



Former NBA Player Jason Kidd, who once played for the Phoenix Suns, takes a picture with Community members Joseph, Brittany, Rope and Pate Justin before teeing off on the 10th hole at the WMPO Annexus Pro-Am on Wednesday, January 30. Kidd was one of many celebrities they were able to see.

## 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open raises stake for optimal fan experience

Story and Photos by Runner Staff

For the past several years, the Waste Management Phoenix Open, also known as the "Greatest Show on Grass" has hit record attendance numbers. It coincidentally happens to be around the same time that the Ak-Chin Indian Community joined on as The Presenting Sponsor.

Coincidence? We're not sure, but we do know that WMPO has worked every inch of TPC Scottsdale to provide its guests even more excitement on the iconic par-3 16th hole. Improvements have been made around the 16, also known as the coliseum, by adding more seating, upgraded suites, the finest foods and libations and an unforgettable golf experience you will not find on any other course.

This year will bring in a new feature as well just for its golfers on 16. An erected monument that will forever showcase "the names of the lucky few who have aced the par-3 16th" announced Ryan Woodcock, Director of Communications for WMPO.

Names such as Tiger Woods, who in 1997 aced his third-round tee shot at 16. "The result was a deafening roar heard 'round the course as Woods, caught up in the excitement, missed

a few high-fives and "raised the roof" as he walked down the forced carry to remove his ball from the cup." Woodcock shared.

Monday, January 28, Ak-Chin employees Adrian Fierro and Ralph Gomez were selected to participate in the Monday Pro-Am.

Tuesday, January 29, The WMPO hosted the R.S. Hoyt Jr. Family Foundation Dream Day presented by PING, where athletes from the Arizona Special Olympics get their chance to play with Pro Athletes on the TPC Scottsdale putting green.

Ak-Chin's very own Bren Vilisto got her putting time playing along side Okland A's pitcher Sean Manaea. Bren was the first to t off and with a swing of the club, Miss Bren made a hole in one her first try. Everyone around celebrated her amazing stroke of luck.

Wednesday, January 29, two teams representing Ak-Chin Indian Community will get the chance to play in the Wednesday Annexus Pro-Am. The Harrah's team of Brandon Peters, Robert Livingston, Aaron Habben and Lois Kamysiak were paired with pros Webb Simpson and Beau Hossler, while Team Southern

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## Professional Bull Riders Ak-Chin Invitational

Story by K. Morago and photo by R. Peters



Cooper Tires and Monster Energy lady ambassadors with (third from left) Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos, Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel, 2019 Ak-Chin PBR Invitational Champion João Ricardo Vieira, and Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel during the buckle presentation on Sunday, January 20 at Gila River Arena in Glendale.

If you thought you saw more than the average number of cowboys in Ak-Chin over the holiday weekend, you were right as the Professional Bull Riders came into the village and later Gila River Arena for the 2019 Ak-Chin Invitational January 19 - 20, in Glendale.

Sightings began with the Meet and Greet at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center on Friday, January 18. For several hours, PBR rookie and Navajo Nation member Cody Jesus and Mexico's Juan Contreras signed autographs and took photos with fans in the lobby.

Welcoming the duo were Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Council member Lisa Garcia, Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos and Little Mr. Ak-Chin Cecil Miguel, Jr. and Little Miss Ak-Chin Kylee Carlyle.

Phoenix country radio station KNIX 102.5 did a live remote in the UltraStar lobby, giving away PBR tickets and radio swag.

The bull riders enjoyed Ak-Chin hospitality as some traveled to the Community on Thursday to bowl in Ten Pins Down, and others golfed at Southern Dunes on Friday morning.

Usually making their PBR tour stop in March, the 2019 Unleash The Beast schedule had Arizona as the third riding event after the New York City season opener. Thirty-six bull riders competed over two days for over \$100,000 in total prize money.

Ak-Chin members and PBR fans traveled to Glendale for the bull-riding action. Four Native riders participated - "The Cherokee Kid"

Ryan Dirteater 2016 Ak-Chin Invitational winner, Chippewa-Sioux rider Stetson Lawrence, Navajo and 2018 PBR Rookie of the Year Keyshawn Whitehorse and new-comer Navajo rider Cody Jesus.

Keyshawn Whitehorse successfully rode in the first round 83.75 points riding "Border Patrol," and Stetson Lawrence got bucked off "Getting Hammered" on his first ride and did not return to the event with a foot fracture.

In the second round Ryan Dirteater scored 85.25 points on "Scarface," and Cody Jesus was the highest scoring native rider who rode bull "Make-N-Magic," to eight seconds earning 86.5 in the second round.

During Saturday's performance,

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## Ak-Chin Farms gets visitors from Mexico City

Story and Photos by J. Peters



Water Manager Steve Coester talks to students during the farm tour. While listening to Mr. Coester the teacher and or Mr. Fierro trasnlated his words for students to take ones.

It's been two years since students from Universidad Autonoma Chapingo have made a visit to the Ak-Chin Indian Community. On January 25th students and faculty rode in on their big tour bus for another visit of the community.

The agriculture based school brought a new group of students to learn about Ak-Chin's history and its farming ways, guided by Farm Manager Steve Coester and Assistant Water Manager Adrian Fierro.

The pair showed the tour group various parts of the land, answering questions along the way. Students asked questions about the techniques the farmers used on the land, the irrigation systems, and where and who buys Ak-Chin's crops.

They were very curious and wanted to know everything they could possibly learn about the agriculture of the community. Getting an up close look at the farm equipment the student got a first had look on how the machines worked.

Farm Tour photos on page 7

## In Loving Memory of



### Dorothy Ann Lewis

04/09/55 - 12/24/18

To all our friends, family, and Community,

We, the family of Dorothy Ann Lewis wish to express our appreciation for everyone's comforting expressions of sympathy, which were conveyed to us in many ways. We are grateful to those who shared their lovely memories—we truly enjoyed your company. Your presence helped lighten our burden in our time of need.

Thank you for taking the time to comfort, call, and pray for us. Your support, concern, and compassion during our difficult time meant so very much and will always be remembered with deep gratitude. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.

Though our lives dramatically changed on December 24, 2018, our mom, daughter, sister, aunt, grandma, and friend Dorothy, left us with many wonderful memories and abundance of love!

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# Chandler Multicultural Festival includes royalty in fashion show



TOP: Miss Indian Arizona royalty with Miss Ak-Chin and Miss Gila River royalty.

RIGHT: Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos during the Chandler Multicultural Fashion Show on Saturday, January 19.

Photos by Henry Garcia

The Miss Indian Arizona Association invited tribal royalty to participate in the 2019 Chandler Multicultural and Film Festival celebration in downtown Chandler on Saturday, January 19.

Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos modeled her traditional O'odham dress during the

afternoon fashion show.

The fashion show featured representations from Arizona's indigenous tribes and of cultures from around the world. Elaina met other tribal royalty that participated.



The Miss Indian Arizona Association hosts their annual scholarship in Chandler and was invited to share tribal culture wear.

The overall event brought together a variety of international films, cultural performances, food and fun.

## New Miss Tohono O'odham Nation crowned



Maria Pablo is crowned the new Miss Tohono O'odham Nation.

As the Tohono O'odham Nation prepares for their annual rodeo and fair celebration in February, the tribe hosts the annual Miss Tohono O'odham Nation pageant several weeks prior. Three young ladies competed for the title at the Desert Diamond Casino - Pima Mine Road Event Center.

Maria Pablo, a student attending the University of Arizona, was crowned Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2019-2020 Sunday evening, January 20. Announced First Attendant was Tierra Domingo from Pisinimo District, Dirtburn Community and Second Attendant was Sophia



Tierra Domingo receives Best Modern Talent and goes on to win First Attendant.

Stevens from Sells District, Ge'Oidag Community.

The young ladies showcased their public speaking skills, modern and traditional talent presentations, impromptu question, modern and traditional dress, and had personal interviews with the judges prior to the pageant. Escorting the young ladies were Tohono O'odham Nation Veterans.

The new titleholder is from the Chukut Kuk District San Miguel Community and replaces out-going queen Sarah Jane Arvicio.

Gertie and the T.O. Boyz played for the Coronation



Sophia Stevens modeling her modern attire. All the contestants were escorted by Tohono O'odham Nation Veterans.

Dance which included the Edward Manuel. Vice-first dance of the new Miss Chairman Verlon Jose danced Tohono O'odham Nation with First Attendant Tierra Maria Pablo with Chairman Domingo.

**ATTENTION:**

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

**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.**

<p><b>What you need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Enrollment Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Birth Certificate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marriage License (if applicable)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notarized Affidavit (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p>All forms can be found at the Enrollment Office.</p>	<p><b>Please keep contact information updated.</b></p> <p><i>IE: Change of Name, Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address &amp; Contact Numbers.</i></p> <p><i>Please bring any supporting documents.</i></p> <p><i>IE: Court Documents</i></p>
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## ACES February News

Submitted by: Ed Gerak, ACES Consultant

The 13th Annual Arizona Tribal Energy Association Meeting was held on January 24th, 2019 in Phoenix. The meeting was well attended by tribes in Arizona, California and a group representing tribes from the Midwest. There were also multiple representatives from the Desert Southwest (DSW) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) regions of Western Area Power Administration.

Steve Johnson & Brent Osiek, CRSP Region, gave an interesting overview of the hydrology in the West, the releases at Glen Canyon Dam and how it may affect the power generation. They discussed with the group how the CRSP contracts work and how the rates are calculated. Due to the Basin Fund, the CRSP rates have been able to be held flat for the last 10 years. The Ak-Chin Community has benefited from its CRSP power contract, and Council will consider extending the contract for another 33 years in February.



Another issue they discussed was the possible emergence of "markets" in the West. This would be an organization designed to help optimize the electrical generation and minimize the reserves necessary to still provide reliable services to these areas. With Peak Reliability planning on ending its services in the West, the California ISO and Southwest Power Pool have been moving in to pick up the pieces. We are seeing more entities in Arizona move into the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) and we are not sure if this will pull others into the EIM or California ISO in Arizona.

Next, there was an interesting presentation by an economist from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. His presentation discussed how battery storage has become more cost effective recently, but also revealed the pros

and cons of batteries, the beneficial uses and some of the market analysis they have performed. Battery storage could have the potential to radically transform the energy world if the market is able to solve some of the major problems.

Western Energy Coordinating Council presented to regarding their 10 and 20 year planning forecasts. By their assessment, the grid should be adequate for the next 10 years, but will need added capacity for seasonal variations after that.

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority discussed their planned 50 MW solar project. They have established the area, issued an RFP and selected a preferred vendor to develop this project. The ACES Board has discussed this project and will continue to monitor its progress.

The Arizona Tribal Energy Association is a group of Native American Utilities in Arizona that focus on power related issues, including Federal hydropower contracts that these entities possess.

Members include Aha Macav Power Service, Ak-Chin Energy Services, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority and Tohono O'odham Utility Authority.

ATEA specifically strives to:

- To promote the members' interests in Indian energy and utility matters;
- To inform members about energy and utility-related regulatory, development, and policy matters;
- To promote the members' interest in law and regulatory developments that relate to or affect energy and utility concerns on their respective reservations or in Indian country as a whole; and
- To educate other tribes and the public about Indian energy and utility matters.

## ELDER MENU

<p><b>Friday February 1</b> Steak and potatoes Asparagus, wheat rolls</p> <p><b>Monday February 4</b> Meatball and vegetables soup Corn on cob, wheat rolls</p> <p><b>Tuesday February 5</b> Salad bar, potato soup Wheat crackers</p> <p><b>Wednesday February 6</b> Chicken and mushrooms soup Broccoli/pumpkin salad Wheat rolls</p> <p><b>Thursday February 7</b> Indian tacos Lettuce/tomato/cheese, corn</p> <p><b>Friday February 8</b> Chicken and potatoes Asparagus, wild rice</p>	<p><b>Monday February 11</b> Pinto beans, corn bread, spring salad, zucchini bread apple</p> <p><b>Tuesday February 12</b> Red enchiladas, black beans Corn/lettuce/tomato Spanish rice</p> <p><b>Wednesday February 13</b> Tuna or chicken salad sandwich Mix vegetables Lettuce/tomato/broccoli</p> <p><b>Thursday February 14</b> Meatloaf, green beans mashed potatoes Wheat rolls</p> <p><b>Friday February 15</b> Breakfast bacon/ sausage potatoes, fruit salad</p>
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WMPO continued from Front

Dunes players Floyd Jensen, Brady Wilson, Roy Edwards and Cecil Peters were paired up with pros Patton Kizzre and Abraham Ancer. At press time, the teams had completed play and were awaiting to participate in the Shot at Glory on Hole 16.

Wednesday also kicks off the concert series at the Coor's Light Bird's Nest with Old Dominion, Midland and Brandon Lay. Thursday brings more country performers with Jake Owen, Lee Brice and Michael Ray. Friday turns it up a notch, as The Chain Smokers and Snoop Dogg are in the house, and Saturday's concert is sure to please with performances by Martin Garrix, DJ Vice, Justin Mylo.

Thursday officially begins the WMPO tournament, and with 132 players, you will find someone to cheer for if you don't already have a favorite. Fan favorites Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson are among the Pros who will all be vying for their piece of the \$7.1 million purse.

If you are planning to attend this year's WMPO, be sure to wear comfortable shoes if you plan on checking out 16, it's a bit of a walk, but so worth the effort. Also plan to bring a light jacket as the mornings are a bit chilly, and a hat as it warms up to a beautiful day outdoors. For those planning to go on the busiest day of the Open - Saturday, there are reports of rain, so be prepared.

Other than that, it should be all good at the WMPO!!



Oakland A's Pitcher Sean Manaea gives a very happy Bren Valisto a high five shortly after she got a hole in one.



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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.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019.**

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Cannot be guaranteed placement.

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# Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel speaks during 24th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day

Story and photos by R. Peters



Ak-Chin Council members Lisa Garcia, Delia Carlyle and Octavio Machado with the Honorable Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State.



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel with Hualapai Chairman Dr. Damon R. Clarke after the State of Tribal Nations presentations.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel spoke from the heart, from experience and with before and after photos of his youngest daughter Stella at the 24th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Wednesday, January 16.

The yearly event is an official invitation from top state leaders to all Arizona Indian tribes. Hosted by the Arizona Senate, this year's joint protocol session focused on respective tribal contributions, cultural diversity, identity and issues each tribe is currently facing.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community was well represented. All five councilmembers were in attendance, as well as 2018-2019 Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos and Joe Miguel, son of Chairman Robert Miguel.

Youth were a focus with the 5th Annual Native Youth Know forum happening at the same time, which covered topics in the area of food as medicine, wellness, water and ancestral knowledge.

The morning began in the Arizona chamber with the State of Tribal Nations Address. Tribal leaders sat among state representatives. The public sat in the balcony galley. It was at capacity.



LEFT: Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos (right) joins other Arizona tribal royalty in the Arizona State Senate floor for a moment with Senator Sally Ann Gonzales - D3 (fourth from left) who is a member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe.

White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood spoke to the audience first. The first woman elected to lead her tribe, she gave highlights of the tribe's economic ventures.

Dr. Damon Clarke, Chairman for Hualapai tribe spoke next. Providing a slide show of his community, he focused on education and the importance of the Grand Canyon to his people.

As the final speaker, Chairman Miguel reflected on the successes and challenges the Community faces. He began with a moving photo of his youngest daughter Stella and her early surgeries to correct a cleft palate, sharing how tribal gaming played a role in assisting with the medical procedures.

Chairman continued to speak about the successes Ak-Chin has shared with the state of Arizona, tribal communities and the struggles Ak-Chin has been facing as well. He addressed the youth in the crowd many times. At one point, Chairman even shared a very personal experience about his childhood which he felt was a turning point in his life. Visibly emotional in sharing the personal moments, it was during that difficult time in life that helped him to realize he knew he could be a leader.

He hoped his words not only educated those attending about Ak-Chin but gave inspiration to the nearly 100 youth in the audience. The goal "was to not only highlight potential deficiencies and problems throughout the Community and

in Indian Country, (but) how we can solve our problems together," Chairman Miguel reflected, and "to also acknowledge the highlights and how Ak-Chin's helped the economy and supported other causes for the benefit of all."

As always, Chairman credits past great leaders who paved the way for Ak-Chin. He also wanted the youth to know that "despite any negative ordeals and dilemmas they've encountered in life that you can overcome anything and become successful in life."

The overall theme of the State of Tribal Nations address was continued need of support and funding in all aspects from the State and Federal government and tribes need to continually stay united.

The event moved to the lawn for lunch and visits with leaders and tribal royalty. Lunch featured traditional menu items from six tribes. Informational booths were set up promoting tribes and health initiatives.

Several leaders extended appreciation to Chairman Miguel for his comments following his address.

"Three females told me that they admired my willingness to be vulnerable in such a public setting when I told my story. I let them know that I felt it only right to tell a story from the position I sit in, which comes across much more and truly identifies the problems we endure in life and how we need to address them," he said.

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# CREATIVE LEARNING

## Daria Garcia begins basketball career on Desert Wind team



Daria Garcia #22 and teammates on the Desert Wind Middle School team on the defense during their game versus Maricopa Wells Middle School.

The next generation of Ak-Chin ballers has begun in sixth grader Daria Garcia. The daughter of Davis "Skip" and Dorissa Garcia, she has begun her season playing on the sixth-seventh grades Desert Wind Middle School Lady Tigers team.

Daria shared with her parents the desire to try out for the team. Neither played basketball and mom

Dorissa has been excited and encouraging for Daria as she plays wearing #22.

The Wind - Wells rivalry was in full swing on Tuesday, January 29 at the DWMS gym. Daria played in a two quarter game that included facing fellow Ak-Chin student Aaliyah Alvarez who was on the opposing Lady Panther team.



TOP: Sixth grader Daria Garcia with mom Dorissa and brother David after the game.

RIGHT: Daria working through a block from a MWMS guard in the first game on Tuesday, January 29.



It was a low-scoring game with the Panthers winning 10 to 4. The senior team played next with the Lady Panthers also winning that game by a basket 31 - 33.

## Antonio Rodriguez enters Legacy Science Fair



Community member Antonio Rodriguez' science project was selected to be in the first science fair of 2019 at Legacy Traditional School.

He was very excited to be in the fair as he had worked hard on his project weeks prior. Antonio's project focused on the question, "Do different materials burn at different rates?"

For his experiment a video made by Antonio with the help of his family demonstrated different materials being burned in a small fire pit to collect data to be used to further answer his hypothesis.

Simple materials were used such

as, wood, drywall, cotton fabric, plastic and paper. Antonio explained the importance of his experiment to those who stopped to take a look at what he had done. "This experiment is important because it shows how fast everyday materials that are found in most homes burn."

Antonio goes on to explain more, "There was more solid wood and other things used to build homes and furniture, now many homes are built with lighter woods which burn faster than the more solid woods used before, and more home furniture is made of plastics and fabrics that catch fire easily, which can contribute to more house fires than there have been in the past."

## MUSD spellers go seven rounds



TOP LEFT: MUSD Spelling Bee Champion John Reese and Runner-Up Tyron Davis during the Tuesday, January 22 Spelling Bee held at the MUSD office. Reese is a student at Desert Wind Middle School and Davis attends Santa Rosa Elementary School. They move forward to the regional bee in February.



LEFT: Bella Hennings, a student at Butterfield Elementary spells a word during the MUSD Spelling Bee. She went on to place third from a field of 18 student spellers.

Ak-Chin student Aleena Antone was listed as an alternate for Maricopa Wells Middle School.

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#### NOTICE TO AK-CHIN FAMILIES STATUS OF TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL BY AK-CHIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

This announcement serves as notice to the Community that effective Monday, January 7, 2019 The Education Department will implement a new Ak-Chin Education Department Guideline on transporting students to school. **\*\*Transportation is provided to those families with a signed Release of Information Form on file\*\***

Elementary/Middle School/High School student families have three (3) passes per fall (August-December) and spring (January-May) terms to request for transport to school. Transport to school will only be **within 30 minutes after school has started.**

#### PROCESS

1. Parents/Guardians/Custodians must contact the Education Department at (520) 568-1280 to request for transport to school. If request is in person, you must walk students into our office to sign for transport.
2. Please refrain from having your child walk from home to our office to request for transport.
3. Even if Ak-Chin Education Department staff transport your child to school, Parents/Guardians/Custodians are still responsible for calling the school to notify school staff of your child's absence from school or tardy to school.

We would like to thank those Parents/Guardians/Custodians who make an effort to ensure your child is ready to catch the bus or make an effort to transport your child to school. We recognize that emergencies do come up; however, there have been frequent repeat request(s) for transport to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Education Department at (520) 568-1280. Thank you.

*All the Things I Love Storytime*

Friday, February 22, 2019  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

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Call Library: (520)568-1875  
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## REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH**

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

Email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us  
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## 5th Annual Valentine's Day 5K

Be Heart Smart, Stay Active!

**EVENT INFO**

DATE: FEBRUARY 9th 2019  
TIME: 8:00 AM Check-In, 8:30 AM START  
LOCATION: Ak-Chin Service Center, 48227 W. Farrell Rd.  
DETAILS: T-shirts for participants, refreshments, open to everyone and all ages!

**\*\*T-shirts provided to first 150 registrants, early registration is available. Please inquire for registration form.**

Questions? Please contact Martina Peters at Ak-Chin Health Education @ (520) 568-1085 or email mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

## JOM MEETING

Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
Justice Complex  
Conference Room  
at 6:00 pm

All parents of Ak-Chin Community students are welcome to attend

For more information please contact Deidra Carlyle  
DECarlyle@ak-chin.nsn.us



# Safety Committee recognizes Tim Costello



At left, Tim Costello, Airport Manager receives award from Clifford Myers, Ak-Chin Safety Director.

Ak-Chin Airport Manager Tim Costello was recently recognized at the January Ak-Chin Director's meeting for his tenure as Ak-Chin Safety Committee Chairman.

Costello has served in the capacity since January of 2016, succeeding Ak-Chin EPD Director Brenda Ball.

"During Tim's tenure as Safety Committee Chair he led the continuation of the Annual Employee Safety Stand Down and was a driving force in the Annual Farm Safety Stand Down held in December." shared Clifford Myers, Ak-Chin Safety Director - TOSHA.

"He has a high level of

commitment to the Health and Safety of all of our employees here at Ak-Chin and while he is stepping down as the Committee Chair will continue to serve as a member of the Committee."

The Ak-Chin Safety Committee will be selecting a new chairman during a special meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 29th. Current members of the Ak-Chin Safety Committee include: Tim Costello; Airport Manager, Brenda Ball; EPD Director, Cecil Peters; Fire Chief, Joan Jackson-Deal; HR Manager, Steve Tiemann; Finance Director, Sandra Shade; Planning Director and Steve Coester; Farm Manager.

**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

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

**February 2019 Schedule**

**Sunday Mass at 12 noon**  
 February 3 - Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb  
 February 10 - Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb  
 February 17 - Fr. Antony Tinker  
 February 24 - Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 February 10  
 CDA kickoff at all Masses

February 16, 10 AM  
 CCOE Meeting - San Lucy Mission - Gila Bend

February 17  
 CDA Pledges at all Masses

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.

**2019 CONCERT LISTINGS**

**AK-CHIN PAVILION**  
 LIVE NATION

- March 15th - Zac Brown Band
- May 2nd - Slayer
- May 31st - Brad Paisley w/special guest Chris Lane & Riley Green
- June 12th - Train, Goo Goo Dolls & Allen Stone
- June 13th - Luke Bryan w/special guests Cole Swindell & Jon Langston
- June 19th - Hootie and the Blowfish
- June 22nd - Carlos Santana
- July 25th - Ozzy Osbourne
- August 3rd - Rascal Flatts w/special guests
- August 16th - Chris Young & Chris Janson
- Setpmeber 13th - Dave Matthews Band
- September 19th - Florida Georgia Line w/special guests Dan+Shay, Morgan Wallen, & Canaan Smith

**\*REMINDER\***

Trash collection days for the Community are: Monday & Friday (except for holidays)

Recycling collection on Thursday

Thank you,  
 The Sanitation department

**Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group**

**Ak-Chin Health and Human Services**

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

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

\*A Certificate of Completion is issued when a participant actively participates in and completes the entire series of topics.  
 \*\*Individuals not employed by the community, not residents or community members may be given special permission, contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details.

Looking for all CRUSADERS for the 2019 School Reunion!

Welcome to:  
**"Our Home Away From Home"**

**St. John's Indian School**

**Reunion**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen (Komatke), AZ (S. 51st Ave. & Pecos Rd.)

Mass: 10:00 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church  
 Followed by Brunch  
 Activities to follow at the Boys & Girls Club

Reunion Contacts:  
 Eleanor Thomas-Williams 602-881-9459  
 Janice Allison-Estrada 520-404-1570  
 Urban Giff 480-839-4730  
 Mary Narcho 520-869-2646

**2018 Masik Tas Survey**

In order to make the annual Masik Tas celebration the best it can be, we are asking for your input. Please fill out the survey and turn into the Events office or to events@ak-chin.nsn.us. If you fill out & return the survey by January 18th, you can be entered to win a gift card. Available gift cards are \$100 Chuck-E-Cheese, \$50 Amazon, \$25 Barnes & Noble. Open to Community Members, Residents and Community Employees.

- What was your favorite part of the 2018 Masik Tas Celebration?
- What did you like least about the 2018 Masik Tas Celebration?
- Which Parade "type" do you prefer?  
 Evening Light Parade  Saturday Morning Parade
- Did you feel the Carnival/Rodeo/Concert environment was safer due to the perimeter fencing and added Security?  
 Yes, I prefer the fenced in venue  
 No, I like it better without the fencing
- Did you enjoy the live entertainment in 2018?  
 Yes  No  Other-please specify below
- Do you have any suggestions/feedback/comments for the committee?
- Did you attend the off-site events? (Pageant, Community Lunch/Youth Council events) if not, why?
- Did you attend Community Member day at the Carnival? If not, please tell us why?
- What overall "rating" would you give the 2018 Masik Tas Celebration? (1 being a "low" score and 5 being a "high" score)  
 1  2  3  4  5



**Ak-Chin/Maricopa RECOVERY**

**12 STEP RECOVERY MEETINGS**

<b>MONDAY:</b> <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 12:00PM Mt View Community Church 50881 W. Papago Rd	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 12:00PM Ak-Chin Social Services 48227 W Farrell Rd	<b>SUNDAY:</b> <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave Maricopa AZ
<u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 6:00PM 45295 W Honeycutt Ave Community of Hope Church	<b>THURSDAY:</b> <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Ak Chin Social Services 48227 W Farrell Rd	<u>Al-ANON</u> <b>FRIDAY:</b> <u>Al-ANON</u> 7:00PM Community of Hope Church 45295 W Honeycutt Ave
<u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave	<b>TUESDAY:</b> <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 6:30PM Mt View Community Church 50881 W. Papago Rd	<u>Celebrate Recovery</u> <b>TUESDAY: 6:30PM</b> Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave Maricopa AZ Meal & Childcare Available

**AA Information: 520-426-9318**  
[www.maricopaaa.org](http://www.maricopaaa.org)

**Maricopa Celebrate Recovery: 951-588-3835**

**NA Information: 520-426-0121**  
<http://arizona-na.org/meetings/southcentral.php>

**Arizona Celebrate Recovery Meetings:**  
<http://arizonacelebraterecovery.org/meeting%20locations.htm>

**CRISIS INFO**  
 In case of emergency dial: 911 / Crisis Line: 1-866-495-6735

Farm Visit continued from Front



Students from the Universidad Autonoma Chapingo take some time to explore Ak-Chin Farms during a walking tour, before heading back to the council chambers to enjoy a nice lunch, on Friday, January 25.



Students took notes on what they were learning throughout the tour.



The students got to get a glimpse of the inside of the farm equipment.



This photographer gets an up-close photo of one of Ak-Chin's potato planters. At right, students look at more of the potato processing plant equipment utilized on the farm during their tour.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Design - Build Services  
Solar Pedestrian lights along pathway  
of Farrell Road and State Route 347**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking a civil engineer to provide solar pedestrian lighting plan drawings for solar lighting along Farrell Road and State Route 347. The project is approximately .3 miles in length and is located on Ak-Chin Indian Reservation, Pinal County Arizona.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Community has pedestrian pathway on the south side of Farrell Road and just west of State Route 347 right of way that is in need of lighting. The Community has existing solar lighting along Farrell Road pass Narcia Street. The Community would like to install approximately 18 solar lights spaced efficiently to provide safe lighting at night. Civil drawings and a photometric study will be used in the Community Planning and Zoning Applications. Drawings should show solar light pole details and solar light manufacture specifications.

Please pick up a CD which contains the RFP requirements at Ak-Chin Community's Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be **2:00 p.m. (MST) on February 15, 2019**. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us).

Proposals will be due at **12:00 p.m. on February 22, 2019** to the Community's Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be returned unopened. Please address proposal as:

Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Project Ak-Chin Circle Pedestrian Solar Lighting

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all proposals. 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.

**FEBRUARY 9-10, 2019**  
SCOTTSDALE CIVIC PLAZA

**INDIAN FESTIVAL**

FREE FAMILY EVENT + FOOD TRUCKS + PERFORMANCES + STORYTELLING + KIDS ACTIVITIES + ARTISAN MARKET + MUSIC

SATURDAY 9AM - 6PM & SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

FOR MORE INFO: [ARIZONAINDIANTOURISM.ORG](http://ARIZONAINDIANTOURISM.ORG) OR FACEBOOK: ARIZONA INDIAN FESTIVAL

Happy Valentine's Day  
From the Runner

**Ak-Chin Adult Softball Tournament**

**Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball**  
February 22 - 24, 2019

Early Bird Registration Deadline:  
February 4, 2019  
Entry Fee: \$175.00

Registration Deadline:  
February 8, 2019  
Entry Fee: \$200.00

Awards: 1st-3rd Place

To Register or for more information  
email us at: [recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us)

**Ak-Chin Elder Valentine Chair Volleyball Tournament**

February 9th, 2019

Registration Deadline:  
February 3rd, 2019

Registration Entry Fee: None

Awards: 1st-3rd Place

First 20 teams to be accepted.

To Register or for more information  
email us at: [recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us)

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

MORNING SCHEDULE		EVENING SCHEDULE		
MONDAY - FRIDAY		MONDAY - FRIDAY		
Location	Time	Location	Time	Time
Juan at Hohokam WB	7:25 AM	Apartments EB	5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Miguel at Ralph WB	7:26 AM	Farrell at the Elderly EB	5:01 PM	5:31 PM
Ralph at Hohokam WB	7:27 AM	Vekol Market EB	5:02 PM	5:32 PM
Narcia at Vincent WB	7:28 AM	Farrell at the Gym EB	5:04 PM	5:33 PM
Farrell at Enos WB	7:29 AM	Farrell at BIA House EB	5:05 PM	5:34 PM
Farrell at Antone Park WB	7:30 AM	Farrell at Justice Center EB	5:06 PM	5:35 PM
Farrell at Church	7:32 AM	UltraStar EB	5:08 PM	5:37 PM
Farrell at Carlyle WB	7:33 AM	Harrahs West EB	5:08 PM	5:37 PM
Farrell at Elderly WB	7:34 AM	Harrahs South EB	5:09 PM	5:38 PM
Apartments EB	7:35 AM	Peters & Nall at Milo EB	5:12 PM	
Farrell at the Elderly EB	7:36 AM	Ak-Chin HQ/Farms EB	5:13 PM	
Vekol Market EB	7:38 AM	Barley at Pecan EB	5:14 PM	
Farrell at the Gym EB	7:39 AM	Farm at Peters & Nall WB	5:15 PM	
Farrell at BIA House EB	7:40 AM	Juan at Hohokam WB	5:21 PM	
Farrell at Justice Center EB	7:41 AM	Miguel at Ralph WB	5:22 PM	
UltraStar EB	7:43 AM	Ralph at Hohokam WB	5:23 PM	
Harrahs West EB	7:43 AM	Narcia at Vincent WB	5:24 PM	
Harrahs South EB	7:44 AM	Farrell at Enos WB	5:25 PM	
Peters & Nall at Milo EB	7:47 AM	Farrell at Antone Park WB	5:26 PM	
Ak-Chin HQ/Farms EB	7:50 AM	Farrell at Church	5:27 PM	
Barley at Pecan EB	7:51 AM	Farrell at Carlyle WB	5:28 PM	
Farm at Peters & Nall WB	7:52 AM	Farrell at Elderly WB	5:29 PM	

Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 8:15 am to 4:45 pm.\*  
Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382

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. The following information will be required when making a reservation: Name, phone number, pick-up address, drop-off address and requested pick-up time. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. **You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.**

# The 2019 Youth Co-ed Basketball League takes the gym by storm

Photos and story by J. Peters



## AKC 1



## AKC 2



## Ak-Chin Thunder

Just on the heels of the mini basketball season, the youth coed league begin their 2019 season. Starting on January 1 and having games every Wednesday throughout the month, the league of six teams played like all stars.

Pushing their skills in each game to come out on top. With family, friends and the community to cheer them on, the young players did not hesitate to show everyone what great athletes they are.



**Ak-Chin Family Valentine Chair Volleyball Tournament**

February 9th, 2019

Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 28, 2019  
Entry Fee: \$75.00

Registration Deadline: February 3rd, 2019  
Entry Fee: \$100.00

Awards: 1st-3rd place

To Register or for more information email us at: [recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us)

**Co-ed Mini Baseball**

**T-Ball**

Ages from: 4-5 years old

Practices begin on February 25, 2019

Mondays and Wednesdays at Hohokam Park

Starting at 5:00pm to 6:00pm

League begins on March 20, 2019 at Hohokam Park

**Coach Pitch**

Ages from: 6-8 years old

Practices begin on February 25, 2019

Mondays and Wednesdays at Milton Antone Park

Starting at 5:00pm to 6:00pm

League begins on March 20, 2019 at Milton Antone Park

Registration begins January 22, 2019

Registration fee for Non Community Teams: \$50.00

Registration ends March 8th, 2019 at 3pm

Contact Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation for more information:  
[recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us) or 520-568-1740

**BOYS & GIRLS**

March 8-10, 2019

Boys and Girls 6th-8th Grade

Registration Deadline: February 25, 2019

Entry Fee: \$125.00

To Register or for more information email us at: [recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us)

**JR. HIGH SCHOOL OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**



PBR continued from front page



TOP: PBR rookie from the Navajo Nation Cody Jesus makes eight seconds on a ride during Saturday's PBR action. BELOW: North Dakota native Stetson Lawrence rides in Round One but fractures his foot. He does not ride on Sunday's rounds.



The PBR Meet and Greet held in the UltraStar lobby included special presentations to PBR riders Juan Contreras (left) from Mexico and Cody Jesus (right) from Window Rock, AZ. Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos, along with Little Miss Ak-Chin Kylee Carlyle, Little Mr. Ak-Chin Cecil Miguel, Jr. and Council member Lisa Garcia, were among many who took photos and received autographs.



Ak-Chin veterans Leo Thomas and Arrington Antone are honored during the Saturday PBR Ak-Chin Invitational. The announcers shared their bios, recognizing their military service. The two were given VIP treatment watching the event in the suite with family and friends. They were also given commemorative jackets. Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez was in attendance.



Ak-Chin Veterans Arrington Antone and Leo Thomas were honored in front of a crowd of 8,000. Waving from a suite box, the emcee shared brief bios of their military careers while the audience showed their appreciation with thunderous applause.



Mauricio Contreras-Valles and Anaise Valles-Diaz with bull riders Juan Contreras and Cody Jesus during the Meet and Greet at UltraStar on Friday, January 18.



Gila River Arena was filled for two actioned filled days of PBR rides during the Ak-Chin Invitational. This rider maintains his balance as his bull jumps high off the ground.

On Sunday, the championship round of the Top 15 featured Navajo rider Cody Jesus. Riding "Big Black Cat," he didn't make eight seconds, coming in 8/9 overall. Favored rider, Chase Outlaw who was sitting at #8 spot coming in Sunday looked pretty good after his first and second rides, unfortunately he was unable to hold on for eight in the third round, ending up #11.

In the final round, it was three Brazilian riders who took home top winnings. Lucas Divino placed third with 320 points overall, earning \$10,983. Round winner Jose Vitor Leme earned a score of 90.5 points to receive second overall, with 380 total event points and \$21,180.

Winning the 2019 Ak-Chin Invitational was João Ricardo Vieira who rode three bulls, scoring 85.5, 82 and 87.5 for a total score of 255 and 460 event points, earning \$34,185.

Cody Jesus continued to shine with excellent rides the following weekend in Sacramento. Earning overall back to back championship wins at Ak-Chin's Invitational and the Sacramento Invitational was João Ricardo Vieira, who currently ranks #2 in the world.

Participating in the championship buckle presentation was Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos, and Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel.

Chairman Miguel was given the opportunity to share a few words, he first recognized the sponsorship with PBR, "its more than just a sponsorship, it's a family." He also paid tribute to the late Mason Lowe, asking all to "remember him and keep his spirit alive." Chairman ended by giving thanks to the fans, in particular, "Indian Country for coming out and supporting the PBR."

After the presentation, Ak-Chin fans joined the hundreds waiting to get autographs and take photos with their favorite bull-riders who began to circle the arena, with Chase Outlaw, J.B. Mauney and Keyshawn Whitehorse being popular riders.

Next week the best of the best of PBR will be participating in the Global Cup in Texas' AT&T Stadium, home to the Dallas Cowboys. The Native riders have been invited to Team USA Wolves to represent their country on February 8 and 9, 2019. The event will be shown on the CBS Sports network.



João Ricardo Vieira on his championship ride Sunday at Gila River Arena. He is currently ranked second in the world.



Ak-Chin and Maricopa fans enjoy time on the dirt getting photos and autographs with the PBR riders. The group also got the chance to talk with the 2019 Ak-Chin Invitational Champion João Ricardo Vieira.



## AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CLEANUP

### Saturday, April 27th, 2019

**7:30 am Registration**  
**8:00—10:00 am Clean Up**

Registration & Clean Up begin at the  
**Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility**  
46200 W. Ralph Street

Earth Day T-Shirts & Continental Breakfast  
provided to ALL PARTICIPANTS !!!  
Participants are entered for a chance to WIN Raffle Prizes!



### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

## RECYCLED ART CONTEST

**GOALS:** To increase environmental awareness and encourage recycling and sustainable practices at schools and in the Community.

**PRIZES:** The GRAND PRIZE overall wins a \$100 Walmart Gift Card and a commemorative plaque! 1st Place winners in each age group receive a \$25 gift card! Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners will be awarded. Winners will be revealed at the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27, 2019 and need not be present to win.

**OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS**

**AGE GROUPS:**

- Preschool
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Adult – 18 years or over



2018 Grand Prize Winner  
Artist: Jacobly King  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
"Table Lamp"

**RECYCLED ART CONTEST RULES**

- **DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2019 to the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, 46200 W. Ralph Street, Maricopa, AZ. Only one entry per person.
- Over 50% of the final work of art (drawing, painting, sculpture, jewelry) must be from recycled materials. No resubmittals of recycled art entered into the contest in previous years will be accepted or judged.

### EARTH DAY 2019 RECYCLED ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

**Artist's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Artist's Age Group:**

Preschool – Age: \_\_\_\_       Elementary – Age: \_\_\_\_

Middle School – Age: \_\_\_\_       High School – Age: \_\_\_\_

Adult – 18 years or over

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Media & Recycled Materials Used:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Art Work (Optional):** \_\_\_\_\_



# GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

## Thank You!

Joined by our missions to care for our patients.  
Joined by our hearts to care for each other.

GRHC employees and Phoenix Indian Memorial Hospital (PIMC) & Indian Health Service Employees.

GRHC employees, their families, and Seton Catholic High School collected food for donation to the St. Mary's Food Bank and distribution to PIMC employees.



## Thank you, Dr. Jones, for all of your dedicated work over the years!

Leading by example is exactly how Dr. Darcy Jones successfully managed the eye clinic for the last seven years as Director of Optometry. GRHC would like to announce Dr. Jones' departure from Gila River Health Care, as she starts a new phase of her career in the private sector.

Gila River Health Care would like to thank Dr. Jones, for her inspiring leadership and guidance, and for her drive for excellence on behalf of the patients we serve.

The Life Center Diabetes Prevention Program  
Invites you to participate in the

## February Fitness Challenge

To register, contact any Life Center Diabetes Prevention staff member at:

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-7940

Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center (520) 796-2657



FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Chyenne Anderson Angelina Arellanes-Burgos Adam Bowman Christopher Cypriano Cody Miguel Ian Narcia Traci Thomas	2 Francis Antone Jonah Dickerson David Manuel, Jr. Preciousrose Warren
3 Elizabeth Antone Roxanne Vincent	4 Latasha White	5 Charles Carlyle Dominique Nosie-Romo Benny Romo	6 Audrina Antone Stella Miguel	7 Eugene Peters, Jr. Bercco Thompson, Jr.	8 Geneva Antone Elizabeth Baptisto Marcus Olivas, Jr. Deana Quinonez	9 Aiyana Campbell
10 Isaiah Antone Alexandra Carlyle Julia Dickerson Draven Soliz	11 Kyle Chavez Jeanette Peters Marlon Peters MaryAnna Soliz	12 Destiney Delowe Grace Pablo Erin Pete Caleb Ugalde	13 Karin Smith Koren Vincent	14 Deli Anna Lewis Valentina Narcia Justin Perillo Michaela Peters Johnny Stephens	15 Terry Aguilla, Jr. Aleena Antone Carole Lopez Chyenne Vallejos	16 Lanita Lopez
17 Mara Delores Jose M. Lopez	18 Annalise Manuel Edward Martinez Andrea Reams	19 Lisa Garcia Jane Lopez Jonas Miguel Kerrin Miguel Allan Narcia Philbert Narcia, Jr. Marcos Santiago Tyra Williams	20 Rechanda Manuel Maria Narcia Unique Santiago	21 Calvin Van Sickle	22	23 Ryleigh Delores Joshua Dominguez Octaviana Ormsby Victor Ortega Norbert Peters, Jr.
24 Keira Attakai Kylie Gardner Junior Peters	25 Alexander Lopez Corianna Nevarez Vallejos	26 Christian Castro Havier Stephens, Jr. Joseph Thomas	27 Woodrow Marsh Shyla Thomas	28 Rebecca Alvarez Raymond Miguel Robert Narcia Victoria Smith		

### February Employee Birthdays

2/1 Anthony Giovanni, Fire & Safety	2/12 Grace Pablo, Housing Department
2/4 Francine Sanchez, Early Childhood	2/13 Justin Burke, Fire & Safety
2/6 Abiel Parsons, Housing Department	2/14 Lori Leavitt, Fire & Safety Johnny Stephens, Courts
2/7 Matthew Tess, Education	2/15 Diana Velazquez, Education
2/8 Geneva Antone, Maintenance	2/19 Lisa Garcia, Council Marcos Santiago, Parks & Recreation Debbie Soliz, IS
2/8 Concepcion Miguel, Human Resources Jade Rodriguez, Courts	2/21 Randon Quasula, Maintenance
2/10 Julia Dickerson, Parks & Recreation Steven Schaecken, Fire & Safety	2/25 Raynaldo Huerta, Sanitation
2/11 Kyle Chavez, Law & Order Salinda Lopez, Human Resources Jeannette Peters, Him Dak Museum Mary Soliz, Housing Department	2/26 Denise Esparza, Retail
	2/27 Jesse Tyrone Caluscagan, Law & Order
	2/28 Rebecca Alvarez, IS Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, Finance Christina Diaz, TGA Raymond Whitman, Transit



## Current Job Opportunities In the Community

- Photojournalist (closes 2/5/19)
- Roads Maintenance Manager
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Transit Manager
- Administrative Support Assistant - Capital Projects - Ak-Chin Members and Current Employees Only (closes 2/4/19)
- Art Technician – Ak-Chin Members Only
- Cultural Resource Specialist – Ak-Chin Members Only
- Cultural Resource Monitor (2) – Ak-Chin Members Only

**APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!**  
 Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website ([www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://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.



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

### Ak-Chin Indian Community

Environmental Protection Department (Water Operations)



OUTDOOR WASTEWATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES CALL 520-858-6999  
 OUTDOOR WATER EMERGENCIES CALL 520-858-6061

*Happy Valentine's Day to: Jose Sr., Celina, Baby J., Auciana, Nyaila, Reyna & Cecil Jr. Always remember that being a family means you are part of something Very Wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your Life. No matter what. Sekik Sobida Taş From Mom*

*Happy Valentine's Day "To All My Family" Remember, it's not just for couples, it's to celebrate love in all forms. Love is all around you. Happy Valentine's From Genevieve Miguel*

*Happy Valentine's Day to my family and out of state. Love you all very much. Euphrasia*

*To Julian George Lewis Happy Valentine's Day. God bless you. We love you always. From G-pa and G-ma Lewis*

*To Ak-Chin Elders Wishing you all a very Happy Valentine's Day. God bless you all. From George and Phyllis Lewis*

*Happy Birthday to my Grandson Lucas Antone and Happy Valentine's Day to all my Grandchildren & family. Love Grandma Anna*

*Happy Valentine's Day to our first loves - Grandma and Yoo-Yoo Hope you have a lovely Valentine's Day - We Love you endlessly!*

*Happy Hearts and Kisses to all our Special Valentines - Darren, Rachel, Daniel, Cecily, Brianna, Dannon, Austin, Morgan, Percy, and Aubrey Love Ba'Pa and Grandma*


*Happy 25th Anniversary Mag! Thank you for giving me all that I need - all that I have and all that I want... I love you!*

*Happy birthday to my big brother =Sonny= Hey brother, I just wanted to wish you a happy birthday and may grandfather send you many blessings and prayers out to you. I hope you're doing good out there and that you're in good spirits as well. You enjoy your day right there Big Bro. I love and miss you! You take real good care out there. Much Love and Respect! Always =One Love= Your Lil brother =J. Cat!=*

*Happy Birthday to my daughter Jeannette Love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday to my grandsons Ian, Eugene Jr., and Marlon and to my granddaughters Audrina and Michaela Love, Grandma*

*Happy Birthday Charlie, Alex and Michaela Love your family*




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### The Facts

- ◆ American Indians and Alaska Natives are more at risk for getting injured or killed in a car crash than other Americans.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Three out of every four passengers who died in car crashes on reservations were not wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Seat belts reduce the risk of serious injury and death in a crash by about half.<sup>3</sup>



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- ◆ Wearing a seat belt every time you ride in a car.
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  - The lap belt goes across the hips, below the stomach.
  - The shoulder belt goes across the middle of the chest and over the shoulder.
  - Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under your arm.
- ◆ Always wearing a seat belt even when the car or truck has air bags.
- ◆ Never riding in the bed of a truck.
- ◆ Never using a seat belt to buckle more than one person at a time.



A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER

## Some of the reasons to quit smoking are very small.

Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin



Amanda smoked while she was pregnant. Her baby was born 2 months early and weighed only 3 pounds. She was put in an incubator and fed through a tube. Amanda could only hold her twice a day. If you're pregnant or thinking about having a baby and you smoke, please call

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# RUF MMA Fight Night returns to UltraStar



**LEFT:**  
Opening ceremony for the RUF MMA at UltraStar Amphitheater  
**RIGHT:**  
Michael Schlageck declared winner over Jeff Thornton.



**ABOVE:**  
Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel welcomes MMA fans.  
**LEFT:**  
Eric Fimbres wins the RUF Welterweight belt on January 26 at UltraStar.

Photos by A. Santiago  
RUF (Ringside Unified Fighting) MMA 30 returned to UltraStar Multi-tainment Center amphitheater for a night of great match-ups including several belt matches on Saturday, January 26. Thirteen matches from 130lbs to the finale 185lb match began at 3:45pm with an Opening Ceremony in the cage set up on the lawn. The first bout was at 4:00pm. Weigh-ins took place the day prior in Elements Event

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel offered welcoming remarks to the gathered crowd. Members were in the crowd to watch the action. Elena Cypriano shared her cooking talents selling popovers at her food stand. To see the full list of RUF MMA 30 winners, visit the RUF MMA social media page at <https://www.facebook.com/RUFMMA/>.

## MOVIE SHOWTIMES



February 1, 2019 - February 7, 2019

<b>Cold Pursuit (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 7:00 PM
<b>The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part</b> in 3D (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 8:00 PM
<b>The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 4:00, 5:00, 7:00
<b>The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 5:00 PM
<b>The Prodigy (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 8:00 PM
<b>What Men Want (R)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:30 PM
<b>Miss Bala (PG-13)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
<b>The Kid Who Would Be King (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
<b>Serenity (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30
<b>Glass (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
<b>A Dog's Way Home (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Wed: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20
<b>The Upside (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25
<b>Escape Room (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05
<b>Vice (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 2:05, 8:05, 11:05 Mon - Wed: 2:05, 8:05 Thu: 2:05 PM
<b>Aquaman (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
<b>Bumblebee (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 2:15, 8:15, 11:15 Sun - Wed: 2:15, 8:15 Thu: 2:15 PM
<b>Mary Poppins Returns (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 11:05 AM, 5:05 Sun: 11:05 AM Mon - Wed: 11:05 AM, 5:05 Thu: 11:05 AM
<b>The Mule (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Wed: 11:15 AM, 5:15 Thu: 11:15 AM
<b>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
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