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## Interior Asst. Secretary holds Listening Sessions

Discussion focused on cold cases, violent crimes, missing and murdered Native Americans

Sacaton, AZ – On Monday, June 11, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) held a roundtable discussion to address public safety issues confronting Indian Country. Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary Kate MacGregor and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney were joined by stakeholders from Indian The meeting focused on developing a comprehensive approach to concentrate on cold cases, violent crimes, and missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"Women are the pillars of a family and when they are taken from us, the impact of that loss echoes through generations. The Trump Administration is committed to partnering with American Indian and Alaska Native

communities better ensure safety and economic prosperity Indian Country so that families and communities may thrive and endure," said Kate MacGregor, DOI Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary.

"Today was about hearing from tribal leadership, Indian Country, advocates, and communities," said Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "This is a priority for the Department and the Trump Administration. We need to stop the escalating cycle of violence for our Native communities."

"At HHS' Administration for Children and Families, I have been working with our Office of Trafficking in Persons, Children's Bureau and Family



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel (left) joined other Arizona tribal leaders attending the Interior Roundtable held on Tuesday, June 11 in Sacaton. INSET: From left to right -GRIC Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, DOI Deputy Chief of Staff Kate McGregor, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney, and Office of Justice Services Director Charles Addington.

and Youth Services Bureau to address this important issue. Through our programs, we are bringing awareness to human trafficking victims, runaway and homeless youth, domestic violence victims and children living in foster care who may have a higher risk to becoming part of the tragic reality of missing and murdered indigenous people," said Jeannie Hovland, Deputy Assistant Secretary Native Americans Commissioner Administration on Native "We Americans. these are some of our most populations, vulnerable and our administration is committed to ending this tragedy."

"Native American communities, particularly indigenous women, face much higher rates of violence versus the national average. Alarmingly, law enforcement officials in Indian Country

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## Ak-Chin Regional Airport hosts NABI Fly-In

Story and photos by C.Picciuolo

On the morning of Saturday, June 8, American Airlines Captain Ed Duckworth landed his big, blue Korean and Vietnam-era North American T-28 Trojan war plane at Ak-Chin Regional Airport for a "Fly-in at Ak-Chin" showcasing aviation careers to local and Community youth.

The event was presented by the NABI Foundation, Ak-Chin Indian Community Parks and Recreation and Ak-Chin Regional Airport and was held on the weekend of the Road to NABI tournament. The Captain answered questions about aviation and gave advice about becoming a pilot.

"We came down after Rose (Walton) and GinaMarie (Scarpa) had spoken to us



Left to right: Harry (US Marine and Captain Duckworth's neighbor), Ann Antone (NABI Staff), high School students Christian, Sophia, John & Damien, Andrew, Captain Duckworth, Lynette and Rose (NABI Staff) and top is Justin, a student pilot.

that might be interested in down were a promotional pursuing a career in aviation. draw for the kids to see," said

about meeting a few kids The airplanes we brought Duckworth, who at the time of the interview was three hours away from flying to

Honolulu.

Teens who arrived at the airport had a chance to climb aboard the planes and take photos while the Captain gave pointers and details about the crafts. The event was for the sole purpose of giving native youth an opportunity to talk to a professional pilot and expose them to something they might not have been able to see.

"The 'Fly-In at Ak-Chin' was an opportunity that NABI brought to the Ak-Chin community. Our CEO met Captain Duckworth on a flight and when she told him about NABI he was more than interested in speaking to the native youth about the career of being a pilot," said Rose Walton, executive assistant at NABI Foundation, who was present

"Because Ak-Chin has their own regional airport and Captain Duckworth offered to fly his plane in, we decided to use it."

Duckworth's neighbor Harry, a US Marine, landed a Bellanca Decathlon model airplane, which is a civil plane that a lot of people have learned to fly on. The T-28 Trojan wasn't built for civil aviation and is strictly a military aircraft. Both pilots landed with young co-pilots.

The Captain, who will be 63 years old in August and retiring in two years, has been a professional pilot for over 40 years and started flying when he was a kid with his dad, who was a naval aviator and TWA pilot for 35

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# ZUMBATHON!

Story and photos by J. Peters

an evening of adrenaline and stamina as a two-hour energy boosting, de-stressing and above all fun glow danceathon was about to happen, as the 4 Tribes Zumbathon set up at Ak-Chin Recreation.

The event was first initiated last year in Gila River. "Fabiola Perez from Gila River Wellness Center created the event and invited all sister tribes and their Zumba Instructors to participate. This year, Ak-Chin was asked to be the host site," Martina Peters, and enter the raffle.

said.

There were over 80 people who joined the party, with 70 registering beforehand. The Ak-Chin Health Education staff welcomed participants. The gym was unrecognizable with dazzling neon and flashing lights placed all around bringing an exciting party like atmosphere to hype up the crowd. Before the music started Health Education staff had all sign in to receive Zumbathon t-shirts

Friday, June 14, kicked off Ak-Chin Health Educator Instructors included; Donna Aguilar for Ak-Chin, Fabiola Perez and Paisley Jackson representing Gila Indian Community, Rachel Seepie from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Clarissa Franco from Coppersky Recreation Complex who graciously stepped in when Tohono O'odham Nation's instructor was unable to attend.

> Donna has been teaching classes in Ak-Chin for two and a half years. She also has classes at Back Fitness

River

A full house of Zumba goers danced the night way on the gym floor. Maricopa. Donna began I've been overweight most realize it doesn't matter what of my adult life, but it's not "I wanted to help inspire holding me back. I hope to people to be who they are. be able to inspire someone to

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they look like, just as long as they are themselves and

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teaching when she realized,

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**Summer Youth** 

Elder Father's Day

Story and photos submitted by: Candace Allcott, Ak-Chin Elder Care Supervisor

Ak-Chin's unpaid caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren attended training on June 19th at Ak-Chin UltraStar.

Our Guest Speaker was Celina Mahinalani Garza with AIM Motivational Seminars and she brought along her mother who shared a traditional Hawaiian dance. The caregivers learned how to enhance communication skills with exercises in communicating and listening.

One interesting exercise was a personality test in which each participant answered about one's character. Everyone was surprised at how accurate it



Caregivers and grandparents participate in an informative training at UltraStar on Wednesday, June 19. Provided through AIM Seminars, participants learned about various communication and listening skills.



LEFT: Sonia DePaola enjoying a hand massage.

RIGHT: Wynema Miguel wins a prize of essential oils.



Caregivers enjoyed a nice lunch catered by 347 Grill and a special cake made for

The afternoon session was a big hit with Aromatherapy Caregivers. Each caregiver went away with a gift provided by PWNA

(partnership with Native Americans) and the Ak-Chin Caregivers program. They were also gifted a special essential oil mist made just for them by Patricia Federico, My Madre Tierra.

One of our participants won a hand massage with

thoroughly enjoyed It! Stress is a daily experience for most caregivers. We learned that stress affects our happiness, happiness effects our health, and if we want to heal we need to learn to manage stress, increase our happiness, and in turn heal.

# fishing in Payson



Ak-Chin Elder men enjoy



TOP: Francisco Miguel prepares to catch a fish. ABOVE LEFT: Norbert Peters waits patiently for a catch. ABOVE RIGHT: Instead of grilling fish, the elders on the fishing trip have a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs.

## Father's Day celebrated at **Ak-Chin Elder Center**

A handful of Ak-Chin elder fathers enjoyed a prime rib noon meal on Thursday, June 13.. Fathers in attendance enjoyed a cake for dessert.

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often lack access to the data and resources necessary to prosecute and prevent these crimes. We must do more to ensure public safety in our Native communities. This is why I am proud to work with my colleagues on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on legislation to give tribal law enforcement the tools they need by expanding access to federal criminal data bases, streamlining recruitment and retention procedures, and supporting best practices for investigating and prosecuting cases in Indian country," said U.S. Senator Martha McSally.

"The Gila River Indian Community was honored to host this important discussion on 'Reclaiming our Native Communities.' The safety of our tribal citizens is the responsibility of all of our governments - tribal, state and federal. We are encouraged that Assistant Secretary Sweeney and [exercising the authority of the] Deputy Secretary MacGregor have decided to make domestic violence prevention, solutions our missing and murdered Americans Native and reinvigorating examination of unresolved cold cases a priority and shine a light on policies and programs that are working well as well as place a focus on gaps that need to be addressed. We are looking forward to working with the Administration as they take the next steps on this important initiative," said Stephen Lewis, Gila River Indian Community Governor. "I am honored to have been included in this important roundtable discussion to begin the conversation

about our murdered and

missing

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relatives. I look

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dialogue which leads to meaningful action to ensure safety and accountability on these issues," said Nicole Matthews, Director for Minnesota Indian Sexual Assault Coalition Executive.

Members of the listening included session Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephan Lewis, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Colorado River Indian Tribes Chairman Dennis Patch, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Chairman Robert Valencia, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward Manuel, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, San Carlos Apache Tribe Chairman Terry Rambler, President Navajo Nation Jonathan Nez, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Violence Against Women Task Force Co-Chair, Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice, and Confederated Tribes of Chehalis Reservation Chief Judge Michelle Demmert, Cook Inlet Tribal Council President Gloria O'Neill, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition Executive Director Nicole Matthews, Oglala Sioux Tribe President Julian Bear Runner, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Chairman Mark Fox, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Chairman Raymond

McSally.

Prior to the roundtable,

Assistant Secretary Sweeney

and MacGregor toured On

Tsumpti, NCAI Regional Vice President Quitin Lopez, and staff from the Office of Governor Doug Ducey and Office of U.S. Senator Martha

Eagle's Wings, a domestic violence shelter Governor Lewis.

"The listening session with Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney was of great interest due to the seriousness of Native people face alarming problems involving Native American women all Native Americans in general." Chairman Robert Miguel said.

"It was somewhat alarming to hear testimony from various tribes in attendance of in dept issues involving the missing and young children who were affected. Although Ak-Chin does not have alarming problems as other tribes do, we must still continue to prepare, combat, and bring awareness in identifying the signs of human trafficking, cold cases, violent crimes, and missing and murdered American Indians Alaskans Natives," Chairman Miguel shared regarding the roundtable.

## **Background**

President Trump designated May 5 as Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day to draw attention to the horrible acts of violence committed against American Indian and Alaska Native people, particularly women and children.

President Trump's proclamation read: "Ending the violence that disproportionately affects American Indian and Alaska Native communities is imperative. Under my Administration, Federal agencies are working more comprehensively and more collaboratively to address violent crime in Indian

country, to recover

American Indian and Alaska Native women and children who have gone missing, and to find justice for those who have been murdered."

American Indian and Alaska levels of violence. Data from the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence, including sexual violence, in their lifetimes. American Indian and Alaska Native children attempt and commit suicide at rates far higher than those in any other demographic in our Nation, and often endure disproportionately high rates of endemic drug abuse, violence, and crime.



each other a Happy Father's Day at the Elder Center. While the women outnumbered the men at lunch, the fathers appreciated the meal and cake served.



Meeting **Ak-Chin Service Center** Monday, June 24, 2019 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday June 21 Breakfast Buffet Scrambled eggs, potato, Sausage, bacon, biscuit Pancake, fresh fruit Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28

Lunch provided by NABI.

Lunch will be at the

Service Center



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## **FRIDAY, JUNE 28 2019**

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

## Ak-Chin plays it safe at Safety Stand Down

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

The fourth annual Safety Stand Down was held at the Elements Event Center at Ak-Chin Circle on Thursday, June 13 for all ACIC staff to attend.

The event was presented by TOSHA Safety Director Cliff Myers, Safety Committee Chairman Tim Costello, Environmental Protection Manager Lorinda Antone and Air Quality Specialist Manny Gomez.

This year's theme was about looking out for each other, with the slogan, "Safety Begins with Team Work."

"The event started four years ago. I did this before at other agencies that I came from and it's always been a good idea to bring employees together to talk about safety," said Myers.

"It has blossomed from one room to multiple rooms. We have the vendors and we made a full day and full event about it. Council has been incredibly supportive of it, and you can tell we have a good response from our employees. We're doing very well, and it's been a four-year progression to where we are today."

Examples were made from the lives The day was split up into half hour of Steve Irwin, Dale Earnhardt and Charlie Sheen, and how they all could have used someone in their corner who weren't afraid to say,

"Stop!" before bad decisions were

Safety Stand Down featured a TOSHA (Tribal Occupational Safety and Health Act) update, which includes the adoption of federal OSHA standards, Community jurisdiction for employee safety and protection for all workers within Community boundaries.

Also discussed were the Ak-Chin Recycling Program and household hazardous waste as well as indoor air quality.

The community had been awarded 40 wire-framed recycling bins for aluminum cans and plastic bottles thanks to the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Public Spaces Recycling Bin Grant.

Departments were also addressed about identifying, generating and accumulating hazardous waste that is ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. The health effects of mold, second hand smoke, household chemicals and radon were featured as indoor air quality issues to consider.

increments to make sure that all departments had time to get their employees in for the mandatory event. Before the presentation,

TOSHA Safety Director at Ak-Chin Cliff Myers addresses employees during his presentation on safety and teamwork.



Ak-Chin security staff visit the Ace Hardware booth after the Safety Stand Down event at the Elements Event Center at Ak-Chin Circle.

for a raffle to win Yeti coolers and ramblers.

Afterward, everyone was invited eat lunch and visit information booths with giveaways from community businesses such as Ace Hardware, Medical Business Industry and Tribal First.

Meyers looked back and thought

employees were urged to sign up about how far the Community has come with safety.

> "Ak-Chin Human Resources Director Joan Jackson-Deal and I were sitting outside at the end of last year's event and she says to me, 'I can't believe it. Four, five years ago we never even talked about safety. Now we're talking about it all the time,' and that's where we want our Community to go," he said.

## The Road to NABI begins at Ak-Chin



Ak-Chin girls basketball squad clockwise from top: Nashonti Curley, Cheyenne Yazzie, Angel Antone, Eliza Santiago, Nikki Kinsel, Andrea Harker, Nyese Jones, Farrah Ballou, Erin Allison, Cathauli Morris, Daycee Achin, Evonne Santiago, Syd Carlos.

Story by C.Picciuolo and photos by J.Perillo and C.Picciuolo

The 2019 Ak-Chin Parks & total of 30 overall. Recreation Road to NABI Boys were held June 7-8, with all boys games played at Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation gym and all girls games played at the Maricopa High School

14 boys teams and 16 girls teams

and Girls Basketball Tournaments The winner of Road to NABI receives a reimbursement for their entry fee to the upcoming NABI Tournament with a confidenceboost and momentum going into the games ahead. NABI stands for, "Native American Basketball Invitational."



Ak-Chin boys basketball squad from L-R: Devin Delowe, Marco Jensen, Jose Miguel, Jr., Victor Andaverde, Richard Villegas, Dominic Arbizu, Xentryk Silas Antone, Frankie Carlyle, Sammy Justin, Adrian Montana. Not pictured: Isaiah Peters

## **Ak-Chin Boys**

Story by J.Perillo

The Ak-Chin boys kicked off Road to NABI with an easy victory against the AZ Warriors, maintaining a lead by over 20 points, making the final score 62-41.

In their second game vs. Them FMD Boys, not long after the tipoff, Jose

Miguel, Jr. had no trouble chasing down the opponent and pinning the ball to the backboard, stopping them from scoring.

Teamwork came naturally to Ak-Chin as they were shooting and setting screens often while also making sure the ball got around to one another. In the





All Choirs Welcome



# CREATIVE LEARNING



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June 21 - July 4, 2019

## Girls enjoy a night of fun at the STEAM Lockout!

Story and Photos by J. Peters

Friday night was not your typical summer night for girls in the community. On June 14th a troop of girls spent the night at the Ak-Chin library as part of some educational fun during the 2nd annual STEAM Lockout!

The STEAM program utilizes an educational approach through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics to help students develop critical thinking skills and better prepare them for the future. All the activities held throughout the night reflected on principals of STEAM to show the girls that subjects such as math and science shouldn't be intimidating to jump into whether you're a girl or a boy.

As the lockout event began girls poured into the library to get settled in for the night and Library Clerk Brianna Estrada locked up the building for the safety of everyone inside, while Ak-Chin Police and Security were set up to watch the building throughout the night.

Fifteen girls signed up this year to enjoy a long night of creatively fun activities, some of them new and some returning. The layout of the main room was rearranged to house all the crafts, STEAM programming and of course those sleepy heads who couldn't stay wake.

Mrs. Estrada corralled the girls to

the center of the library and began her presentation on what they could expect during their night of projects. Mrs. Estrada went over the set of rules the participants must follow in order to remain a part of the Lockout. Following her introduction the girls started their first hurdle of the night, an Icebreaker! To encourage everyone to get to know each other more, Mrs. Estrada retrieved a bowl of M&M's along with a sheet of paper. Written on the paper were different color coded questions each girl had to answer based on the color of the M&M they blindly chose.

Following the icebreaker everyone ate dinner prepared by library staff and Cecily Peters, who also assisted at the Lockout. Pizza, drinks and cheesecake were devoured by the girls, with the cheesecake being a special addition, as the group would also be celebrating that night. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to America Briones and Brenley Hackney to make their evening even more special. Snacks and beverages were available for the girls throughout the night and breakfast was to be waiting for them in the morning.

After the feast of yummy foods, stations were set up all around the library for the educational activities that followed the STEAM code. Everyone broke into free flowing groups and began learning at a



The girls gather to eat some yummy cake and celebrate birthdays at the STEAM Lockout.

station of their choice. Some started off with the Pringles Challenge where the goal was to build a Pringle Ring structure only using the chips. Some girls chose to create amazing custom shirts with a simple cut out of any shape or design placed onto the fabric followed by sprits of bleach creating a unique outcome. Star bracelets, aqua sand and wood burning sessions were also incorporated into the agenda as the night went on.

As time passed, more and more attendees were beginning to feel the late night hours and tiredness hit them like a ton of bricks. Although some tried their best to stay awake throughout the night, one by one the girls fell asleep. Waking up in the morning everyone gathered for the final event of the Lockout which was breakfast!

The night long event was another success in the library's books. Mrs. Estrada had this to say about the program, "STEAM is very important for everyone to learn, we try to use that concept as often in our programs as possible. The girls usually feel intimidated about doing STEAM programming library hours so we came up with the idea of doing a STEAM program with ONLY girls and making it an all-night event so we can cover all the concepts; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics. The girls not only get the chance to learn about STEAM but they also get to meet new friends and learn new library activities they can teach to other kids during library hours. We want the girls to feel empowered when they come to the library!"



# the Movies Photo submitted by C. Miguel



Stella Miguel, Emily Peters, and Iliana Perryman danced in the Desert Sun Performing Arts Night of Movies on the 8th of June.

## BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

This year the Backpack Distribution will be separate from the Back to School Bash.

The Backpack Distribution will be on the following dates:

Monday July 1, 2019

Wednesday July 3, 2019

Monday July 8, 2019

6pm-8pm at the Service Center

Forms can be picked up from Maria Carlyle-Zepeda and Diana Carlyle
or you can request a form via email:
Deidra Carlyle - DECarlyle@ak-chin.nsn.us
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The form MUST be signed by the parent/guardian to receive the backpack.

There is a separate form for the non-member resident student (s) to be filled out.

Non-member resident student (s) **MUST** be on a housing lease, verification and signature from a Housing Representative is required to receive a backpack.

(Verification from Housing is needed prior to the Backpack Distribution dates)



# Ak-Chin students perform at the 2019 DSPA Night at the Movies



## **GED Program Celebrates Milestone**

Submitted by Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor

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Diploma
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Jose (Ace) Lopez is the GED program's 50th graduate since 2013.

On Thursday, June 6th, Jose (Ace) Lopez attempted and passed his final GED exam section, mathematics, earning his GED. Ace is the third Ak-Chin GED graduate of 2019 and GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino's, 50th Ak-Chin graduate since she began with the Education Department in 2013.

Ace began attending the GED program with his brother, Kyle Peters, who graduated in late 2018. Because of his work schedule, Ace could only attend during the Wednesday evening night class. He was able to pass the majority of the exam sections while following this schedule, but in early 2019,

Ace decided that he wanted to expedite the process. As an Ak-

Chin employee, he went through the steps to apply for Education Leave and upon approval, he was then able to attend class 3 days each week.

Ace worked one-on-one with his GED Instructor, receiving direct instruction in language arts three times weekly. Once he passed that subject, the focus switched over to math, and within a short time, Ace was ready to attempt his final subject at Rio Salado Community College in Tempe. The day before his final exam section, Desiree asked Ace to come in for the Wednesday evening class, so they could take the GED math practice exam together, and she could provide instruction as needed, on the more challenging items. After he took his official

GED math exam the next day, Ace stated, "I'm glad I came to class last night. Four of the questions on the test were just like what we did last night. That really helped me." After learning that he had passed math and earned his GED, he continued to express how he was feeling in those first moments as a graduate. He told his instructor, "I can't help but smile." Ace graciously went on to thank Desiree for her assistance, explaining the challenges he had faced in school, and how important achieving this goal was to him and his family.

Like all students, Ace's GED journey was unique. Whether a student completes in a matter of days, weeks, months, or years, what matters most is that they follow through and never give up!

Where will your GED journey take you? Come on into the Education Department to find out! For more information, stop by the GED office Monday through Friday, and get started on your GED journey!

Current GED Class Days/Times: Mon-Fri:10:00A-12:00P M, T, TH, F: 2:00P-5:00P Wed: 4:30-7:00P

GED Office: 520-568-1284



GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino, celebrates 50 graduates with Ak-Chin.

Zumbathon continued from 1a having fun."

Fabiola is a Community Health Specialist and has been teaching Zumba for over four years. Paisley is a fitness instructor and has been teaching for nearly two years. Rachel is the Sr. Physical Fitness Specialist, at WOLF "Way of Life Facility" Fitness Center.

Health Education Program Coordinator Marc Matteson announced the start of the Zumbathon. Flooding the gym floor was a mob of colorful crazed group of people who were more than ready to kick their dancing shoes into gear. Blaring music and swirl of lights turned the facility into a fitness like rave. Looking into the mass you could spot the very young and well-seasoned moving in sync with their instructors as the beat of the music continued.

Each instructor was given 20 to 25 minutes for their Zumba sets. As the evening progressed and everyone found their groove, it didn't take long before calories were being burned and laughter between the exhausted breathes were echoing the gymnasium.

Those needing a break were able to visit the snack area provided for participants in the game room. There was also a complimentary dinner of a build your own sandwich bar, fresh fruit trays and baked chips.

Raffle prizes were awarded during the event to help motivate. "We had a mixture of prizes that consisted of fitness packs (water bottle, sport headphones, cooling towel), nutrition bags (fruit baskets, healthy snacks, water bottle), fun in the sun (beach towel, water bottle, sunscreen), and Gila River brought lunch bags with smoothie and measuring cups," Martina said. "We also offered a few prizes for kids that included outdoor play activities (bubbles, baseball set, and sidewalk

Ak-Chin Health Education staff offered words of thanks after the event. "The Health Education would like to thank all our partners for making this a successful event. A special thanks to our Zumba Instructors, Donna Aguilar, Rachel Seepie, Clarissa Franco, Paisley Jackson and Fabiola Perez. Thank you to Fabiola Perez for hosting the first 4Tribes Zumbathon event last year and for collaborating with our

department to continue the event this year. We were proud to be the host site!"

Health Education also thanked, "Ak-Chin Recreation Department for the hospitality in letting us utilize the facility, Yolanda Miranda for providing the opening prayer, the Ak-Chin Library for letting us borrow sound equipment, Vekol Café for preparing all the delicious food, Missy and her staff for prepping and cleaning facility, and ALL PARTICIPANTS! You all rock! Thank you for coming out on a Friday evening and joining us for food, music, and fun! We hope to see you at one of our future events."



People of all ages were moving and grooving to the beat of the music blaring in the gym.

## HDS Associate, Eduardo Santiago, receives Employee of the Month Award

Eduardo began his career at Harrah's Ak-Chin as a summer youth worker years ago as a teenager. After accomplishing several personal goals, he returned to Harrah's, joining the HDS Program with the goal of learning about the casino and finding a job he enjoys. The HDS Program is a leadership training program designed offer job skills training and leadership development opportunities to selected Ak-Chin tribal members for the purpose of acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to qualify for management or key individual contributor positions with Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

Eduardo was nominated by his supervisor, Erica Manuel. Eduardo received the award for the acts of leadership exhibited throughout his training in the HDS Program. Eduardo consistently receives positive feedback regarding his performance during his training rotations. Eduardo has made suggestion during his



training which has resulted in internal process improvements. Eduardo is currently the VP of Public Relations for the property's Toastmasters 777 Club and is also participating in a business process improvement project which will allow him to apply his problem

solving skills to enhance the experience of our internal guests. Eduardo is nearing the end of his training rotation in the program and will be stepping into the next phase of his training, which is the Internship Phase.



## JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# **JUNE 2019** SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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

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**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 signup 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**

**JUNE 3RD-JUNE 27TH** 

2019 Ak-Chin Education Summer Enrichment

July 1ST Ak-Chin Higher Education Scholarship Program: Fall Deadline

> **GED Class times:** 10am to 12pm

Monday-Friday 2pm to 5pm Monday, Tuesday,

4:30pm to 7:00pm Wednesdays

Thursday, Friday



## **ELDER CENTER**

JUNE 7TH & 10TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

> **JUNE 12TH** Movie Day

## **JUNE 13TH**

Father's Day Luncheon

Crafts with Library Men's Fishing Trip Payson Leaving @ 4:00am

Leaving for Flagstaff/Payson Trip @ 9am,

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

## **JUNE 16TH**

Returning from Flagstaff/ Payson trip @2 pm

## **JUNE 17TH**

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

## **JUNE 19TH**

Grandparents Gathering Time TBD, Place TBD

## **JUNE 21ST**

Brunch 8:30am-10am

Elder Check Day

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

## **JUNE 24TH**

Elder Shopping & Errands

1pm

## **JUNE 25TH**

Goodwill Shopping Day

Council Update

**JUNE 26TH BINGO** 

**JUNE 27TH** 

Movie Day

Caregiver Meeting 10:30am

## JUNE 28TH

Craft with Library

Quarterly Birthday Party

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm



## LIBRARY

## **JUNE 21ST**

Elder Crafts 11am-12pm

Karaoke Party! 2pm-3pm

LEGO Robots 4pm

## **JUNE 22ND**

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

## **JUNE 24TH**

Mad Science Mondays 2pm-3pm

## JUNE 25TH

Dark Readings 2pm-3pm

Elder Coloring 9am-10am

**JUNE 26TH** Baby Time! 11:30am-12pm

Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm

**JUNE 24TH - 29TH** Game Hacker 4pm-6pm

**JUNE 27TH** Comic Book Club 2pm-3pm

Karaoke Party 2pm-3pm

LEGO Robots 4pm

## **JUNE 29ND**

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm



## **PARKS & REC**

JUNE 7TH - 8TH Road to NABI

Boys & Girls Basketball

Tournament

#### **JUNE 10TH**

High School Girls Practice

## **JUNE 11TH**

High School Boys Practice

**JUNE 12TH** 

## High School Girls Practice

**JUNE 13TH** High School Boys Practice

**JUNE 14TH** 

## All Nations Zumba **JUNE 17TH - 22ND**

GYM Closed

NABI Tournament



Fly-In guests gather around Captain Duckworth as he shares his aviation knowledge in front of a North American T-28 Trojan war plane.

years. Duckworth also serves as a Cadet Pilot Liaison for Allied Pilots Association, which represents pilots of American Airlines.

"Flying is something that when someone goes up, they get a passion for it. The licenses are actually not that difficult to get. If somebody wants to do it, with the opportunities today, all a kid has to do is show up, and we can make him or her into an airline pilot if they really liked it," said Duckworth.

'There are flight schools right now where money is available, financing is available. If somebody wants to do it, it's right there. In

aviation today, it's probably the greatest opportunity in my entire lifetime. There has never been a bigger need for airline pilots than there is today. The opportunities are great. I have flown with a lot of minority pilots but only one was Native American, so I would like to get something going."

Captain Duckworth scheduled to present again at Ak-Chin to talk about aviation careers before the first annual NABI Educational Youth Summit and the 17th Annual Basketball Invitational tournament coming Sunday, June 23-Saturday, June 29.



Airport Manager Tim Costello looks on as high school student Damien climbs aboard the war plane that Captain Duckworth flew in on.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) **Ak-Chin Indian Community Public Safety Radio Project**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community is seeking bids for a Public Safety Radio System.

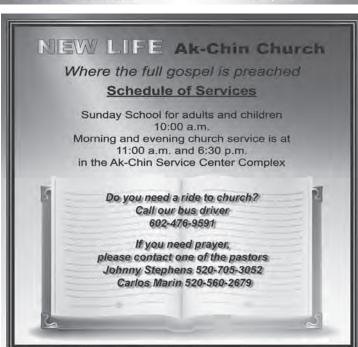
#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking to upgrade and/or replace the Community's P25 Public Safety Radio infrastructure which includes A. The P25 Trunked Radio System (TDMA 700 MHz) B. 6 Dispatch Consoles with 5 consoles at the Ak-Chin Police Department and 1 console in the Fire Command Trailer inclusive of all licenses and C. the Public Safety Voice Recorder.

Detailed Request for Proposals can be picked up at the Ak-Chin Purchasing Office, Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton (fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us) at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa AZ, 85138, starting on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

- A mandatory site bid walk will be scheduled for June 27, 2019, at 10:00 AM
- The deadline for submitting your proposal is July 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM

#### Ak-Chin Higher Education Scholarship Progra **DEADLINES** OPEN ENTRY/ SPRING SUMMER FALL OPEN EXIT Semester/ Semester/ (clock hour/ non-traditional) Quarter Quarter Quarter 2 months prior JULY 1" APRIL 30th





## Silent Seal Bid Auction

Viewing June 18 -28, 2019 Viewing Location on SR347 between Juan Street and Farrell Road Vehicles are AS-IS

- Starting Bid price is marked on windshield of each vehicle
- One sealed bid per car to be dropped off at Tribal Headquarters Monday Friday from 8am to 5pm. Address: 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa AZ 85138. Last day to submit
- bid is June 28, 2019 by 5 pm. • If there is more than one bid on same vehicle from the same individual it will be disqualified.
- Sealed bid is to be placed in a 4"X 9" envelope or smaller, sealed with the following legible written or typed requirements:
  - o Name of Bidder
  - o Current Phone Number
  - Vehicle # (# posted on Windshield)
  - Your Bid price do not enclose cash, check or money order in envelope
- Private opening of all sealed bids will be on July 1, 2019.
- Highest bids will be notified on July 1, 2019 to bring, cash or cashier check to Finance Department by July 5, 2019.
- Make Cashier Check out to Ak-Chin Indian Community. Checks, debit or credit cards are not accepted.
- Vehicle must be removed by July 5, 2019.
- If highest bidder is unable to purchase, it will go to next highest bidder and so forth.
- Call Message line on Ak-Chin Auction Vehicle at **520-568-1265**.

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

**JUNE-JULY 2019 Schedule** 

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

June 23 - Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb June 30 – Fr. Alcuin Hurl July 7 - Fr. Antony Tinker July 14 - Fr. Antony Tinker July 21 - Fr. Antony Tinker July 28 - Fr. Antony Tinker

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 14, TBA

Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle Feast Day- St. Mary's Basilica

July 17-21

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference- Sharonville, OH

July 27, 10am

CCOE Meeting- St. Catherine of Alexandria- Santa Cruz

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)

## **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.



## Ak-Chin Health and Human Services

Contact: Health & Human Services at (520) 568-1093)



When: Please call to arrange start date Where: Conference Room (48227W. Farrell Road Maricopa, Arizona 85139)

he goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offe idditional tools and techniques for parenting.\* Community members, Residents, and

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

Employees are welcome to participate!\*\* For more information contact: Lynne louston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health and Human Services. 520-568-1086

## O'OTHAM NEW YEAR GATHERING

CULTURAL CIRCLE

JUNE 22-23, 2019

THIS IS A SOCIAL GATHERING EVERYONE IS WELCOME

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL SINGING AND DANCING. ALL NIGHT CHUDT | EVENING AND MIDNIGHT MEALS | BRING YOUR OWN

COMFORTABLE CHAIRS | CAMPING ONSITE IS PERMITTED

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: PAM THOMPSON 480-721-0939 OR ALIE WALKING BADGER 520-562-9713



## **FARM BOARD MINUTES**

#### **Ak-Chin Farm Board Minutes January 29, 2019**

Meeting was held at the EPD Conference Room on January 29, 2019. Meeting was called to order at 9:15

Members present: Cecil Peters, Charles Sanchez, Justin Zabawa, Bob Roth, (Conference Call), Earl Justin, (Absent) excused. Also present: Steve Coester, Farm Manager, Brian Zens, Walther Farms.

Charles Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Bob Roth. By a vote of  $\underline{4}$  for,  $\underline{0}$  against,  $\underline{1}$  absent, the foregoing motion approved.

Charles Sanchez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes January 29, 2019. Second by Bob Roth. By a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

#### **Report**

- 1) Due to the absence of Olesya Nelson, Steve presented the Farm Financials. There were no huge changes, a check was received from Calcot on some cotton ginning.
- Steve Coester presented his monthly crop report to the Board. Alfalfa had some rain and cold delays. Pecans will be all harvested in the following weeks. Barley in good shape looking to fertilizing within a week. Potatoes planted. The

Irrigation District are cutting back on water usage. The cotton has all been harvested.

#### Old Business

1) Bob Roth asked if information was available or if anyone looked into joining the Intertribal Agricultural Council. This will be forwarded to Council for further review.

#### **New Business**

- 1) Brian Zens from Walther Farms made presentation to the Board Members present. Walther Farms will be taking over R&G Potatoes and business will remain the same as before. Will be making same presentation to Council at a later date.
- 2) A presentation the Hemp Program was presented by DC Ventures. A discussion on the possibility of growing Hemp here on the Farms for medical use only, starting with initial test on 100 acres and possible increased acreage on outcome from initial testing. Also, discussed on the needs, the process of growing and harvesting the plants. This would be forwarded to Council for further review.

There were no more items on the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

**Next Meeting Date**: March 26, 2019

Attest: Cecil Peters. Acting Board Secretary

**Date:** February 26, 2019

## NABI Foundation to host 1st Annual Educational Youth Summit in conjunction with the 17th Annual Native **American Basketball Invitational (NABI)**

Presented by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, NIKE N7, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Gila River Indian Community

CONTACT: GinaMarie Scarpa 480-446-7052 Ext. 104

PHOENIX - NABI Foundation has added yet another program to their already expansive menu. Known for their quality programs that serve Native American youth, the NABI Foundation will be launching their first annual NABI Educational Youth Summit with a slew of impressive speakers and presenters. Sam McCracken, General Manager of Nike's N7 program, will fittingly kick off the summit as the first presenter. Nike N7 (Native American line) has been a sponsor of NABI since NABI's inception in 2003.

"Our foundation's mission and enhanced focus will be on EDUCATION. The love of basketball will continue higher

Vanessa Martinez, San Pasqual's

vanessam@sanpasqualtribe.org r at 760-651-5151

**Environmental Project Coordinator at** 

& CEO GinaMarie Scarpa. This summer two NABI Alumni will be awarded \$10,000 each through the NABI Foundation College Scholarship Fund.

NABI week officially starts on Sunday, June 23 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Ultra Star Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle in Maricopa, Ariz. where over 1,300 youth will participate in NABI's opening ceremonies and parade of tribal flags that include two youth groups from Mexico and Italy participating in NABI as part of the Foundation's new cultural exchange program. The opening ceremonies event along with all NABI games are open to the public.

summer's invitational will again feature 128 teams (from grades 10-12), comprised of athletes representing over 300 tribes from North America, Canada and New Zealand who will compete in over 300 basketball games from June

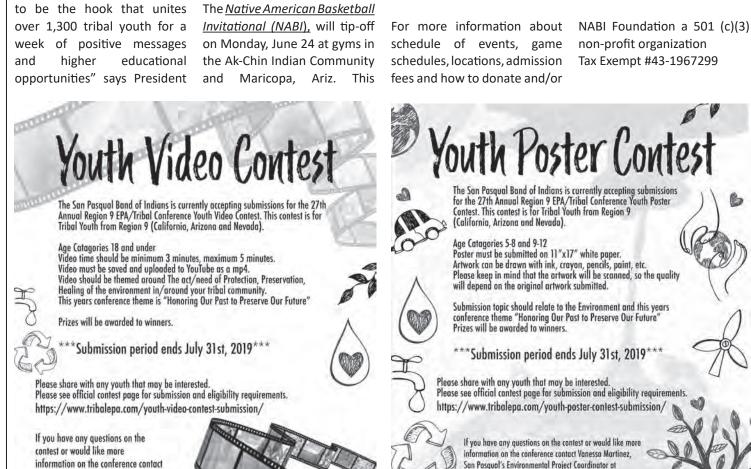
NABI Championship games will take place on Saturday, June 29 at Talking Stick Resort Arena, home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury. Door open at 10:00 AM.

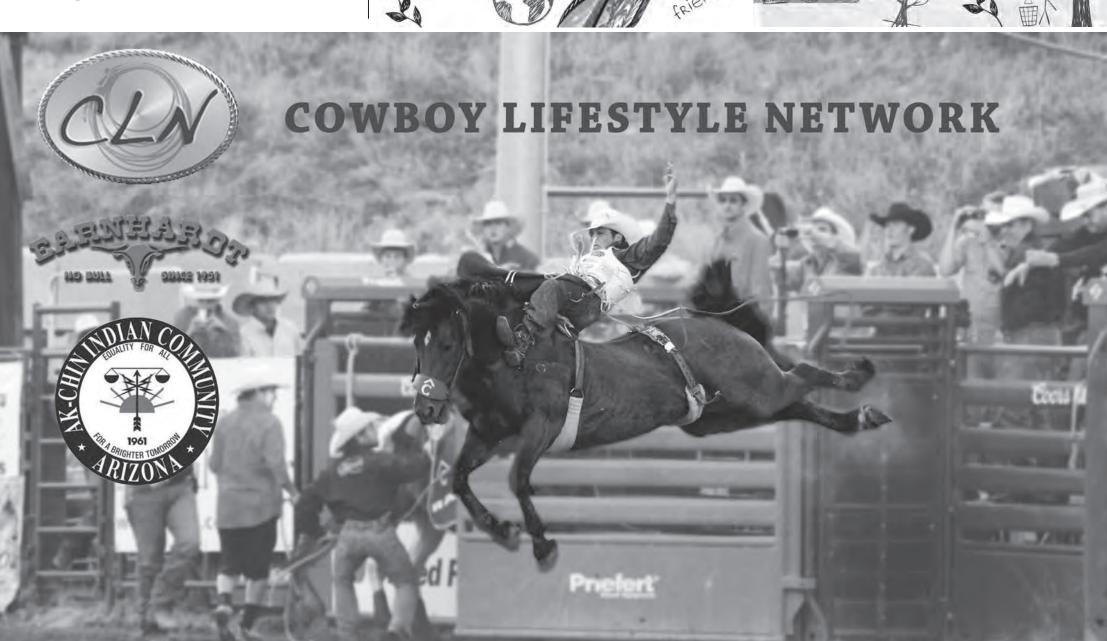
The NABI invitational continues to be the largest national premier basketball tournament showcasing Native American and indigenous youth and the first to become certified by the NCAA (2007).

become a sponsor visit www. NABIFoundation.org.

Other NABI sponsors include: Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Talking Stick Resort Arena, City of Maricopa, Steward Health Care, Bank of American, Native Health, Diamondbacks, Arizona Universal Insurance Programs, Tohono O'odham Nation, Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe, National Indian Association, Seneca Nation of Indians, Fry's Food Stores, DEA, Waste Management/Phoenix Open, Rosette LLP, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, KONE Elevators, Mays Construction, Adventurous Antelope Canyon Photo Tours, Gun Lake Tribe, Helios Education Foundation

& APS.





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







Annual Drinking Water Quality Report - Ak-Chin Indian Community Drinking Water System

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 - PWS I.D. # 0400090

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (ACIC) Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Water Operations is pleased to present the Community with the 2018 Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a summary of last year's water quality.

#### Where does your drinking water come from?

The source water for the Ak-Chin Indian Community's public water system is surface water from the Colorado River transported through a series of canals operated by both the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (MSIDD). The river water is conveyed to the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Surface Water Treatment Plant where it is treated and distributed to Community homes and enterprises.

#### Who makes sure that your drinking water is safe?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) have enacted regulations that require all water provided by public water systems to meet or exceed safe drinking water standards for contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) establishes regulations for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health as the US EPA National Drinking Water Standards. The Ak-Chin Surface Water Treatment Plant was designed and built to remove contaminants and to filter and disinfect your water so that the tap water delivered throughout the Community meets or exceeds the US EPA's National Drinking Water Standards. ACIC EPD Water Operations regularly samples your drinking water. This report is intended to summarize the testing results of your drinking water; to inform you whether or not any violations of the US EPA's National Drinking Water Standards were found and to tell you about the water quality from Ak-Chin Indian Community's Surface Water Treatment Plant.

#### Substances that May be Contained in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. EPD's Environmental Programs section, through its surface water quality monitoring program, regularly collects samples and tests the Community's surface water quality to determine if any trends exist; indicating changes in surface water quality. It is common for source water throughout the United States to contain contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, salts, metals, organic materials and sometimes pesticide residues and other chemical compounds prior to treatment. As water travels through the ground and over surfaces, it dissolves natural minerals (some may be radioactive), and it may pick up organic and inorganic compounds and microorganisms. In Arizona and the desert southwest, there are naturally occurring compounds found in source water such as heavy metals like arsenic and gross alpha isotopes such as radon and uranium. Some contaminants may enter source waters due to human and animal activity. These can include microbial contaminants such as bacterial and viruses that may come from septic systems, livestock operations, wildlife, or sewage treatment systems. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals can come from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining farming and in some cases can come from naturally dissolving minerals in the soil. Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants may come from industrial processes, petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems Radioactive contaminants may be naturally occurring or

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Do I need to take special precautions with my drinking

Precautions are only needed when a special public notice or health advisory is released by the ACIC EPD/Water Operations. If a health advisory or special notice is sent out, it will have detailed information on how to/go about handling tap water in your regular daily routine. Although your water is treated to meet or exceed all drinking water standards, some people are more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population, even allowable levels of contaminants Individuals on in-home dialysis may want to check with their health care provider for recommendations on additional filtration to address the Community's specific water quality. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. US EPA and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the: EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426 4791)

#### Health Risks by known Contaminants in Drinking Water Turbidity - Turbidity refers to cloudiness of water. Turbidity has

no health effects, but can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. We monitor this as an indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Nitrate - Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider. In 2018, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards

**Chromium** – Some people who use water containing chromium in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over many years may experience allergic dermatitis. Four (4) quarterly results are needed to determine a chromium violation. In 2018, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for chromium.

Arsenic - Arsenic was not detected in your drinking water in 2018; however, the Community's water has contained low levels of arsenic within the US EPA acceptable range in previous years. US EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. US EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in

humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

**Lead** – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health

problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

associated with service lines and home plumbing. Ak- Chin EPD Water Operations is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). In 2018, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for lead.

Combined Radium 226/228 - Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the maximum contamination level over many years may have an increased risk of developing cancer. The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. US EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. People who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In 2018, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for Radium 226/228.

conservation and protection of your water and its quality, here is a web link that can help answer some of your questions: https:// www.epa.gov/groundwater-and-drinking-water

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved with

Microbiological Testing - We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. In 2018, your tap water from the Ak- Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for microbiological testing; therefore, no public health advisories were issued.

#### The Ak-Chin Water Treatment Process Surface water received from the Central AZ Project goes through

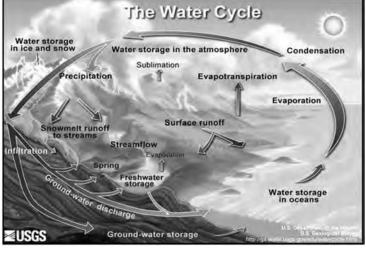
several treatment processes at the Ak-Chin Surface Water Treatment Plant to remove contaminants commonly found in surface water sources before becoming drinking water. The process includes the addition of a small amount of chemical coagulant to bring small particles that are suspended in surface waters together to make a large particle that can then be filtered. The water is filtered by a membrane filtration system and then is treated further by going through a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filter to remove dissolved organic carbon contaminants. Chlorine is then added as a disinfectant for the removal of microbial contaminants.

#### Water Education Protecting Ak-Chin's Source EPD is promoting practices to keep

Ak-Chin's source water protected from pollutants. Below is a list of Guidelines that Community members, residents, and employees can implement:



- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. They can contain hazardous chemicals that can reach our drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Do not use washes or canals to dispose of any waste. Place waste items in the garbage for disposal. Dispose of chemicals properly. Take used motor oil to a local
- recycling center in Maricopa. • Dispose of paints and other hazardous material properly. Do not
- dispose of these wastes in the sink, toilet or on the ground.



## Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature. Take short showers. A 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of

- water compared to up to 50 gallons • for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair, and
- shaving to save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750
- gallons a month. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.
- You can save up to 1,000 gallons
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to
- replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it
- seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more
- efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and
- during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation. Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future
  - generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce water consumption

Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

## **Water Quality Table**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, US EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water.

Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive and,

in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public

health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve

the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels.

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the 2018 calendar year. The US EPA allows Ak-Chin EPD to monitor for certain contaminants less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or because the Ak-Chin Indian Community's public water system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions for water quality terms on the last page of this publication.

Water Quality Table

| Contaminants                            | MRDLG  | MRDL | Water | The state of | High  | Sample<br>Date | Violation | Typical Source   |
|---|--------|------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Disinfection By-                        |        | -    | water | COW          | 11060 | Date           | _         |  |
| Five Haloacetic Acids                   |        | Kule | 1     | T            | T     |                |           | By-product of drinking water   |
| (ppb)                                   | N/A    | 60   | 16    | 6.1          | 26    | 2018           | No        | chlorination   |
| Total<br>Trihalomethanes<br>(ppb)       | N/A    | 80   | 50    | 9,4          | 80    | 2018           | No        | By-product of drinking wate<br>chlorination  |
| Inorganic Contam                        | inants |      |       |              |       |                |           |  |
| Fluoride (naturally<br>occurring) (ppm) | 4      | 4    | ND    | N/A          | N/A   | 2018           | No        | Erosion of natural deposits;<br>discharge from fertilizer and<br>aluminum factories (Ak-Chin<br>Indian Community does not ad<br>fluoride to its potable water<br>system) |
| Nitrate (measured as<br>Nitrogen) (ppm) | 10     | 10   | 6.84  | ND           | 6.84  | 2018           | No        | Runoff and leaching from<br>fertilizer use; Leaching from<br>septic tanks, sewage; erosion o<br>natural deposits   |
| Arsenic (ppb)                           | N/A    | 10   | ND    | N/A          | N/A   | 2018           | No        | Erosion of natural deposits;<br>Runoff from orchards; Runoff<br>from glass and electronics<br>production wastes  |
| Barium (ppm)                            | 2      | 2    | 0,12  | N/A          | N/A   | 2018           | No        | Discharge from oil drilling wast<br>and from metal refineries;<br>erosion of natural deposits  |
| Sodium (ppm)                            |        |      | 100   | N/A          | N/A   | 2018           | N/A       | Erosion of natural deposits; sal<br>water intrusion  |
| Selenium<br>(ppb)                       | 50     | 50   | 7.4   | N/A          | N/A   | 2018           | No        | Discharge from petroleum, glas<br>and metal refineries; erosion o<br>natural deposits; discharge fron<br>mines and chemical<br>manufacturers; runoff                     |
| Chromium<br>(ppb)                       | 100    | 100  | 350   | 6.3          | 350   | 2018           | No        | Discharge from steel and pulp<br>mills and chrome plating; crosic<br>of natural deposits   |

| 75.33,745.3                            | 0 15             | 2   | 0             | 20171          | 117.51   | stems; discharges form industria<br>nanufacturers; erosion of natural<br>deposits |
|--|------------------|---|---------------|----------------|----------|---|
| Lead and Coppera  Microbiological Con  |                  | e every 3 years p                             | er EPA requi  | rements        |          |   |
| Contaminants                           | MCLG or<br>MRDLG | MCL, TT or<br>MRDL                            | Your<br>Water | Sample<br>Date | Violatio | n Typical Source  |
| Total Coliform Bacteria                | 0                | 2 or more<br>positive<br>samples per<br>month | ND            | 2018           | No       | Naturally present in the environment  |
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| Adjusted Alpha (Excl.<br>Radon & U) Units: pCi/L | o                | 15                  | 2,3           | 0.427 | 2.3   | 20133          | No.       | Erosion of natural<br>deposits                                      |
| Beta/photon emitters<br>Units: pCi/L             | 0                | 50**                | 6.5           | ND    | 7,1   | 2015           | No        | Decay of natural<br>and man-made<br>deposits                        |
| Uranium (ppb)                                    | 0                | 30                  | 3,4           | ND    | 3.427 | 20132          | No        | Erosion of natural<br>deposits                                      |
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2 Uranium is sampled once every 6 years per EPA requirements

3 Combined Radium and Adjusted Alpha are sampled once every 9 years per EPA requirement:

The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done within the 2018 calendar year.

Summary of Violations

| Term      | Definition  |
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| ppm       | parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) |
| ppb       | parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (μg/L) |
| MFL       | Million Fibers per Liter                          |
| MCL       | Maximum Contaminant Level                         |
| MCLG      | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal                    |
| MRDL      | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level               |
| MRDLG     | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal          |
| pCi/L     | Picocurles per Liter                              |
| cfu/100mL | Coliform forming units per 100 milliliters        |
| ng/L      | Nano grams per Liter                              |
| pg/L      | Pico grams per Liter                              |
| N/A       | Not applicable                                    |
| ND        | Not detected                                      |
| NR        | Manitoring not required, but recommended.         |
| NTU       | Nephalimetric Turbidity Units (NTU)               |
| TT        | Treatment Technique                               |
| AL        | Action Level                                      |

regulations occurred in 2018.

Water Operations Contact Information - Questions about Water Quality - Ak-Chin EPD Water Operations - (520) 568-1140 - Ray Pulver, Water Operations Manager.

A copy of this report, which includes all constituents that were tested, can be obtained from the Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department. EPD Water Operations wants our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. To learn more, please contact us anytime during normal business hours.

For issues with water service after hours, on holidays or weekends, please call (520) 858-6061.

## **Road to NABI**



Boys Road to NABI champions, Them FMD Boys.



Ak-Chin boys players Isaiah Peters and Jose Miguel, Jr. team up for a solid block.

second half, the team started heating up with Marco Jensen and Frankie Carlyle getting in their fair share of threes and layups. AKC Boys fought hard and stayed strong till the end but couldn't contain Them FMD Boys, with the end score, 76 to 57. After the loss, Ak-Chin was determined to go back and play better

than before.

In game three vs. 21st Natives, defense seemed to be Ak-Chin's specialty as their opponents had a very difficult time scoring points, if any at all. With Richard Villegas protecting the paint and Victor Andaverde getting steals, it seemed impossible Them FMD for the Natives to get even a to jump shot in.

Practically everyone on Ak-Chin got their own bucket at some point, proving their offense was just as good as their defense and was not to be taken lightly. The boys kept their heads high and played through it all. Toward the end of the game Xendryk Silas Antone and Adrian Montana got their points in, while Devin Delowe took his time and waited for the buzzer. Right as the clock was counting down, Devin got the ball and while being guarded he shot and made a three-pointer, lifting Ak-Chin

Unfortunately, the boys met their match in a head to head final game against NAZ Elite. The game was close but the Elite managed to hold their 10-point lead against Ak-Chin just long enough to get the win with a 59-49 final score, knocking Ak-Chin out

of the bracket.

to a winning score of 65-30.

Ak-Chin Boys Coach Thomas Carlyle weighed in on the boys' play during the weekend. "The experience for us is just preparing for NABI. We go in just getting an idea of what teams are coming to NABI. Even though they are just Arizona teams, it's something for us to prepare for; whatever team we're going to face at NABI," said Carlyle.

'We went 2-2. We didn't lose a whole lot to the championship team up until

the very end. We stuck with them. So that showed how talented we are. When we play our "A" team and our "A" game, we're just as good as anybody. When we play our B team, we start slow and then we pick ourselves up, which is the hardest part to try to win a game when we start like that."

When asked how he thinks the boys will do in the upcoming NABI tournament, Carlyle said, "It's hard to say how the outcome is going to be because we don't know the teams we're going to be playing. We're playing teams from Iowa and New Mexico. We don't travel to those states to see how they are, so it will be a different experience the Angels 45-22 on Saturday when they come in."

## **Boys** Championship



Boys soar Road to NABI championship.

Apache Outkast played back to back games leading up to the Championship bracket, but that didn't stop them from giving their all. In a battle for third place, Outkast and Northern Elite went head to head. Outkast proved to be too much to handle as they won 86-70 to give Northern Elite the third-place spot. All Tourney honors were given to Northern Elite player Cany Silversmith.

All eyes were on the Championship game matchup that had Them FMD Boys and Apache Outkast battling for the best. A tired Outkast team still came out 100% and the first half was give-andtake as game was tied 28-28 at halftime. In a close game that went down to the wire, Them FMD Boys hung onto their narrow lead and came out on top, 68-64 giving them momentum into the NABI

All Tourney honors went to Apache Outkast player Corey Endfield and Them FMD Boys' Nic Harrison. MVP was awarded to Them FMD Boys star Caleb Doka.

Tournament ahead.

## **Ak-Chin** Girls

The Ak-Chin girls team had ups and downs throughout Road to NABI. The girls started off with a forfeited win over T.O. Storm then faced a tough team Friday evening in Passion Elite and



Ak-Chin girls player Syd Carlos driving to the hoop.

came up short, losing 59-29.

The race for placement bracket was on as Ak-Chin regained their strength with two wins in a row, defeating morning and Angie's Squad 56-50 on Saturday afternoon. The girls played with confidence and worked together during these two games and had a chance to take a breather while waiting for their next matchup.

Ak-Chin's last chance to get to third-place came against the Rez Bombers on Saturday night. The Bombers, however, had sky-high confidence and were too big for Ak-Chin as they coasted to a blow-out win to move up in the bracket.

'The girls went 2-2 through some tough losses but they played hard and left it all on the court and I couldn't ask for anything more from these talented ladies. I'm so proud of each one of them. They work hard and are improving. continuously We are a very young team with some who have never played the game, but with their commitment, dedication and heart, we have a bright future," said Ak-Chin girls coach Wesley Gonzalez.

"Road to NABI is a great experience for the girls in preparing them for the NABI Tournament. My goal is to build a cohesive team with moral and character development, team individual sportsmanship and leadership in each studentathlete. I believe in these girls, and their growth in these past two months is nothing less than awesome. I'm truly honored to be a part of these young ladies' lives."

Ak-Chin guard Evone Santiago was a big part of the squad's momentum during the two wins. "We actually did pretty good. A lot of us weren't used to practicing together so I think we did come out really well. We meshed well and we were passing and moving the ball around a lot. We connected really well and really fast, so that was pretty good," said Santiago.

Santiago provided insight as to how the girls are preparing



Girls Road to NABI champions, Passion Elite.

for the games to come during the NABI Tournament and "We're pushing beyond. ourselves really hard in practices and trying to get the most out of everything and trying to have fun doing it. We understand that we're a young team, so this year might not be our year but there is always next year for us."

## **Girls** Championship



Passion Elite goes the distance vs. Rez Bombers

The Rez Bombers started off with a bang on the road to the third-place game and came out on top of Lady Magic by over 30 points, leading 41-16 at the top of the second half. The final score was 65-29.

Next, Rez Bombers went on to play Passion Elite for thirdplace. Rez Bombers started strong with a 3 pointer before the half, leading 18-16 at halftime. Passion Elite pulled ahead 24-21 with 13:55 left in the second half. The two teams traded shot for shot for the next three minutes as Elite stayed strong leading 33-29 with 11:04 left to play. Elite then went on a 9-0 run to make it 42-29 with 5:12 on the clock. Bombers went on a 6-0 run of their own to narrow the lead 42-35 with 1:26 left and kept the momentum going to edge Elite 43-40 with 5.2 seconds left. Passion Elite held the lead with a final score of 43-40.

Rez Bombers take third-place and Passion Elite moves up to play against NN Elite. All Tourney honors were given ton Rez Bomber PG Kiiyani Anitielu.

Passion Elite and NN Elite squared off with a battle of the Elites, for first-place of the Road to NABI. Passion Elite came with enough juice to start the game off 11-3 with 13:00 left in the first half. NN Elite would not back down though, trailing by only two points to make the score 22-20 at halftime.

Both Elites traded jabs throughout the second half, keeping it close 34-31 Passion, with 11:00 left to play. Passion Elite went on from there to put a dagger in NN Elite's offense and would not let them budge for the rest of the game. Passion Elite's defense carried them to a 41-31 first-place win over NN Elite.

"We win together, we lose



Boys second place winners, Apache Outkast.



Boys third place winners, Northern Elite.



Girls second place winners, NN Elite.



Girls third place winners, Rez Bombers.

together. In this game, we lost together as a team. No one to blame it on. No one to point at. This game was a learning experience for us because it's our first loss in forever," said NN Elite All Tourney SG, Samantha Quigley.

"The Tournament good, but also tiring. But we lasted. We lost, came back, regrouped, then won." said Passion Elite's MVP Stacey Begay. "The Elites won the NABI Tournament last year. It brings all our confidence up winning this tournament, playing against them. It's pretty fun and it's a confidence booster."

Next down the road for Ak-Chin and NABI will be the 17th Annual Native Basketball American Invitational from June 23-29, which will include the First Annual NABI Educational Youth Summit from June 24-

26. Boys and girls pool and bracket games are from June 24-28 and will be held at five different locations: Maricopa High School (Gym 1A/1B), Ak-Chin recreation Center, Vah-Ki Recreation Center (Bapchule, AZ), Leading Edge Academy and Maricopa Wells Middle School. NABI Championship games will be presented by the Ak-Chin Indian Community and held at Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix on Saturday, June

Boys and girls championship teams will be split into "silver" and "gold" divisions, with silver girls at 11:00am, silver boys at 12:30pm, gold girls at 2:00pm and gold boys at 3:30pm. Doors open at 10:00am and general admission is \$12.50. Children 5 & under and adults 65+ are free. Come out and root for Ak-Chin or your favorite NABI team!

Golfers enjoy the course and weather at Southern Dunes Golf course on Saturday, June 15.

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes has several golf clinics this summer. For the ladies, there is a 9am clinic which lasts 60 minutes and teaches golf fundamentals. Cost is \$20

employees, a \$10.00 class is available and begins at 11:00 am. It lasts for an hour.

If learning golf is not your style, take advantage of the dining opportunity at Arroyo Grille. Opening early Thursday through Saturday at 5:30 am, get a head start to your day with a delicious breakfast. Arroyo Grille closes at 8:00 pm. Sunday through Tuesday, hours are 6:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## dollars. For Ak-Chin members and

## **Ak-Chin Mumsigo plays at** St. Anthony Feast



St. Anthony Parish members dance a cumbia as the Ak-Chin Mumsigo band play on Saturday, June 15.



Dyami Jackson plays the accordion at the St, Anthony Feast in Sacaton.

The Ak-Chin Mumsigo band was invited to play for the St. Anthony Feast in Sacaton on Saturday, June 15. Temperatures stayed below 100 for the two hours they play that afternoon. Ak-Chin Mumsigo players switched instruments for different

songs which brought dancers of all ages to the dance floor. A meal was provided at noon and the church grounds had jumping castles and food and craft vendors for their event. Mass was held earlier that

## High school football season fund raisers begin



**ABOVE: The** Sequoia Pathway **Pumas football** team held a car wash fund raiser on Saturday, June 15 at Sonic.

**RIGHT:** The MHS Football Program is selling \$20 dollar discount cards which are good at various Maricopa businesses. Visit maricopa rams football.com for

more info.





## Ak-Chin Youth Council Election is July 12

The Ak Cin Vecij Hemackam Kokovnal (Ak-Chin Youth Council) has begun their 2019 Election process for the following offices: President, Vice-Prsident, Secretary, Treasurer, (2) High School Representatives (1 Female, 1 Male) and (2) Middle School Representatives (1 Female and 1 Male).

Nominations and declarations closed on Friday, June 14 and this week verifications on all the nominations and declarations were taking place, including scheduling time for candidate

According to the schedule sent out by the Youth Council, Candidate Bios will



be posted in the Education/Library building lobby, available for viewing during normal operating hours from Wednesday, June 26 through Thursday, July 11, 2019.

The 2019 Ak-Chin Youth Council Election will take place in the Education/ Library lobby from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday, July 12.

The Ak Cin Vecij Hemackam Kokovnal (Youth Council) is open to any youth between the ages of 13 - 25, Ak-Chin Indian Community member and/or any Native American residing in the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Community.

For more information, please contact the Youth Council at (520)568-1038 or 568-1044. You can also email to AllYouthCouncil@ak-chin.nsn.us.

## Experience "Movies Under the Stars"

A place to enjoy a movie favorite on a big screen, cool off in an inflatable water slide, and be guaranteed to see the stars. Mondays are "Movie Night Under the Stars" and for the next four weeks you can bring blankets, chairs or sit on the UltraStar Amphitheater lawn to see a free movie that begins at 6:00

Popcorn, nachos, and hot dogs are just some of the snacks available in the outdoor concessions that are available. To stay cool, a fun inflatable water slide is also available.

June 24 – Monday, Minions, Monday, July 1 – Madagascar, Monday, July

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A crowd gathered on the UltraStar amphitheater lawn to watch "Sing" during the Monday, June 17 Movies Under the Stars. Free movies continue until July 15.

As a special holiday treat, Upcoming movies include: Movie Under the Stars will also take place Thursday evening, July 4.

door, you can see UltraStar Movies Kids Summer Series 2019. Week June 24 - 28 - **Trolls**, Week July 1 - 5 -

**How to Train Your Dragon:** 8 – Shrek and Monday, July To see a weekday morning The Hidden World, Week

movie, for a \$1.00 price at the July 8 - 12 - **The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part,** and Week July 15 - 19 -**Teen Titans Go! To The Movies** 

> For additional info, please visit https://ultrastaraz.com/.



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Happy Birthday to my Mom, Lillian Shade Wishing you a blessed and joyful day!

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#### Story and photos by C.Picciuolo

Grammy Award-winning bands Ozomatli and Los Lonely Boys came to The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin on Saturday, June 8 for a stop on their La Familia Tour. Tickets sold out the day of the show as fans packed the venue to experience the many different flavors of music the bands had to offer.

Ozomatli, who got their name from the Nahuatl word for "monkey" on the Aztec calendar, opened the night with their eclectic mix of funk, cumbia, Latin rock and hip hop. The band played a tribute to the Queen of Tejano music, Selena, by playing her hit, "Como La Flor" to much fanfare.

Ozomatli are known for their social and political activism as well as their The six-man group showed off their humor, with the latter illustrated by



Ozomatli kicks off the party at the Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin

Raúl Pacheco."

broad range of musical knowledge how they introduced their guitarist, by jamming Black Sabbath's "Iron "Give it up for the only cholo that Man" and ended their set with a

ever got kicked out of Whole Foods, compilation of jazz, salsa and rock for their last song which took the group off stage and into the crowd, with many fans following them into the lobby.

> Ozomatli also played a requested cumbia from Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, "Cumbia de los Muertos" who was pretty stoked that they remembered him asking

the guitar together Barrymore dance scene in "Never headlining Chicano rock trio of Been Kissed."

Los Lonely Boys' Henry and Jojo Garza wow the crowd by playing

Many artists have contributed to Ozomatli's albums, such as De La Soul, will.i.am and Common. Ozomatli won the 2002 Grammy Award for "Best Latin Rock/ Alternative Album" for "Embrace the Chaos."

about it. It was featured on the Drew The party did not stop as the

brothers from San Angelo, Texas, Los Lonely Boys, made sure to keep the crowd engaged.

The band consists of the Garza brothers: Ringo on drums, Jojo on bass and Henry on guitar and lead vocals. Los Lonely Boys played a blazing set of covers, originals and infectious grooves as a tight band

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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,

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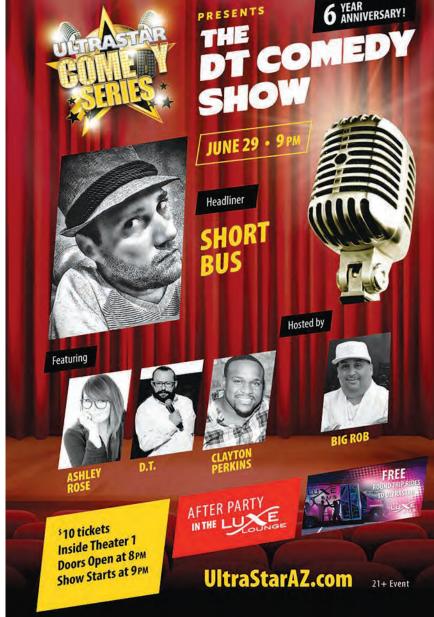
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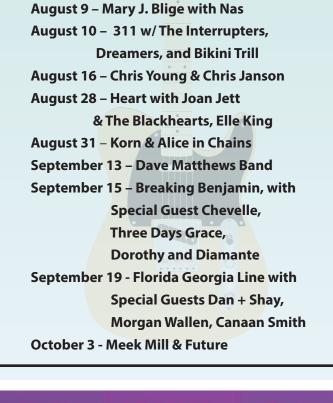






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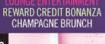
























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# CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2019





Ethan Humeyumptewa proudly graduates from the 5th grade at Saddleback Elementary School back in May.



Ak-Chin eighth grader Kaylan Peters receives her diploma during the **Legacy Traditional School Promotion on** Wednesday, May 22 in Maricopa.



Alison Miguel graduates from Gila Crossing Community School on Wednesday, May 22. The promotion ceremony, held in the Vee Quiva Events Center in District #6 - Gila River Indian Community was attended by GRIC Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and D-6 Councilman Terrance B. Evans who assisted with handing out diplomas. Next year the event will be held at the new GCCS campus nearing completion for the next school year.



We are so proud of you Ethan, can't believe that you are heading to middle school but we know you will do good.

Always remember that me and your dad are always here for you and so are your brothers and sister

Love you, Mom, Dad, Andrew, Stuart, Justin , Raven and Enoelia.



Saddleback Kindergarten Graduates Top row: Marley Contreas, Elizabeth Machado, Arrow Santiago, Arian Coronado, Abraham Jose, Thanya Florez, and Jaianna Pilone. Bottom row: Elizabeth Baptisto, Emma Enos, Estalynn Lopez, Yaniah Miguel, Yamiah Miguel, Cecil Miguel, and Dallaz Jackson Narcia.



Maricopa Elementary School Kindergarten graduates: Willow Noise, Jamar Stevenson, and Zoe Gardner.



**Legacy Traditional School** Kindergarten Graduate Kylee Carlyle.

The Ak-Chin Runner is reprinting the above kindergarten photos with correct name spellings. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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# Ak-Chin youth beat Summer boredom with seasonal programs





## -Child Development-

Children run and play at the Summer sessions at Ak-Chin Child Development. Here the children get crafty with different projects that continue to develop their little ever growing minds.

Ak-Chin Language strives to keep the O'odham language alive during their season long kids program. Teaching children the basics of the language while teaching them about their culture through activities, songs, and lessons about life. Recently the program celebrated Father's Day inviting parents of the children to come and enjoy a lunch made by staff.

## Department - Language Program-







annual Summer Art Program is back in full swing! Youths enjoy endless amounts colorful inspiration! Everyday the kids are learning new ways to transmit their natural artistic talents in various mediums taught by Him-Dak



the job is the most difficult?

Arnulfo Bandin III – the heat

Angelo Luz – cutting weeds

Mathew McNeil – the heat

the camera's features

people

Justin Perillo – using all of

Daniel Narcia – talking to

How many times have you

Mathew McNeil – wait, huh?

Justin Perillo – 0, but I've got

Daniel Narcia – Once in the

encountered the fish man?

Angelo Luz – the what?

him at my finger tips

corn field

## THE 2019 AK-CHIN SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYEE'S

Introducing the 2019 batch Ak-Chin's of **Summer Youth Workers!** As a yearly tradition the Runner's Summer worker conducts their own interviews with fellow youth employees.

This gives them an incite into what its like to go out and get the scoop!

This year Justin Perillo gets into the spirit of journalism with his first task of asking the youth how their work experience has been so far.

high tops? (Sneakers) Arnulfo Bandin III - high

Angelo Luz – Low tops Mathew McNeil – boots (high tops)

Justin Perillo – Low tops if it's a Monday

Daniel Narcia – Low tops

When you are working, what do you find most enjoyable? Arnulfo Bandin III – working hands-on

Angelo Luz - There is something new to do everyday Mathew McNeil – It's easy to

get used to, been doing it for a while

Justin Perillo - Typing up assignments with one hand Daniel Narcia - Cleaning

Do you prefer low tops or What year do you think the In your opinion, what about your job? AK-Chin community was established? (1859)

> Arnulfo Bandin III – 1862 Angelo Luz – idk Mathew McNeil – 2000

Justin Perillo – 1860 Daniel Narcia – 18-something

Do you prefer working early in the morning or late at

night? Arnulfo Bandin III – early in Arnulfo Bandin III – the

the morning

Angelo Luz – early in the morning Mathew McNeil - early in

Justin Perillo – any time works for me

the morning

Daniel Narcia - early in the morning

What did you find to be the most entertaining part of

Jolie Smith-The kids Celeste Gloria-The kids

Santiago-Doing activities with the kids Kateri Lopez-Working with the kid

Yrene Zepeda-Organizing files.

Evone Santiago-Watching sports

Kevin Villegas-Helping out and organizing

Laila Gardener-Kids Victor Bandin-Getting out of the office

Angel Antone-Doing all of the programs and activities Alexis Alvarez-Kids Michaela Peters-Crafts Makaylia Allison-Play with

the kids Sharon Carlyle-Do activities

If you could have one superpower, what would it

Jolie Smith-fly

Celeste Gloria-Read minds Eliza Santiago-Shapeshifting Kateri Lopez-invisibility Yrene Zepeda-Shape shifting Evone Santiago-Fly Kevin Villegas-Invisibility

Laila Gardener-Invisibility Victor Bandin-Super Strength Angel Antone-Fly Alexis Alvarez-Move things

with mind Michaela Peters-Invisibility Makaylia Allison-Multiply (like the baby

Incredibles 2) Sharon Carlyle- Read minds

Summer Youth continues to page 3b

## **ART PROGRAM**

**CELESTE GLORIA, JOLIE SMITH, KATERI LOPEZ & ELIZA SANTIAGO** 

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT



JOSHUA PETERS, JONATHAN PETERS, ISAIAH PETERS & NICHOLAS ANDERSON

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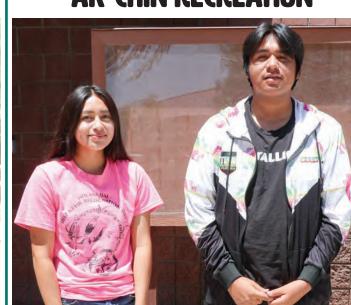
SHARON CARLYLE, MAKAYLIA ALLISON AND MICHAELA PETERS

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**



**VICTOR BANDIN** 

## **AK-CHIN RECREATION**



**EVONE SANTIAGO AND KEVIN VILLEGAS** 

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**



**ALEXIS ALVAREZ AND LAILA GARDENER** 

## **AK-CHIN LIBRARY**



**ANGEL ANTONE** 

## **HOUSING ADMIN / HOUSING MAINTENANCE**



YRENE ZEPEDA AND ARNULFO BANDIN III

## **RUNNER**



**JUSTIN PERILLO** 

## **SANITATION**

**ANGELO LUZ AND MATHEW MCNEIL** 





**ULTRASTAR** 



**DANIEL NARCIA** 

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#### Do you like your eggs mixed (scrambled) or cloudy side down (sunny side up)?

Jolie Smith-I don't like eggs Celeste Gloria-mixed Eliza Santiago- mixed Kateri Lopez- upside down Yrene Zepeda- mixed Evone Santiago- mixed Kevin Villegas- mixed Laila Gardener- mixed Victor Bandin- mixed Angel Antone- mixed Alexis Alvarez- mixed Michaela Peters-mixed Makaylia Allison-both

#### Name the first fruit that comes to your head:

Sharon Carlyle-mixed

Jolie Smith-banana Celeste Gloria-watermelon Eliza Santiago-watermelon Kateri Lopez-orange Yrene Zepeda-orange Evone Santiago-pineapple Kevin Villegas-apple Laila Gardener-pineapple Victor Bandin-orange Angel Antone-kiwi Alexis Alvarez-watermelon Michaela Peters-pineapple Makaylia Allison-strawberry Sharon Carlyle-strawberry What year are you in high school/college? Jolie Smith-Junior Celeste Gloria-Freshman Eliza Santiago-Sophomore Kateri Lopez-Junior Yrene Zepeda-Freshman Evone Santiago-Junior

Michaela Peters-freshman Makaylia Allison-freshman

Alexis Alvarez-Sophomore

Kevin Villegas-Freshman

Victor Bandin-Sophomore

Angel Antone-Sophomore

Laila Gardener-Junior

in college

Sharon Carlyle-sophomore

What do you plan on doing with your summer money?

Jolie Smith-buy clothes Celeste Gloria-buy clothes Eliza Santiago-save Kateri Lopez-save up for a

Yrene Zepeda-save Evone Santiago-spend on family/friends

Kevin Villegas-buy clothes Laila Gardener-buy clothes Victor Bandin-save up for a

Angel Antone-save Alexis Alvarez-save/pay for

Michaela Peters-shopping Makaylia Allison-save Sharon Carlyle-shopping

#### What job would you like to have next year or in the future?

Jolie Smith-graphic design Celeste Gloria-preschool Eliza Santiago-not sure yet Kateri Lopez-photographer Zepeda-preschool/ something with kids Evone Santiago-preschool Kevin Villegas-library Laila Gardener-nursing Victor Bandin-construction Angel Antone-kids Alexis Alvarez-music therapy Michaela Peterscosmetologist Makaylia Allison-not sure Sharon Carlyle-veterinarian

#### Do you prefer working inside or outside?

Nicholas Anderson-Outside Joshua Peters- Outside Isaiah Peters- Outside Jonathan Peters- Outside

What do your daily tasks consist of?

Nicholas Anderson-Make sure everything is good and in order.

Joshua Peters- Help out with other departments.

Isaiah Peters - Move fire hydrants.

Jonathan Peters - Move water lines.

#### Have you caught/seen any animals?

Nicholas Anderson-nope Joshua Peters-no Isaiah Peters-spiders Jonathan Peters-no

#### What would you like to do as a future career?

Nicholas Anderson-not sure yet Joshua Peters-not sure Peters-lawyer Isaiah something in the medical field

Jonathan Peters-not sure

#### What do you plan on doing with your summer money?

Nicholas Anderson-save for college Joshua Peters-save

Isaiah Peters-shopping for clothes Jonathan Peters-shopping for

#### Would you rather drive a truck or a forklift?

clothes

Nicholas Anderson-truck Joshua Peters-forklift Isaiah Peters-forklift Jonathan Peters-truck Do you like wearing boots? Nicholas Anderson-yes Jonathan Peters-sometimes

## **2019 Summer Youth Orientation**

Story and photo by J. Perillo



Jolie Smith, Justin Perillo, Isaiah Peters, Evone Santiago, Alexis Alvarez, Kateri Lopez, Mathew McNeil and Administrative Support Maria Assistant Carlyle-Zepeda.

At orientation we mainly went over how to act and behave in the workplace. At the beginning we played some ice breakers to get to know one another because it's important to step out of your comfort zone when you enter the workforce.

Katreena had us play a game where we got a bag with random supplies in it like pipe cleaners and googly eyes and we had to use them to make a monster. The monster was supposed to depict a bad example of a worker; one monster named "Cellphone Cilia" was bad because she was on her phone a lot when she was on the clock.

It was pretty cool because we got free breakfast and lunch but aside from that we went over the do's and don'ts at work. We then

focused on guidelines in the handbook and whether certain scenarios violated them or not. To end the first day, we were told what department we were going to be working at and we also got our ID badges.

The next day was for workers who were 16 or older and didn't go yet. Same as the previous meeting, breakfast and lunch was provided.

Although both were necessary, I feel like the second day was more important because it is where we learned about the process you go through when searching for a job, such as filling out an application or a resume.

Something I thought was key that we learned was the difference between hard

and soft skills: Hard skills being things you know how to do and are good at like speaking Spanish or typing on a computer.

Soft skills are more important and they involve actual character traits. The reason they are more crucial is because any employer can teach someone to do a job, but employees can't be taught manners anywhere except at home by their family.

On top of learning about filling out an application we also learned about the type of people businesses are looking for. At the end we took a test, were given certificates, and we took a group picture. It went by pretty quick but the information that Bart taught us was very important and useful.

## 2019 Summer Lifeguards answer curious questions



L to R: Dustin Witman, Carlton Carlyle, Steve Peters, Antonio Solarez, Amy Batopis,

and Ericka Garcia. What training/certification did you have to go through to become a lifeguard?

Ericka Garcia-CPR training

Carlton Carlyle-Saving a

drowning victim and CPR

Antonio Solarez-CPR training

Steve Peters-CPR training Dustin Whitman-CPR and first aid

Amy Batopis-CPR and swimming

At what age did you learn

to swim?

Ericka Garcia-8 or 9 years

Antonio Solarez -6 or 7

Carlton Carlyle-9 years old

Steve Peters-6 years old

years old

Dustin Whitman-6 years old

Amy Batopis-13 years old

Do you prefer a dirt or electric/gas stove?

Ericka Garcia-Dirt

Carlton Carlyle-Electric

Antonio Solarez-Electric

Steve Peters-Electric

**Dustin Whitman-Dirt** 

Amy Batopis-Electric

How many frogs have you captured?

Ericka Garcia-2

Joshua Peters-yes Isaiah Peters-yes

Carlton Carlyle-5

Antonio Solarez-3

Dustin Whitman-1

Ericka Garcia-night

Carlton Carlyle- night

Antonio Solarez - night

Dustin Whitman-night

Steve Peters- night

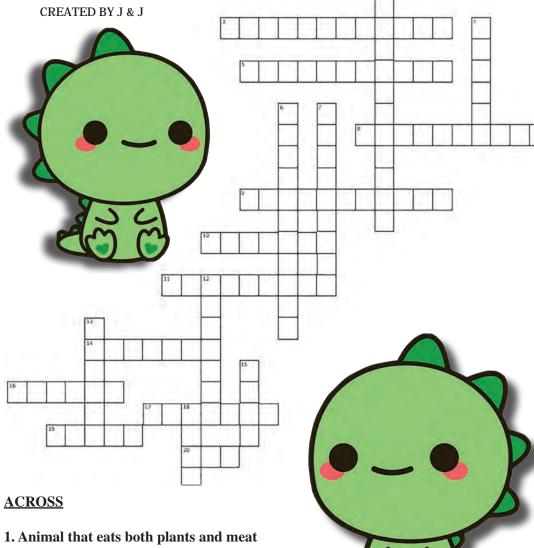
Amy Batopis-night

Do you prefer swimming in the daytime or the

Amy Batopis-0

nighttime?

Steve Peters-6



## **ACROSS**

3. The study of fossils

5. Species of dinosaur with a long beak and large wings

8. What an animal has when it blends in with its environment

9. Relating to a time before keeping records

10. Cone shaped mountain that shoots out hot magma

11. Animal that only eats meat

14. No longer in existence

being born

16. Small thin plates that protect an animal's skin

17. A dinosaur that runs or walks on two

19. Most known species of dinosaur

20. What a dinosaur hatches out of after

1. Type of raptor that was in the Jurassic World movie

4. Remains or impression of an organism

6. Species of dinosaur with three horns on its head

7. Animal that only eats plants

12. A dinosaur is not a mammal but instead is a:

13. The dinosaurs went extinct because of

15. The curved pointy nails on a dinosaur's hand

18. An animal that is killed by another animal for food

Shout out to Dustin for seeing the fishman!



Los Lonely Boys meet with members of Council back stage at Harrah's Ak-Chin. Left to right: Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez, bassist Jojo Garza, Chairman Robert Miguel, guitarist and vocalist Henry Garza, Councilmember Lisa Garcia, drummer Ringo Garza.

"We want to come back. We were talking to the heads of the Tribal Council and they want to call us back, so you can hopefully expect to see Los Lonely Boys back here."

-Los Lonely Boys bassist Jojo Garza

who have clearly played together for many years. They started off the set with an energetic cover of Creedence Clearwater Revival's, "Born on the Bayou," which had a verse changed at the end to, "Born on the Barrio."

At one point in a song, Henry was playing a guitar solo and Jojo set his bass guitar aside and joined him as they both played the same guitar at once. The packed swarm of fans lost it when the opening notes of Los Lonely Boys' debut hit single, 2005 Award-winning Grammy "Heaven" bounced off of the walls of the Events Center.

Los Lonely boys continued the set with a supercharged cover of The Spencer Davis Group's "I'm a Man," which was also recorded on the band's 2008 album, "Forgiven."

Jojo Garza spoke to the Runner about his experience playing for the crowd at Harrah's Ak-Chin after their performance. "This was just fantastic. First off, the casino is a great venue and the people were super responsive. They were super into it, and made it a perfect night," said the bassist.

"Sometimes you play shows and the people are kind of chilling back. Maybe there are some nights for that, well that's not true, I don't know why I'm saying that. They should be up every night! And tonight, they were up."

The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin which seats 2,000, is part of the 28,350 sq. ft. conference and event space that was added during the multi-milliondollar renovation completed this spring.

The venue opened in April 2019 with two sold-out performances by Dave Chappelle. Prior to the opening, Harrah's hosted two Caesars Rewards guests-only sold-out shows, the Righteous Brothers in January and Penn & Teller in March. Other performers have included Dwight Yoakum, Creedence Clearwater Revisited and Eddie Money with Starship.

Upcoming concerts include The Mavericks with Los Lobos, July 5, Bell Biv Devoe, August 30, Great White & Slaughter, September 6, and Josh Turner, September 28.

"We want to come back. We were talking to the heads of the Tribal Council and they want to call us back, so you can hopefully expect to see Los Lonely Boys back here," said Garza.

## **CCRevisited brings** farewell tour to Harrah's

Story and photos by K. Morago



Bassist Stu Cook and multi-instrumentalist Steve Gunner perform a CCR classic to a near capacity crowd.



**CCRevisited lead singer Dan** McGuinness during the opening number at the June 15 show.

Anticipation filled The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin as a capacity crowd were ready for a night of 70's rock anthems. Providing the music, Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

At the Saturday, June 15 show, the music had everyone dancing reminiscing. With opening "Born on the Bayou," "Green River" and then "Lodi," those trademark guitar sounds took everyone back a near half-decade ago where things seemed simple and the focus was having a great time.

Many who attended shared their memories via FB about the show or songs that reminded them of loved ones. There was even a plea to bring them to Masik Tas.

The band consists of two of the four founding members of Creedence Clearwater Revival, drummer Doug Clifford and bassist Stu Cook, who were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited formed in 1995 after the CCR band breakup and has entertained audiences around

country with their iconic sound. Rounding out the band is lead singer Dan McGuinness, guitarist Kurt Griffey and percussionist Steve Gunner.

The setlist continued with "Who'll Stop the Rain," "Suzi Q," "Long as I Can See the Light," "I Put a Spell On You," "Down on the Corner," and "Lookin' Out My Back Door."

encore included "Midnight Special," and "Bad Moon Rising."

The band is on their farewell tour. If you missed the show, the band will be visiting Chandler in October.

To stay updated on the band, visit their social media fan page at

https://www.facebook.com/ CCRevisited, or official website at http://creedencerevisited.com/.

Longtime CCR drummer Clifford the beat during CCRevisited show The Events Center on Saturday, June 15.



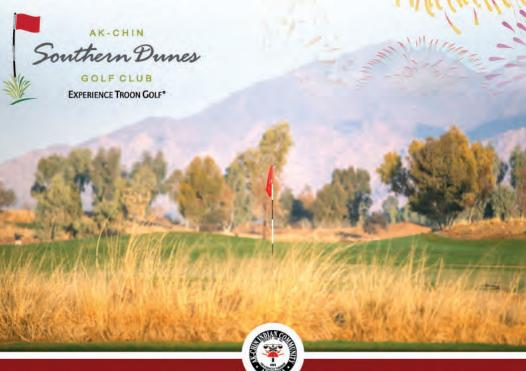


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