



Ak-Chin Housing building gets overhaul

The time was right for an upgrade to the Ak-Chin Housing building.

Pinal Construction, LLC out of Casa Grande, took charge of the project and made some needed changes which started with the tile on the floor.

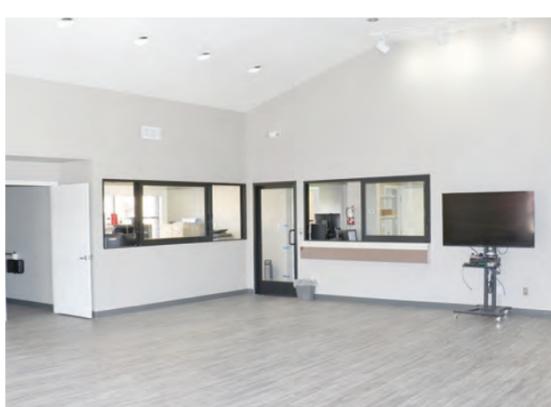
The previous tile was no longer made, so an overhaul was in order.

The changes also included a new ceiling, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, a window in the back office and an enclosed reception area

for safety reasons. Construction is now complete, with a final walkthrough on February 25.

Ak-Chin Housing Director Marlene Garcia says that she and the department are satisfied with the new look.

“Our building looks completely different and we are happy with the renovation,” she said. “A big thank you to Manny Ortega and John Rodriguez for the GREAT JOB.”



A fresh look at the bright new slick interior of the Ak-Chin Housing building.

Ak-Chin GED graduates celebrate new chapter

Story and photos by: C. Picciuolo



Ak-Chin GED graduates L to R in photo: Ashley Manuel, Marcos Santiago, Jose “Ace” Lopez, Dennis Antone, Candida Upton, Angel Hoffman and James Compton.

On February 21, 2020 the GED graduates of 2019 gathered with family, friends and previous GED graduates at Ak-Chin Service Center for a celebration of a big milestone achievement.

The star graduates of the evening were Dennis Antone, James Compton, Angel Hoffman, Jose Lopez, Ashley Manuel, Marcos Santiago and Candida Upton.

After a blessing and dinner, GED Instructor Desiree Guarino welcomed all to the event and Education Division Director Dr. Mario Molina gave the opening remarks.

According to Desiree, this was the

first year that the GED Graduation was ever held as its own independent event, separate from the Higher Education Recognition Banquet. In the past, these two events had always been combined. As a result, all of the speakers were specifically oriented to GED stories and experiences. “I was thrilled that we had four student speakers, representing four different GED graduating classes,” Guarino said.

Three student speakers shared their own stories of achievement post-GED, which included Class of 2013 Connie Alvarez, Class of 2016 Robin Vincent and Class of 2017 Bridget Carlyle. Walking in the evening’s ceremony was new

Class of 2019 graduate Ashley Manuel, who was also invited to speak after the processional.

In addition, Ak-Chin member and Harrah’s HDS Manager, Erica Manuel, shared her GED story, demonstrating that GED graduates can strive for leadership within the community and earn college degrees as well.

The Ak-Chin Ba’ban Keihina Group performed two basket dances before the processional started. Traditional graduation music was then played as graduates walked in a line to their seats, with proud families using cell phones and cameras to catch the moment.

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Pumas secure another Championship win

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo



2020 CAA Division III Champions Sequoia Pathway Pumas celebrate at center court at Talking Stick Resort Arena on February 25.

Undefeated during the regular season, the Sequoia Pathway Puma girls squad continued the momentum on the big stage at Talking Stick Resort Arena to defeat East Valley Athletes for

Christ 46-43 in a close game that kept fans at the edge of their seats.

Previously during the regular season, Sequoia Pathway was able to size up EVAC, as the

Pumas came back after a sluggish start with a strong second half to win that matchup, 43-39.

With EVAC ranked ahead of the Pumas and dominating the

CAA Division III State Tournament against Maya and Heritage Academy Gateway prior to the Championship game, Pumas knew they had to come out hungry to secure a win.

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“We knew we were going to come out here and have to fight, nobody was going to hand us anything today,” said Pathway coach Dee Estrada.

EVAC made sure that would ring true as they dominated the first quarter, starting the game with an unanswered 11-0 run, with Pumas cutting the lead in half 14-7 by the second quarter.

“They were really nervous and it showed in the first quarter,” Estrada said. “I literally stepped right in front of them on the floor and said, ‘Don’t forget this is the last time we’re stepping here together as a group. We did not work this hard the entire season to get this far to shut down now.’” The message was loud

and clear. Led by new Puma Che’leez Smith-Ralph and go-to leader Aleina Estrada, Pathway took charge by leading EVAC 23-22 at the half.

Pumas kept it close in the third quarter, trading the lead with EVAC as Coach Dee rested players for a short recharge. Ak-Chin Community member Noahli Antone saw playing time and gave a solid performance holding off EVAC on both sides of the court.

The leads continued to change in the fourth quarter, with the Pumas up 36-35 and six minutes to go. EVAC persisted and it was time for a new strategy, according to Coach Estrada.

“The strategy’s name is Aleina Estrada,” she said. “Get the ball in Aleina’s hands and she will guarantee to get those fouls and get us to the line and Aleina is an excellent free throw

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Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam welcomed at Community Gathering

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo



Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam from Gu Achi District of Tohono O'odham Nation display their Him-Dak and prayers in the form of song and dance at the February 27 Community Gathering at Ak-Chin Service Center.

The Community Gathering on February 27 at Ak-Chin Service Center was presented by Ak-Chin Language department and featured songs and dances by Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam, who are from Kaj Mek in the Gu Achi District of Tohono O'odham Nation.

Ak-Chin's Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez and Councilmember Delia Carlyle were present this evening. Lopez started the gathering with a blessing before dinner.

Enchiladas, tostadas, rice, beans and cookies were served. Youth in attendance lined up to serve their Elders first.

While finishing dinner, Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam arrived, who were invited by the Language program. Tony Lopez spoke on behalf of the group and said that they were not performing, but displaying their prayers and their Him-Dak.

The younger members of the group are the fifth and sixth generations of those who have passed on and have passed the traditions on, while the Elders of the group who are now the singers today were the dancers. With the dances and songs, there were many interpretations for the different formations. The symbols, or "lagta" the dancers carry represent the clouds, "cewag," the black

birds or swallows, "gigtwal," white birds, "tota u'uhig," geese or grey birds, "kokod," and rainbows, "kiohod."

The first part was E'eda Wopoda, which translates to "running in between," and the dances weaved in and out of patterns like clouds, rainbows, butterflies, whirl winds and wagon wheels.

According to Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam, the songs start with telling the story of where the group comes from in T.O. and ends with the journey going back home to where they started. The Sikol Keihina, or traditional "round dancing," brought the Community together holding hands in a circle at the end of the dance.

Vice Chairman Lopez joined in and later remarked, "The Keihina (dances) are also a blessing to us, it's been a long time since I danced. When I was younger, our Elders used to tell us to jump high when the beat changes and kick the dirt up. My late uncle Alonzo Lopez told me, 'you're knocking on Mother Earth's door, let her know you are here and thank her for the blessing she has given and for her healing strength.'"

He continued, "The songs, the rattle and basket drum bring healing powers, no matter what kind of day you maybe

be having. Once you hear an O'odham song, it makes all that is compressing on your life go away and takes out all the negative energy and restores it with positive energy."

Both Councilmembers present stood up and gave thanks to Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam for blessing the Community. Vice Chairman Lopez got to know Louie "Tony" Lopez and the Lopez family in the past five years of participating in the pilgrimage to Magdalena, Sonora Mexico. On their journey, Louie would tell Vice Chairman of the places that they would camp and the songs that talk about that area. This pilgrimage is also a cleansing and healing journey to him.

"In my opinion, with everything that is happening in this day, we need more songs and dances of healing," said Vice Chairman Lopez. "It is really sad what is happening to our sacred, traditional and cultural sites, all over this country. These places are where our songs and dances come from, its who we are as Indigenous people, Indigenous to the land, ITS OUR HIM-DAK!!(Way of Life)."

At the end of the gathering, Ak-Chin Language Technician Lusan Enos joined Tony Lopez and another Kaij Mek Ne'edam kc Keihindam dancer in a fun dance, a touching moment that everyone enjoyed.

Elders' Easter bunnies travel to Guatemala

Submitted by Elderly Care Supervisor Candace Allcott

The Ak-Chin Elder women visit the Elders in the Craft room. make Easter bunnies every year around this time and sell them in Ak-Chin.

Recently, they learned that one of their rabbits hopped all the way to Guatemala!

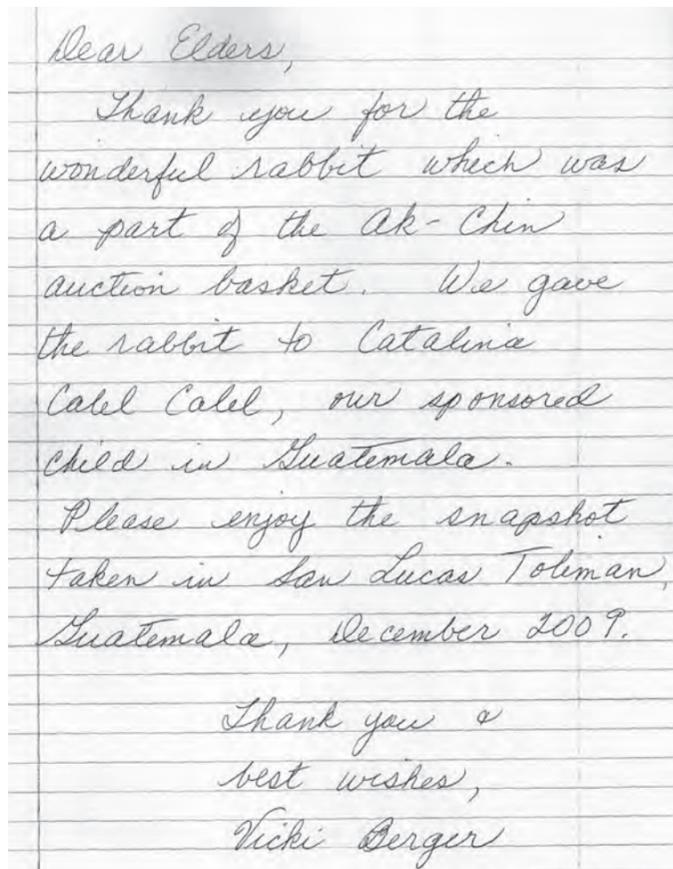
The Elders received a letter and photo from Vicki Berger who wrote of the child with the Elder's rabbit in Guatemala.

The particular bunny in the picture was in a gift basket that was auctioned off.



A smiling Guatemalan child carries her Ak-Chin Elder-made Easter bunny in December, 2009. Below, a letter sent to the Elders talking about the bunny.

The bunnies are sold for \$20 each. You can order by email or calling the Elder Center and speaking to Elderly Care Supervisor Candace Allcott or drop by the Elder Center and



Caregivers enjoy Jamboree of Joy

On February 25, Ak-Chin employees and caregivers attended the Jamboree of Joy at the Franciscan Renewal Center, in Scottsdale, for "A Gathering of those who care for their Loved Ones".

The free one-day event focused on self-care, motivation, meditation and humor, and was made possible through a generous sponsorship from AARP Arizona.

Elder Care Supervisor, Candace Allcott, Elder Care workers Sonia DePaola and Marissa Antone, and Transportation Supervisor Georgia Corella, as well as caregivers Carmen Narcia,

Wynema Miguel and Raychel Peters enjoyed the day learning about emotional health, self-reflection, resiliency and practicing "Me Time".

Georgia, Wynema and Marissa attended the "Celebrating Your Resilience Through Reflection". "Our session was based on how to cope with our stress as a caregiver through journalism." Marissa shared.

Sonia attended the "Telling our Own Stories: Faith, Trust and a Pinch of Fairy Dust" session, while Candace, Carmen and Raychel attended the mediation session, "A Voyager's Relic: Crafting Your Personal Artifact".

The last session provided much laughter, followed by a giving of door prizes.

"Jamboree of Journey was definitely an amazing experience, had me laughing the whole time, I left knowing that laughter is the main key to getting yourself through life." Marissa ended.



Elder Menu

Mar. 6 Breakfast Buffet Scrambled Eggs, Potato, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuit Gravy, Fresh Fruit Pancakes	Mar. 10 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Peas, Grapes	Mar. 12 Chicken Salad on Lettuce Black Beans & Corn Fruit Cocktail	Mar. 16 Lima Beans Beef Burrito (D) Roasted Vegetables Kale Cranberry Salad, Mixed Fruit Cups
Mar. 9 Oven Fried Chicken Sautéed Spinach Carrots, Yams/ Rolls, Cupcakes	Mar. 11 Corn Bread Pie Red Quinoa Tomato/Cucumber Salad Fresh Mixed Fruit	Mar. 13 Meatball Soup w/Vegetables Brown Rice Moon Bread Watergate Salad	Mar. 17 Beef Potato Carrot Stew Sautéed Cabbage Rolls, Cake

2020 SPRING PROGRAM

MARCH 16- 27, 2020 / 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
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Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

Material submitted after the MARCH 13TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

Larisa Rascon competes in Pinal County Spelling Bee

Submitted by: Deanna Rascon

Congratulations to Larisa Rascon, who competed in the Pinal County 57th Annual Spelling Bee on February 14, 2020 at J.O. Combs Performing Arts Center in San Tan Valley, Arizona.

nervous as I signed her in and although she fell short and was eliminated, we are still very proud of her accomplishment. She walked away with a certificate and ribbon and most of all a smile.



April 4, 2020

29th Annual Him-Dak Celebration

"Keeping our Ak-Chin i:mik strong, for future generations."

The Event will be held at the Him-Dak Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 2020

Fun Walk & Color Run
(starting at the Youth Council/Enrollment Bldg and ending at the Museum. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Wear your white t-shirt for the Color Run.)

Dance Performers
Face Painting
Information Booths
Art & Food Vendors
Bounce House
Artisan Demonstrations.

If you should have any questions please contact the Him-Dak office at: 520-568-1350



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Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Precinct 77: Ak-Chin Service Center
48227 W. Farrell Rd.
Polls open at 6 AM, and close at 7 PM

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

WHAT IS THE PPE?
Presidential Preference Election (PPE) is Arizona's opportunity to vote and let their parties know who they prefer as their presidential candidate in the upcoming General Election.

WHAT PARTY IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PPE?
The Democratic Party is the only party participating in this election.

WHAT CANDIDATES ARE ON THE BALLOT?
Official list of candidates certified to appear on Arizona's Democratic PPE ballot can be found at the Arizona Secretary of State website: <https://azsos.gov/elections/running-office/running-federal-office>

*Some candidates who have dropped out may still appear on the ballot because they dropped out after the ballot printing deadline.

What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

- respiratory illness with symptoms of
- fever
 - cough
 - shortness of breath

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?
COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China, and limited spread among close contacts has been detected in some countries outside China, including the United States. At this time, however, this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled to China. Risk of infection is dependent on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers and close contacts of people who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

What are severe complications from this virus?
Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?
The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?
Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

How does COVID-19 spread?
The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but now it seems to be spreading from person to person. It's important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some diseases are highly contagious (like measles), while other diseases are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading between people. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?
There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?
Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe

Is there a treatment?
There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CREATIVE LEARNING

March 6 - 19, 2020

GED Graduates continued from Front

Ak-Chin Councilmembers Lisa Garcia and Delia Carlyle joined Nicole Carlyle-Coester, Community Services Manager, on the stage behind the podium to greet the graduates as Guarino presented the certificates.

Pamela Velasquez, Higher Education Advisor, addressed the graduates, acknowledging that many had already transitioned into the Ak-Chin Higher Education Program. She invited the remainder of the students contact her in the near future.

Garcia, Carlyle and Carlyle-Coester gave the closing remarks.

After letting it sink in that they had their GEDs, graduates moved their tassels, got up to the middle of the room and tossed their hats in the air as all in attendance celebrated the moment.

GED graduation ceremonies for the Community have been held since February of 2014, celebrating the 25 graduates of 2013, which was Ak-Chin's largest GED graduating class ever.

"I have worked with several of the students for a few years and a couple for only a few short months. All of the seven graduates were Ak-Chin members this year, which is not always the case," says Guarino.

"We also sometimes assist residents in the program, upon Council approval. In addition, two of this year's graduates participated in Ak-Chin's Education Leave Program, which allows employees of the community to attend class during work time, upon supervisor and HR approval."

Guarino delivers a parting message for all GED

graduates:

"I would like to thank the Ak-Chin GED Class of 2019. This is the first class in my seven years with the community, in which ALL of the years' GED graduates attended the ceremony. It might have taken a little persuasion on my part, but I really appreciate that they ALL came out to celebrate with their family and friends.

Congrats again to the GED Class of 2019 and now it's time to build the Class of 2020! Who will be standing at the podium with me at graduation next year? There are over 20 students in the community who have already passed one or more subjects of the GED exam within our program. Now is the time for many of them to return to class and finish what they started. Take it one step at a time and it will happen. Just don't give up!"



Candida Upton gets a warm hug from GED Instructor Desiree Guarino.



Marcos Santiago smiles as he accepts his GED certificate.

Zachary Valles Garcia soars at Leading Edge Academy

Story and photos by J. Peters

Which water bottle would keep liquid the coldest? That was the science experiment young Zachary Valles Garcia was to demonstrate during Leading Edge Academy's Science Fair on February 26.

Using a plastic water bottle, Contigo bottle and a Hydro Flask, Zach had his containers on hand for his experiment. His hypothesis was that between the three bottles, the Hydro flask would keep the water colder longer. Zach, a fifth grader at LEA, researched the test subjects, learning about the creator of the Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottle, the first plastic bottle that was able to withstand pressure of carbonated liquids. He would then learn about Travis Rosbach and Cindy Morse who were inventors of the Hydro



Zachary Valles Garcia presents his project at the science fair.

Flask. He also learned about how Contigo in Spanish means "with you" and other various facts about the products he was testing, such as costs for Hydro Flasks, which could be up to \$300 USD and the most expensive water bottle on the market, priced at \$2,499.00.

Starting the procedure Zack poured a cup and a half of ice-cold water into each container then recorded the temperature of the water in each bottle with a thermometer. He then set the bottles out for a 24-hour period, in order for the process to start. When the 24 hours were up he began to record the temperature of the water in each bottle to see what the results were and just like his hypothesis stated the Hydro flask kept the water the coldest

after 24 hours, thus concluding his experiment.

With a poster board, some glue and the data collected, Zachary began to put together his presentation for the fair. Held in the school's gymnasium, students and faculty set up their displays. Surrounded by peers Zachary welcomed all who wanted to know more about the experiment, giving them the rundown of the hard work, he'd been cultivating the last few weeks.

On Friday, February 28, Zachary received the Respect Award at Leading Edge Academy's award ceremony. The certificate is given in acknowledgment of the excellent character traits in the students.



Zachary and mother Lisa Garcia pictured with award.

Celebrating National Pokémon Day

On Friday, February 28, 2020 the Ak-Chin Library offered a variety of activities in their multi-purpose room to celebrate National Pokémon Day.

Participants could make a Pokémon GO ball using a tennis ball, red and white balloons, paper and black electric tape. Another fun craft offered was a Pokémon GO

inspired painting. There were also yummy snacks, including snow cones, for Pokémon GO fans.

Story and photos by R. Bowen



Oliver Peters, Michael Medina and Library Clerk Susan Sanchez are enjoying the Pokémon fun at the Ak-Chin Library.



Library's take on Monster Cupcake challenge!

Submitted by Library Clerk Susan Sanchez

Inspired by the hit Netflix show "Nailed It!"



In the show amateur baking contestants who have substandard qualities in the kitchen compete to recreate a delicious work of art entirely made out of foods. The Ak-Chin Library held its own challenge on February 27th, where 6 people came and tried their hand at duplicating a professional looking Cookie Monster cupcake. With all the materials provided to them by the library, competitors nailed the challenge.

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Pathway Champs continued from front page



Noahli Antone fakes out an EVAC player.

shooter.”

It was evident that Aleina was the player to secure the win.

She absolutely delivered and sunk four free throws in the

last minute of the game.

EVAC made a 3-pointer as a last effort to stay in the game, but the Pumas had the upper hand and came out on top thanks to the girls’ gritty play



Fans came out to Talking Stick Resort Arena to cheer on their players.

and coaching techniques of Coach Dee.

“We have a saying we use, it’s called, ‘savage,’” she said.

“You need to literally turn into a savage mode, spread the

court, hold the ball at all costs, make them come out and foul you and come out to that line”

With the future uncertain for the team as the heart and soul of the squad moves on

and the Pumas head to the AIA (Arizona Interscholastic Association), Sequoia Pathway girls bask in the moment.

Maricopa Easter egg hunt

03/02/2020 - Maricopa, AZ. – Community of Hope Church will be hosting their 16th annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will take place on April 10th @ Community of Hope Church, 45295 W. Honeycutt Ave – Maricopa Az. The Egg Hunt will run between 5:00pm and 8:00pm.

There will be egg hunts going on the entire event, as well as carnival games, inflatables, face painting, and of course the Easter Bunny.

All of this is free of charge and is open to our entire community.

We will be joining up with Food Truck Friday again

this year and will have 8 gourmet trucks to purchase a meal or a snack from. Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cohEggHunt>

For more information about

Community of Hope Church, please visit: www.cohmaricopa.com

For follow-up information, please contact: Community of Hope Church 520-252-6381 info@cohmaricopa.com



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New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.
FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

- What you need:**
- Complete Enrollment Application
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 - Social Security Card
 - Marriage License (If applicable)
 - Notarized Affidavit (If applicable)
- All forms can be filled out at the Enrollment Office.

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AK-CHIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
 Mailing Address: 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Az. 85138
 (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074
 Physical Address: 16472 North Maricopa Road Maricopa, Az. 85139 (Corner of Farrell & SR 347 (Old Fire Station))

MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION
 Elder 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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 Please Call Before 4 PM

Eggs Delivered every Tuesday.
 Eggs pick up Wed-Fri 8 AM-3 PM After Hours 520-858-5043

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

LIBRARY INFORMATION

*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
 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



MARCH 3
 Egg Day & Movie Day

MARCH 5
 BINGO with Gwen, 12 PM

MARCH 6
 Breakfast Buffet, 8:30 - 10 AM
 No Lunch

MARCH 9
 Angel Home Health w/ Erin Kariuki 12:15 PM

MARCH 17
 Egg Day

MARCH 18
 Movie Day

MARCH 20
 Elder Check Day

HEALTH EDUCATION



Fitness Classes thru May 8, 2020

Mondays 5:30 - 6:00 PM
 Full Body Circuit Training: Exercises with no resting between each of the exercises to complete the Circuit Set. For the Improvement of Cardiovascular and Muscle Endurance.

Tuesdays 12:15 - 12:45 PM
 Upper Body and Core Training: Lean Muscle Building & Strengthening of The Core and Upper Body

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:00 PM
 Power Blast Training: Light Weights of Explosive Fast Movements

Thursdays 12:15 - 12:45 PM
 Lower Body and Core Circuit: Lean Muscle Building & Strengthening of The Core and Lower Body

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00pm
 Yoga: Basic Fundamental Poses and Breathing.

Classes are held at the Service Center. Call (520) 568-1080 with questions.

LIBRARY



MARCH 2
 Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

MARCH 3
 Preschool Storytime, 11 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 4
 Baby Time!*, 10 AM - 10:45 AM
 Game Hacker*, 4:30 PM - 6 PM

MARCH 5
 Preschool Storytime, 11 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 6
 Elder Crafts & Lego 11 AM - 12 PM
 National Oreo Cookie Day 4 PM - 6:30 PM
 LEGO ROBOTS 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

MARCH 7
 Hour of Code 11 AM - 12 PM
 Japan Pop 12 PM - 2:00 PM

MARCH 9
 Coffee & Coloring
 Celebrating International Women's Day 10 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 10
 Elder Coloring*, 9 AM - 10 AM
 Preschool Storytime, 11 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 11
 Baby Time! 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM
 Game Hacker* 4:30 PM - 6 PM

MARCH 12
 National Pancake Day, 10 AM - 1 PM
 Preschool Storytime 11 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 13
 LEGO ROBOTS 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM
 Games & Pizza Family Night 5:30 PM - 7 PM

MARCH 14
 Adoption Event 10 AM - 2 PM
 Movie Club* 9:30 AM - 4 PM

MARCH 17
 St. Patrick's Craft 2 PM - 5:45 PM

MARCH 18
 Baby Time!* 10 AM - 10:45 AM
 Steven Universe Family Night 5 PM - 6:45 PM

MARCH 19
 DIY Adult Bath Bombs 12 - 2 PM

MARCH 20
 Elder Crafts & Lego 11 AM - 12 PM
 Paint Night 5:15 PM

PARKS & RECREATION



MARCH 1
 9-12 Basketball League WK 5
 6-8 Basketball League WK 4

MARCH 3
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4:30 PM
 Basketball practice 5 - 8:30 PM

MARCH 4
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4 PM
 Mini Basketball League WK 4

MARCH 5
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4:30 PM
 Basketball practice 5 PM - 8:30 PM

MARCH 6
 Elder Gym time, 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open Gym 11 AM - 4 PM
 Mini Basketball practice 4 - 5 PM

MARCH 7
 Open Gym 11 AM - 3 PM

MARCH 8
 9-12 Basketball League Tournament
 6-8 Basketball League WK 5

MARCH 9
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4:30 PM
 Basketball practice 5 - 8:30 PM

MARCH 10
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4:30 PM
 Basketball practice 5 - 8:30 PM

MARCH 11
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4 PM
 Mini Basketball League WK 5

MARCH 12
 Elder gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open gym 11 AM - 2 PM
 Heritage class 2 PM - 4:30 PM
 Basketball practice 5 - 8:30 PM

MARCH 13
 Elder Gym time 9 AM - 11 AM
 Open Gym 11 AM - 5 PM
 Mini Basketball Potluck

MARCH 14
 Open Gym 11 AM - 3 PM

MARCH 15
 Open Gym 11 AM - 3 PM

MARCH 16
 Spring Intercession 8 AM - 5 PM
 Open Gym 5 PM - 9 PM

MARCH 17
 Spring Intercession 8 AM - 5 PM
 High School Practice 5:30 - 7 PM
 Open Gym 7 PM - 9 PM

MARCH 18
 Spring Intercession 8 AM - 5 PM
 Open Gym 5 PM - 9 PM

MARCH 19
 Spring Intercession 8 AM - 5 PM
 High School Practice 5:30 - 7 PM
 Open Gym 7 PM - 9 PM

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES
FOR HARRAH'S AK-CHIN 2020 CIP PROJECTS

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design-Build Contract. These misc. projects of the following;

HARRAH'S AK-CHIN EDR REMODEL
COPPER CACTUS REMODEL
and ELEVATOR REMODEL

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on March 10th, 2020 at the HARRAH'S AK-CHIN SECURITY/EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE located at 15406 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. Selected General Contractor must be ADOG State and Ak-Chin Tribal Licensed prior to award. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted. A CD with all forms will be provide upon sign in.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be on March 16th, 2020. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Judy Purcell at jpurcell@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive **Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on March 31st, 2020** at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON
DESIGN-BUILD
Project for the Ak-Chin Central plant

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. These misc. projects for Design/Construction consists of the following;

- Adding chiller tower platforms for maintenance and safety
- Adding chilled water filtration system
- Demo a portion of existing masonry wall and install some type of louver venting system

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. (MST) on 3/17/2020 at Capital Projects Office Conference Room located at 45710 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any proposal questions regarding this project will be 12:00 p.m. (MST) on 3/27/2020. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us

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

MARCH 2020 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon
 March 8 - Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski
 March 15 - Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski
 March 22 - Fr. Antony Tinker
 March 29 - 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.

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

NEW LIFE Ak-Chin Church
 Where the full gospel is preached

Schedule of Services

Sunday School for adults and children
 10:00 a.m.
 Morning and evening church service is at
 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 in the Ak-Chin Service Center Complex

Do you need a ride to church?
 Call our bus driver
 602-476-9591

If you need prayer,
 please contact one of the pastors
 Johnny Stephens 520-705-3052
 Carlos Marin 520-560-2679

Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group

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.
 **Individuals not employed by the community, not residents or community members may be given special permission, contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details.

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

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON
DESIGN-BUILD
Project at the Ak-Chin Fire Station

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. These misc. projects for Design/Construction consists of the following;

- Extension of an existing awning and add power for lighting
- Demo and removal of one light pole
- Demo and replace all concrete approach to apparatus bays

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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
 COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

COURTNEY OLIVAS
 Petitioner,
 and
 MARCOS OLIVAS
 Respondent.

CASE NO.: CV-2019-00030-DV
CIVIL SUMMONS
 (Domestic Relations)

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:
MARCOS OLIVAS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

(X) YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER in the said matter within a period of TWENTY DAYS, exclusive of the date of service, if you are served within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community; THIRTY DAYS if you are served outside the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community or by publication at the Office of the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee. Service by publication is complete 30 days after the first date of publication. A copy of the Response must also be mailed to the Petitioner whose name appears below.

COURTNEY OLIVAS
 47062 WEST FARRELL ROAD
 MARICOPA, AZ. 85139

A copy of the Petition and the other pleadings filed in this case may be obtained from the Petitioner at the above address or from the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court.

After you have been served and the written answer period has lapsed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing of this matter, and you will be notified of the time and date that you will be required to appear.

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUMMONS a judgment by default will be entered against you and the opposing party shall be awarded the relief demanded in this matter.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 22nd day of JANUARY 2020.

DEANNA RASCON, CLERK OF THE COURT
 of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

by: *Celina Miguel*
 Celina Miguel, Deputy Clerk I

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 46525 West Farrell Road
 Maricopa, AZ 85139
 Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386

COURTNEY OLIVAS
 Petitioner,
 and:
 MARCOS OLIVAS
 Respondent

CASE NO.: CV-2019-00030-DV
CIVIL SUMMONS

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
MARCOS OLIVAS

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 of Arizona this 22nd day of January, 2020.

DEANNA RASCON, CLERK OF THE COURT
 of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

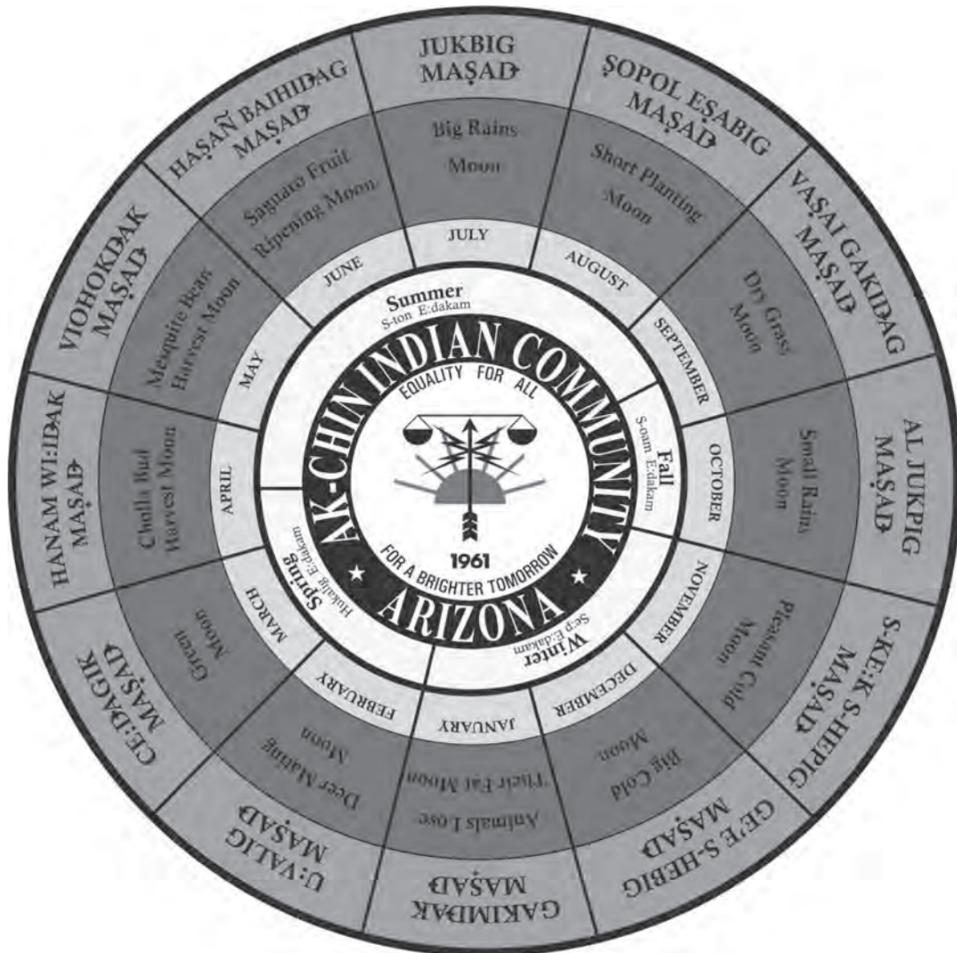
O'odham Ñeok

The Month of March

Ce:đagik Maşad
"The Green Moon"

When the O'odham see trees and plants start to bud, this begins the Ce:đagik Maşad (Green Moon). Ce:đagik Maşad also brings new life as animals begin to expand their families; warmer weather and plants sprouting help to feed and comfort the animals.

We encourage you to step outside and take a look around during this month and see the changes that take place. The changes in plant life and how the animals go about their daily routines are what our ancestors had seen in years prior; this is reason O'odham call this time of year Ce:đagik Maşad, the Green Moon month.



"Things we use to eat with"

Here are the answers to last issue's activity sheet:

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|----------------|---|---|
| A. U'skuanakud | C |  |
| B. Kusal | D |  |
| C. Vainom | E |  |
| D. Huasa'a | A |  |
| E. Bi:kud | F |  |
| F. Ko:ba | B |  |

O'odham Ñeok Ki Novice II class focuses on greetings at home

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo



The first Novice II class on March 3, held at the Language trailer. Language Technician Lerline Peters gives instruction.

On March 3, the first O'odham Neok Ki Language Class Novice II was held at the Ak-Chin Language trailer and focused on members, residents and employees who have a basic knowledge and understanding of how to greet others in the O'odham language.

Eight learners attended, some having completed the

Novice I class held at the end of last year, and others joining for the first time.

Novice II picks up where the greetings left off, and the first night gave a chance for learners to apply the knowledge to greeting visitors to their home and inviting them in to sit, talk, and offer a beverage or food.

Some phrases learned

during the class are "l:vak," which means "come in" and "daiwa," which means "have a seat."

Next up is learning what to say or do when your guest leaves your home.

Novice II classes are held every Tuesday in March, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Language trailer.

Mother and daughter team Kayla (left) and Teresa Valisto practice O'odham greetings in the home.

Here, Kayla tells Teresa, "daiwa" which means "have a seat."





O'odham Ñeok Ki Language Class Novice II

Tuesday's March 3, 2019 Through March 31, 2020

Beginning March 3, 2020, the Language Department will be offering its second series of classes that focuses on the Novice I (Beginner) language learner. This class will build from the previous language class where students were taught and shown the proper way to greet others in the O'odham Ñeok.

The second series will instruct on greeting visitors to the home, then inviting them into the home to sit and talk. A part of the O'odham culture and heritage incorporates generosity and sharing; this class will use an understanding of O'odham Himdak and encourage the language learner to now sit and talk with their visitor(s) while offering a beverage, a portion of food and general dialogue that can be found in the O'odham home.

Open to Members, Residence and Employees

Please join us for this class if you have a basic knowledge and understanding of how to greet others in our O'odham Ñeok.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SYLVIA RUBALCABA @ 520 568 - 1370 OR EMAIL : SRubalcaba@ak-chin.nsi.us

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 O'ODHAM: 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!

MWMS Girls Basketball take a loss and gain a win

Maricopa Wells Middle School girls' basketball teams have made huge strides this season. The JV team played their way through a swell basketball season, climbing the ladder towards a championship win, but their journey came to an immediate halt on March 3rd.

lagging behind. With a kick of endurance at half time the Panthers were on the prowl to comeback. Although, the team worked hard to win back the lead, they fell just a little short, ending their journey to a championship game.

Ak-Chin players included; Joanna Acosta, Teagan Delma, Auciana Miguel.

As for the Maricopa Wells girls' varsity team who also played that same night in Casa Grande they were victorious in their playoff game against Villago Middle School,



Joanna Acosta, Teagan Delma and Auciana Miguel stand proud after their playoff game.

winning a super exciting and intense game, 25-22. Community players on the varsity team included; Mylauni Antone, Taylor Santiago, and Carrieanna Villareal. Maricopa Wells varsity girls will be playing for championship on Tuesday, March 10 at Maricopa Wells gym. Come out and support the Panthers as they take on Stanfield. Game is scheduled for 430p.

In an interesting day at the JV playoff game, the Panthers played the Sacaton Braves at Maricopa Wells. The Braves held the lead at the first half of the game with the Panthers



Teagan Delma keeps her eyes on her opponent while taking control of the ball.



Auciana Miguel watches as she scores a point for her team.



MWMS Varsity team pictured post win against Villago Middle School. Submitted by Gloria Martinez

2020 4-5 Mini Basketball League

Story and photos by J. Peters



Lil Running Rabbits



Lil Net Rippers



Lil Blue Crush



Lil Raptors

It's been a whirlwind of a season for these young talented basketball players. Starting on February 12th, the Mini-Basketball league played their first week of games. Players ranging from 4 to 5 years old played every Wednesday at the gym in 25-minute increments. The league games will continue through March 5th.

This 5-week league brought out many of the

Community's youngest all-stars to the court to engage in the sport and have fun with friends. With the encouragement from their families in the bleachers the mini players worked hard running, shooting, passing and dribbling during the games. The cuteness overload was a site to see. The league will be wrapping up very soon, come out and support the children.



Things got a lil heated on the court at times.



This little baller makes a swift pass.



With all the chaos around him, Maurico Conferas focused on the basket.

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

INFO BOOTHS WANTED

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

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

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

47685 W. Eco-Museum Rd
Maricopa, AZ 85139

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS WANTED

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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47685 W. Eco-Museum Rd
Maricopa, AZ 85139

FOOD VENDORS WANTED

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

Date: April 4, 2020
Time: 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Location: Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco Museum

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

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MARCH 6TH-8TH, 2020
MUL-CHU-THA FAIRGROUNDS | SACATON, AZ

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Rams host 2020 Pinon/Huffman and Diehl Memorial tournaments

Story and photos by Runner Staff



Maricopa Ram Isaiah Peters safely slides into third during a game against Tempe Buffaloes, on Feb. 26.

Maricopa High School started the spring sports season with two special tournaments, the 2020 Tomas Pinon/ Matt Huffman Memorial Baseball Tournament, February 26-29, and the 13th Annual Krystin Diehl Softball tournament, February 28-29.

Ak-Chin has two all-stars playing for MHS.

Junior Isaiah Peters is



MHS Lady Ram Evone Santiago looking to steal second base during a game against Florence Gophers on Feb. 28.

one of the most electric and versatile players on the Rams varsity boys baseball team. Peters not only played third, but also threw heat from the pitcher's mound during the tournament.

He found a way to get on base and often used his speed to steal bases and score runs on multiple occasions. Rams baseball ended up going 2-2 in the tournament.

Junior, Evone Santiago made some key plays on first and in the outfield. She also contributed in the scoring, with a few singles and doubles to start out her varsity season.

Look to see Evone in a new position this year, as she is trying out behind the plate as catcher, as well as hurler.

Lady Rams took second in the Krystin Diehl tournament.

Rainy day at the Valentine's 5k

Story and photo by J. Peters



Pictured above are category winners from the Valentine's 5K.

- Overall Male:**
1st - Adrian Fiero
2nd - Samuel Justin
3rd - Elijah Peters
- Overall Female:**
1st - Sarah Zabawa
2nd - Hannah Bowman
3rd - Isabella Fiero
- 01-10 Male:** Carson DePaola
01-10 Female: Isabella Fiero
- 11-20 Male:** Samuel Justin
11-20 Female: Emerald Reyes
- 21-30 Male:** Alex Bowman
21-30 Female: Sarah Zabawa
- 31-40 Male:** Adrian Fiero
31-40 Female: Wilhelmina John
- 41-50 Male:** Alvin Antone
41-50 Female: Isabella Luna
- 51-60 Female:** Shauna Rae Brown
61+ Female: Florinda Peters

February 24th, Ak-Chin Health Education held their 6th Annual Valentine's Day 5K for the community.

Check in time began at 8 in the drizzling morning; the previous night's rainfall put the department in a slippery situation as they had to reroute the entire 5k due to excess mud on the ground. Once a new route was finalized the 5-kilometer run was given the green light.

The turnout was big considering the weather, with 84 people making it out for the morning activity. With the help of Little Mr. and Miss Ak-Chin Josiah Malone and Jessica Zabawa giving a "3, 2, 1 GO!" the event began.

As the last set of legs crossed the finish line the

light sprinkling became a rush of heavy droplets bringing everyone into the service center just in time for breakfast.

The food spread; prepared by Vekol Market; was full of scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, fruit, hot cocoa and coffee.

As everyone enjoyed their breakfast, Health Education Director Marc Matteson announced the first, second and third placers in each category and the overall males and females.

The next Health Education event will be on Saturday, March 7th, and will be celebrating the 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5k.

"The Health Education Department would like to thank the following

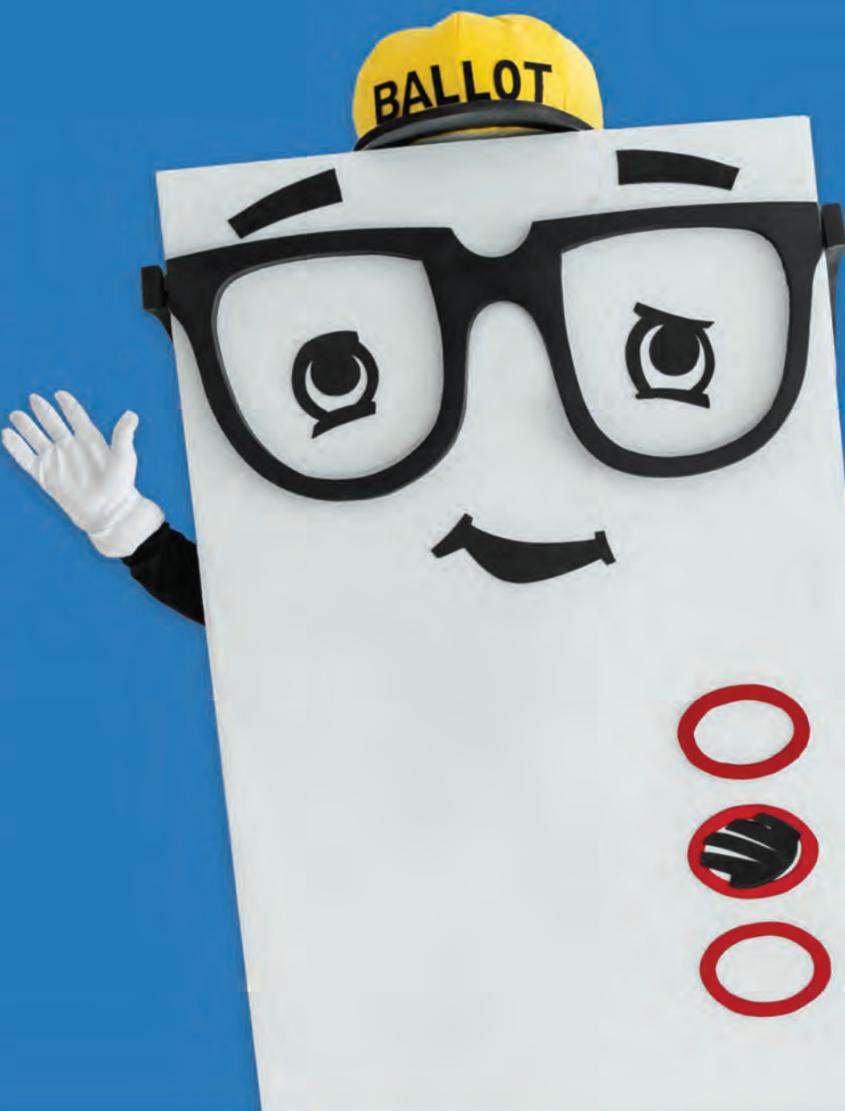
departments who greatly helped us put on a wonderful event! Police Department, Security Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Shauna Rae

who (GIS), Coco Carlyle-Coester for the amazing blessing and last but not least Little Mr. and Ms. Ak-Chin for helping hand out the prizes."

AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

HI ARIZONA DEMOCRATS!

Phil the Ballot here to let you know it's almost time for the **MARCH 17** Democratic Presidential Preference Election. The Maricopa County Elections Department has made it easy for you to find all the info you need to Be Ballot Ready.



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Public Health Nursing



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Hau'pal Health Center



Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Our goal is to respond to the Community's health needs with compassion and sensitivity and to improve overall quality of life and function. All members of the Gila River, Ak-Chin Indian Communities, and all Native Americans from federally-recognized tribal communities are eligible for Public Health Nursing services. Home visits are made within the geographical boundaries of the Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities.

Our Services: Wellness Visits • Health Promotion & Education • Disease Prevention Education • Influenza Vaccinations • Medication Management Education • Vital Sign Screening • Environmental Health Assessment • Health Welfare Checks • Post Hospital Discharge Wellness Visit • Well Elder Screening • Patient Advocacy • Fall Risk Assessments

How We Can Be Contacted:

Public Health Nursing Office
(520) 550-6042

Pharmacy Refill Line:
(520) 562-7640

Gila River Health Care is proud to launch HEALTHY KIDS & FAMILIES, a campaign that promotes ways to keep kids and their families healthy!

The campaign features a new web page with a digital calendar that is full of information about vaccinations, physicals and other essential healthcare services for your family. Visitors to this new web page can expect to find useful tips, healthy recipes and a lot more, all at your fingertips.

grhc.org/hkf

Healthy Kids & Families



Join us at Mul-Chu-Tha 2020!

**Friday,
March 6th
3 pm – 7 pm**

**Saturday,
March 7th
12 pm - 7 pm**

**Visit the “Healthy Kids & Family” Zone!
Meet our GRHC Employees & GRHC Providers, Win Raffle Prizes,
Food/Beverage, Receive Free Gifts!**

Sorry, No Transportation Provided

2020 Him-Dak Spring Art Program

March 16, 2020 - March 27, 2020

* The Spring Art Program will not be providing lunch, but lunch will be available at the Ak-Chin Gym for all participants.

Location: Art Building
(Please drop off kids north of the Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members and Residents)

* Registration is available at the Him-Dak Museum

* Will have Breakfast and Morning Snack

The Him-Dak Summer Art Program will be broken down into four grade groups:
Grades K- 1st, 2nd- 4th, 5th- 8th, 9th- 12th
(Accepting the first 15 kids signed up per grade group)

For any questions call: Him-Dak at 568-1350 or Wayton at 568-1354

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT

SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY



ON DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE

Ak-Chin Tribal Transit focuses on Safety, Reliability and Efficiency.

IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT ON DEMAND SERVICES

- The date and time of travel
- Your pick-up time and address
- Your destination address and time of arrival
- Your return time and address if those services are necessary
- Verify whether you will be using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, walker or service animal.
- Confirm total amount of passengers that will be riding

SAFETY

For your safety, please stand back and do not attempt to load until the vehicle has come to a complete stop. Standing on the vehicle while it is in motion is not permissible until the vehicle has come to a complete stop. Repeated offenses of safety will result in the passenger losing riding privileges. Guardians must be with their children during boarding and disembarking from the vehicle for the safety of all passengers in your group. If children try to board without the presence of their guardian, we will hold boarding until the guardian arrives.

BE READY FOR YOUR TRIP

When making a reservation, you will be given an approximate pick up time. Please keep in mind that this is an approximate and while we do our best to always be on time, safety is our priority. Please be ready and waiting for the vehicle. Once your trip is scheduled and you board the vehicle, you may not change your destination. If changing your destination is absolutely necessary, please understand we may not be able to accommodate your existing drop of time requested. Last minute changes will not be allowed to disrupt other passenger scheduled times.

PASSENGER ASSISTANCE

Drivers are not allowed to lose sight of their vehicle at any time. Transit staff are only allowed to leave their seat in order to assist a passenger. Please note that Transit staff will not go into your home or knock on doors.

NO SHOWS

If you are not present when the vehicle arrives, the driver will wait five minutes. After five minutes, the driver must proceed with the route and the passenger will be marked as a no-show. After three no-shows, our services will be declined to you for 30 days. On demand services at times can run on a heavy schedule. Please understand that once a passenger arrives at their destination the driver will not wait for a passenger to get back on the vehicle. They will proceed with the route unless special accommodations were already made with dispatch. We can always be scheduled to return and take you to another location at a future time.

SEATBELTS

All Transit vehicles are equipped with seatbelts. In compliance with state law, Ak-Chin Tribal Transit requires you to wear your seatbelt at all times during transport. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Any passenger refusing to wear their seatbelt will not be granted services.

WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title 49 states that Transit "may require that wheelchair users make use of securement systems for their mobility devices." This section gives Ak-Chin Tribal Transit the right to choose whether or not wheelchairs must be tied down. We exercise this right and insist on securing the wheelchair. We require a four point securement. If the chair cannot be secured using this method, the tie down will be completed as effectively and safely as possible. Our staff is trained in proper tie-down techniques. Customers that do not want their wheelchair secured may not be transported.

CARRY-ON ITEMS

To ensure the safety of our passengers, large quantities of items will be placed in the rear of the vehicle. Carts or strollers must be folded prior to boarding, and may need to be secured once inside. Open food and non-alcoholic beverages are acceptable as long as you use the appropriate waste receptacles and be considerate of other passengers. Trash left on the vehicle is a violation. Abuse of our policies will result in the passenger losing riding privilege. Smoking is not allowed.

CANCELLING A RIDE

If a trip needs to be cancelled, you are urged to cancel it as early as possible. We ask for a 15 minute notice. If a 15 minute notice is not given, you will be considered a no show. Reliable and on time transportation can be difficult to achieve when proper protocols are not followed.

Please keep us in mind for your transportation needs.

Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382

Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 8:15am to 4:30pm*

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 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 of 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

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY Nakotah Kai!! We have finally reached the double digits!!! I am so very proud of you and thankful that you are such an amazing kid, I am truly blessed. No matter how old you get, you will always be my baby boy. As our saying goes "I Love You Too Much!"

Love Mom



Happy 10th Birthday Dante Peters my little skinny artist is the best...Enjoy your cake and ice-cream and keep drawing for me with all your crayons.

Love Mom and brothers

Happy Birthday Rosalie. Have a wonderful, fun-filled day.

Frasia

Happy Birthday Delbert. Keep going - by the way, how old are you???

J.H.



Happy 13th Birthday Maverick Santiago. thank you for helping around the house and with

your brothers I can see you doing what you're supposed to be doing. My big shy kid is the tallest and remember respect is everything.

Love Mom and brothers

Polly, welcome to the Elderly program. You finally got there.

Free eggs!

J.H.

Happy Birthday Mildred. Hope you have a very good year. God bless.

J.H.

Happy Birthday Delbert from your Aunt Linda J.

Happy Birthday Mildred from L.J.

Happy Birthday Delbert White. Hope you enjoy your day. May God bless you on your birthday.

Tillie Carpio

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Cody, Marcus, Devin, and Narin and my granddaughter Alexandra

Love, Grandma



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- Archaeologist
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- Photo Journalist
- Police Officer - Certified
- Police Officer - Non-Certified

Open to Enrolled Community Members and Current Community Employees Only:

- Newspaper Assistant
- Event and Marketing Manager

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only:

- Art Technician
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Maintenance Technician Assistant
- Groundskeeper - Sanitation
- Administrative Support Specialist

APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!

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.

EMPLOYEE UPDATE



Bryan Ruiz-Diaz
Gaming Agent
TGA



Christian Alvarez
Cashier Stocker
Vekol



Christopher Cypriano
Custodian
Maintenance



Rene Carlyle
Breakfast Cook,
Elder Center



Justine Lopez
Custodian
Maintenance



March 1st - 19th, 2020 Employee Birthdays

1st - Yancy Jencsok, Courts

2nd - Errol Blackwater, EPD & Alyssa Joaquin, Vekol

3rd - Wilma Antone-Frausto, Early Childhood & Harry Grizzle, Law & Order

4th - John Janzen, Capital Projects

5th - Gabriel Lopez, Vice-Chairman

7th - Willard Delma, EPD & Delbert White, Sanitation

8th - Leighsa Homer, Early Childhood

9th - Julio Gloria, Elderly

11th - Devin Peters, Vekol

12th - Christine Dodwell, T - GA & Gabriela Potter, Finance

14th - Brenna Antone, Maintenance

15th - Dwayne Antone, Sanitation

16th - John Derenzis, TGA

18th - Diana Garcia, Contracts and Grants

19th - Matthew Hearn, Fire & Safety

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Olivia Vincent Maverick Santiago Ferrin Sope Nolan Miguel	2 Sonja White Kristina Garcia	3 Courtney Olivas Wilma Antone Ardon Green	4 Madeleine Van Sickle Deion Narcia Mario Twohearts	5 Gabriel Lopez Cayden Peters Emma Narcia Sharalee Dominguez-Zapata Dante Peters Kerianna Justin Dannika Lewis	6 Damonique Lewis Glennadean Lewis Jose Gutierrez Jr. Nakotah Antone Cody Narcia	7 Emily Lewis Delbert White Alexandra Lopez
8 Leighsa Miguel	9 Jonathan Narcia Charlene Whitman Stanislaus Antone	10 Marcus Delores Jr. Mercedes Antone Irene R. Medina	11 Devin Peters Robert Stephens Jr. Giulianna Sandoval Angelisa Cuatt Breon Stephens Antonenko Alvarez Mildred Narcia	12 Lisa Chavez	13 Samantha Castro Ameliano Jacuinde	14 Brenna Antone Crystal Maddox Davin Garcia
15 Dwayne Antone LeRoy Narcia Ana Blanchard Rosalie T. Narcia Narin Lopez	16 Tracy Wind Mariella Norris Kalvin Antone	17 Jessie Williams Yamiah Miguel Yaniah Miguel	18 Kane Miguel Karlie Smith	19 Delphine Vazquez	20 Daria Garcia Gabriel Sierra-James Sarah Carlyle Jose Hernandez Carlton Carlyle Jr.	21 Joel Vincent Eric Chavez
22 Manuel Garcia Nicole Vincent Norbert Peters Sr. George Lewis Jr.	23 Christian Alvarez Melanie Antone Brandon Antone Deanna Rascon Marie Ortega Mark A. Pablo	24 Jessie Williams Yamiah Miguel Yaniah Miguel	25 Mario Ortega Jacob Santiago David White Sr.	26 Kerwin Ugalde Evelina Lopez	27 Celia Soto Benedict Miguel	28 Maria Santiago
29 Megan Quintero Monica Ruiz Dannon Peters Leona Kakar	30 Allissia Bandin Marvin Shade Aaliyah Balderrama	31 Shannon Peters Zaydyn Norris Robert M. Velasquez Maria C. Hernandez Courtney Delores	Happy Birthday!			

Ak-Chin Indian Community

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(Water Operations)



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New Native American Film 'Touch the Water' Gets Green Light!

MESA – Despite still needing actors, locations and with only partial funding in place, Holt Hamilton Films declares they are moving full speed ahead on their next feature film production. “I’ve never had everything in perfect place before starting any journey in my life. Maybe it’s just me, but at some point, you’ve got to go for it- win or lose. Stop thinking about it, planning it, and just kneel down with a prayer, tighten up the boot straps, buckle your seat belt, step on the gas and hang on!” said writer/director Holt Hamilton with a smile, “I just don’t know how to get it done any other way, maybe someday, but I’m not there yet.”

The production company recently opened auditions to a world audience with an online audition and submission process that ended on 22 Feb 2020. Over 100 applicants submitted and are still under review. Hamilton stated that they have opened the online submission opportunity back up today and will let it run until the 14th of March. Final Casting decisions will be made the 21st

of March in preparation for an April/May 2020 production. Specific casting details are available on the HHF website at www.HoltHamilton.com (Click the ‘ACTORS’ tab).

In addition to the online audition process open to all the world, Holt Hamilton Films will have their first in person audition for ‘Touch the Water’ this coming Saturday, March 7th. The audition will run from 1-3pm at the Native Health center in Phoenix, Arizona (4041 N. Central Ave, Bldg C, Phoenix, AZ 85012). “Native Health has supported us in many ways over the years and now again with space to hold auditions in downtown Phoenix. I was amazed when I did a recent walk through with Susan Levy at the facility. The space was large and perfect for what I wanted. We’re thankful for their partnership in our film journey over the years.” Hamilton stated.

‘Touch the Water’ is scheduled for production in April/May with a planned theatrical release this fall. The movie portrays an eighty-year-old woman and plans on shining light into the struggle a person

goes through as age increases. ‘You are never too old to dream’ is the film’s tagline.

Movie Logline: When a young intern at the local Senior Day Center challenges Daisy, an accomplished Native American elder, to dream again, she re-evaluates her tired frail body with her still youthful mind to set out on a stirring quest to fulfill a life-long dream.

Another unique thing Hamilton is doing for his audience on ‘Touch the Water’, is removing the curtain from his nontraditional filmmaking process by allowing viewers to ‘Follow the Journey’ on their YouTube channel ‘Holt Hamilton Films’ as he works to make the movie happen. They have released 24 episodes and plan to continue with the episodes through the theatrical release of the movie.

“There hasn’t been a lot of views yet, but I feel it’s right to share this information. If nothing else, it may inspire another filmmaker or two and help them realize that the struggle is similar whether you are in Hollywood with money or your own backyard shed turned office.”

2020 NAJA - Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship Application



higher learning institutions.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled juniors, seniors, or graduate students at an accredited university in the United States pursuing a degree in digital media/journalism/communications.

Applicants must highlight a commitment to Indigenous storytelling as demonstrated by completed coursework, clips/work samples and a letter of recommendation from a professor or internship supervisor familiar with their work and attesting to career commitment.

The Native American Journalists Association is committed to increasing the representation of Indigenous journalists in mainstream media. NAJA supports and empowers members through annual scholarship opportunities for Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, First Nations and Métis students.

In 2020, NAJA will select five students for one-time awards of \$10,000 each for the NAJA - Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship for Indigenous students pursuing journalism and media degrees at a

NAJA is currently accepting scholarship applications for Fall 2020 awards through April 30, 2020. For more information visit: <http://www.naja.com>

Movie Showtimes Friday, March 6 - Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Movie	Showtimes
Onward (PG)	11:15 AM, 12:00, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:45, 10:00*, 10:45* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
The Invisible Man (R)	12:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:50* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)	11:05 AM, 1:30, 4:40, 7:15, 10:15* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
The Call of the Wild (PG)	11:45 AM, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey (R)	12:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Bad Boys for Life (R)	12:15, 4:00, 7:10, 10:35* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Impractical Jokers: The Movie (PG-13)	11:20 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Fantasy Island (PG-13)	11:30 AM, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 11:00* *Late night showtimes on Fri & Sat only
Jumanji: The Next Level (PG-13)	11:10 AM, 2:20, 5:45, 8:50

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE: 3/1 - 3/15/20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	2 OAK & FORK HAPPY HOUR EVERY MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 4PM - 10PM	3 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	4 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	5 ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LOUNGE	6 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	SEAFOOD BUFFET FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS \$31.99
7 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	9 SIP, SAVOR & ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE AT OAK & FORK	10 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	11 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	12 MARCH BRACKET BUSTER IN POKER	13 FLOGGING MOLLY TICKETS ON SALE ON TICKETMASTER.COM REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	14 BEER GIVEAWAY
15 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	16 2 FOR 1 DRINKS & \$3 APPS! OAK & FORK HAPPY HOUR	17 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	18 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	19 MARCH BRACKET BUSTER IN POKER	20 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	21 GIBSON 7PC COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY
22 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	23 ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LOUNGE	24 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	25 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	26 ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LOUNGE	27 JOSH TURNER TICKETS ON SALE ON TICKETMASTER.COM REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	28 NCL CRUISE SWEEPSTAKES FINALE PLAYER'S CHOICE GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
29 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	30 SIT BACK & RELAX ON THE PATIO AT OAK & FORK	31 BRENTWOOD* KITCHEN SET GIFT GIVEAWAY	<p>NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE</p> <p>EARN ENTRIES SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS MARCH 1-28, 2020</p>			

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, 3/1 SPOTLIGHT, 3PM-8PM @ The Lounge
MONDAY, 3/2 DJ RAY, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
TUESDAY, 3/3 DJ RAY, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
WEDNESDAY, 3/4 DJ FRED, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
THURSDAY, 3/5 SOUTHBOUND, 8PM-12AM @ The Lounge
FRIDAY, 3/6 DJ FRED, 1PM-7PM @ The Lounge
FRIDAY, 3/6 NINEBALL, 8PM-1AM @ The Lounge
SATURDAY, 3/7 ROUTE 66, 12PM-5PM @ The Lounge
RHYTHM OF THE SUN, 8PM-1AM @ OAK & FORK
SUNDAY, 3/8 MARBLE HEART, 3PM-8PM @ The Lounge
MONDAY, 3/9 DJ RAY, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
TUESDAY, 3/10 DJ RAY, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
WEDNESDAY, 3/11 DJ FRED, 4PM-10PM @ The Lounge
THURSDAY, 3/12 WALKENS TRIO, 8PM-12AM @ The Lounge
FRIDAY, 3/13 DJ RAY, 12PM-6PM @ The Lounge
WESTERN FUSION, 7PM-1AM @ The Lounge
Flogging Molly, 7:30PM @ Harras's Ak-Chin Casino
SATURDAY, 3/14 JUKEBOX 6, 12PM-5PM @ The Lounge
SOUL PERSUASION, 8PM-1AM @ The Lounge
DAN SCHULTZ, 6PM-10PM @ OAK & FORK
SUNDAY, 3/15 QUANTUM, 3PM-8PM @ The Lounge