



Ak-Chin celebrates Higher Education Graduates



On May 10th 2019, Jennifer Zepeda, Reyna Miguel, and Stephanie Valdez (not pictured) received certifications from Central Arizona College in Coolidge.



Deanna Rascon receives her Master's Degree in Legal Studies at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law on Saturday, May 11, 2019 in Tucson.

Taylor Santiago joins National Junior Honor Society

Ak-Chin member Taylor Santiago, daughter of Marcos and Veronica Santiago, was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. A seventh-grade student at Sequoia Pathway Academy in Maricopa, Taylor participated in the NJHS candle ceremony in front of her family.



Taylor Santiago with her certificate and pin after being inducted into the NJHS at Sequoia Pathway.

NJHS is a nationwide organization that was established to recognize outstanding middle school/junior high students. Students invited for induction must not only have excellent grades, but also demonstrate great leadership, service and character.

The organization strives to provide leadership.

On April 26th, Ak-Chin Language staff members Velacita Lopez, Lerline Peters, Felicia Vincent and Lusan Enos became Ak-Chin's first ever Arizona State Certified O'odham Language teachers.

The group worked countless hours over the months to get all necessary training in order to attain their certification.

With the help of Language Consultant, Jeremy Johns staff met all requirements to become state certified.

On August 27, 2012, the Native American Language Certification (NALTC) Policy R7-2-614J was adopted by the Arizona State Board of Education.

"The policy allows for individuals with Native American language proficiency, whose proficiency is verified by their own tribal assessments, to apply for a Native Language Teacher Certificate at the Arizona

Ak-Chin Language has first state certified O'odham Language Teacher



Jeremy Johns, consultant, with Lusan Enos-language tech, Darlene Smith-McClelland-Education Manager, Lerline Peters-language specialist, Felicia Vincent-language media tech, Velacita Lopez- language coordinator and Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, proudly pose after language staff members receive certifications.

Story and photo by J. Peters

Department of Education. Other requirements would include a finger print clearance card, an application fee and meeting renewal requirements consistent with other teacher certificates under section R7-2-614. The policy is

an avenue for elders and other non-degreed language experts to teach only native language(s) to students in Arizona schools." - Arizona Department of Education.

Their certification is for non-

degreed language experts, to teach only the Native American language, which is the O'odham language for the Ak-Chin Community.

Their certification is valid for 6 years.

Ak-Chin shows great support for Arizona Special Olympics

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Bowlers spared some time for a good cause at the Special Olympics of Arizona Bowling Tournament, which took place at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center's Ten Pins Down bowling alley at Ak-Chin Circle.

The kids started off the tournament with a fun bowling session full of smiles. The rest of the day was packed with enthusiastic adult participants, both returning and new, eager to finish in the top teams.

Community Outreach Officer Greg Perry was on hand to watch over the teams and cheer on the bowlers.

"This event we have here is our 7th Annual Special Olympics of Arizona for the Special Olympic kids who live in the City of Maricopa and also in Ak-Chin," said Perry. "We have a bowling tournament for the adults with 36 teams, 18 at 1pm and 18 at 3pm, and all of that

money accumulates and goes to SOAZ. We have a raffle as well in which a lot of the companies donate to."

The event started at 8am with the Ak-Chin Police Department sponsors setting up the information booth with the volunteers arriving at 9am.

The kids arrived between 9-9:30am and received event shirts and their bowling shoes. At 9:45am, the kids start bowling, and when they are done they take a group photo and receive medals during an awards presentation. Next, the kids have lunch and are given gift bags.

When the adult bowlers arrived at 1pm, they started a warm-up round and then began the tournament. The second group came in and rounded out the day.

The top three teams won a trophy and bragging rights going into next year's event.



Kids pose for a group photo after being handed medals during the Special Olympics of Arizona Bowling Tournament at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle

The first-place winners with a score of 698 were Dave Gorby, Matt Dion, Josh Martin and Robert Reynolds. This was the third win in a row for the team, whose name was aptly titled, "3-Peat." Second place went to the team "PT42" Brian Kraemer, Kevin Kales, Tom Oskvarek, and Tony Asman, with a score of 624. Coming

in third with a score of 534 was "Tillman 42."

Many raffle prizes were donated, including Diamondbacks tickets, Carlos Santana concert tickets, Visa gift cards, and a Smart TV.

Ak-Chin Councilmember Delia Carlyle was present for both rounds. "It's a worthy

cause and it just makes all of us feel good. I know it makes our Special Olympians feel even better," said Carlyle.

"I have grandchildren who are considered special needs children. With special needs, some may take it negatively, but for us it's the opposite. It just means they are extra special. We were blessed with

them and we are going to do our best to make sure that they are as happy as can be."

Officer Perry feels a strong connection to the SOAZ event. "I've been guided down here, and I know my task. I know what my job is to do now. I've been guided here to be a part of Ak-Chin and to

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Ak-Chin Elders enjoy Mother's Day Tea at BIA House

Photos and story by J. Peters

Mother's Day, a day of celebrating the ones who bring life into the world, who gave each and every one of us the gift of breathing and living in this beautiful world.

For the eldest mothers in the Ak-Chin Community, a day of celebration was provided with a small party by the Him-Dak Museum, the Mother's Day Tea party. Held annually, the get together is housed at the B.I.A. House, where elders arrived and then welcomed by Ak-Chin Tribal Council and museum staff.

The group of elders sat around small nostalgic tables and enjoyed a special lunch of tea sandwiches, juicy fresh fruits, yummy cookies and of course never-ending amounts of tea.

Like clockwork during the lunch, a raffle of prizes were given out to those in attendance. Acting as the tea time DJ, Councilmember Octavio Machado made the lunch even livelier making all the ladies laugh as he played cumbia music on his phone.



Councilmember Lisa Garcia wishes Connie Narcia a Happy Mother's Day.



These ladies sit and enjoy nice tea sandwiches, choosing from tuna, cucumber and chicken salad. To go along with the light lunch were a select number of hot tea to pick from.

As a gift to the elder mothers, the Him-Dak staff had crafted these candle jars individually with pieces of lace, beads, and pendants. Each of the cute candle jars were handed to every elder in attendance.



Ak-Chin elders travel to Quechan for Senior Games

Photos and story by K. Morago

Ak-Chin elders enjoyed the pleasant weather and great company of other tribal elders when they participated in the Quechan Senior Games in Winterhaven, CA from May 7 - 10.

Held at the Quechan "Q" Casino in the ballroom, the elders had their choice of participating in the individual senior games and chair volleyball tournament.

The games started on Wednesday, May 8. From the

basketball, bean bag and chicken throw skills, the elders also had the opportunity to challenge themselves with the obstacle course, bowling, and stacking cups games.

In the afternoon of the same day, the chair volleyball tournament began on eight courts. The Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles faced their



Rupert Stephens participating in the individual games.

first and only opponent against Fort McDowell elders. The best two out of three games determined the game winner. Although the Turtles won the first game, they lost the last two and



Alverna Florez meets Miss Indian San Pasqual.

were out of the single elimination tournament.

Because the Ak-Chin Huhjud team did not have enough players

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Memorial Day presentation to be held Friday, May 24 at Elder Center

Do you ever wonder about the real meaning behind Memorial Day? It is not about furniture or car sales, or an extra day off with most of the Community departments closed. Memorial Day is the Nation's tribute and remembrance of military fallen - those who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not come back home to family and friends.

Retired decorated veteran Gary Anderson, Sr. will be sharing the true meaning of Memorial Day with a presentation at Ak-Chin Elder Center on Friday, May 24th at noon. After doing some research on Gila River veterans, he will be sharing what he has uncovered about the O'odham military fallen.

Ak-Chin elders are cordially invited to hear more about Memorial Day. At the national level with the passage of the National Moment of Remembrance Act in 2000, Americans are encouraged to pause and reflect to remember the fallen at 3pm on Memorial Day.



NOTICE

On May 1, 2019 Council approved a Resolution amending the Revised Ak-Chin Law and Order Code of 2000 (Code) and rescinding in its entirety chapter 4, Classification of Crime and Punishment, of the Law and Order Code revised in 1975.

The amendments to the Code include changes to the criminal laws contained in title 3 as well as an addition to the provision defining civil trespass in title 5.

Copies of the Code containing the updates may be viewed at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library.

Please feel free to contact the Law and Order Code Committee with any questions.

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Harrah's elder BBQ informs



Harrah's Ak-Chin Food and Beverage Director Angie Groeneveld and Regional Vice-President Robert Livingston give updates to the elders at the Service Center.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Executive staff brought a delicious noon meal and updates to the Elder Center on Wednesday, May 1.

With Executive Chef Colin Ribble grilling on the patio, a filled dining

room of elders enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixings.

Sharing Harrah's updates and CodeGreen activities, elders asked a variety of questions to Regional Vice-President Robert Livingston.

Ak-Chin elder bingo



Ak-Chin elders enjoy bingo after the noon congregational meal at the Elder Center. Elders are encouraged to try their luck and join the next Bingo session on Thursday, May 30th after lunch.

Elder Menu

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| Friday May 17 Breakfast buffet 8:30am - 10:00am Doors will OPEN at 8:25 am Breakfast pick-up starts at 8am | baked beans ice cream sandwich |
| Monday May 20 BBQ ribs, plain ribs (D) yams, red potato Romaine salad apple crisp | Monday May 27 Elder Center Closed MEMORIAL DAY |
| Tuesday May 21 Tacos, rice, corn Tropical fruit | Tuesday May 28 Philly cheese steaks w/ green peppers, asparagus, potato wedge, peas |
| Wednesday May 22 Salad bar potato soup Jell-O | Wednesday May 29 Red chili stew, peas ce:mait, yogurt/ pineapple |
| Thursday May 23 Chicken salad stuffed pitas, peas, carrots grapes | Thursday May 30 Squash casserole Brown rice salad crackers, fresh fruit |
| Friday May 24 Hamburgers, potato salad | Friday May 31 Indian tacos, Lettuce, tomato Ambrosia salad |

A sandwich can be provided for those who may not like a menu item.



SKILLS TRAINING FOR AK-CHIN COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS

DATE: MAY 22, 2019
TIME: 8:00 - 3:00
LUNCH PROVIDED

48227 WEST FARRELL RD.
(SOCIAL SERVICES BLDG.)
MARICOPA, AZ 85139

Do you provide unpaid care for a family member? Or do you have an Elder family member who may require care in the future? The Elders center is sponsoring a Skills Training workshop and Education class for the unpaid Caregivers in the Community. Please join us May 22, from 8:00 - 3:00. RSVP @ 520-568-1760. Lunch will be served.

Caregiver duties and responsibilities can include:

1. **Assisting with personal care:** bathing and grooming, dressing, toileting, and exercise
2. **Basic food preparation:** preparing meals, shopping, housekeeping, laundry, and other errands
3. **General health care:** overseeing medication and prescriptions usage, appointment reminders and administering medicine
4. **Mobility assistance:** help with getting in and out of a wheelchair, car or shower
5. **Personal supervision:** providing constant companionship and general supervision
6. **Transportation:** driving to and from activities, running errands, and help getting in and out of wheelchair-accessible vehicle
7. **Emotional support:** being a stable companion and supporter in all matters personal, health-related and emotional
8. **Care for the elderly:** orienting or grounding someone with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, relaying information from a doctor to family members
9. **Back-up care (or respite) services:** providing other caregivers a break
10. **Home organization:** help with organizing, packing or cleaning for a trip, or general house care and cleaning
11. **Health monitoring:** following a care plan and noticing any changes in the individual's health, recording and reporting any differences.
12. **Managing medications:** understanding side effects. Assisting with medication.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
THE ELDERS CENTER @ 520-568-1760



Spotlight: Ak-Chin Regional Airport

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

The Ak-Chin Regional Airport may be outside the edge of the current and past boundaries of Ak-Chin Indian Community, but the heart of the community's lightning spirit was energized with the 2006 purchase of the ACRA property. With an estimated 32,000 operations per year, which are considered take-offs or landings, the airport serves as an important public use destination for business and cross-country travel as well as flight training.

Five years after ACIC's purchase, a month-long Airport Renaming Contest was held in the Community and the airport was branded as ACRA.

"The land that ACRA is currently on was native desert until it was first graded and planted as agricultural fields in the mid 1950's. By the mid 1980's the first aircraft were landing on a dirt strip on the agricultural property. In 2000, the runway and taxiway were paved by Grand Valley Development," said Tim Costello, Airport Manager since April 2013.

Grand Valley had planned a mixed-use aviation development which included beachfront condominiums, retail, a town square, hotels, and aviation-related museums, among other ideas. Those plans dropped when Ak-Chin acquired use of the land.

ACRA is a fully functional airport with amenities for pilots such as an air-conditioned terminal space with restrooms and WIFI for flight planning, a rental hangar, open tie-downs for rent, gasoline for sale, and coffee and water to recharge for those long flights.

Before Ak-Chin took over the reins of the airport, the site was called The Phoenix Regional Airport.



A plane's view approaching take-off on the newly paved runway at Ak-Chin Regional Airport.



A pilot takes off to their next destination from Ak-Chin Regional Airport's main runway.

Costello's background in civil engineering and public works as well as managing another airport for six years has helped ACIC make many important improvements to the airport.

"Some of the changes are the completion of an airport master plan, starting aviation fuel sales, adding a security fence, adding runway lights for night use and installing an automated weather observing system," said Costello.

"This year we did a pavement maintenance project on all the airfield pavement to fix and sealcoat and remark the pavement. As important as improvements are, maintaining the airfield in a safe manner with regular mowing for weed control and inspections to make sure all the equipment is working is just as important."

Besides being a stop for pilots coming and going, the airport grounds and surrounding areas are home to private industrial properties, a machine shop, foundry, and a steel fabrication and automotive repair shop.

Desert Rat Aviation also provides

mechanical services, restoration, painting, aircraft rental and a flight school.

ACIC and surrounding communities also see many benefits at ACRA, according to Costello.

"We have hosted the Phoenix 99's, a woman's flying club, for four years for a spot landing contest. This is friendly competition designed to sharpen landing skills. The next one is planned for October 12, 2019." Costello continued, "We have hosted an annual meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association which includes an educational seminar, and they prepare a lunch for the group."

Young high school-aged community members can benefit from a free educational program called "Fly-In" planned for June 8, which is presented by the NABI Foundation, Ak-Chin Indian Community Parks & Recreation, and ACRA. Retired American Airlines Captain Ed Duckworth will speak to youth about careers in aviation.

"The future is looking bright for the aviation segment," said Costello.



Ak-Chin Regional Airport Manager Tim Costello stands in front of an airplane tied down outside of the main Airport building.

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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the June 7 - 20, 2019 issue is due by

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019.
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Any material submitted after the **MAY 31ST DEADLINE**

Cannot be guaranteed placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, Will be included in the following issue.

Ak-Chin forms partnership with Comerica Theater

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo



Ak-Chin branding on Comerica Theatre at the front entrance.

Ak-Chin Indian Community recently partnered with Live Nation Entertainment at Comerica Theatre to provide Ak-Chin branding and the Community's historical information throughout the venue in Phoenix.

This partnership was brought to the Community after establishing a relationship with Live Nation, which started with ACIC's Ak-Chin Pavilion sponsorship and naming rights in 2013.

The branding has gone up in stages since mid-2018 and is now complete for visitors

The new branding is bright, colorful and rich with history. A large black and red

Comerica continues on pg. 5a

CORRECTION!

In Issue 9, we accidentally identified Carli Hoffman as Karli Dean. The Runner would like to apologize for this mistake and thank the family for identifying it.



Carli Hoffman enjoys the bubbles floating across the room.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The May 27th, Community Meeting is CANCELED.

The next Community Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019, 6PM, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

5/9/19

Dear Ak-Chin Indian Community,

On behalf of my family, I would like to acknowledge and thank the different departments in the Ak-Chin Indian Community who helped our family in our time of need.

Our mother, Helen Tavares, passed away on 4/29/19. She was allowed to be buried in the Community cemetery with the rest of her family on 5/4/19.

For this, we would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Tribal Council for allowing this. Though we are from the Tohono O'Odham nation, our family has been laid to rest here in Ak-Chin for generations and we are grateful her final resting place is with her parents, siblings and extended family.

We would also like to thank the Sanitation department for working with us; for the timely manner in which we were allowed to start our process at the cemetery.

A special thank you for the Church, "Flower" Ruelas for assisting with the services and with the Friar.

Also, thank you with blessed hearts for Lawrence and Sally Antone for the beautiful songs and prayers.

We would also like to give our appreciation to the Ak-Chin Police Department for not only ensuring our procession was safe but to assist with and lead our Mother from 347 to the church. For that we are especially moved and thankful.

Last but not least, I personally, would like to thank the personnel in the Tribal Gaming Agency. I have worked in TGA for 18 years and have grown more and more grateful of the love and support our staff offers. In this time of sorrow, my co-workers and managers have helped out on so many levels it is amazing.

Thank you Ak-Chin Indian Community and various departments for all that you have done for our family. We are greatly appreciative.

Many Blessings, Mary Jane Zepeda and Family (Ralph Zepeda, Ann Marie Perez)



Erik James Manuel 9/16/1984 - 4/26/2019

We the families of Erik Manuel would like to thank everyone who offered your time, prayers and donations. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have the support of so many friends and families within our communities. The outpouring of support received was an encouragement to all of us during this difficult time.

Although we cannot list everyone, due to the multitude of support, we would like to thank the following who helped with planning, labor and donations:

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| Danny Joaquin | Maynard Joaquin Jr. |
| Christy Antone | Patricia Cerna & Reannon Manuel |
| Ak-Chin Recreation Staff | New Life Ak-Chin Church |
| Lawrence & Sally Antone | Leo Lewis |
| Timothy Lopez | Bo & Tina Partain |
| Lerline Peters & Family | Yvette Vincent-Oliver |
| Leighsa Miguel & Family | Nicole Allison |

All the cooks & servers who worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure everyone was fed.

Sincerely,
Jeff Manuel and family
Venita Garcia and family

CREATIVE LEARNING



Ak-Chin Child Development celebrates Mother's Day with Hawaiian Luau

Photos and story by J. Peters



Just ahead of the holiday Ak-Chin Child Development gave their mothers an early celebratory party for all they do for their children.

Staff members and students threw the student moms a fun Hawaiian Luau party, which was held at Ak-Chin Service center on Friday May 10, complete with Hawaiian themed decos and fun-loving vibes for all to enjoy.

Activities for families

were held at the mixed media table for many to create cute frames for future family photos, or kids could cut and paste Mother's Day cards together, and together families could enjoy fun games with one another on library ipads.

Also providing a memento for the parents, Felicia Vincent from Ak-Chin Language set up a cute ocean-themed photo booth where parents and children

could take a nice photo together.

During the Luau everyone feasted on pizza along with yummy deserts, while staff announced they were going to raffle off the beautiful centerpieces donated by different Ak-Chin departments.

Ak-Chin Child Development hosted a great get-together for the hard working mothers in the community.

Community creates colorful succulent planters for Mother's Day

Photos by J. Peters



Senior Planner Derrick Scheerer painted this beautiful sunflower planter for his wife, while his daughter gave him directions.

This year creating a Mother's Day gift wasn't hard thanks to the Him-Dak Art Program, as they held sessions to create a cute succulent craft to give to mom.

Taking a ceramic tea cup and saucer, and painting it using different colors and coloring techniques, each of the artists designed their special planter. Afterwards, they chose what succulent plant to put inside to give their loved ones for the upcoming holiday.

Kaylan Peters performs in Legacy Traditional's rendition of High School Musical

Photos and story by J. Peters



Kaylan Peters has fun during her performance.



These Wild Cats go wild at the end of the amazing performance.

On the evening of Saturday May 11th, Legacy Traditional School opened their doors for parents and friends to watch the school's interpretation of the 2006 hit TV movie "High School Musical".

Kaylan Peters, alongside her fellow student actors had to act out a variety of scenes all within the guidelines of the movie. They managed to create a musical atmosphere everyone enjoyed.

The story follows lead characters, captain of the

basketball team Troy Bolton and mathematics and science brainiac Gabriella Montez as they go through some high school drama that surrounds them. Wanting to perform in a school musical Troy and Gabriella must choose between the two things they love most, sports/academics or singing. A few villainous characters along the way are involved to toy with the couple.

The hit TV movie captivated audiences, thus it being brought to the school stage.



Teacher Mrs. Wagner, receives a vase full of flowers from her students as it was going to be her last play with her students before her departure from the school.

Dino-Mite Family Storytime

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

Families had a roaring good time at Ak-Chin Indian Community Library's "Reading with Dinosaurs" Family Storytime. Each storytime has a new theme to keep the children engaged and learning about new topics. Dinosaurs spark the imagination of young patrons, and so interactive storytelling, reading, singing, dancing and crafts can help children develop early literacy and listening skills.

"I try my hardest to make this event exciting for parents and children, but also a great learning experience," said Library Clerk Brianna Estrada, who led the event along with Librarian Sandiin Mitchell.

"Storytime is a great program to interact and bond with your child, I wish more parents were interested in taking the time to share this experience with their child."

In traditional library fashion, library employees working with children are known to

the young patrons by their honorific title, such as with Mrs. Bri and Ms. Sandiin at Ak-Chin Library.

Family storytime started off with the families sitting on the floor while Mrs. Bri and Ms. Sandiin read "The Good Dinosaur" and "Dinosaur Dump" to the children, and followed with dancing, rhymes and singing. After the storytime, parents and children went on a scavenger hunt to each find three dinosaur eggs throughout the library.

Children searched in a frenzy as many eggs were hiding in bookshelves and in between books. After the hunt, all participants met at a table to display their eggs and everyone was awarded with a bag full of Jurassic-related items.

The children were informed of a "dinomite" special guest and waited enthusiastically as the Jurassic Park theme music played in the background. Suddenly, a

towering dinosaur with huge, sharp-looking teeth entered the library through the Jurassic jungle-themed entrance of the library. The kids all had mixed reactions from excitement to smiles to apprehension as the dinosaur played by a Public Works employee, came closer and greeted the group.

Families took turns posing for pictures with the "dino-sized" guest in front of a dense jungle background before heading to the Multi-Purpose Room to enjoy dinosaur-shaped nuggets, putting together their own dinosaur, playing pin the tail on the T-Rex and watching the movie, "The Good Dinosaur."

Family Storytime happens every other month on a Friday evening with snacks and prizes provided. For families with babies, every Wednesday is Baby Time, which is from 10:30am-11am.

RIGHT: Families gather around a Jurassic visitor to the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library during the "Reading with Dinosaurs" family storytime. Kids were in awe when the dinosaur entered the room. Each family took photos in front of a jungle-themed backdrop before moving on to other activities.



Father and daughter enjoy a dinosaur craft together in the library's Multi Purpose Room.



Adults watch on as the children soak up the dinosaur-themed storytime.

Angel Antone and Zaida Soliz dance in MHS May Recital

Photos and story by K. Morago



Zaida Soliz performs a hip hop inspired dance.



Angel Antone (center) shows graceful moves during a slow dance during the Saturday, May 11 performance.

"Choose Your Own Adventure," the MHS Dance program said on its cover.

For nearly two hours in two separate performances, audience members went on a dance journey that traveled through a variety of dance genres, and included two Ak-Chin students - Angel Antone and Zaida Soliz.

Each performed in two dance presentations that included costume changes and

choreographed movements. Angel is in the 7th period Dance I class and Zaida recently moved from her 2nd period Dance I class.

MHS Dance teacher and Artistic Director Alexandra Biggs in the short time she has been here, has brought out the talents of MHS students and it showed in the over 30 dance performances in the May 10 and 11 recitals. From individual, duo, and entire class dance

presentations, the audience continually shared its appreciation with loud applause.

Group by group came out at the end to take their bow. Special recognition was given to graduating seniors. Biggs also introduced the Senior Company and Junior Company, both new to the program this year. Representatives from the Senior Company gave Biggs flowers.

banner with the ACIC seal and website address stands tall above the box office at the main Comerica Theatre entrance. After walking in, Ak-Chin branding can be found like Easter eggs on walls, columns and stairwells; especially leading up to the Ak-Chin Club Level.

Just before the Club Level stairs is an explanation of each part of the ACIC seal design: the arrow, scales, lighting and rising sun. Along the walls of the stairwell are coyote tracks, which according to the ACIC Cultural Resources department represents the Coyote Clan that Ak-Chin is affiliated with; there are two main clans, Coyote and Buzzard. Which clan a community member belongs to depends on what your father is, because the community is patriarchal.

Once the Club Level is reached, visitors can see the ACIC timeline to the left with community photos and O'odham geometric and cross stitch basket designs. To the right are Ak-Chin-related

business branding such as UltraStar Mult-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle and Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club.

Another branded area at the venue is Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Hangout, which has a vivid pink and purple color scheme with lounge chairs and tables to hang out and enjoy a drink.

ACIC Community Events and Marketing Manager Brittany Sourjohn worked with Live Nation to come up with concepts that matched the vision that Live Nation presented. The enterprises were involved as well for approval of their pieces and then the ideas were discussed with Council.

"The branding showcases the community in the heart of Downtown Phoenix at a venue that hosts over 130+ events a year," said Sourjohn. "Great brand awareness!"

Comerica Theatre is a 5,000-seat entertainment venue with a mix of classic theatre

style and modern arena technologies.

Many comedians and musicians make the theatre a tour stop such as George Lopez, Chelsea Handler, Brian Wilson, Lenny Kravitz and Peter Frampton. Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, operates the venue as well as The Van Buren in Phoenix.

Sourjohn says ACIC has many branding partnerships like this in the surrounding communities. "We've done many sponsorships over the past six years that I have been a part of from a branding and deliverables standpoint. Most of them include branding opportunities," said Sourjohn.

"Those include Ak-Chin Pavilion, The Super Bowl, The Final Four, College Championship Game, Waste Management Phoenix Open, Barrett Jackson, NABI and World Long Drive to name a few."

Live Nation has tickets on sale at www.livenation.com for events at many other area venues including Ak-Chin Pavilion. Head to www.comericatheatre.com to find out who is performing at Comerica Theatre and see the branding for yourself in person.

LEFT: The new Ak-Chin-branded stairwell leads up to the Ak-Chin Club level at Comerica Theatre, where the history of the Community is displayed along with current business enterprises.



Branding for the new Harrah's Hangout adorns the wall inside of Comerica Theatre.



Comerica Theatre has the Ak-Chin brand on many walls and posts due to the recent partnership with Live Nation.

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

Change of Address forms are located at the Enrollment Office. (Old Fire Department)
For information please call (520) 568-1029 or 1074.



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**

MAY 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon
May 19 - Fr. Antony Tinker
May 26 - Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb

ANNOUNCEMENTS
May 18, 10am
CCOE Meeting - Holy Family
Mission -
Blackwater

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

MAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MAY 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

UPCOMING EVENTS
Community Gathering Held at the Service Center, 6- 9PM
Community Meeting Held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION
Elder Center-520-568-1760
Center Hours Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM
Lunch 12 noon

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

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


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

LIBRARY INFORMATION
*Needs to be signed up to be in program. Call 520-568-1675 for more information. Elder Coloring-Takes place at the Elder Center Japan Pop - Transportation to and from library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate. Baby Time! - every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00am. Children 0-5 ONLY. OVERDRIVE TRUCK - No sign up required. Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

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

RECREATION INFORMATION
For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @ 520-568-1740

****Calendar Subject to Change****



EDUCATION

MAY 17TH
8th Grade Field Trip to SunSplash 10am-4pm MWMS

MAY 17TH - 18TH
8th Grade Field to Magic Mountain DWMS

MAY 21ST
8th Grade Promotion 7pm @ MHS
8th Graders arrive at 6:30pm DWMS

MAY 22ND
No Early Release Schedule MHS

8th Grade Promotion 5:30pm @ MHS
8th grades arrive at 5pm MWMS

Student Check Out/Early Dismissal for Casa Grande Elementary Schools

High School Graduation Sequoia Pathway Academy

MAY 23RD
Kinder/8th Grade Graduation Sequoia Pathway Academy

Last Day for Students Sequoia Pathway Academy

5th Grade Graduation @ 9am SBE

Early Dismissal Leading Edge Academy

Last Day of Classes for Students Kyrene School District

Early Release/Finals @ 12:30pm MHS
MHS Graduation @ 7:30pm MHS

Graduation Tempe Union High School District

MAY 24TH
No School
Tempe Union High School District

Last Day of School Leading Edge Academy

Early Release/Finals/Last Day of School @ 12:30pm MHS

Kinder Graduation @ 9am SBE

Last Day of School Early Release SBE

Last Day of School Early Release @ 2:10pm DWMS

Last Day of School Early Release @ 2:10pm MWMS

Ak-Chin Royalty



ELDER CENTER

MAY 17TH
Breakfast Buffet 8:30am-10am
Elder Check Day
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MAY 20TH
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MAY 21ST
Goodwill Shopping

MAY 22ND
FSL Training for Caregivers Service 8am-3pm
Nutrition Education Class
Elder & Caregiver 12:15pm

MAY 23RD
Movie Day


MAY 24TH
Memorial Day Presentation Gary Anderson 12pm

MAY 27TH
Center Closed

MAY 29TH
Nutrition Education Class
Elder & Caregiver 12:15pm

MAY 30TH
Caregiver Support Meetings 10:30 am
BINGO

MAY 31ST
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm



LIBRARY

MAY 8TH
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm

Healthy Snacks 4pm-5pm
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

MAY 9TH
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MAY 10th
Elder Crafts 11am-12pm
Family Storytime 5:30pm-6:45pm*
LEGO Robots 4pm

MAY 11TH
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

MAY 15TH
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Healthy Snacks 4pm-5pm
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

MAY 17TH
Elder Crafts 11am-12pm
LEGO Robots 4pm

MAY 18TH
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

MAY 21ST
Elder Coloring 9am-10am

MAY 22ND
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Healthy Snacks 4pm-5pm
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

MAY 24TH
Library Closed @ 5pm

MAY 25TH
Library Closed

MAY 27TH
Memorial Day - Library Closed

MAY 29TH
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Healthy Snacks 4pm-5pm
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

MAY 31ST
Library Program TBD..



PARKS & REC

MAY 13TH
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 14TH
High School Basketball Practice

MAY 15TH
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 19TH
High School Basketball League Wk. 6

MAY 20TH
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 21ST
High School Boys Basketball Practice

MAY 22ND
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 23RD
High School Boys Basketball Practice

MAY 25TH
Boy and Girls Basketball League Tournament

MAY 26TH
Boy and Girls Basketball League Tournament

MAY 27TH
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 28TH
High School Boys Basketball Practice

MAY 29TH
Youth Baseball Practice

MAY 30TH
High School Boys Basketball Practice
AZ Dbacks Youth Baseball Tournament

MAY 31ST
AZ Dbacks Youth Baseball Tournament

JUNE 1ST
AZ Dbacks Youth Baseball Tournament

JUNE 3RD
Fathers Day Event Dbacks Baseball Game
High School Girls Practice

JUNE 4TH
High School Boys Practice

JUNE 5TH
High School Girls Practice

JUNE 6TH
High School Boys Practice

NAPAC Meeting celebrates culture, and MHS seniors

To close out the school year, the Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC) hosted their annual Family Night Celebration in the MHS Performing Arts Center on Thursday, May 8.

With a welcome and Pledge of Allegiance from Mr. John Brown Thunder, MUSD Grants/Federal Programs Coordinator Teri Ponticello served as emcee of the evening.

Several dance groups performed at the celebration, in its eighth year. First, the world renowned Yellow Bird Indian Dancers shared many dances representative of the Apache and Mandan/

Hidatsa/Arikara tribal nations. Group leader Ken Duncan, Sr. brought his two sons and a family friend who performed traditional and hoop dances.

Duncan, Sr. was also a vivid storyteller sharing stories, singing songs, performed on the flute. He also provided encouraging remarks to the graduating seniors and their families in the audience.

Performing next was the Red Mountain Dance Group. Representing the O'odham and pow-wow cultures, group leader Winston Jose, Jr. opened by singing the Point Dance and the group did the basket dance. The

male members of the group did grass dances.

Graduating seniors were honored with a social dance and invited up on stage to dance.

Closing the evening were several members of the NAPAC who presented stoles to students to wear with their cap and gown during graduation.



ABOVE: MHS Native seniors are presented graduation stoles.



LEFT: Ken Duncan, Sr. sings an Eagle song as son Kevin performs.



RIGHT: Talon Duncan demonstrates the Hoop Dance.



Mariah Carlyle joins in the closing social round dance at the MHS Performing Arts Center.

NJHS continued from page 1a

development and hosts an annual state summit each year. Topics at the state summit focus on state-based issues, school and community engagement and provides for peer networking.

In addition to maintaining honor roll, Taylor participates in volleyball and basketball, having recently completed a successful basketball season.



Ak-Chin Indian Community Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2019 Misc. Projects RFP

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community"), Maricopa Arizona, is seeking Proposals for multiple services relating to the design and construction of a various projects for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

A **Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting** and Tour is scheduled for:
Date: **Monday, May 20th, 2019**
Time: **9:00 am**
Location: **Him-Dak Museum**
47685 N. Eco-Museum Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139

RFP Package (CD's) will be handed out at the meeting.

RFP due date is scheduled for May 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM.

The project consists of:

1. Him-Dak Amphitheater Shade Structure
Additional Sails/Poles at existing Structure; Design through Install.
2. Him-Dak Drainage
Design, Conceptual Construction Cost.
3. Old Jail House Complex
Conceptual Design to renovate the historical site; Conceptual Estimate for Design and Construction.
4. Old Bus Stop Renovation (Farrell Rd.)
Building Improvement and Pathway to Shelter; Conceptual estimate for Design through Construction.
5. Pool renovation/expansion
Design, develop GMP pricing during design, full construction. Existing pool at Parks & Rec.
6. 3 home demo rebuild
Full demo of existing home, construct Pearlman plans onsite. Design and Construction estimate.
7. Flag Poles in the Ak-Chin Circle Roundabout
22 pole install, Conceptual Design through Estimated Install
8. Farms Park
Design, develop GMP pricing during design, full construction. Project on 9 acres.
9. Tesla charging stations
2 charge stations at Southern Dune Golf Course. Design, develop GMP pricing during design, full construction.
10. Southern Dunes Golf patio demo/replace
Provide pricing for full demo of existing flagstone patio, replacing with concrete.

The Selected Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining building permits from Pinal County, ensure that all design meets the requirements of the Community's Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Utility Entities, Building Codes as well as applicable County, State and Federal Agencies. All design is to be done to MAG, Ak-Chin standards, BIA and IHS standards.



A member of the Yellowbird Dancers shares the Apache Rainbow Dance at the NAPAC Family Night Celebration on Thursday, May 9.

Community Gathering

Miss & Jr. Miss Ak-Chin

Please join us, as the Royalty & Committee present information for those young women interested in Miss & Jr. Miss Ak-Chin.

Thursday - May 30th, 2019
Ak-Chin Justice Center (45525 W. Farrell Rd.)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Dinner will be served)

For more information, please contact the Ak-Chin Pageant Committee at (520) 568-1045 or Ak-ChinPageantCommittee@ak-chin.nsn.us

| 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.**

OPEN HOUSE

The Sanitation/Public Works Expansion is done
Come see what's new!

Please join us in celebrating
Friday, May 24th ♦ 11 am to 2 pm

Sanitation/Public Works department
48141 Vekol Road, 520-568-1190

Open House • Tours • Lunch

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. 520-568-1088.

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

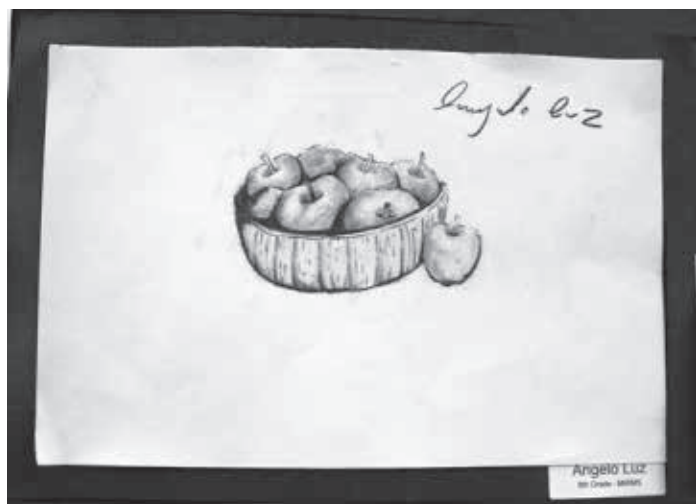
MUSD Art Walk

Photos by K. Morago

LEFT: Guests view artwork from all grade levels at the MUSD Artwalk held at the MHS PAC.



Ak-Chin student Aaliyah Alvarez dances with her classmates in a special performance created for MUSD Artwalk.



LEFT: Ak-Chin student Angelo Luz shows his pencil drawing skills with his portrait of a bowl of apples.

Students from all the Maricopa district schools participated in the annual MUSD Artwalk held at the MHS Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, April 30.

Art, photography and dance projects filled the lobby during the two hour evening event..

Ak-Chin student work was also highlighted during the event.

RIGHT: Kindergartner Noah Brown stands proudly in front of his art work displayed at the Art Walk. submitted photo



Bell Biv Devoe to Take the Stage at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

(Maricopa, Ariz. - May 10, 2019) - Bell Biv Devoe (BBD), a breakaway group formed by members of the R&B group New Edition, will be bringing their electric sound to the Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, August 30, 2019. The Events Center, which opened in early 2019, seats 2,000 people and is part of the Casino's multi-million dollar renovation.



BBD, founded by R&B legends Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe, was launched in 1989 with MCA Records. The group's debut album, "Poison," was released in 1990 and was credited as pioneering an eclectic combination of hip hop, soul and pop music called "new jack swing." Poison reached number one on Billboard's R&B/Hip Hop chart, with multiple singles from the album reaching number three on the Billboard Hot 100, including "Do Me!" and title track "Poison." The group is also known

for dance-worthy singles including "B.B.D.," "When Will I See You Smile Again?" and "She's Dope!"

In 2016, the group released their first track in 15 years, "Run," following it up with a new album in 2017 called "Three Stripes." In recent years, BBD has also performed on Beat Shazam, a game show hosted by Jamie Foxx that tests guests on their knowledge of

timeless hits from every decade. Bell Biv Devoe - Live in Concert

Date: Friday, August 30, 2019
Doors: 7 PM
Show Time: 8 PM
Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
Tickets: Starting at \$29.50
Ages: All
Tickets on Sale through Ticketmaster

Sorry, No Transportation Provided

2019 SUMMER ART PROGRAM

JUNE 3RD - JULY 5TH, 2019

Location: Art Building
(Please drop off kids north of the Art Building)
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

* Registration is available at the Him-Dak Museum
* Will have Breakfast, Morning Snack and Lunch

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

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

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



Jr. Suns/Mercury Skills Clinic comes to Ak-Chin Indian Community

Photos and story by K. Morago



After a full day of the Jr. Suns/Jr Mercury Skills Clinic, all the youth participants gather center court on Saturday, May 4.

The enthusiasm of the youth participants was felt the moment you walked into the Ak-Chin Recreation gym. They love the game of basketball, they have game and brought it to the court during the Jr Suns/Jr Mercury Skills Clinic held on Saturday, May 4th.

There were no players from either Suns or Mercury teams but who came in their place were staff from both organizations who helped execute great ball handling drills and skill contests that had everyone improve their game. Ak-Chin Recreation staff were on hand to assist.

ball shooting from different parts of the court and offense/defense plays most of the morning.

After lunch, the clinic had timed and shooting contests with Suns memorabilia for prizes in each category. To end the clinic, autographed Suns player photos, sunglasses and hats were raffled off to participants. Everyone received a free t-shirt.



Carrianna Villareal provides defense during the skills clinic.

Nearly fifty youth from the Community and surrounding communities participated in the open

Divided up by age groups, three skill/drill stations focused on ball handling,



A Phoenix Suns representative leads a youth drill of working with two basketballs at the Ak-Chin Recreation Center gym.

Men's BASKETBALL League

Starting July 16th, 2019
Tuesday Nights
League Tournament:
Saturday, August 24, 2019
Entry Fee: \$125.00
Deadline: July 2nd @ 5:00 pm

If you have any questions please contact the Recreation Department at 520-568-1740 or email us at recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

Are you or a family member a veteran? You may be eligible for the Native American Settlement Fund

Native American Settlement Fund (NASF)

The Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund (NASF) was established on July 1, 2016 to refund Arizona income tax erroneously withheld from Native Americans who served in the military while claiming tribal land as their domicile.

Chrissy Hawn, Division Training and Information Manager with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will be here:

Friday May 24th
Ak-Chin Elder Center
12:30pm - 1:30pm
Ak-Chin Department of Health and Human Services
1:30pm - 2:30pm

To assist any eligible community members apply for the Native American Income Tax Settlement Fund.

All eligible Native American veterans must submit a claim no later than December 31, 2019.

Veterans had to have served active duty between 1977-2005 or a surviving spouse.

The claimant needs to produce a:

1. DD-214
2. Sign a statement declaring they were an enrolled member of a tribe while serving in the military.

* A CDIB from Ak-Chin Enrollment will work.

For more information please contact Health and Human Services at 520-568-1169

ATTENTION

Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

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

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

Gila River Bears take Championship in Little League Tournament

Photos by J. Peters



Champions: Gila River Bears



2nd Place: Pirates 1



3rd Place: Pirates 2

It was a hot May 11th day at the Milton Antone Memorial Park where baseball teams began to rally off in a number of games in the 2019 Ak-Chin Youth Baseball League Tournament.

place spot but ultimately Pirates 2 took home the win.

Fighting for Championship were Gila River Bears and Pirates 1.

Getting an early 8 am start the teams of kids endured the heat without a cloud in the sky. The teams one by one widdled down. Ak-Chin's team played hard for the third

Fans watched as both teams play an amazing game against one another, the back and forth duet ended with the Gila River Bears take home the championship spot.



Community member Alex Antone pitched for the winning team, the Gila River Bears.

MEET AMERICAN AIRLINES CAPTAIN ED DUCKWORTH

Presented by the NABI Foundation, Ak-Chin Indian Community Parks & Recreation, and Ak-Chin Regional Airport

Get your questions answered about aviation or how to become a pilot!

FREE to all Native American High School youth!

*Lunch will be served *Please arrive by no later than 8:45am to greet Capt. Duckworth's private plane

Saturday, June 8th, 2019
9am - 11am
Ak-Chin Regional Airport
Maricopa, AZ

SPACE IS LIMITED SO RSVP TODAY!
info@NABIFoundation.org by May 30 to secure your spot!
Include name, age, grade, contact email, phone number, and tribal affiliation.

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

ROAD TO N.A.B.I.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

June 7-9, 2019

FEES & REQUIREMENTS

Fee: \$125 (No Personal Checks); Deadline: May 23, 2019 by 5 p.m.

Players Must Be Native American with proof of C.I.B. (Certification of Indian Blood) or Tribal Membership to include: Proof of age and copy of photo ID

Players must be enrolled and/or graduated high school. Graduating seniors are eligible. Graduating seniors' means: Only seniors who graduated in the 2018-2019 school year, are eligible to compete. Graduating 8th graders are not eligible.

Teams must consist of minimum 8 players/Maximum 10 players; 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach (optional)

Teams DO NOT have to be a registered team of NABI to compete, only to qualify for the "Road to NABI" Championship prize of NABI National Tournament team fees waived (\$800), teams must pre-register in the NABI National Tournament. Winning teams of "Road to NABI" tournaments will have their NABI National Tournament team registration fees reimbursed.

Winning Teams are responsible for all travel to the NABI National Tournament and must abide by all NABI National Tournament requirements, rules & deadlines.

Team Awards: 1st-3rd Place Team T-Shirts
Individual Awards: MVP & All-Tourneys
Register your team at: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

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Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

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MHS softball player Evone Santiago selected to All-Region, MVP honors



LEFT: MHS softball player Evone Santiago in the dugout with flowers presented to her during her final home game.



RIGHT: Evone on May 6, which also happened to be her "Sweet 16th" receives Most Valuable Player award for 2018-19 MHS Lady Rams softball season.

On May 6, Maricopa high school softball recognized their Lady Rams during their yearly sports banquet.

What a great birthday surprise, as that night was her "Sweet 16".

ranked third in the region for wins (7), strikeouts (65) and ERA (3.57).

Community member, Evone "Beast" Santiago, sophomore with the Lady Rams was awarded Varsity MVP for the 2018/2019 softball season.

Evone was also selected to the 5A San Tan Second Team All-Region for her stellar play at pitcher, infield and outfield. She hurled over 1500 pitches, with two no hitters, and was

Evone is the daughter of Marco and Veronica Santiago.

Congratulations Evone for all your efforts and accolades. Go RAMS!!

Brian Ruelas discovers soccer

Submitted by Erica Manuel

For a first-time team soccer player, Brian Ruelas was happy to be on the field as a "Timber" at Copper Sky Recreation. Practicing two days a week, with one day dedicated to Skills Training with the coaches from the Maricopa United Soccer Club, Brian has benefited from the formal training offered.



Brian Ruelas on the soccer field at Copper Sky Recreation Complex. This is his first time playing team soccer.

Brian and his team have learned the basic soccer skills of ball control and dribbling as well as defensive

soccer moves in order for the players to be effective on the field.

Imagine Brian's excitement when he learned about a two-day tryout opportunity to get into the Soccer Club. All geared up in his cleats and shin guards, Brian attended the tryouts and was ultimately chosen to be on the team! While Brian's main position is usually the Left midfielder position, he has also played Striker, Wingback and Goalie.

teams compete in the state's youth soccer association leagues, traveling throughout the Phoenix valley and out of state to compete in tournaments at a higher level of play. The coaching staff is comprised of professional and volunteer coaches from a variety of soccer backgrounds. Each coach is USSF licensed and diligently follows the coaching philosophy and curriculum that has been set forth for Maricopa United Soccer Club.

Maricopa United is a competitive club that trains all year long. The Club's

Brian is the son of Erica Manuel and Raul Ruelas.

MHS Varsity baseball season ends, Peters earns All-Region mention

Story and photo by K. Morago

It was part celebration, part farewell at the Maricopa High School Boys Baseball banquet held in the MHS Cafeteria on Thursday, May 9. Recognizing the seasons of both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, players, their families and the booster organization enjoyed reflecting on the season.



The 2019 Varsity Boys Baseball team with their certificates and letters during the team banquet on Thursday, May 9 in the MHS cafeteria. BELOW: Senior planter.

Opening with a meal from Helen's Catering, the tables were filled with baseball planters featuring the numbers of the graduating senior players.

a special "Foul Ball" award presented by Varsity Coach Andrew Pollack. It was a bag of candy. This is Isaiah's second year on the Varsity team.

farewell, as he is moving on to teach and coach at his high school alma mater next year. His replacement has not yet been named.



The overall season record this year was 7 - 16.

The event was also time for Coach Pollack to say

Taylor Santiago plays in CAA All-Star Girls Basketball Game

After a great season as a member of the Sequoia Pathways Girls Jr. High Basketball team, Ak-Chin student Taylor Santiago was selected to the CAA All-Star Game, Division I.



Taylor Santiago (holding shirt) with sister Evone and brother Kobe in downtown Phoenix on April 29.

Held at Talking Stick Resort Arena in downtown Phoenix, Taylor played in her team jersey on the WNBA Phoenix Mercury court.

Kaylan Peters earns Best Offensive award in basketball

Story and photo by K. Morago

Legacy Traditional School in Maricopa hosted a lunch banquet to celebrate spring sports on Monday, May 6. Honored as Best Offensive Player for the Girls Basketball team was Ak-Chin eighth grade student Kaylan Peters.



Kaylan Peters awarded Best Offensive Player at Legacy Sports Banquet.

Coached by Carlton "Cubby" Carlyle, "The team started off the season strong and continued the pace throughout the season always (gave) it their best and worked hard," he said.

"It was an amazing season for the Legacy Lady Lions. The entire team played with heart and pride for Legacy Traditional school," Coach Carlyle added.

With an overall record of 10-3, the team reached the playoffs. "The entire team contributed on both offense and defense. Their defense was the strongest (and) that is what helped them win their games," the first-year coach shared.

Assistant Coach Susan Chacon presented the awards.



2019 CAA All-Star Jr. High Girls Basketball - Division I

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Wednesday, March 6th
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Bring your completed applications:
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3. Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.
4. Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Community.
5. Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
6. Non-member children based on availability.

Children's backpacks will be provided!!!

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at
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- A High Quality Early Education Experience
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- Story Time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)
- Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)
- Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

Pick up a 2019-2020 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development. Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment*:

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

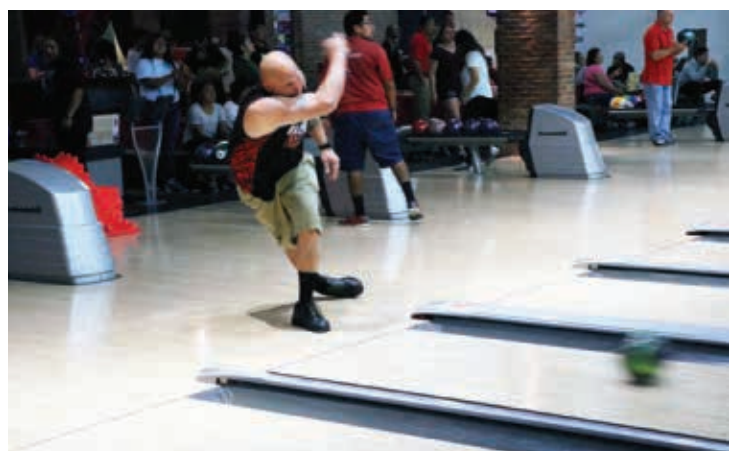
Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.



Photos submitted by W. Allison
LEFT: Kids bowling participant shows great form as onlookers cheer him on. RIGHT: "3-Peat" holds the first place trophy after winning their third tournament in a row.



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and to be a role model to these kids and these youth down here, and the community. These events right here bring up more happiness and it just makes it a better-off place. I love what I'm doing," said Perry.



A bowler from the first place winners "3-Peat" gives his all during the SOAZ Bowling Tournament.

"All of these events that we do with the Special Olympics and the other events are for the youth. The youth are the future of tomorrow and having them and a good foundation, that's how we succeed in life and carry on the traditions that we have."

The morning started off with a meet up in the lobby of the Ak-Chin Justice Center at 5:30 am, afterwards everyone was then transported from the meeting area to their designated starting points.

walking briskly towards the sun and the governmental offices about a mile and a half away.

Torch Run

On Thursday, May 2, the Ak-Chin Police Department and a rally of participants gathered on State Route 347 early in the morning for the annual Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The runners and bikers continued their way north toward the A1 Pawn Shop in Maricopa, alongside local businesses, just south of the train tracks.

Kicking off the first part of the run, runners and cyclists were dropped off at the starting point of Louis Johnson Rd and Highway 347, with torch in hand, where they began the first leg of the run. Following behind to ensure the safety of all participants was Ak-Chin Fire.

Once they arrived at A1, Ak-Chin handed off the torch to Maricopa Police Department, who started their leg of the relay from the track side businesses, east to Murphy Rd. and Casa Grande Highway, where Ak-Chin PD was waiting to begin their second leg.

The long-distance participants ran/biked for about 4 miles heading North on SR347, pausing briefly at the intersection of Peters and Nall Rd. there a relay of walking participants started their leg of the torch run

Ak-Chin continued their second relay for another 15 miles, to the entrance of Frito Lay in Casa Grande where



Ak-Chin Runners take group photo after completing the 11 mile run from Murphy road to Frito Lay.



Cecily Peters runs torch to Frito Lay.



Runners bring the torch to the Ak-Chin Community during the first leg of the run.

they met with Casa Grande Police, at which time they handed over the torch.

Ak-Chin had a couple of runners and bikers, who participated non-stop throughout their two segments.



Ak-Chin PD hands off torch to the City of Maricopa.

Ak-Chin PD has always strived to get as many participants as possible in this event and the 2019 turn out has been the biggest in recent years with over 50 involved.

Next year the department is hoping to have the numbers increased even more. So, next year everyone be prepared to join in on the fun and help out the police in the race for a good cause.



Amber Antone and Aylssa Dickerson make great time during the torch run.

Photos by Runner Staff and Wayne Allison, ACPD



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for their team, some of them helped out other teams who needed players.

The Quechan Senior Games ended Thursday afternoon with the medals lunch ceremony. Ak-Chin elder Alverna Florez earned a medal for her efforts in the chicken throw.

Enjoying a free Thursday evening of the casino hotel amenities, the group returned on Friday.



LEFT: The Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles play in the Quechan Chair Volleyball tournament against the Fort McDowell team.

RIGHT: Evelina Lopez gets a strike during the individual bowling competition.



May

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 5 Mayleigh Delores Lucy Jerry Blas Valles Jalen Norris | 6 Elena Norris Jordin Pete Evone Santiago | 7 Mathew Mcneil Justin Romo Sr. Gayle Yarberry Nathan Smith | 8 Jadon Ormsby Jedidiah Lee Smith Ramon Batopis Curtis Antone | 9 Jedidiah Johnson Guadalupe Orona David White Jr. | 10 Troy Miguel Bree Whitman LeighAnn Thomas Stephan Quinonez | 11 Leilani Paiz Isaac Miranda Davidson Ugalde Sr. Esperanza Miranda Esperanza Barrera |
| 12 Ariana Narcia Daimon Ugalde Willie Antone | 13 Derek Manuel Christopher Pablo Coble Laurel Raymond Narcia Maxine Antone Adam Bowman | 14 Gibson Romo Brooklynne Baptisto | 15 Gracela Ortega Abel Miguel Haley Miguel | 16 Morgan Miller Kristen Antone Waylon Antone Reannon Manuel | 17 Jaxson Justin Daniel Thomas Amaya Rocha Renee Boehm | 18 Ashley Batopis David Peters Sr. Emerson Antone Amy Batopis |
| 19 Johnnie Ormsby Leslie Burnett | 20 Darrian Justin Frances Stephens Ariah Thompson | 21 Lisa Alejandro Terry Enos | 22 Christian Thomas | 23 Cecelia Norris | 24 Deidra Carlyle | 25 Delia Carlyle Mabel Alvarez Desiree Carra |
| 26 Zoe Susunkewa Makenna Sope | 27 Brian Manuel Jr. Maria Thomas Jayden Antone Mason Bowman Colleen Norris | 28 Janice Anderson Lorenzo Mejia Mikelle Sope Henry Garcia | 29 Elaine Peters Yvette Oliver Carmen DeLeon Frederick Antone Marla Antone David Stephens | 30 John Deloney Jr. Samantha Green Jolie Peters Jaycee Zepeda Isabella Antone | 31 Ryan Justin Aaron Peters Jr. | |

MAY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/17 Renee Boehm, Fire & Safety Mauricio Chairez Velazco, Early Childhood | 5/27 Brian Manuel, Him Dak Museum Colleen Mike, Law & Order Maria Tavena-Thomas, Social & Health Services |
| 5/18 Roberto Cantua, Sanitation Rozenda Manuel, Vekol | 5/28 Henry Garcia, Community Government |
| 5/19 Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Elderly | 5/29 Nickalus Acosta, Law & Order Marla Antone, Youth Council Elaine Peters, Him Dak Museum |
| 5/20 Jose Arteaga, Law & Order | 5/30 Karla Wear, Law & Order |
| 5/21 Brian Schaublin, Fire & Safety | 5/31 Christopher Hayes, Fire & Safety |
| 5/23 Tera Thornton, Education | |
| 5/24 Victor Harer, EPD Deidra Carlyle, Planning | |
| 5/25 Delia Carlyle, Community Government | |
| 5/26 Ricky Bunch, Law & Order Edith Munoz, Finance | |

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

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Judy Curry
Lab Tutor
Education

Kenneth Williamson
Lab Tutor
Education

BUCKLE UP

To my mother Bernie and two sisters Glo and Burn T. I just want to say Happy Mother's Day to you all! I hope you ladies had a good day. I think about you every day and ask Grandfather to protect you every night. So, as you start your day remember I your Son and Brother, love and miss you and am very proud of what you've done so far in life. Again, enjoy your day. Always your Son, Brother, Ralphie

Happy Birthday to my beautiful mama Delia Carlyle!!! We hope you enjoy your special day and try to relax, God knows you deserve it 😊 We love you mama/grandma!!! Love Jake and kids

Happy Birthday to my sister Mabel Alvarez. Get well soon. Lillian Shade

Happy Birthday Janice May your day be a blessing now and in the coming year. From your Mother

Happy Birthday Lorenzo Have a nice day on your birthday. With love from your Mom

Happy Birthday to my son Dave and daughter Elaine Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Amaya, Renee, and Jolie and my grandsons Henry, Aaron Jr., and Joseph Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday/Mother's Day Terri Love, your Godchildren and the Comps

Happy Mother's Day (little late) Nancy and Flower Love, your Godchildren

Happy Birthday Jaxson, Leslie, Deidra, Delia and Ryan Love, your family

2019 CONCERT LISTINGS

AK-CHIN PAVILION

- May 31 – Brad Paisley w/ Special Guest Chris Lane & Riley Green
- June 12 – Train, Goo Goo Dolls & Allen Stone
- June 13 – Luke Bryan with Special Guests Cole Swindell & Jon Langston
- June 19 – Hootie and the Blowfish & Barenaked Ladies
- June 22 – Carlos Santana
- July 21 – Beck and Cage the Elephant
- July 27 – Rockstar Energy Drink DISRUPT Festival w/ The Used, Thrice, Circa Survive, Sum 41, Sleeping with Sirens, and more.
- July 31 – Third Eye Blind & Jimmy Eat World
- August 3 – Rascal Flatts with special guests
- August 4 – KNOTFEST: Slipknot, Volbeat, Gojira and Behemoth
- August 9 – Mary J. Blige with Nas
- August 10 – 311 w/ The Interrupters, Dreamers, and Bikini Trill
- August 16 – Chris Young & Chris Janson
- August 28 – Heart with Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Elle King
- August 31 – Korn & Alice in Chains
- September 13 – Dave Matthews Band
- September 15 – Breaking Benjamin, with Special Guest Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Dorothy and Diamante
- September 19 - Florida Georgia Line with Special Guests Dan + Shay, Morgan Wallen, Canaan Smith

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 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

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- 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.

Harrah's summer youth career day



HDS Associates with Ak-Chin students who learned about the Summer Youth work opportunities at Harrah's Ak-Chin.

Submitted by HDS Program

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is gearing up for their Summer Youth Program. On Friday, May 3rd, Ak-Chin students attended Career Day at Harrah's Ak-Chin. The day began with welcomes and introductions from Erica Manuel, HDS Program Supervisor, Jane

Stimmel, Employee Engagement Manager, Robert Livingston, Regional President and General Manager.

Department managers and supervisors were also in attendance to provide the students with department

expectations for the back of house job positions. In attendance were: Colin Ribble, Executive Chef, Linda Hughes McCarthy, Hotel Operations Manager, Angie Groeneveld, Director of Hospitality Operations, Daniel Pina, Executive Housekeeper, Gilbert Bandin, Warehouse Supervisor, Lou Carrillo, Hospitality Supervisor and Amie Pluskowski, Talent Specialist.

The students enjoyed lunch in the Buffet, followed by a property tour and ended on a professional note with a mock panel interview which gave the students the experience of participating in a front of house panel, which all our applicants are required to attend and successfully pass.

The teams at Harrah's Ak-Chin were very excited to see the interest from the participants and are looking forward to working with the students. The Harrah's Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program is a seven-week work program which runs from June 3 - July 18.

CodeGREEN activities



LEFT: HDS Associates help with the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort Shred It event held in April.

LEFT: Harrah's CodeGreen organizers collected gently used clothing to donate to a needy organization.



In honor of Earth Month, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort hosted various events on the property. On Friday, April 12, you could drop off unwanted documents to the Shred-It Event in the parking lot.

A week later on Friday, April 19, individuals could drop off gently

used clothing for the CodeGreen Clothing Recycle Drive. Donations were given to Against Abuse, Inc.

The Harrah's Ak-Chin property has consistently placed in the top two in the CodeGreen Challenge for Caesars Entertainment properties.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

WEEK OF FRIDAY MAY 17, 2019 - THURSDAY MAY 23, 2019

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| Aladdin (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Thu: 6:00, 9:15 | Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:45, 7:00, 10:00 Sun - Tue: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:45, 7:00 Wed: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:45, 7:00 |
| Aladdin in RealD 3D (PG) 3D Upcharge Applies; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 6:30, 9:45 | Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:00 PM |
| BrightBurn (R) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:00 PM | Pokémon Detective Pikachu 3D (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; ; 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies; No Passes Allowed Wed: 12:00, 8:35 |
| A Dog's Journey (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 | Pokémon Detective Pikachu 3D (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri - Tue : 12:00, 8:35 Thu: 12:00, 8:35 |
| John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Tue: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:15 AM, 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:15 Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 | Poms (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Wed: 4:05, 7:05 Thu: 4:05 PM |
| John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Fri: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15 Sat: 11:15 AM, 1:15, 2:15, 5:15, 11:15 Sun - Tue: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:15 | The Intruder (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 |
| The Sun Is Also A Star (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; Special Engagement; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 | Long Shot (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 11:05 AM, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 11:05 Sun - Thu: 11:05 AM, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05 |
| The Hustle (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 | UglyDolls (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05 |

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| REWARD CREDIT BONANZA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH | MEMORIAL DAY MUSTANG GIVEAWAY PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION MEMORIAL DAY BUFFET | CRYSTAL CLEAR GLASSLOCK® GIFT SERIES | CRYSTAL CLEAR GLASSLOCK® GIFT SERIES | SENIOR DISCOUNT DAY IN BINGO | REWARD CREDIT BONANZA SEAFOOD BUFFET | FREE LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT EVERY DAY! SEE HARRHAUSAKCHIN.COM FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE |

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| Gregory Davis | Priscilla Davis | Tiffany Davis | Katley Dayley | Lucas Dial | Khandi Dillard | Jasmin Dimas | Brody DiPasquale | Skylar Dugan | Rocco Duke | McKenzie Durovka | Eddy Dusa |
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| Devyn Dutra | Katrina Eldridge | Mary Ellsworth | Haley Enos | Kourtney Erick | Katherine Espinoza | Alexia Equivel | Autumn Fausz | Stephanie Feliciano | Devin Fiala | Miricale Finklea | Ryan Fitzpatrick |
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| Mackenzie Ford | Brian Forkum | Justin Fort | Isiah French | Joan Freytes | Tanesha Freytes | Jilian Fullmer | Justin Fulton | Cameron Garcia | Jason Garcia | Jalen Garcia | Maria Garcia |



MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019



MARICOPA WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Promotes 2019



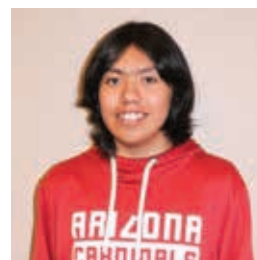
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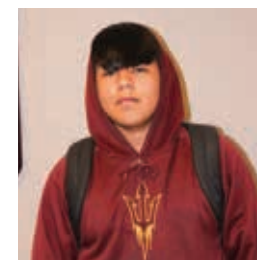
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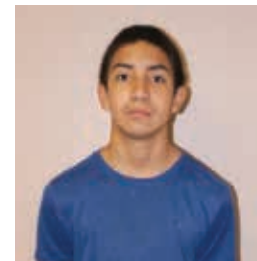
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Joshua Peters



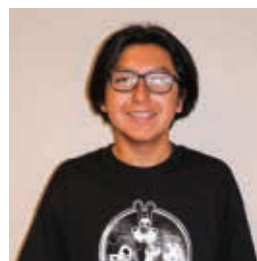
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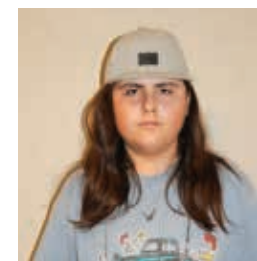
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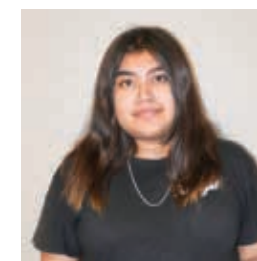
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Dominique White



Sterling Zappia



Yrene Zepeda

GRADUATION 2019

Out of District High School Graduates



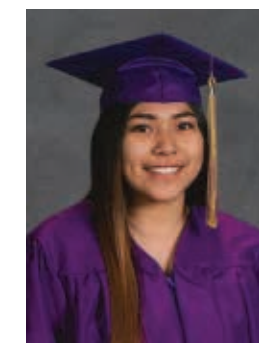
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Amphitheater HS
Tuscon, Arizona



Hunter Louis
Desert Vista HS
Tempe, Arizona



Steve Peters
Sequoia Pathway
Academy, Maricopa



Alexandria Sanchez
Sherman Indian HS
Riverside, California



Stacey Smith
Sequoia Pathway
Academy, Maricopa

8th Grade Promotes



Kaylan Peters
Legacy Traditional
Maricopa



Christopher Rodgers
Casa Grande
Middle School



Kali Wind
Grove School
Shawnee, OK

Kinder Graduates



Kylee Carlyle
Legacy Traditional
Maricopa



Edward Martinez
Legacy Traditional
Maricopa



Deion Narcia
Midtown Primary
Phoenix

Graduation Wishes!!



Congratulations Alexandria!
You did it. We are very proud of you and to keep going!
Accomplish all your goals.
From your step dad & your mother
Dwayne & Artemia Antone

Congratulations Robert Santos Jr.
on your promotion to High School
Time really flies when you enjoy life. Thank you for everything you do and keep getting good grades.
Love you Junior.
Love Mom and your brothers

Congratulations Maverick Santiago
and your promotion to Middle School. I know you will succeed in your classes and do a good job on everything else. I will be right by your side if you need help. Love you my big bear.
Love Mom and brothers

Congrats to my son Maverick Santiago
on your promotion.
Love you son!
Love your Dad, Darris



CONGRATULATIONS to my daughter Bianca Monique Valenzuela
on graduating from Maricopa High School!!! I know it's been a long tough road for you from the start but with your hard work and dedication you did it!!! I pushed and encouraged you because I believed in you. This is only the beginning and you still have a long road ahead of you. I've always told you that I would support you in what you choose to do after high school. Just know your sister will be walking beside you in spirit. Mama loves you very much and I am proud of you babygirl!
Love, Mama and Brothers

CONGRATULATIONS to my sister Deanna Rascon
for receiving her Master's Degree from that school down south LOL!
It took many years, hard work and dedication to receive your degrees which wasn't easy with your busy life of being a mom, grandma and working full time but you still managed to achieve your goals, just know that we are proud of you and love you lots!!!
From your Seester and kids

CONGRATULATIONS Mariab Carlyle
on graduating from Maricopa High School!!!
We love you lots!!!
From Jake and Kids



Baya & Arianna
We are so proud of your hard work this year and all your elementary school years at Lagos.

Middle School here you come and always remember to do your best, know where you come from, be you and always be kind to others. Enjoy yourself and create new friends and always know we love you both to the moon and back!!!

Congratulations Mariab Carlyle!
We're very proud of you
Love, Cubby, Diana, Isaiab, Kye Bear, Sharon, Junior and Alex



Kaylan,
You worked so hard and now you successfully completed Junior High. May your next four years in High School bring you much happiness and fun moments, and everlasting memories.
Love, Mommy, Cubby, Isaiab, Kye Bear, Sharon, Junior and Alex



Kylee,
This is just the beginning.....you're a star in the making.... Shine on! Congrats on your Kindergarten Graduation Kye Bear.
Love, Mommy, Daddy, BraBra, Sister, Sharon, Junior and Sissy

CONGRATS MARIAH!
I LOVE YOU
Kye Bear

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES - FROM THE RUNNER!!!

