bombers, along with city council officials and youth celebrate the grand opening of Casa Grande Roller Derby.

Story and photos by R. Peters

February 8, was a very special and emotional day for the Casa Grande Roller Derby Big House Bombers team, as they celebrated their ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Casa

Grande Roller Derby.

League founder and president Kelli Brown shared their story of working hard to renovate the old Cougar stadium, a 501c3 non-profit and

only roller derby league in Pinal County, as she also shared the league's mission, "Empowering local women through roller derby, serving the community as a team."

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identified in the 2013 Ak-Chin Public Use and Commercial Area Master Plan have come to fruition or are in the process of being developed. But there is more work to be done and we need your input.

Take the Survey Today Please complete the Public Survey for the Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update and tell us what types of services, retail, restaurants, and entertainment needs you

Take the online survey at: https://AkChinCircleMP.typeform.com/to/N9Kvvn DEADLINE: February 29, 2020



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CREATIVE LEARNING



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Maricopa High School Awards Ceremony 2019-2020

February Maricopa High School held an award ceremony students that have excelled in their academics. 13 students from the Ak-Chin Community received certificates.

Maria **Peters** and Daimon Ugalde – Class 2023 Academic **Excellence**: Awarded to the scholars who maintain an unweighted GPA of 4.0 for traditional coursework, or for AP/ Honor students a 4.0 GPA plus 3.5 unweighted GPA. Students received an academic varsity letter the first year of the award.

Aaliyah Alvarez and Saul Ruelas, Jr. – Class 2023 **Academic**

Achievement: Awarded a 3.0 unweighted GPA to scholars who maintain unweighted GPA of 3.8-3.99 or for AP/ Honor students a 3.8-4.0 weighted GPA plus a 3.0 unweighted GPA.

Haylee Delma, Celeste Gloria, Nicole Narcia, and Kaylan Peters -Class of 2023 Honor Roll: Awarded scholars who maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, or for AP/ Honor students a 3.5-3.79 weighted GPA plus a 3.0 unweighted GPA.

Eliza Santiago – Class Academic 2022 **Achievement**: Awarded to scholars who maintain unweighted GPA of 3.8-3.99 or for AP/ Honor students a 3.8-4.0 weighted GPA plus

for three cumulative semesters.

Isaiah Peters - Class 2021 **Academic** Achievement: Awarded to scholars who maintain unweighted **GPA** of 3.8-3.99 or for AP/ Honor students a 3.8-4.0 weighted GPA plus a 3.0 unweighted GPA for five cumulative semesters.

Desiree Bernal, Reginald Delores, and **Evone Santiago – Class** of 2021 Honor Roll: Awarded to scholars who maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, or for AP/Honor students a 3.5-3.79 weighted GPA plus a 3.0 unweighted GPA for five cumulative semesters.



Aaliyah Alvarez, Academic **Achievement**



Celeste Gloria, Honor Roll



Daimon Ugalde, **Academic** Excellence



Isaiah Peters, **Academic Achievement**



Kaylan Peters, Honor Roll



Maria Peters, Academic Excellence



Desiree Bernal, **Honor Roll**



Eliza Santiago, Academic **Achievement**



Haylee Delma, Honor Roll



Nicole Narcia, **Honor Roll**



Reginald Delores, Honor Roll



Saul Ruelas Jr, Academic **Achievement**

Level Up to Healthy Eating

Story and Photo by J. Peters Legacy Traditional School hosted their annual science fair on February 11. The research and dedication put into these projects would not go unnoticed, as science enthusiasts stood at the doors waiting for the school to allow them to take a look at all the creative displayed projects.

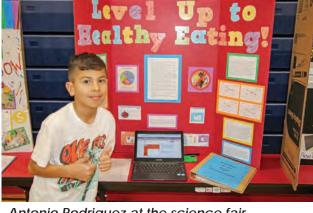
Inside the school gymnasium students presented their projects to a variety of people who attended the fair. Among the masses was Antonio Rodriguez.

Antonio created computer game to combat childhood diabetes. game His "Level up to Healthy Eating" created educate to aid and everyone on the serious medical condition that



Many people stopped by to try out Antonio's game.

PRESENTED BY



Antonio Rodriguez at the science fair.

is affecting millions of children in the United States. It is striving to teach kids at an early age to have healthier eating habits that will be carried through until adulthood.

Antonio created game in Scratch (a free programing site creators to make their own games, animations and interactive stories) that will teach players to make healthy decisions when conflicted with choosing the right foods that will benefit the chances of winning the game. Antonio chose to make a game due to youths being more in tune with playing video/computer games. Creating something they can relate and understand will increase the awareness of healthy

living to children.

His project gained a lot of attention at the fair from both children and adults. Many stopped by to hear the pitch of how to stop childhood obesity and also to play the game and see if they could become the healthiest gamer in the room.

Antonio would like to say "Thank you to Mr. Matt from the Ak-Chin Library and my cousin Cecily Peters for teaching me how to code and helping me with any questions I had."

Attending the coding program at the library inspired Antonio create his own game, using all the lessons he has learned from the library staff.

Art for the Heart works for charitable cause

Story and Photo by Runner Staff

On February 15, the City of Maricopa and Maricopa High School held their second annual Art for the Heart event at Maricopa Coppersky Lake.

The Art and Fine Crafts Festival was organized by Maricopa High School's graphic and design program to bring art and community together for a good cause; raising funds for the American Heart Association; as well as helping the students grow their creativity.

This charitable event

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Eliza Santiago a member of the program displays her artwork "Famous Youtubers", which was sold at the festival.

not only brought out young student artists with displays of their amazing works of art; it also allowed for local artists

> to showcase and sell their talented creative works at their booths.

Art for the Heart shared a few photos

on their fb as well as a thank you, "We would like to thank our staff and volunteers who made this incredible festival possible! We could not have done any of this without every single (one) of you. Many thanks to NHS and Maricopa High School's Graphic Art & Design Program."

Valentine Cake Pops



On February 13th a special decorating session was happening in the library multipurpose room, as a handful of people were learning to decorate yummy cake pops. Just in time for the Valentine holiday the library provided a free and easy solution for getting that special someone a tasty treat. All decorations and baked goods were provided by library staff.



PINAL COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

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Must have a Ak-Chin Library card in good standing

roller-skates.

Big House Bomber skaters April "May Dismember" Stovall and Corinna "Chachi Patron" Velasco-Ivancovich were elated to join the Casa Grande Big House Bombers, having transferred from the Arizona Roller Derby League. "Casa Grande is closer to home for us. We both live in Maricopa and work at Ak-Chin. I also graduated from High School in Casa Grande." April shared.

April also talked about he comradery and respect that attracted both she and Corrina to the league as well as their contributions to the community. Skating for about 5 years April truly appreciates the roller derby game. "It has been one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have ever done in my life. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that our community.... including Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, Casa Grande, and all of Pinal County supports our sport."

April, who has worked at Harrah's Ak-Chin for over 20 years, is also the business manager for the league and sits on the Board of Directors. Corrina has been skating for over 15 years, and also works as a deli-clerk for Vekol Market.

Both shared their desire to have their story in the Runner, as "Ak-Chin holds a special place in our hearts."

CGRD's competitive Big House Bombers, will utilize their new home at 798 N. Picacho Ave, as a practice facility and meeting place.

They also have plans on growing their sponsorships within community; the which Harrah's includes Ak-Chin Casino Resort; and encouraging an all-ages children's skating fitness program and co-ed noncompetitive skating.

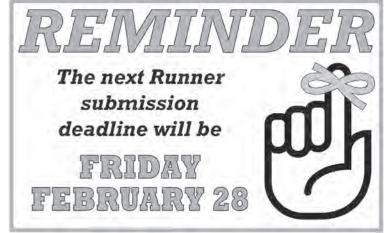
Casa Grande Roller Derby recently gave a shout out on their FB page to Harrah's for their support, "We would like to do our final sponsor spotlight for the week and give a HUGE shoutout and Thank

you to Harrah's Ak-Chin for their generous donation to CGRD. Companies like yours that support organizations like ours, helps us to continue to give back in our community. Sponsorships like vours. MATTER to our success!! Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated!!"

They also shared Harrah's FB page and added, "If you havent "liked" their Facebook page

yet, you should check them out. Support businesses that support your community!!"

If you would like to catch the Big House Bombers in action, their next home game will be at Pinal County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 512 S. Eleven Mile Corner Rd., on March 7th. Game starts at 7pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.









CGRD have settled into their new home.



An inside look at Casa Grande Roller Derby facility.

ATTENTION:

ENROLLED AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOM YET TO ENROLL THEIR CHILD(REN)

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FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

18 19 20 21 23 25 26 27 28

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Gathering held at

the Service Center, 6-8PM Community Meeting held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION Flder Center 520-568-1760

Center Hours Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM Lunch 12 noon **Transportation**

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*Needs to be signed up to

be 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, 10:00-10:45am. Children 0-5 ONLY & PARENT MUST BE PRESENT.

LIBRARY HOURS

Saturday-12PM-4PM Sunday-Closed **RECREATION INFORMATION**

Monday – Friday – 8AM-6PM

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

ELDER CENTER

FFBRUARY 4 Egg Day & Movie Day

FEBRUARY 5 Diabetes 1 Presentation

w/Health Ed @ 12:15 PM FEBRUARY 6

BIA Elders Valentine Tea Party 11 AM to 1 PM

FEBRUARY 8 30th Annual Heard Museum World

Championship Hoop Dance Contest Pick up Starts 7 AM

FEBRUARY 10 Angel Care Home Health w/Erin Kariuki 12:15 pm

FEBRUARY 11 Wheelchair/Walker Repair Service Center 1 PM to 4 PM

> FEBRUARY 12 Diabetes 2 Presentation

w/Health Ed @ 12:15 PM FEBRUARY 13

Master Plan Ak-Chin Circle Area Elder Input Presentation 12:15 PM

FEBRUARY 14 Valentine Party Elder Center with Special Guest 11 AM

FEBRUARY 17 Center Closed

> FEBRUARY 18 Egg Day

Bones & Muscles for Healthy Aging w/ Health Ed @ 12:15 PM FEBRUARY 19 Movie Day

FEBRUARY 20 Education Presentation Higher Education /

GED Program 12:15 PM FEBRUARY 21

Elder Check Day

FEBRUARY 24

Goodwill Shopping Leaving @ 9 AM

FEBRUARY 25

Caregiver Event Uplifting the Caregiver Journey Scottsdale 9 AM to 2:30 PM

FEBRUARY 26

Caregiver First Aide Elder Center 1 PM

FEBRUARY 27

HEALTH EDUCATION



FEBRUARY 4

ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 11

ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 14 ZUMBA 7-8 pm

> FEBRUARY 16 ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 18 ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 21

ZUMBA 7-8 pm FEBRUARY 23

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ZUMBA 7-8 pm **FEBRUARY 28** ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 30 ZUMBA 7-8 pm



LIBRARY FEBRUARY 1

Japan Pop* 12pm-2pm

FEBRUARY 3 Board Game Night (LIFE)

2:30pm -5:00pm **FEBRUARY 4** Elder Coloring*, 9am-10am Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

FEBRUARY 5 Baby Time!*, 10:30-11:00am MESSY ART, 1:00pm-3:00pm Game Hacker*, 4:30pm-6pm

FEBRUARY 6

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

Elder Crafts & Lego 11:00am-12:00pm VIDEO GAME HANGOUT

FEBRUARY 7

3:00pm-5:30pm LEGO ROBOTS 4:00pm **FEBRUARY 8** Movie Club* 9:30am - 4:00pm FEBRUARY 10 GREEN SCREEN DAY

12:30pm-3:00pm

(Take a photo with your celebrity crush) **FEBRUARY 11** V-Day Cake Pops (KIDS ONLY PROGRAM)

1:00pm-4:00pm

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm **FEBRUARY 12**

Baby Time! 10:30-11:00am Crazy Elephant Toothpaste 1:00pm-3:00pm Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm

> V-Day Cake Pops (ADULTS ONLY PROGRAM) 12:30pm-2:00pm

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm **FEBRUARY 14** Adult V-Day SLIME 12pm-2pm

FEBRUARY 13

Kids V-Day SLIME 2pm-4pm Library Closes @ 5pm FEBRUARY 15 - 17 Library Closed

FEBRUARY 18 Elder Coloring*, 9am-10am CANDY SUSHI 2:00pm-4:00pm

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm **FEBRUARY 19** Baby Time! 10:30-11:00am

Nailea It´ 2:00pm-5:00pm

Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm **FEBRUARY 20**

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

FEBRUARY 21 Elder Crafts & Lego 11am-12pm

Family Storytime 5:30pm-6:30pm FEBRUARY 22 - Japan Pop*, 12pm-2pm

FEBRUARY 25

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm FEBRUARY 26

Baby Time! 10:30-11:00am

"National Pistachio Day" Celebration 12:30pm-2:30pm Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm **FEBRUARY 27**

Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm **FEBRUARY 28**

PARKS &

"National Pokémon Day" Celebration 2:00pm-5:00pm LEGO ROBOTS 4:00pm



RECREATION FEBRUARY 1 Open Gym 11am –3pm

9-12 Basketball League FEBRUARY 3

Open Gym 8am –2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm Mini Basketball Practice 6pm-8pm

Elder Gym time 9am to 11am FEBRUARY 4 Open Gym 8am-2pm

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FEBRUARY 6 Open Gym 8am to 2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30pm

Gym Closed 5pm-8pm (Pending) Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 7 Open Gym 8am to 5pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 8 Open Gym 11am-3pm

FEBRUARY 9 9-12 Basketball League WK 2

FEBRUARY 10 Open Gym 8am -2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm Mini Basketball Practice 6pm-8pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

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Elder Gym time 9am to 11am FEBRUARY 12 Open Gym 8am –2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm

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

Mini Basketball League WK 1 Elder Gym time 9am to 11am **FEBRUARY 13**

Gym Closed Mats Down For Elder

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine Elder Chair Volleyball **Tournament**

FEBRUARY 15 - Open Gym 11am –3pm **FEBRUARY 16**

9-12 Basketball League WK 3

FEBRUARY 17 - GYM CLOSED

FEBRUARY 18 Open Gym 8am-2pm

Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm

9-12 Basketball

Elder Gym time 9am to 11am FEBRUARY 19 Open Gym 8am-2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm

Mini Basketball League WK 2

Elder Gym time 9am to 11am FEBRUARY 20

Open Gym 8am-2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm 9-12 Basketball Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 21 Open Gym 8am-5pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 22 - Open Gym 11am-3pm

FEBRUARY 24

FEBRUARY 23 9-12 Basketball League WK 4

Open Gym 8am –2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm

Mini Basketball Practice 6pm-8pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 25

Open Gym 8am-2pm Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm 9-12 Basketball Practice 5pm-6:30pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

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Mini Basketball League WK 3 Elder Gym time 9am to 11am FEBRUARY 27 Open Gym 8am-2pm

Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm 9-12 Basketball Practice 5pm-6:30pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

> FEBRUARY 28 Open Gym 8am-5pm Elder Gym time 9am to 11am

FEBRUARY 29 - Open Gym 11am-3pm

Chin's jurisdiction for employee safety. "It is the best thing we did for the community by having a safety program." Says Cliff.

discussed relationship with the federal government, and their expectations, as well as his ability to give citations and work with all the companies that come into the community for construction.

"We have a good relationship with pretty much every company that came out and worked on the community... We are getting what we want out of the Job Safety and Health without becoming a necessary burden for companies and business here. Now they come and invite me out to (inspect) and talk to their people. Harrah's actually invites me to come and do training for

Cliff went over the different types of citations and penalties. He also talked about working with the different community departments and about the Safety departments that they have been involved in.

their employees."

He also shared the history and responsibilities of the Safety Committee, providing such as safety standouts for the community and farm employees. "Just a good way for a part of the day to emphasize safety here in the community, and to let everybody know we want to get their feedback."

Safety department also does outreach; car seat

TOSHA checkup events and safety checks for youth programs, community and department activities. "I'm everywhere during Masik Tas."

> Dorissa Garcia, Enrollment Coordinator, along with Vanessa Soliz. Enrollment Technician, was next to provide her department update. "We have a 1,125 enrolled membership as of January 2020," she began. Stressing to the member that its hard to sometimes get the parents to enroll their children or provide proper documentation for enrollment.

Dorissa then introduced Debi Nalwood, who would be doing a presentation on Census "I 2020. am the specialist partnership so that is my position." Debi began. "For those who don't know, Census wants to hire Native American people for the

Debi shared that she works from home, as she takes care of the Southern Arizona area and is based out of Tucson.

2020 census."

She oversees seven tribes; Tohono O'odham, Pascua Yaqui, Gila River, Ak-Chin, San Carlos Apache, Colorado River Indian Tribe and Cocopah. They have a northern worker who works with the northern tribes in Arizona, one dedicated to metro-Phoenix area and one person who is in charge of Navajo Nation, that spreads over three states.

She talked about the roles and responsibilities for Census workers, "It's in the Constitution we are to count the population of all of the United States and to determine what the economy is... We give data to the states, we give data to the counties, and we give data to tribes."

The Census is conducted every ten years, and they have survey handouts, mailings and this year they will also have the survey available online.

"Only ten questions if it's just one person it should take about ten minutes. If you have a larger household, probably take a little longer. What we have found is that when people are doing the survey themselves... it's the best data we can get."

Before ending Debi promoted that they are still hiring members from the seven tribes and stressed completing the census flyer.

"When your tribal leaders are trying to write these grants to the governments, they've got to use the census data for Ak-Chin... Once we do this collection, we give that data to the president in December 2020 then we give it to the states as well. Tribal leaders have access as well."

The last presenter of the evening was Steven Ruelas, Ak-Chin Maintenance director, who shared a few things with the membership.

The first was submitting a work request, which Steve stressed needs to go through Ak-Chin Housing and then sent to Maintenance. Next,



Steve Ruelas -Maintenance Director

he talked about the on-

call work order process, which is established calling Ak-Chin Dispatch, at 520-568-1200. The on-call is for emergencies during the weekend or afterhours. He pointed out for members to be sure to leave a contact number when calling in for maintenance. "That way my tech can give you a call and get prepared for the issue when he gets to your house."

Steve also shared that when his workers respond to calls, there have been instances when, "Nobody answers their door," which can be timely, as he has techs coming in from Casa Grande to as far away as Scottsdale. Emergency situations include; gas leaks, unsecured door or power issues.

Another thing Steven went over was water damage. "Water damage has to be the number one costly issue that we see. That leak under the sink, if that leak is not seen soon enough, we're talking about two to three thousand to fix. Same thing with vanities in the bathrooms. You got a small hole give us a call right away.

He again stressed the need to have a phone number to call back, as he also shared how some are afraid to call in a maintenance order, for fear they will get charged. "I know all of people don't call because they are afraid that they are going to get charged. It is our responsibly to get there and take care of it. That's the reason do community inspections, but it's up to the people to call in the issue and take care of it."

Steve shared a couple more bits of information before ending; replacing with LED lighting, and replacing the older A/C units, "we got to get those off roofs cause pretty soon we won't be able to find parts. So, we are going after that this year."

Councilmembers share their updates. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, Ak-Chin Service Center, 6pm.



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





Ak-Chin Health and Human Services

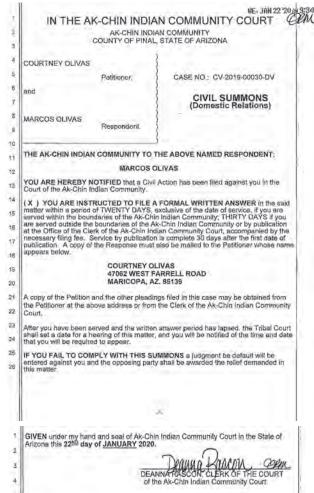


When: Please call to arrange start date.
Where: Conference Room (48227W. Farrell Road Maricopa, Arizona 85139) Contact: Health & Human Services at (520) 568-1093)

CASE NO.: CV-2019-00030-DV

CIVIL SUMMONS (Domestic Relations)

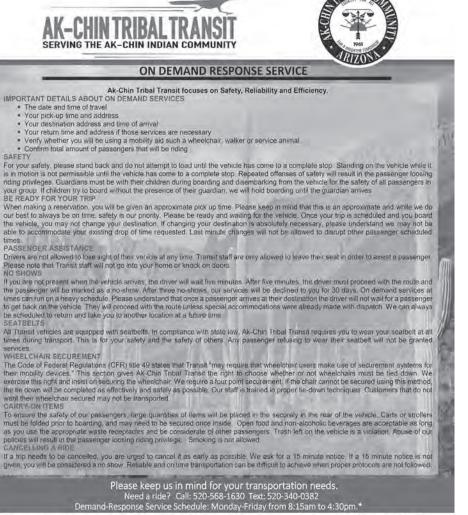
The goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offer additional tools and techniques for parenting." Community members, Residents, and Employees are welcome to participate!"* For more information contact; Lynne Houston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health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



interior lighting

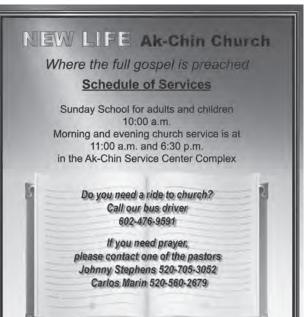
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Demand-response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial and government addresses located within a five-mile radius of Community boundaries. Without exception, ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE EITHER A PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF a two-mile radius or Community boundaries. Without exception, ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE ETHER A PICK-UP OR OXFO-DE-LOCATION WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY. Our demand-response service is a reservation based system which operates on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance cof your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 8.00am to 5:00pm. You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.

*Ak-Chin Tribal Transit generally does not operate on holidays recognized by the Ak-Chin Indian Community



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

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon February 23 - Fr. Antony Tinker March 1 - Fr. John Hannigan March 8 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

<u>Ash Wednesday, 7am</u> February 26 - Fr. Antony Tinker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21, 10am

CCOE Meeting - St. Mary's Basilica Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle

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

(520) 568-3700 or (602) 717-3761.

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 45525 West Famell Road Maricopa, AZ 85139 Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1388 COURTNEY OLIVAS CASE NO,: CV-2019-00030-DV Petitioner, CIVIL SUMMONS

MARCOS OLIVAS Respondent THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:

13 **MARCOS OLIVAS**

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before this

Court in the above entitled matter on the 8th of April, 2020, at 10:00 AM for a Preliminary Hearing. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR AT THE TIME AND DATE SET FOR THE

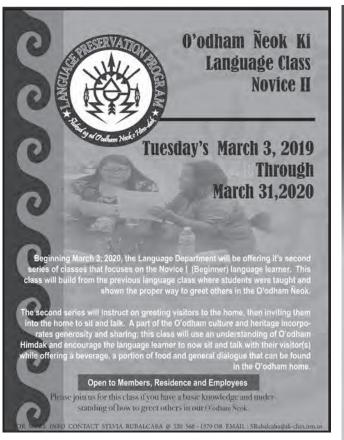
HEARING A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST THE RESPONDENT AND THE PETITIONER MAY BE GRANTED THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE PETITION OR THE PETITION MAY BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE OF THE PETITIONER TO APPEAR. GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State

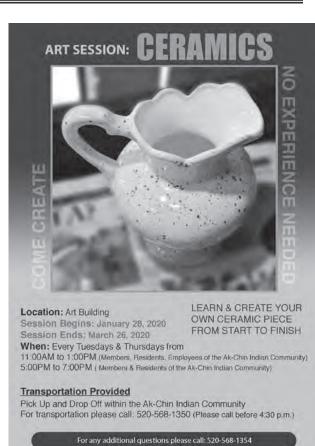
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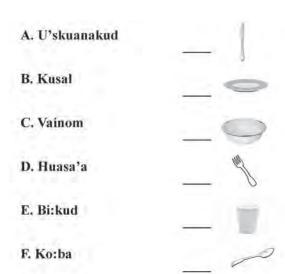


"Things we use to eat with"

We hope you enjoyed the last insert that focused on "Things we use to eat with." We challenge you to use the information you learned in our last insert to complete the matching game below.

When finished, cut out the matching game, fill in the information and drop off at the Language Building to enter our monthly drawing! Have fun and good luck!

ACTIVITY



25TH ANNUAL O'ODHAM UNITY RUN MARCH 8-14, 2020

RELAY RUN THROUGH ONK AKIMEL, KE:LI AKIMEL, AK CHIN, TOHONO O'ODHAM

- . TO UNITE, PRESERVE, STRENGTHEN, OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONS.
- . TO INSTILL THE TRADITION OF RUNNING AND RESPECT THROUGH THE TEACHING OF OUR HIMDAG (WAY OF LIFE)
- · RUNNERS, SINGERS, DANCERS, STORYTELLERS, ELDERS, LEADERS, SUPPORTERS,
- O'ODHAM (PEOPLE), AND YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE,

UNITY RUN CONTACTS:

SALT RIVER: MELDON FULWILDER 520-474-1866 GILA RIVER: PAM THOMPSON 480-721-0939 AK CHIN: HENRY GARCIA 520-568-1068 TOHONO OʻODHAM: AMY JUAN 520-993-0964

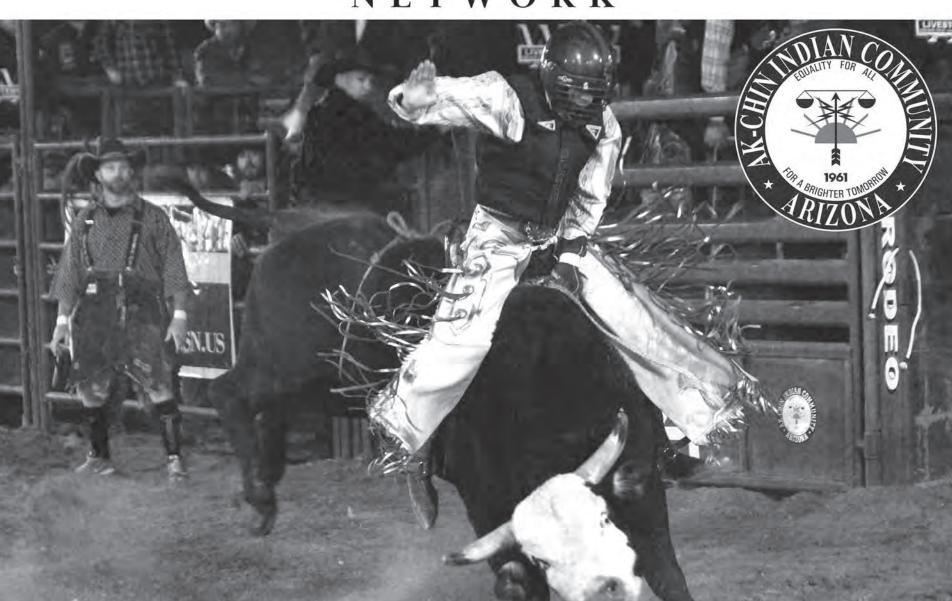
WYNONA LARSON 520-993-6932

ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT!

ABSOLUTELY NO: IPODS, CELL PHONES, CD PLAYERS, ELECTRONIC GAMES & GADGETS, GANG RELATED ATTIRE OR WEAPONS, SUPPORT, DONATIONS, FOOD OR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

COWBOY LIFESTYLE

NETWORK



The Cowboy Lifestyle Network is the Online Western Enthusiast Social Hub. A comunity that pursues the western lifestyle and lives the cowboy ideal.



6-8 year-olds have fun in Mini Basketball League



Daniel Estrada and Michael Gonzalez fight for the ball.

One of the most entertaining and exciting things to watch is young kids playing basketball. The 6-8 year-olds look like they

are having so much fun.

Ak-Chin teams Thunder, Gold Dust, CC Squad and Black Mamba are joined by other teams such as Gila River Bulldogs, Copa Force, Lil Natives and CB Ballerz.

The league is held every Sunday afternoon for five weeks with three weeks to go, Feb 23, March 1 and March 8.

Come on out and see these kids

MWMS Girls Basketball makes playoffs

Story by Runner Staff Photo submitted by Gloria Martinez



Congratulations Maricopa Wells Middle School basketball team as they win their last game of the season to make the playoffs! Proud mama Gloria Martinez shared the pic on FB as well as stats for her daughter

Carrieanna Villareal, as did grandma Girlie Romo for her granddaughter Teagan Delma.

Ak-Chin is very proud to have 6 girls who helped the Panthers make it to the playoffs; including Carrieanna, Teagan,

Kylie Gardner, Mylauni Antone, Joanna Acosta and Taylor Santiago.

Mark your calendars Ak-Chin, as playoffs games are February 25 and March 3 at 430p, at Maricopa Wells Middle School.



Story and photos by J. Peters

Holy cannoli what a game! The Sequoia Pathway Pumas and the Heritage Academy Heroes went toe to toe in an electrifying match on February 2nd.

The varsity game drew in a packed house of family and fans, filling in the bleachers of the Ak-Chin gymnasium. Showing their support for the young players, the building was shaking from all the cheering going on, and could be heard from the outside. The teams were equally matched in terms of talent and athleticism.



Jose Miguel Jr. makes the free throw shot.

It ended with a squeaker of a game with the Pumas score 91 and Heroes with 93. Losing by just two points the

Pathway Puma boys were very

emotional after a match well

played. Heritage Academy

erupted in exhilaration as their

team took home the rivalry win

of the night in a hail of cheers.

Pathway Academy and Heritage

Academy met once more for identical match, playing in the CAA quarterfinal. Played on their home turf the Pumas met the end of an exciting season with a jaw dropping last game that ended in an 18-point loss

to Heritage Academy.



Rex Andaverde goes rushes in to take the ball.



Ak-Chin Gold Dust



Ak-Chin Thunder



Ak-Chin CC Squad

ATTENTION

Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them to be featured in future editions of the Runner, Please let us know!

Email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: (520)-568-1375





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Andrew's de-

stew dish.

constructed rabbit

Andrew taking care of business.

caramelized onions and a demi sauce made from a rabbit stock. Many attendees came back for seconds and thirds, with some saying that they haven't had rabbit cooked like this before.

As the night went on, the dishes were so popular that plates and cups were scarce and had to be restocked, much to the delight of chefs.

"At this point, I'm all out of plates, I'm all out of food," said Humeyumptewa as he took a moment to gather himself. "So, I think tonight has been an over all success in my books."

When asked what the dish means to him, Humeyumptewa says, "For me, it's stepping outside of my comfort zone, doing something new, and remembering what my culture is, what traditional means to us. And even though I haven't had rabbit in years, it still brings back memories of my culture and childhood."

The other three chefs were stationed near each other inside the museum

Ak-Chin represents at Arizona **Indian Festival in Scottsdale**



Left: Ak-Chin Ba'ban Kehina Dance Group displays their beautiful basket dances for Arizona Indian Festival attendees.

Below: Ak-Chin basket weaver Sally Antone and events community planner Henry Garcia enjoy the shade.



Dwayne Antone and family show off his artwork.







AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

HEY VOTERS!

I'm Phil the Ballot -Did you know only registered Democrats can vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Election on March 17th?

Let's meet up at

BeBallot READY .vote

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:







FOR VOICE INFO, CALL 602-506-1511

for a weekend full of wild action-packed events, carnival fun, Native arts and culture.

The Carnival opened on Friday, February 14 and continued to February Sunday, The O'odham 23. Tash Rodeo kicked off a two-day event starting February 15 that featured, bareback and bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing,

horse roping and much more. A softball tournament and traditional toka tournament was also held that weekend.

Mike The Cervi Memorial Roping and Ranch Rodeo was held the following week.

Pony express riders handdelivered invitations for the Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash to cities in Pinal County,

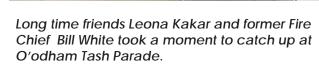
races, during the first week of February. They made a stop to hand deliver an invitation to the City of

Maricopa on February 6 and delivered to Ak-Chin Farms-Headquarters on Friday, February 7, 2020.



2020 Little Mister and Miss Ak-Chin ride in the O'odham Tash parade.







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Chairman Robert Miguel was thanked by Casa Grande Council member Dick Powell (left) and Mayor Craig McFarland as he received a buckle on behalf of 2020 Cowboy Days and O'odham Tash.



Charles Justin attempts to rope a steer during the guad roping on Saturday, February 15.



The Pony Express comes to Ak-Chin headquarters.



Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco Museum 29th Annual Celebration

Date: April 4, 2020 Time: 8:00AM - 1:00PM Location: Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco Museum

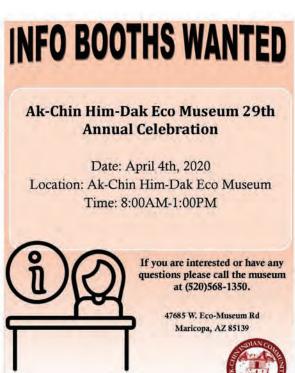
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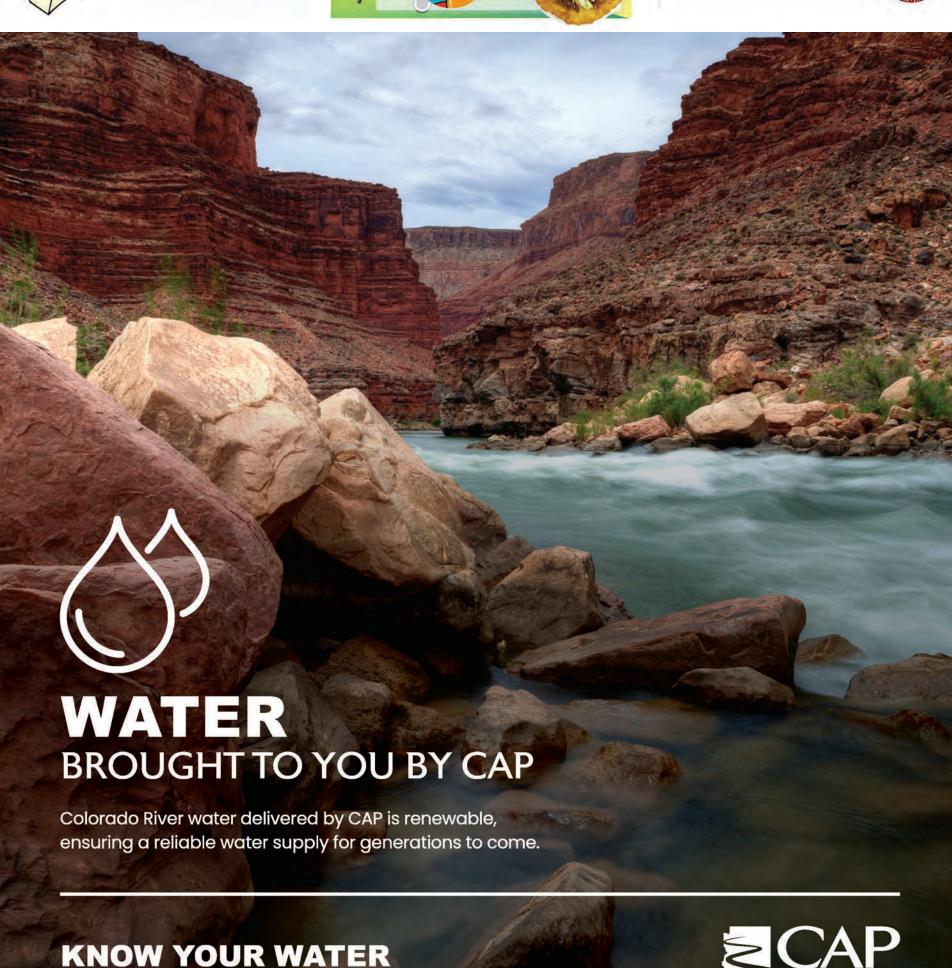


If you are interested or have any uestions please call the museum at (520)568-1350.

> 47685 W. Eco-Museum Rd Maricopa, AZ 85139







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

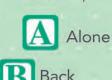
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when sleeping in an adult bed rather than a crib, where would you put your baby to sleep tonight?



Practice The ABCs of Safe Sleep:





Employee Update

Rebecca

Bowen ... Graphic Artist

Ak-Chin O'odham

Runner

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





Happy 3rd Birthday Lil Joe, Your aunties and cousin love you to the

moon and back mijo! ~ Bri, Ces & Oliver Peters

Happy birthday to my daughter Rebecca Alvarez and may God bless you. ~ From your Mom

Happy birthday Unique Santiago. You're my little sweet girl.

Happy birthday Joe Love and miss you very much!

~ Auntie Frasia

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jose, Norbert, gr., Junior, Alexander, Cayden and Pante and to my granddaughters Kylie and Emma

~ Love, Grandma



ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES Protect Our FUTURE

Use child safety seats on every ride.

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.



- 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 seat. Traditional carriers do not keep
- Always wearing a seat belt when below your belly. Place the shoulder the back, under the arm, or across

Employee Birthdays

Maintenance

2/27 Jesse Tyrone Calugcugan, Law & Order

Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, Finance Christina Diaz, TGA Raymond Whitman, Transit

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Errol Blackwater, EPD Alyssa Joaquin, Vekol

Wilma Antone-Frausto, Early Childhood Harry Grizzle, Law & Order

John Janzen, Capital Projects

Gabriel Lopez, Vice-Chairman

Getting help installing a car or booster

- safety technician.
- safest for children.
- front seat.
- (such as cradleboards) in place of a car children safe in cars or trucks.
- pregnant. Be sure to wear the lap belt belt across your chest-never behind the stomach.

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Rebecca Alvarez, IS

PAVILION

March - July 2020 Concert Schedule

- March 28th—Zac Brown Band: The Owl Tour
- May 31st—Maroon 5
- June 1st—Journey with Pretenders
- June 10th— Alanis Morissette w/ special guest Garbage & also appearing Liz Phair
- June 20th—Chicago With Rick Springfield
- July 23rd—Ozzy Osbourne: No More Tours 2
- July 23rd— Ozzy Osbourne: Meet & Greet Packages

AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Accountant Archaeologist
- Communications Officer
- Detention Officer Certified Detention Officer –
- Non-Certified • Driver -Sanitation

Police Commander

- Police Officer Certified • Police Officer - Non-Certified

Ak-Chin Members Only

- Art Technician
- Cultural Resources Specialist

Open to Enrolled

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITYONE (1) VACANCY OPEN FOR THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES Open to Ak-Chin Community Members only

All interested parties who wish to be considered for appointment for the one (1) vacancy on the Ak-Chin Energy Services, must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Administration Office.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES:

- Regulates and oversees all areas of power and electric utility sources and services of the Ak-Chin Indian
 - tain and expand electric utility services within the community
- To study and investigate the feasibility of acquiring, operating, and maintaining other electric utility
- QUALIFICATIONS: The Community Council is looking for individuals with the following qualifications:
- Must have the ability and willingness to learn and understand the Electric Power Industry. Experience working in a business environment and the ability to learn and understand business
- practices is preferred, but notrequired. Must have sufficient education and/or experience to make sound judgments.

Must be able to attend board meetings and functions at various scheduled times and at least on a

- All community members who apply must provide written authorization from their
- immediate Supervisors allowing them to serve on the board. 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

Deadline for all letters of interest is Friday, February 28, 2020 at 5:00pm



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and were assisted by the San in line." Carlos High School Culinary & Hospitality students.

Judges of the event made their rounds and had a chat with Andrew as he had a chance to share his story with them.

While waiting for the judges' results, HDS supervisor Erica Manuel said that regardless of who wins the event, Andrew is a winner. "Andrew came up with the idea of the dish, he knew how he wanted to present and prepare it. He seasoned it perfectly and it just all came together on that plate," she said. "He owned this opportunity with the executive chefs. They were his assistants tonight, all under his direction and supervision. It was executed flawlessly, and that was measured by the number of people getting back

Contestants, family and attendees gathered inside for the final words. Miss Indian Arizona Audriana Mitchell gave a blessing of the event and now the time came to announce the winner.

With the chefs being judged on the ancestral food knowledge, storytelling, why they chose the dish, presentation and taste, the judges shouted out, "Andrew!"

Overcome with emotions and flanked by HDS associates, family and longtime supporter Councilmember Lisa Garcia, Andrew was brought to joyful tears of relief and embraced many hugs.

"To even lead this kind of dish and create it myself, I can't

help but feel so immensely proud and so happy. At the same time, nerves are going through my entire body and I can't help but smile," says Humeyumptewa.

"We were very impressed with the dedication and heart included in Andrew's dish," says Lazos Ferns.

Andrew's next step in HDS

is to continue to refine his culinary skills and is currently in his internship with Chop, Block & Brew at Harrah's Ak-Chin. Coming up is a culinary practical exam on Tuesday, February 25, where he creates another dish from scratch, a full course meal, for the HDS team, manager and executive



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Friday, February 21 - Thursday, March 5, 2020 Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)

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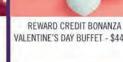
















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