



## Eugene Peters Jr. helps combat wildfires in state

Story by J. Peters. Photos submitted by Eugene Peters Jr.

Wildfire season has begun in Arizona, as of June 1st, there are ten active wildfires in Arizona, according to the National Interagency Fire Center, with over 22 thousand acres in the northern, southern and eastern parts of the state devastatingly burned to a crisp. These blazing flames are displacing families and disheveling their life as the fires continue to stretch across Arizona's scenic lands.

The brave men and women who battle the wildfire blaze are seen as modern superheroes, minus the superhuman abilities and replace it with reliant, well trained and determined. These individuals work together to put a stop to acres of burning land. Whether it is natural or manmade, the flames have to be extinguished. When these wildfires spread out of control a specific type of fire crew is called in to help battle the particular setting.

Eugene "Sonny" Peters, Jr. had the opportunity to train to become a wildland firefighter and he went for it. With encouragement from friends he started his journey to becoming a FTT2 recruit. Attending the Arizona Wildfire Academy in Prescott, AZ back in March, Peters has pushed his way through hours of learning and training to become a part of wildland fire crew.

Working with BIA/Pima Agency in Sacaton, his thrilling



Eugene "Sonny" Peters" Jr.

rugged full-time wildland fire adventures started May 1st. Peters was put to work straight away, being sent out to three fires and has since been working 14 days, at 16 hours(plus) a day, with two days off. He and his crew have traveled to different locations around Gila River, Salt River, Fort McDowell, Tohono O'odham Nation and, in the future, may be traveling statewide to help with more fire

related situations.

It isn't an easy task. The short time he's been a part of the wildland fire program has brought him side by side with some of the biggest fires currently in the state. "We fight fires with safety, it's one of our Standard Firefighting Orders. 'Fight fires aggressively, having provided for safety first.' Because safety is the

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## Maricopa Schools prepare for July 30th Online start

On Wednesday, July 8, 2020, Maricopa Unified School District's Governing Board met to discuss many agenda items. A hot topic of discussion was changing the date for the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year. The board unanimously approved to start school on Thursday, July 30, 2020, with an online platform.

The board also discussed setting a special meeting date to decide when MUSD would return to in-person learning. The special meeting has been set for Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Per Governor Ducey's June 29, Executive Order, Arizona schools will delay in-person instruction until at least August 17, 2020.

MUSD Superintendent, Tracey Lopeman shared the news on MUSD's website, "Last night (Wednesday, July 8) the governing board approved the start date for the new school year. The first day of school will be Thursday July 30, in an all-distant online format. Given the circumstances, we have embraced this form of teaching and learning and have invested tremendous resources to ensure your child has a high-quality education."

In preparation for the online platform, MUSD will be supplying each student with a district issued laptop.

Orientation and training will also be offered for parents and students to help transition into the new online platform.

A letter was sent out explaining the process for laptop check out for each student, which will begin on Monday, July 20, 2020 for the July 30 online start. The following information was taken from the letter and includes procedures and schedules for laptop check out:

In order to plan for contactless technology distribution during the weeks of July 20 and July 27, 2020, Maricopa Unified School District is asking for all families to complete this [Technology Checkout Request Form](#) prior to July 19, 2020. (Forms available online and through Ak-Chin Education office).

We ask that this form is completed for each child in your household to prepare accurate counts of all devices. Please be aware that at this time a hotspot is limited to one per qualifying household as quantities are limited.

Prior to your [scheduled pick up time](#), please complete the attached [Handbook Verification Forms](#), [Device Check Out Forms](#) and [Virtual Learning Consent Forms](#) for

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## Harrah's Ak-Chin's Summer Youth Program

Story submitted by Erica Manuel. Photo by C. Picciuolo



Harrah's Summer Youth workers, masked up and ready to work, as they pose for a pic outside Harrah's Bingo hall.

Harrah's Ak-Chin's 2020 Summer Youth Program was a bit different this year in the wake of COVID, however the youth participants took the opportunity to gain some hands-on experiences while earning some spending money!

COVID-19 has impacted the way we all live, and our work environment has not been an exception. Before starting work, the summer youth participants were required to complete COVID-19 safety training along with departmental training.

This year, we had ten participants: Doria Garcia, Hotel/Bell Person; Laila Gardner & Kateri Lopez, Stewards; Derek Manuel, Jesus Corella Jr., Marie Antone, Celiyah Antone, Zaida Soliz, Housekeeping; Xendryk Antone, Chop Block & Brew and Noahli Antone, Copper Cactus Grill.

The youth participants also attended HDS department meetings as well as participated in Toastmasters to improve speaking skills. Summer Youth will attend a Resume

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(We Will Get Through This Together)

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(Take Care of Yourself)

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(Our Life Is Our Strength)

**We still need to stay home & away from crowded spaces to keep COVID-19 from spreading & harming our Community.**

**Ak-Chin Indian Community**

**COVID-19 HOTLINE**  
520-568-1265

YOU CAN HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

- MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING
- COVER YOUR COUGH AND SNEEZE
- THOROUGHLY WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS
- WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN OUT IN PUBLIC
- STAY HOME WHEN YOU'RE SICK

# AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

## COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

**Ak-Chin Justice Complex**  
 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

**Tuesday, July 21 - Friday July 24, 2020**  
 7am - 12pm and 5pm - 7pm

**In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC's recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis.**

**Who should get tested?**

All Ak-Chin members, and those residing within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.

- Drive thru testing available
- Tribal ID required for adults, not required for minors accompanied by parent/guardian
- If taking blood thinners, inform testing staff prior to testing
- Transportation provided for eligible members. To schedule, call (520) 562-3321 ext 1384, before 2 p.m. the business day prior

**For test result information, please call:**  
 (520) 562-3321 ext. 1658 / 2138 or (520) 550-6000



FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079

# 2020 Census Update

Below are the Census self-response rates for AZs land-based Tribes, as of July 13, 2020. We want our tribal households to "self-respond" ASAP. Non-Response Follow Up (NRFU) will start in our tribal community around August 11, 2020. - Census Rep.

We urge tribal members to complete their Census survey. Remember, **self-response leads to the most accurate count**, as people are completing the survey in the privacy and safety of their own homes. Only one person in the household needs to complete the survey.

Tribal Census Shirts, magnet and fans are available at Enrollment Office for those whom completed the 2020 Census survey by phone, online, or mail invitation. T-shirts are for Community members only. (While supplies last) Just advise Enrollment staff the survey was completed and make an appointment to pick up the incentive gifts.



Sporting their Tribal Census shirts are l-r: Dante, Tyler, Maverick, Robert and King. Contact Ak-Chin Enrollment to find out how to get yours.

# L.A.T.C.H. Safety

When stepping into a vehicle your top priority may drive towards connecting your devices, turning on the A/C, or just getting organized before hitting the road. All are relevant tasks, but none are as important than safety.

installation for safe traveling. When installing a child safety seat please remember to use the LATCH System (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children.). LATCH is a set of directions that make the safety seat installation simple and effective.

We all have a responsibility to "click it or ticket", more so for our youngest passengers. Infants and toddlers require a car seat with proper

**Basic installation steps (via Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)**  
 Read both your car owner's

**manual and child safety seat instruction manual.**

•Attach each hook from the base of the child safety seat onto its own lower anchor in the space where the rear seat back meets the seat cushion. Tighten and adjust the straps according to the child safety seat manual. In order to get it to fit tightly, you need to press the seat down and back while tightening the straps.

On Behalf of "Baby Enos- Joaquin" and Enos & Joaquin Family;

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, support and donations that were made during our loss. Sending Blessings to all the families during these trying times. We pray for strength and comfort.

- Special thank you:
- Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribal Council
  - Ak-Chin Social Services
  - Ak-Chin Public Works
  - Ak-Chin Police Department
  - Isaac & Dayle Jose & family
  - Janell Enos & Family
  - Wilma & Desire Antone & Family
  - Velacita Lopez & Family
  - William Antone & Family
  - Martin & Carol Antone
  - Lisa Garcia & Family
  - Gabriel Lopez & Family

Everyone that gave a helping hand. We sincerely appreciate you.

Respectfully,  
 Elaina, Tyler & Andrew  
 Nathan, Lusan, Nathaniel, Michael & Emma Enos

## LATEST ELECTION BOARD NEWS!



It's an Election Year!  
 Two (2) seats are up for election in November  
 Chairman (1) and Vice Chairman (1)

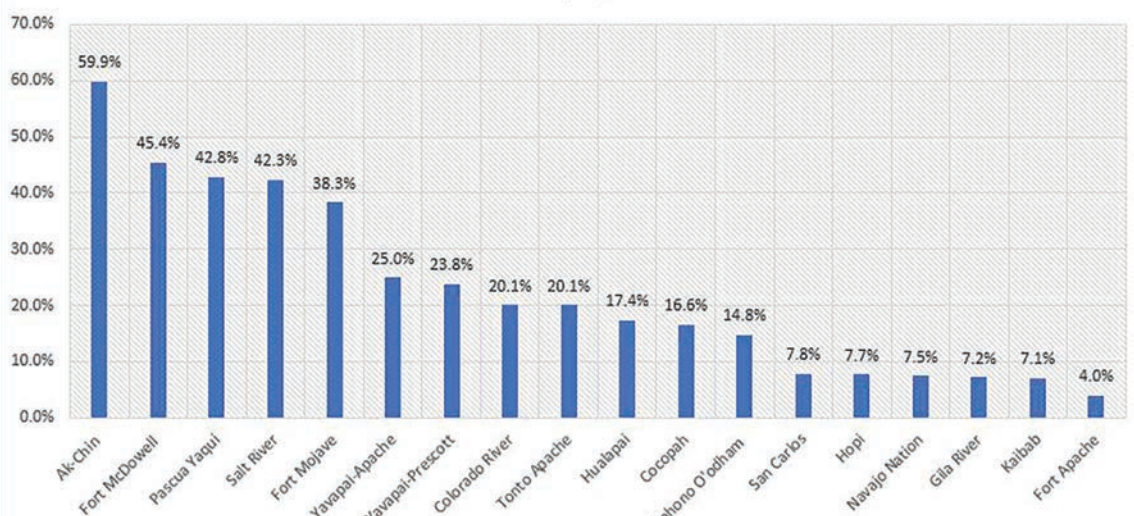
- Official Notice of Election will be posted in July
- If you are considering running for one of the seats, please start preparing for this election to be held in November.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Election Board member Marilyn Thompson at (520) 568-1000 or Elaine F. Peters at (520) 568-1350.

If you should need assistance completing the Census Survey. **an appointment Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm.**

**Please call Enrollment Office at 520-568-1029 or 520-568-1074 to schedule an appointment Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm. Enrollment Office follows CDC guidelines. Please wear a Mask!**

U.S Census Bureau - Denver Dallas Region  
 Arizona Tribal Lands  
 as of July 13, 2020



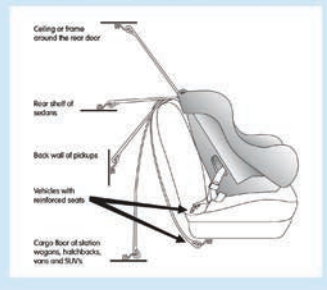
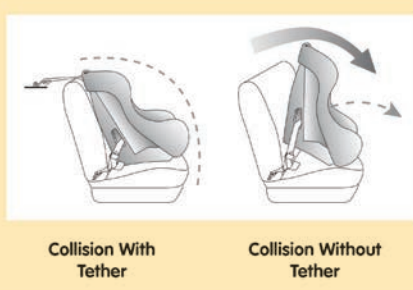
•If you are using a child safety seat in the forward-facing position, attach the child safety seat's top tether strap to the correct anchor point. This is an important step because top tethers greatly reduce the amount of dangerous forward-head movement in a crash. Pull to tighten.

•Check to see if the seat is installed tightly. You should not be able to move it more than an inch from side to side or forward when holding the seat where the LATCH strap goes through the seat.

Ak-Chin's Injury Prevention Program provides services and items including; car seat, pack-n-play, fall prevention and drug deactivation bags. Please call Injury Prevention at 520-568-1087 to set up a time to pick up items.

## What Is a Tether and Why Is It Important?

**What is a tether?** A tether connects the top of a forward-facing car seat to the vehicle.  
**Why is it important?** A tether prevents serious head and neck injury by securing the top of the car seat and minimizing forward head movement in a crash.  
**How do I use it?** To provide optimum protection, a tether must be tightened and attached properly; you can find tether anchor locations in your vehicle owner's manual, and tether installation instructions in your car seat manual.



**Tethering a forward-facing car seat can help to limit forward movement of the child's head in a crash by 4 to 6 inches**



Always use the Top Tether when a car seat is forward-facing



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

**ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES**

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper.

Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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**DEADLINE**

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the August 7 - 20, 2020 issue is due by **FRIDAY, JULY 31ST**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 31ST**

Material submitted after the **JULY 31ST DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

# Ak-Chin Farms Corn Harvest



Photos by C. Picciuolo

Above, are photos taken July 7, during this year's corn harvest for Ak-Chin Farms.

The picture at left is "the process of piling and packing the processed corn hauled in from the field." Damian Murrieta, Assistant Farm Manager, shared.

"The corn will be packed then covered with several plastic layers to create anaerobic (without oxygen) fermentation. This process takes 30 – 90 days and improves the digestibility of nutrients and preserves the feed by keeping mold from forming."

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 most important thing when working on a fire."

Sonny has said his experiences, although extreme, have been positive ones. He continues to work hard and is determined to "make my kids proud of me."

Crisis occurs around the world at any given time, a crisis that can be averted by educating the population on preventative thinking and doing. Like Smokey the Bear says, "Only you can prevent wild fires." And its partially true, taking firm action to deal with a fire of any size can prevent further damaging movement of the fire. There are many procedures we can take to help stop the blaze.

With the current pandemic, families may want to take a break from being cooped up inside their homes and enjoy some time outdoors. Setting up a campsite and vacationing in the "wild" is fun, that fun comes with a common responsibility of keeping and maintaining camp fires in check. Being very careful and never leaving a fire unattended, ensuring the firepit being used is thoroughly extinguished, clearing out any excess items (leaves, branches, flammable liquids etc.) and keeping all gear safely distanced from around the camp site will help prevent adding additional "fuel" in case a fire occurs.

The photo inset, is a John Deere 9990I forage harvester.

"This harvester will chop and process the corn, smashing the kernels, making the starches in the kernel more available to the livestock. The feed is loaded into trucks and hauled to the silage pile to be packed and sealed to start the fermentation process."

The corn harvest began first week of July and

should be completed over the next couple weeks and will yield over 30 tons per acre.

Once it has finished the fermentation process the corn will be distributed to local dairies, such as, Shamrock Farms, Feenstra Dairy, Van Rijn Dairy and AZ Dairy.

Corn is an annual crop planted by Ak-Chin Farms in early spring (February-March) and harvested in July.



When taking a smoke break, throwing out a lit cigarette can seem like no big deal but even the most micro ignition can tip the scales and become a massive disaster. Before discarding cigarette butts be sure to douse items in water to guarantee that there is no way the fire can come back to life. Especially during the driest seasons in Arizona, cigarettes are very hazardous when not properly disposed of. In the state of Arizona littering can cost drivers and passengers a misdemeanor fine of \$500.

If you are out and about try to pay attention to the surroundings, keep a watchful eye out for smoke or any other inkling of fire. If you see trouble, report it as soon as possible to 911. There are many ways people can prevent small man-made fires from accelerating into a massive disaster.

Fires take a heavy toll environmentally, the impact of pollution that follows these rouge fires dangerously effects

the air quality for surrounding animals and human populations. A study published by Earth System Science Data shows that scientists estimate a wildfire emits about 8 billion tons of CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) per year and for the past 20 years the earth has been smoldered with smog. Carbon Dioxide is a colorless, odorless natural gas that is produced by burning carbon and organic compounds and by respiration.

Many people learn in primary school that we breath out carbon dioxide and it helps plants grow. Low concentrations are not harmful, such as our exhales, but higher concentrates can be very dangerous for the earth, its various eco-systems and of course humans.

Arizona is having a blazing season of wildfire, everyone can help in preventing fire damage to our beautiful state by taking the time to learn more about fire prevention.



## AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Beginning June 29, 2020, the Library will be open for limited services by appointment for the following days/times: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

**Public in the building:**

- Library & Education Lobby doors will remain locked.
- An appointment will be required for Library access.
- Please call us at 520-568-1675 to reserve a computer or to check out a book or DVD.
- Youth (ages 8 and up) can visit the Library to check out a book & use the computers, but they have to call the Library to set up a time.
- All youth (including young adults) will have to sign up for Summer Reading AND read 20 minutes before logging on the computers (anyone reading will maintain social distancing).
- Depending on computer reservations, youth and young adults will have 1 hour of computer time after reading.
- Only 5 patrons (including youth) are permitted in the building at a time to support social distancing guidelines.
- Everyone will sanitize hands before entering the Library and exiting the Library.
- Everyone entering the Library, will need to be wearing a mask. \*Please let us know if you need a mask and we will have one ready for you to wear before entering the Lobby.
- Depending on computer reservations and amount of people in the Library, individuals may only have 30 minutes inside the building to conclude their business.
- Any person exhibiting signs and symptoms of a cold or flu will be asked to leave immediately.

**Public Use Computers:**

- Only 4 public use computers will be available for use.
- One computer session per day and a time limit of 60 minutes will be in effect; extra time will be allotted if deemed necessary.
- Designated computers will be 6+ feet apart and well labeled.
- Users will clean before and after use.
- Preference given to individuals reserving computers for necessary work: employment

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each child in your household. (**Forms available online and through Ak-Chin Education office**). These will be collected during your scheduled checkout time.

**Checkout times are as follows:**

**Maricopa High School**  
 •All Maricopa High School students who have requested a hotspot regardless of their grade level will pick up their device on Thursday, July 23 between the hours of 10:00 and 6:00

- July 20: 8:00 - 12:00 Freshman A-M
- July 20: 12:00 - 4:00 Freshman N-Z
- July 21: 8:00 - 12:00 Sophomores A-M
- July 21: 12:00 - 4:00 Sophomores N-Z
- July 22: 8:00 - 12:00 Juniors A-M
- July 22: 12:00 - 4:00 Juniors N-Z
- July 23: 10:00 - 2:00 Seniors A-M
- July 23: 2:00 - 6:00 Seniors N-Z

**Desert Wind and Maricopa Wells Middle Schools**

- July 23: 8:00 - 12:00 A-G
- July 23: 12:00 - 4:00 H-M
- July 24: 8:00 - 12:00 N-U
- July 24: 12:00 - 4:00 V-Z

**Butterfield, Maricopa Elementary, Pima Butte, Saddleback, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Elementary Schools**

- July 27: 8:00 - 12:00 A-G
- July 27: 12:00 - 4:00 H-M
- July 28: 8:00 - 12:00 N-U
- July 28: 12:00 - 4:00 V-Z

*Additional appointments as needed.*

Lopeman is encouraging everyone to mark their calendars for the July 22nd, 6:30 pm special meeting. "Due to the alarming rate of community spread of COVID-19 our governing board will meet on July 22 to evaluate when MUSD students and staff can return safely to in-person learning. This decision will be based on data from a variety of sources that develops over the next two weeks."

For more information, check out the Welcome Back MUSD page at: [www.musd20.org/musdsafe](http://www.musd20.org/musdsafe)

Board meetings have been held without an audience in attendance, due to COVID-19. However, they are livestreamed and available to view via the Maricopa Unified School District YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/MaricopaUnified>.



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

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

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 Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 22th, 2020 at 9am-** available to first the 4 -Contractors to schedule and **10am-** for addition 4-Contractors. This is to follow the COVID requirements of having no more than 10 people gathered in one place. Scheduling must be submitted to Flora Howerton by email at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us) or by phone (520) 568-1043. Meetings will be held the **Ak-Chin Central Plant located at 15960 N. Narcia St. Maricopa, AZ 85139.** Contractors are allowed 1-2 representatives to attend their scheduled meeting and must comply with the COVID standards of wearing a mask and keeping a 6' social distance between those present. When arriving to site location, please report to a sign-in person and do not enter location until escorted.

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 Wednesday, July 29, 2020.** Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at [cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us)

The Owner will receive Bid Proposals until **2:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020** at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Electronic Proposals may be submitted to [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). 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.

**ATTENTION:**

**\*\*\*Tribal Members\*\*\***

Please make sure your mailing address on file with the **Enrollment Office is current.**

This will ensure future mailings from Ak-Chin Indian Community



**Change of Address**

**Address Update Forms are located at the Enrollment Office. (Old Fire Department)**

**Due to COVID-19**  
**We're open by appointment only please call (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074.**

No Walk-ins are available

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm & Saturday 8am-12pm**

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(applying for jobs), benefits work, school work, etc. before computer gaming.

- Computer gaming is not classified as necessary.
- Staff will only be able to provide limited computer help in order to ensure physical distancing.

**Library Programs:**

- All Library programming that can be moved online to a "Live" platform or as previously recorded videos will do so.
- All library programming that cannot be moved online will be temporarily suspended until it can be handled virtually (i.e. Facebook), one-on-one or up to 5 attendees.
- Library staff may drop of consumable materials at a participant's residence within the Community. This will be a No Contact drop off at their front door.

**Check in and out of Library Materials:**

- Digital Materials. We will encourage the check out and use of digital materials from our digital collections in Overdrive/Libby app. We will order such items as requested.
- Physical Materials: The return of materials that are currently checked out can be done at the book drop box. This is checked daily. Items returned will be held in quarantine for 72 hours before being cleaned.
- Curbside pick-up by request only. Please call Library staff at 520-568-1675.



**Hearing Notice**  
**Ak-Chin Indian Community**  
**Planning and Zoning**

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

**CASE: PS-03-20: Him-Dak Shade Structure:**

Applicant/Him-Dak Director Ms. Elaine Peters is requesting a Preliminary Site Plan Application approval to construct a shade structure over the existing Him-Dak Shade Amphitheater, located at 47685 W. Eco-Museum Road.

The project consists of:

- 36' x 40' canopy structure, the south face will be rounded to complement the existing plaza; and
- The canopy height will vary from 10'-5" x 12'-11"; and
- Electric, power, and lighting will be included; landscaping will be reworked at the north edge of the project; benches and refuse containers will also be added.

**CASE: PS-04-20: Old Bus Stop Renovation:**

Applicant/Him-Dak Director Ms. Elaine Peters is requesting a Preliminary Site Plan Application approval to renovate the existing old bus stop located on the south side of the intersection of West Farrell Road and North Church Road.

The project consists of:

- Widening the entrance to 3'-10" for ADA access; lowering the window openings of the existing adobe structure to 2'-11"; and
- Reworking the roof structure to include an added roof area of 7'-10" x 10'-5" for a shaded outdoor area on the west side; adding 7'-8" x 10'-5" concrete slab for the outdoor area;
- Adding 5' wide walkway to Farrell Rd, will match the existing walkway; and
- Benches, refuse duo recycling/trash containers; adding solar lighting for both interior and exterior lighting.

**CASE: PS-05-20: Old Jail House Renovation:**

Applicant/Him-Dak Director Ms. Elaine Peters is requesting a Preliminary Site Plan Application approval for interior and exterior renovation to the Old Jail House building located at the northeast corner of W. Farrell Road and N. Church Road.

The project consists of:

- Exterior upgrades consisting of, but not limited to, patch and paint the existing stucco, replace windows, repair doors, replace existing roof shingles, and exterior concrete walkway will be demolished and reconstructed to accommodate ADA access to a new opening; and
- Interior renovation to refinish and repaint entire interior, remodel for future administrative offices, ADA restroom improvements, and repurpose storage area for updated Information Technology room and adding a new fire riser.

**COWBOY LIFESTYLE**  
**NETWORK**



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



[www.CowboyLifestyleNetwork.com](http://www.CowboyLifestyleNetwork.com)

# Runners complete virtual run with Health Education

On June 21st, Ak-Chin Health Education successfully concluded their second virtual event, "Virtual 10k or Half Marathon Stage Run".

Participants, who began registering on June 15, received competition forms to fill out as they completed each stage. Participants were responsible for keeping track of their time and mileage, and encouraged to send in snapshots of fitness apps or watches as another way of tracking miles they completed each day.

When asked about the run, finalist Adam Bowman said, "It was fun and really hot, on our first day we hiked Case Grande Mountain, we also ran laps down Peters and Nall and at Coppersky."

Health Ed's "May the 4th Be With You Virtual 5K" was a successful way of testing the waters to see if a "virtual" social run would be the key to endorsing healthy living, while striving to keep the community well and active during the uncertain times. "We had to look at different ways in hosting our regular

events to promote physical activity," says Martina Peters, Health Educator at the department.

Having communicated with past participants about different ways to participate in the communal runs without having to be physically at the event, "they had all switched to this virtual way of running a race and submitting your time, so I thought, we could do that. It would be different, but we could give it a try." Said Martina.

The department decided on a

virtual run. For the Stage Run participants had to meet their goal within 7 days. Everyone got to choose the distance they wanted to complete, choices were running a half marathon (13.1 mi) or 10K (6.2 mi). For those 55+ and kids 12 and under, they were given the option to walk or run 2.4K (1.5 mi).

"We had 77 people register for this event and 59 people complete. We are getting a good turnout. Not only do they get to exercise, they also get some great incentives for doing so. We will most likely continue to host events this way for a while until it is safe to go back into in-person activities and gatherings."

## Thank You

I would like to announce the top finishers for the Virtual 10K or Half Marathon Stage Run Event. Thank you all for participating and stepping up to the challenge!

### 12 & Under Boys

- 1) Antonio Rodriguez 17:36
- 2) Zach Garcia 18:43
- 3) Mateo Rodriguez 18:52

### 12 & Under Girls

- 1) Jessica Zabawa 34:27
- 2) Harlee Jose 35:09
- 3) Kylie Hill 37:00

### 10K Male

- 1) Jacob Dickerson 1:10:28
- 2) Myles Peters 1:13:57
- 3) Jacoby King 1:19:37

### 10K Female

- 1) Sarah Zabawa 0:54:16
- 2) Jennifer Boehm-King 1:10:16
- 3) Emily Peters 1:10:23

### Half Marathon Male

- 1) Adrian Fierro 1:33:25
- 2) Adam J Bowman 2:19:00
- 3) Rayford Vavages 2:32:45

### Half Marathon Female

- 1) Alyssa Dickerson 2:00:06
- 2) Hannah Bowman 2:19:00
- 3) Julene Narcia 2:22:55

### "FOR THE LOVE OF FITNESS" Award

**Alvin Antone** – Ran entire Half Marathon at one time (3:10:06) Although event was not designed to do so, he did it!

**Adella Zabawa** – Completed all stages of Stage Run in one week. Completed 1.5 mile walk with grand kids, ran half marathon in stages, and then completed 10k in 2 days.

You all did a wonderful job! We will be in touch with you soon regarding your incentives for this run. When we receive all cards, we will distribute cards by pick-up or inter-departmental delivery. Please stay tuned, I will let you know when we start this process. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Martina



AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

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**THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM FOR THE AK-CHIN GAMING COMMISSION**

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS: The Tribal Council is seeking individuals with the following qualifications:

1. Must have knowledge or possess the ability to learn the Ak-Chin Gaming Compact, Code and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort Management.
2. Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the Ak-Chin Gaming Compact, Code and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort Management Agreement, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
3. Must have the ability to learn and understand the Federal, State, and Community regulatory processes pertaining to the Tribal Gaming Agency and Harrah's Casino Resort.
4. Must possess a valid Driver's License.
5. Community Employees must submit a letter from their Supervisor allowing them to serve on the Commission.

Please send all letters of interest Attn: **Ak-Chin Community Council**  
ATTN: Victoria Smith  
42507 W. Peters & Nall Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline to submit letter of interest is Friday, July 31, 2020 by 5pm.

**THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN ELECTION COMMITTEE**

OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

**All Community Election Committee members shall meet the following qualifications:**

1. Not an elected official of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council; and
2. Not a candidate, or the immediate family member of a candidate, for Community Council office; and
3. An enrolled member of the Community; and
4. At least twenty-one (21) years of age or older; and
5. Able and willing to perform all duties and functions, including being physically present during all elections.
6. If selected, shall conduct duties pursuant to the Election Code, 5.2.4 – Authority and Responsibility and all other responsibilities under the Ak-Chin Election Code.

Requirements: Interested individuals who are employed with the Community must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing the employee to serve on the Election Committee.

Anyone interested in serving on the Election Committee may send a letter of interest to:  
Ak-Chin Community Council  
Attn: Victoria A. Smith  
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.  
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

## Happy Birthdays

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Kaylan, Aurelia, Laila, Kristen, Jennifer and Rachel, and my grandsons Terrance, Jaxson.

Happy Birthday Rach!  
Love your Family

Happy Birthday Richard!  
Love your Family

Happy Birthday Corndog,  
Many wishes and with love  
Have a nice day - Uncle Wookie

Happy 4th Birthday Connor  
Aaron M. Miguel,  
Wow fatty, I can't believe you're going to be 4 years-old, man time  
sure does fly when you're having fun. You have grown so much that you are starting to become your own person. Keep growing, keep learning because there is a big world out there for you and you'll get there someday. I love you much fatty, you deserve it all and I will always try my best to give it to you.

Happy Birthday Aunt Jeannie,  
We love you and hope you have a good day.  
-Vera, Ame, Bianka & Mariah

you. Happy Birthday Fatty.  
Love you always, mom

Happy 4th Birthday Connor (Connor), It's been a blessing watching you grow into the most handsome, funny, loving little dude you are.  
God Mama & God Daddy love you always!

Happy Birthday Connor,  
We love you and hope you have a good day.  
~Grandma, Auntie Ame & auntie Mya

Happy Belated Sweet 16 Mariah Isabell  
You're growing into a smart, sweet, beautiful young lady, don't stop now. We love you always  
-mom, Ame & Bianka

Happy Birthday to my Little Bro Cat.  
Just want to say...I wish you the Best and as time goes on don't ever think you're forgotten. I miss you little Bro, it ain't the same without you. Keep your head up and keep your feet solid to the ground. Enjoy the best you can and always remember I'm here if you ever need anything. Happy Birthday Bro love & Miss you  
One Love Your Bro Sonny

Love You and forever you'll always Be My Baby Girl. Happy Birthday Little Love Your Dad

# EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

<p><b>7/17</b> Martina Guy, Health Education Adan Enriquez, EPD</p> <p><b>7/18</b> Silas Norris, Maintenance</p> <p><b>7/19</b> Brenda Ball, EPD</p> <p><b>7/20</b> Brian Poulson, Fire &amp; Safety Perry Vettrano, Capital Projects Havier Alvarez, Sanitation</p> <p><b>7/22</b> Andrea Chee, Law &amp; Order</p> <p><b>7/24</b> Stephanie Valdez, Early Childhood</p>	<p><b>7/28</b> Luis Rodas, Him Dak Museum</p> <p><b>7/29</b> Sylvia Rubalcaba, Cultural</p> <p><b>8/1</b> Arnold Aguirre, Security Guard</p> <p><b>8/2</b> Jennifer Boehm, Fire &amp; Safety</p> <p><b>8/4</b> Nicole Delma, Early Childhood Nathan Enos, Security Guard Jason Wilhite, Fire &amp; Safety</p> <p><b>8/5</b> Anthony E. Narcia, EPD</p> <p><b>8/6</b> Abraham Blanco, Courts</p>
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# July 17<sup>th</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

<p><b>JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup></b></p> <p><b>17<sup>th</sup> - Taos Joaquin</b> Jorge Alvarez Jr.</p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> - Silas Norris</b> Abraham Jose</p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> - Aniya Deleon</b> Dorian Nosie-Romo Hannah Smith</p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> - Richard Carlyle</b> James Lopez Briana Pena Robin Vincent Aiden Antone Havier Stephens Sr. Marisol Andaverde</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> - Kaycee Lopez</b> Dominic Lewis Ja'Marrion Stevenson</p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> - Mark Narcia</b></p> <p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> - Carlos Delores</b> BonScott Alvarez Connor Miguel Ulyceiz Ocanas</p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> - Doyleen Pablo</b> Stephanie Valdez Milla Cuatt Consuella Santiago Alejandra Castro Samantha Martinez</p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> - Norman Vincent Jr.</b> Jamar Stevenson Jr. Xendryk Antone-Silas</p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> - Sally Antone</b> Teagan Delma Fabian Santiago</p>	<p><b>Tyler Mike</b> Kylie Hill</p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> - Lilly-anna Johnson</b> Kaylan Peters Aurelia Peters</p> <p><b>28<sup>th</sup> - Terrance Peters</b> Jeannie Stephens Cheryl Lopez Luis Rodas</p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup> - Laila Lopez</b> Sylvia Rubalcaba Jeanette Sanders</p> <p><b>30<sup>th</sup> - Cecil Miguel</b> Ashlea Anderson Corrina White</p> <p><b>31<sup>st</sup> - Kristen Villegas</b> Clyde Santiago Brenda Arellanes-Burgos Lino Valles Jr.</p> <p><b>AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> - Aribella Vincent</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> - Jessica Narcia</b> Jennifer Boehm Wynema Vincent</p> <p><b>4<sup>TH</sup> - Nathan Enos</b> Nicole Delma Jaxson Brown Amelia Osife Aliyah Vincent</p> <p><b>5<sup>TH</sup> - Yondell Antone</b> Esperanza Santiago Anthony Narcia Jr. Rachel Lozano</p>
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**Happy Birthday!**

**As of Thursday, July 2, 2020 all customers and vendors will be required to wear a mask when entering Vekol Market.**



*For the safety of our Customers and employees, we ask that everyone continue to practice social distancing while in the market by keeping a 6-foot distance from other customers.*

**Thank you**

**Summer Workers continued from front**

Writing session coordinated by Harrah's Human Resources staff.

The following are parting words shared by some of our summer youth participants and their department leaders:

"Working as a Bell Person has to be one of the coolest positions I have ever chosen. It teaches you a lot of responsibility and care for the guest's luggage. When I first started my job, I had absolutely no idea what to expect from the department; it was beyond different from other summer jobs I have had in the past in the Community. This has been an eye opener to the real world, working for one of the biggest industries for the tribe." **Doria Garcia, Summer Youth Participant**

"One thing that I learned from working at Harrah's is that everyone is friendly and has an upbeat attitude. Working at Chop Block & Brew, I learned the proper way to cut foods. My experience at CBB is pretty good and I would like to work here again in the future." **Xendryk Antone, Summer Youth Participant**

"My work experience in the hotel was pretty cool. At first it was a little hard but as we kept coming back each day, I got used to it. One thing I learned was how to make the beds neatly. I liked working with my trainer. I would like to come back to work in this department in the future." **Celiyah Antone, Summer Youth Participant**

"I enjoyed working here. The employees are very nice and helpful. I am thankful to have gotten more work experience, working at the Copper Cactus Grill." **Noahli Antone, Summer Youth Worker**

"Xendryk has picked up quickly on our pantry station and has been able to keep up with the service standards. In his down time, he actively went to other stations to learn things that the other cooks were doing such as grill. He has helped in our time of need when cooks have been hard to come by in our departments. We truly enjoyed the role Xendryk played in helping us over the course of the past couple weeks. He is very respectable to his team members; I hope

for the best for him in his future." **Joe Bedell, Room Chef**

"Noahli has contributed so much in the department and will be greatly missed. She has demonstrated huge potential in being a future chef with how quickly she can adapt in the culinary world as well as display fantastic customer service. Myself, and the rest of my team will be looking forward to seeing her in the future and we have extended open arms if she made the choice to join our company. Good luck, thank you, and happy early birthday from the Copper Team!" **Jon Encarnacion, Room Chef**

"It's been a pleasure to have had Kateri & Laila work with us in the stewarding department. Kateri and Laila came to us not knowing what to expect in the department but after a day or two, they already had a good grip about the department. It was like they had been in the department for a while. My trainer gave me nothing but positive comments as well as the other stewards about their work ethics. Stewarding is a hard job to do and not everyone can do this job, but after Kateri & Laila

received the training they ran with it never once see them just standing around! They kept busy with a smile on their faces (even though sometimes it was hard to see the smile due to the mask). I know for a fact that whatever Kateri or Laila decide to do in the future they will be very successful! It has been a pleasure to have these two hardworking employees in our department. I wish them nothing but the best in their future! Thank you Kateri and Laila." **Roberto Reyes, Executive Steward**

"Zaida, Derek, Celiyah, Marie and Jesus have all been a HUGE help to the Housekeeping Team! They all learned how much work the job of a Guest Room Attendant and House Person entailed. Each of our summer youth participants were placed with the best trainers in the department and never did I hear any complaints from our trainers. The youth participants were responsible and a mature group. Thank you for choosing our department!" **Guadalupe Fonseca, Housekeeping Supervisor**

"Doria has been a pleasure to work with. She is a quick learner. During her experience

she was faced with difficult guest interactions, which Doria handled extremely well. She supported the Bell team by organizing bell runs, communicating golf cart requests, and assisting with storing guest luggage. We have really enjoyed her being part of our team." **Tara Aguirre, Hotel Supervisor**

"We were elated to welcome our Summer Youth to experience the casino entertainment business! We hope they enjoyed their experience and would love them to join our team someday!!!" **Jane Stimmel, Employee Engagement Manager**

"I received nothing but positive feedback from the department trainers and leaders regarding the Summer Youth. It was very encouraging to witness such strong young leadership within the group. Through this experience, they were all challenged in one way or another. Whether it was through learning a new skill or stepping out of their comfort zones and standing up to talk in our Toastmasters meetings; they each rose to the occasion." **Erica Manuel, HDS Program Supervisor**

# JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b> FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS · 8AM - 11:59PM <b>RECEIVE A TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER FROM 5X TO 50X!</b></p>			<p>1 PARINI STOCK POT &amp; BURNER SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>2 <b>DUNKIN'</b> SIP ON AN ICED COFFEE FROM DUNKIN'</p>	<p>3 MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>4 FRY'S GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY!</p>
<p>5 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>6 ASK A DEALER TO TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY A NEW TABLE GAME!</p>	<p>7 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>8 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>9 5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>10 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>11 BETTY CROCKER SLOW COOKER GIVEAWAY</p>
<p>12 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>13 <b>CHOPBLOCK &amp; BREW</b> RESERVE YOUR TABLE FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER</p>	<p>14 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>15 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>16 SUMMERTIME GIFT LIQUIDATION</p>	<p>17 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>18 ENJOY A WINE AND FOOD PAIRING AT OAK &amp; FORK</p>
<p>19 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>20 HAVE YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH US!</p>	<p>21 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>22 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>23 5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>24 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>25 GIVE LIVE KENO A TRY!</p>
<p>26 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>27 USE YOUR REWARD CREDITS* AT THE GIFT SHOP</p>	<p>28 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>29 COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>30 <b>AGAVE'S RESTAURANT</b> PLAN A LUNCH DATE WITH A FRIEND!</p>	<p>31 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	

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