



# Ak-Chin O'odham Runner



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## Overpass dedication expands SR347 corridor

Story and photo by K. Morago

"Maricopa, we are getting an overpass, and this will be transformational," City of Maricopa Mayor Christian Price said. "Today Maricopa is reborn."

Similar sentiments were shared on Saturday morning July 13 when the public was invited to the State Route 347 Overpass Ribbon-cutting that began at 8 a.m.

Celebrating a milestone that was fifteen years in the making, state, city and tribal officials; city, ADOT and overpass project staff, civic leaders, veterans and Maricopa residents stood atop the overpass' highest point for the opening.

Attending on behalf of the Community was Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Council member Lisa Garcia and former Ak-Chin Chairman Louis Manuel, Jr.

Nearly three hundred were present, welcomed with music from the Maricopa High School band and

performances from the flag line. When the ceremony began, the MHS JROTC presented colors as the National Anthem was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Price was joined by the entire City of Maricopa Council – Marvin Brown, Julia Gusse, Vince Manfredi, Nancy Smith, Rich Vitiello and Henry Wade. Each shared remarks, talking about the history of the project, the change it will bring, and about the partnerships established to make it happen. As if on cue, a train went by and the audience cheered loudly acknowledging that Maricopa's transportation corridor will no longer stop due to the train.

Credit and recognition was also given to past Councils and staff, past Mayors and past Ak-Chin leadership. Invited to speak was Kelly Anderson, former mayor and former ADOT Board member. "(I) thank Ak-Chin Indian Community for their support. This would have



City of Maricopa Mayor Christian Price and former mayor Kelly Anderson jointly cut the ribbon to open the State Route 347 Overpass on Saturday, July 13. Representing Ak-Chin were Chairman Robert Miguel, Councilmember Lisa Garcia and former Chairman Louis Manuel, Jr. The overpass was open to vehicles Monday, July 15 at 5:00am.

been a lot harder project," he said.

Former Mayor Anderson also mentioned that how the project evolved is now known as "the Maricopa model," and now a standard for other communities to follow. "You bring your own money to the model to get the funding done and that's what we did here," he said. A \$ million

TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant was also used.

A collective spirit of working together was felt on the overpass. A city staffer encouraged everyone to "Always obey the speed limit, buckle up and be attentive."

AMES Construction Project

Manager Chris Cain talked about their participation in the construction. "This one is gonna have (an) immediate long-lasting positive effect on the Community, you gotta be grateful any time you get to be part of something like that."

The SR347 Overpass was officially open to traffic on Monday, July 15 at 5:00am.

Construction is still on-going around the overpass and many detours are still in place and most likely to fluctuate during the third phase of the project. Drivers are urged to use caution while work is being completed.

For questions or concerns, please contact the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at (602) 221-8000.

## DNC Chairman visits Ak-Chin



L to R: Council Members Octavio Machado, Delia Carlyle, Lisa Garcia, DNC Chairman Tom Perez, Chairman Robert Miguel and Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez.

### Ak-Chin Council welcomes dialog about tribal engagement

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

On July 10, 2019 Ak-Chin Indian Community welcomed Democratic National Convention (DNC) Chairman Tom Perez to meet with Ak-Chin Council and discuss issues important to Indian Country that the DNC needs to focus on.

Chairman Perez wanted to discuss how the DNC can better engage with Native tribes. Perez was in Phoenix

this week for a rally to support the Affordable Care Act and scheduled to meet with only two local Native Communities while in town, Ak-Chin and Gila River Indian Community.

Chairman Robert Miguel and Perez, along with DNC staffers Guicela Sandoval-Lopez and Lila Jaafar, toured the ACIC boundaries from the farm area to the

main village to the western boundary, passing Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino, Vekol Market and Him-Dak Eco-Museum along the way.

Before Perez became the Chairman of the DNC in 2017 he served as the Secretary of Labor in the Obama Administration and as Assistant Attorney for Civil Rights.



Right: Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and DNC Chairman Tom Perez shake hands as DNC West Finance Director Guicela Sandoval-Lopez and DNC Battleground States Political Director Lila Jaafar look on after the group took a tour of the Community.

## Dutch Bros warms the hearts of Maricopa

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

Popular coffee chain Dutch Bros Coffee opened its doors in Maricopa, AZ on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 to an enthralled community who were excited to taste what the buzz is all about.

Drive-thru lines backed up to John Wayne Pkwy as large, blue "wacky inflatable tubes" waved at potential customers driving by. The staff greeted new and returning members of "the Dutch Mafia," what Dutch Bros calls their loyal customer base, with enthusiasm and smiles. A DJ blasted music from under a tent in the parking lot while employees took orders in the roasting heat.

Dutch Bros has been in business since 1999 and was started by two brothers of Dutch descent. The company is the largest, privately held drive-thru coffee company.

"Today, we are opening up the first Dutch Bros stand in Maricopa and it's a really unique experience to open up your own new stand with a whole new staff," said "Broista" (what Dutch Bros calls their male baristas) Spencer Mattson. "If you haven't been out, you should come out, see what it's about and see why it's not just a cup of coffee."

The chain uses a gong or bell to alert the drive thru to celebrate whether it is the customer's birthday or their first time at Dutch Bros. The gong is in the mail according

to management, so for now every few minutes the staff can be heard cheering out the window. The company wants to ensure that customers are leaving with an awesome experience before they even try their coffee.

On Tuesday, the location served an estimated 800 orders per hour, around 60 total. The most popular items were the "Blended Rebel," iced tea and "Dutch Frost." Skyler McGunagle, owner and operator of Dutch Bros Coffee in Casa Grande and Maricopa, said he expected the weekend of July 13-14 to be packed and his team ready to serve a "latte" customers.

"Our employees have been training (in Casa Grande)

for three weeks, day and night. It's just been unreal to see their progress. Without them we wouldn't be here. I'm just super proud of my crew and I'm excited to see how we're able to change this community in a positive light," said McGunagle.

"It's just a growing community. Arizona is such an awesome place to bring Dutch Bros to. We are super excited to be here. A new community is always exciting for Dutch Bros. We really like to strive to be the positive light in the community in any way we can. We're not just here to be that busy coffee shop. It's all about the experience and what we're able to give back to this community."



The new Dutch Bros Coffee location at 20232 N John Wayne Parkway in Maricopa had a successful opening week as a go-to for caffeinated beverages. Cars lined up around the building to try the chain's coffee.

# Ak-Chin Youth Council attend national UNITY

Story by K. Morago, photos by Youth Council and Lisa Garcia

"You belong: Home is Here" was the 2019 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Annual Conference theme and it brought several thousand youth to Orlando, Florida from July 4-8.

The Ak-Chin Youth Council, accompanied by Coordinator Marla Antone and Ak-Chin Council member Lisa Garcia attended, learning, participating and meeting other Native youth from around the country.

Guest speakers this year included former NASA



Members of the Ak-Chin Youth Council stand by one of the waterfalls at the UNITY host hotel in Orlando, Florida. The group attended various workshops and sessions.



The Ak-Chin young ladies share the basket dance during UNITY Culture Night on Friday, July 5 in Florida.

astronaut John Herrington, the first Native American to fly in space, and former Idaho Governor candidate and Coeur d'Alene tribal member Paulette Jordan. Ak-Chin youth participated in a four O'odham tribes cultural presentation and in

the talent show where Doria Garcia portrayed Prince singing "I Would Die 4 U."

Council member Lisa Garcia was invited to sit on a workshop panel of tribal leaders providing a positive message to youth.

"My favorite part of the conference was when we went into our caucuses because I learned what was going on in other tribe's youth councils," Xendrick Antone said.

From Ak-Chin Youth Council Vice-President Doria Garcia:

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## July ACES Update - Monsoon Safety Tips

Submitted by Ed Gerak, ACES Consultant

As we approach the summer monsoon season, it is important to be ready for what might occur. In case of an electrical outage or a downed powerline, please contact Electrical District #3's emergency outage hotline. Their telephone number is (520) 424-9021.

### Before a Storm

- Always be aware of the day's forecast and keep up to date on changing conditions during the day. Monsoons can develop quickly and move rapidly.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Have extra light and power handy. Keep batteries,

flashlights and a battery-operated radio or TV on hand to keep you up to date during severe weather.

### During a Storm

- Lightning may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning.
- Stay off the phone. Even cordless phones can cause a shock when lightning strikes nearby. Use cell phones only if necessary.
- Avoid contact with plumbing. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Keep away from windows.
- If you are caught outdoors in a thunderstorm, and safe

shelter is not available, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. Avoid high ground, water, trees and metal objects.

- Thunderstorm wind gusts in Arizona almost always exceed 40 mph.
- Stay away from trees. Many people are killed or injured in severe thunderstorms by falling trees, flying debris, or from downed power lines.
- Never touch a downed power line, even if it appears dead. Call for help instead.
- Dust Storms move rapidly and can reduce visibility almost instantly. Dust storms will usually appear well ahead of thunderstorms.
- If you encounter a dust

storm, pull off the road immediately. Turn off your headlights and taillights, put your vehicle in "PARK," and take your foot off the brake.

Other motorists may tend to follow taillights in an attempt to get through the dust storm, and may strike your vehicle from behind.

- Stay where you are until the dust storm passes.
- Do not go out in a dust storm if you can avoid it.
- Control of a vehicle can be lost in as little as 6 inches of water. Most vehicles will begin to float in 2 feet of water. It is very difficult, especially at night, to discern the depth or force of flowing water.

## July Distribution brings out the Ak-Chin membership



Bren Valisto picks up her check from the annual July distribution as mom Teresa and sister Kayla wait their turn in line.



It's a thumbs up from Luis Rodas as he collects his distribution check from Council Secretary Vicki Smith.

Photos by J. Perillo

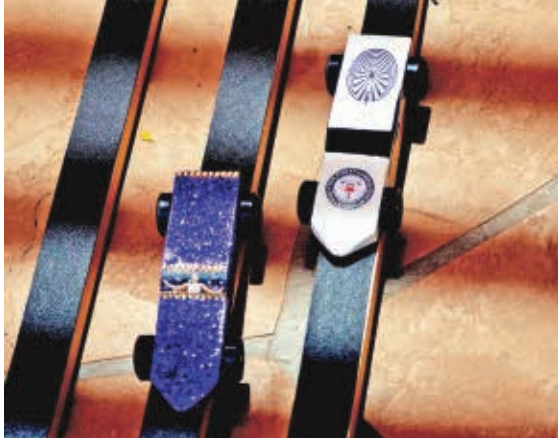
One thing for sure, every July expect triple digit weather and the annual distribution to enrolled adult Ak-Chin members.

This year the distribution took place Wednesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 11 in the Council trailer.

Council members and Council staff assisted with the distribution. For most members, the funds help prepare their children for the upcoming school year.

## Second Annual Elder Pinewood Derby

Photos by Candace Allcott



An Ak-Chin themed car at the finish line.



Alverna Florez



Connie Narcia



Ruby Smith

The second annual Elder Pinewood Derby took place on Wednesday, July 3 under the Elder Center front patio. Over 50 elders participated with visiting elder racers from San Xavier and Sells districts on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Alverna Florez, Connie Narcia and Ruby Smith were some of the winners of the day. Assisting with the

race were Fire Marshal Allen Allcott who set up the track, Brian from Harrah's Facilities who helped elders cut out their cars, and Ofc. Gregory Perry with his announcing duties. Ofc. Perry was assisted by Malakai.

Before the race, the everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by Ak-Chin Elder staff.



All the cars in the Pinewood Derby lined up. They competed in heats of three.

### Community Meeting

**Ak-Chin Service Center**  
Monday,  
July 29, 2019  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Thank You from the Narcia Family

We the family of Donald M. Narcia would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the care and loss of our loved one. We appreciate the prayers, condolences, food, and donations we received.

Thank you to the following for their support:

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Corrine Simballo	Arlene Manuel	Leroy Narcia & Family
Elizabeth Valles & Family	Evelina Lopez & Family	Duane & Maxine Antone
Connie Narcia & Family	Florinda Peters	
Bernadette Carra	Leeanne Peters	
	Karen Gardner	

### 1st Year Death Anniversary

### Gilbert "Gookie" Joaquin

May 13, 1965 - July 19, 2018

Saturday July 20, 2019  
Ak-Chin Service Center

Traditional Blessing: 11:00am

Rosary: 12:00pm  
(Sally & Lawrence Antone)

Lunch To follow: 1:00pm

Choirs/Singers Welcome to share songs between 1:00pm - 3:45pm

Candle Light Rosary: 4:00pm  
(Margaret Joaquin Group)

All Choirs and singers Welcome

### ★ MENU ★

<p><b>Friday July 19</b> Indian tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese corn on cob, popsicles</p> <p><b>Monday July 22</b> Beef spaghetti, zucchini, salad rolls, fruit cocktail</p> <p><b>Tuesday July 23</b> Cabbage stew, carrots green beans biscuits</p> <p><b>Wednesday July 24</b> Chimichangas zucchini/cheese brown rice, cake</p> <p><b>Thursday July 25</b> Egg salad, sandwiches wax beans, cauliflower apples, oranges</p>	<p><b>Friday July 26</b> Breakfast Buffet Eggs, potato, bacon sausage, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, mixed fruit Doors will open at 8:15am</p> <p><b>Monday July 29</b> Chef salad, beets wheat rolls pineapple</p> <p><b>Tuesday July 30</b> Fried chicken, asparagus, corn biscuits, cup cakes</p> <p><b>Wednesday July 31</b> Red chili stew, cemit watermelon slices</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">A sandwich can be provided for those who may not like a menu item.</p>
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August 2 - 15, 2019  
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**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019**

Please submit all announcements,  
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**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019**

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**JULY 26TH DEADLINE**

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# June Community Meeting

Story and photo by R. Peters

The June 24<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting, although short, had three informative presentations lined up focused on community growth, new amenities and services.

Councilmember Delia Carlyle, who sat solo for the meeting provided opening remarks, followed by an opening prayer from Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Director, Monica Rubio.

Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith informed members on the CAP maintenance shut down planned in October which will affect the entire community including homes, departments and enterprises. "It's not just this area, it's the whole line of their path so sometime in October period we will be shut down for about a week." He asked everyone to look for more

information that will soon be posted in the Runner as well as circulated flyers.

Bart then discussed the silent bid auction that took place on June 28 with notification to highest bidders set for Monday, July 1.

Smith also provided brief updates on the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Basketball Invitation (NABI) with games in the community from June 24-28 reminding everyone to pick up wristbands through Community Events. Other updates included the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Milton Antone Park, with the pool open from 10am-5pm and park events from 6pm-9pm, followed by an outdoor movie at UltraStar.

Lastly, COM Smith provided information on the JOM backpack



Above, Community Services Manager, Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester points out proposed new bus stops in the Community during the June Community Meeting.

giveaway and the annual back to school bash on July 2.

Community Services Manager, Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester was next on agenda to discuss the Transit Bus Stop Project, with proposed bus stops in the Farms and Greasewood subdivisions.

The main purpose for her presentation was to allow members to see the display with the proposed

bus stops and gather information from residents who may be affected.

Coco, along with Capital Projects Director, Perry Vettrano discussed bus stop locations and the application processes necessary to move forward, such as preparing site applications and bringing out a surveyor to see if any existing lots may in fact be impacted, a possible zoning change, and then construction.

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# Harrah's Summer Worker Program comes to a close

Article and photo submitted by: Erica Manuel, HDS Supervisor



Above, Louis "Tony" Lopez speaks to a group of Harrah's workers.

On Friday, July 28 2019 the HDS Associates, Interns and summer workers from Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, attended a presentation given by Louis "Tony" Lopez from Santa Rosa. Tony's presentation, titled, "The Journey of Life", talked about his understanding of the Man in the Maze.

Tony shared his traditional stories which were told to him by his parents and grandparents growing up and how he has learned important lessons through his own life experience which tie into the teachings of the Man in the Maze. The attendees all enjoyed the presentation which also served as a cultural awareness

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Bermuda grass on the Southern Dunes course is given a dose of water to keep fresh for the next season of events.

# Antone Avenue Update



At left, Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith along with Project Manager John Catt with Ritoch-Powell & Associates and Ak-Chin Senior Planner Derek Scheerer provide an update on the Antone Avenue Improvement project.

A small gathering of residents and employees who reside and work along the Antone Avenue area listened as the three talked about the latest developments to the Antone Avenue.

An overview of the plan and handouts provided information to detail paving, pathways, crosswalks, landscaping, irrigation, lighting, fencing and a monument entry sign that are currently being developed for the improved roadway.

# The heat is on at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club is still swinging through the summer. The scorching heat may be tough to play in and the grounds crew may have their work cut out for them, but the course is open and affordable under the sun.

Local golfers can take advantage of the "Summer Six Pack." This includes 6 rounds of golf that you can either use for yourself or cover others in your group. The package also includes 6 drinks, 6 Callaway Chrome Soft golf balls, and 6 rounds on #1 Dunes. You can

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# Agave's gets facelift at Harrah's Ak-Chin

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

Guests at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino can soon enjoy a brand-new experience as Agave's Restaurant is tentatively scheduled to reopen on September 23, 2019. Agave's closed for a remodel project on March 30 2019 for a kitchen overhaul, updated dining space and a new patio dining area.

casino to the restaurant.

With the success of previous expansion projects, the goal for Harrah's Ak-Chin is to ensure that all areas of the property are updated and match the level of quality of the other choices for the very best possible guest experience. Agave's fits that criteria, especially with its relative location to the new pool area remodel.

The entire dining area is being remodeled with a clean and modern look while the patio will have additional dining that overlooks the pool area.

The new seating will be able to accommodate 20 guests inside and an additional 24 on the patio. Agave's servers will have an updated area to enter food orders, along with a new swinging door.

To make the Agave's remodel happen, management at Harrah's is partnering with the Ak-Chin Capital Projects department, Nelson Partners for design, and AR May for construction.

In the meantime, guests can visit Chop, Block & Brew for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The bathrooms outside of Agave's are also receiving an upgrade, along with the walkway connecting the

Harrah's food & beverage operations manager, Nathan Kinstlinger, is

excited for the restaurant to open its doors.

"We strive to create memorable experiences for our guests. The overall look and feel of the new Agave's is sure to match the high

level of service our guests were used to in the restaurant prior to this remodel," said Kinstlinger.

"We look forward to serving up great food and welcoming our guests back to Agave's!"



Progress in the hard hat zone outside of Agave's Restaurant.

# Summer Reading Pool Party

The library hosted a day of fun in the sun at the recreation pool for those loyal program attendees who participated in 10 or more summer library programs and those persistent readers who spent 1000 minutes reading. The department gave them a pool party to applaud them

on their participation and commitment to keeping books a part of the daily routine. The Summer Reading Pool Party took over the swimming pool for an exclusive gathering on July 16th, parents and children enjoyed

Article and photos by J. Peters the four hour festivities. Games, prizes, food and fun were all provided at the party. Even with the sweltering temperatures giving the cold shoulder to the party goers, everyone had a fantastic time keeping cool in the pool.



French fries make the perfect floatation device.



Unicorns also make for a good floatie.



One... Two... Three... JUMP! Someone's about to make big waves in the pool.



This kid became the ball for the basket.

# July wraps up 2019 Summer Youth Program

With summer coming to an end and a new school year beginning, thus comes the yearly wrap up of seasonal jobs for Ak-Chin Summer Youth Workers. The summer workers were given a sample of what adulthood is like, working for a living in exchange for their summer vacation. Of course, money being the

driving force for most of the young workers, having the experience was well worth every penny, but with every cent earned more responsibility and purpose was obtained. Giving them a job experience in a field they may want to evolve to later on in life, the workers were more than grateful to be given an opportunity not many receive.

Article and photos by J. Peters For all their hard work and efforts through the June and July months, they were invited to a celebration bash on Thursday, July 11th. The celebration luncheon held at UltraStar gave them a day of relaxing fun, with bowling, arcade games, and devouring a ton of pizza and cupcakes! Accompanying the workers

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Ak-Chin summer workers gather for one more picture as community employees.



Evone Santiago shows off her new bag, rewarded to youth workers by the HR Department.



Marco Jensen bowls for a strike and not a gutter ball.



Once given arcade cards both supervisors and youth workers alike headed into an afternoon of gaming fun.

## GED Program Celebrates 4th Graduate of 2019

Article & Photo Submitted By: Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor

On Tuesday, June 25th, Candida Upton attempted and passed her final GED exam section, mathematics, earning her GED. Candida is the 5th Ak-Chin GED graduate of 2019 and the GED program's 52nd graduate since 2013.

once again. Candi worked tirelessly to achieve her goal, coming to class, studying at home and in the library on weekends, and even seeking any other outside resources that were available.



Candida Upton, displaying her diploma.

Candi began the GED program before GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino, had started with the community. In Desiree's first year with Ak-Chin, she worked with many students who were racing against the clock to complete the GED before the 2014 exam change. This change would wipe out all existing subject passing scores and cause students to start fresh on the new version of the exam if the GED was not earned by December 31, 2013.

Following the recent success of Jose Lopez and Ashley Manuel on the math exam, Desiree asked Candida to come into Education to give it another shot, following the same method that proved successful for the prior two graduates. As always, Candi was filled with optimism and was eager to give it a try. On Monday, June 24th, Desiree and Candida set to work, calculating problem after problem for nearly three hours straight. Following another hour of work on the morning of Tuesday the 24th, Candi and Desiree drove to Rio Salado Southern where Candi attempted and passed her final math exam.

perseverance play key roles in achieving our goals, and as long as a student stays dedicated, success is sure to follow.

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: 8:00A-2:00P  
M, T, TH, F: 2:00P-5:00P  
Wed: 4:30-7:00P

As we saw with each GED graduate that came before, every individual's path to completion is unique. It could take days, weeks, months, or years, depending on each person's distinct set of circumstances. Determination and

Candi was one of those students. She had passed all sections other than math by 2013, but was not quite able to pass math before the exam changed over. When Candida returned to the program to try again on the new GED exam, she stayed continually upbeat and positive, and began passing each exam subject all over again, one by one, until she only had math left

## The Runner would like to thank Justin Perillo for an adventurous Summer!



The Runner was sad to see Summer Worker Justin Perillo clean up his work station on July 12th. Justin worked hard, helping out with anything and everything he was tasked with. Keeping the Runner a very lively place with his comedic antics and friendly demeanor, everyday was an unpredictable journey with Justin, a fun journey that we all enjoyed going on. Thanks Justin for spending the summer with the Runner. We'll catch the fish man one day!



## Correction!

In Issue 11, we accidentally misspelled name of student Willow Nasie.

The Runner would like to apologize for this mistake and thank the family for identifying it.



## Are you interested in Attending Sherman Indian High School?

**About Sherman.** Sherman Indian High School (SIHS) is an off-reservation boarding high school for Native Americans. The school is located in Riverside, California. Operated by the Bureau of Indian Education/Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Government Department of the Interior, the school serves grades 9 through 12.

members of federally recognized tribes. (www.shermanindian.org)  
**For More Information about Enrollment:** You are invited to come and speak to Sherman Indian High School Reps. Lori Sisquoc, Cultural/Traditional Leader & Karlene Clifford, (Luiseno/Miwok) M.S., PPS' School Counselor  
When: July 30, 2019 (Tuesday)  
Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
Location: Ak-Chin Education Department: 46521 W. Farrell Road

Maricopa, AZ 85139  
**For more information contact:** Yolanda Miranda, M.Ed. Out of District Counselor Office (520)568.1292 Cell (520)510.7822 E-mail: ymiranda@ak-chin.nsn.us



Sherman Indian High School represents over 76 federally recognized tribes from across the United States. All students are enrolled

46521 W. Farrell Road

# Monsoon season brings reasons to plant native seeds



Seeds sprouting up in Runner photojournalist C. Picciuolo's garden. The Monsoon Seed Collection pack is available at [native-seeds.org](http://native-seeds.org)

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

The monsoon season is here and that means it is time to start planting native seeds that grow and flourish with enough rain from the storms.

The dry summer heat in the low desert takes a toll on gardens; however, plants can thrive with the right balance of care and seed varieties. These seeds include Tohono O'odham 60 Day Flour Corn (stoa hu'un), Menager's Dam Brown Tepary Bean, Calabaza de las Aguas Squash and Sonoran Yori Muni Cowpea, among many others.

Native Seeds/SEARCH (NS/S), a nonprofit seed conservation organization in Tucson, Arizona, conserves and promotes many of these traditional crop seeds for sale, and Native Communities such as Ak-Chin can obtain these for free or a reduced cost through a variety of programs.

One of these programs is the Native American Seed Request, where individual Native households who are interested in growing traditional food can receive 10 free packets of seed per calendar year from the NS/S "seed bank collection."

Ak-Chin members can fill out a form on the NS/S website and either come into the retail store in Tucson to pick out the seeds or order over the phone, paying the cost of shipping.

Other programs available are the Community Seed Grant (CSG) and the Bulk Seed Exchange (BSE). NS/S education assistant Laura Neff said that the CSG is specifically for larger projects and organizations who are focusing on food sovereignty such as school gardens, community gardens, seed banks, and seed libraries.

"The applicant can receive up to 30 packets of seed each cycle that they pre-request in the application. All we ask in return is at the end of the growing season, that a 1-3-page report of how the project turned out is sent to us," said Neff. The CSG application deadline for fall planting is September 6, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

According to NS/S collections curator Shery Joy, with the BSE, Native growers are given a quantity of seed at no charge, and they then grow that seed and reap a harvest which can be shared in the community in any way they choose.

Their harvest may be 20 to 200 times the amount of seed given and are asked to return one and a half times the amount of fresh seed back to NS/S.

There are currently four Native board members at NS/S from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe and White Mountain Apache Tribe. They are looking to increase indigenous participation further with each staff and board opening.

One of the board members is Jacob Butler, who also serves as SRPMIC's Cultural Resources Department Community Garden Coordinator. Butler has a wealth of knowledge about the history of native seeds and how to care for them.

Most of the native seeds are no longer grown by the people who traditionally grew them, which is a concern to Butler.

"A good example of the loss in diversity would be the tepary beans. In Salt River, when this program started, we only knew of and had access to two varieties of tepary beans, the white and the brown. That is a dramatic decline in the diversity and availability of the varieties we had prior to the 1930's, during the end of farming as a traditional way of life; we still grew and had access to 13 of the 16 known indigenous varieties of tepary beans," he said.

"How many other small nuances and taboos have we lost because they are no longer practiced? How many dances, prayers and songs are gone because they haven't been danced, spoken

or sung for so very long? The loss of our seed is not secular, but very much a cultural and spiritual one as well, perhaps the greatest loss to suffer is the one we never knew we did. That is what the loss of diversity in our seed really represents."

Many peoples such as the O'odham thrived on the nutrients gathered from the plants of the land before the Spanish introduced their animal agriculture. "If you were to look at our fields as the sole supply of food for the people it could look like an incomplete diet," said Butler.

"When the produce from the fields are combined with the foods gathered seasonally throughout the year, the O'odham diet is great. Many of the nutrients we may not have gotten from the plants we grew were obtained from the plants we gathered."

For example, Butler says, Cholla buds are a great source of calcium, wolf berries are high in antioxidants and help boost the immune system and increase testosterone, mesquite beans are loaded with carbohydrates to give you energy packed with protein, have fiber and are low on the glycemic index.

Butler will be at Ak-Chin for the Community Gathering on July 25 to do a presentation on harvesting Bahidad (saguaro fruit) and making sitol (syrup).

Ramona Farms, a business located at Gila River near

Sacaton, AZ, also grows a few native crops including White Sonora Wheat, an ancient heritage grain which is the oldest wheat in the Americas, and NS/S carries the seeds.

There are options through NS/S for Ak-Chin Community members to conserve a local seed variety for future generations that they may have had passed down.

The seed catalog, requirements for NS/S programs and all other helpful information can be found on the NS/S website at [native-seeds.org](http://native-seeds.org).

"We would be excited to serve members of the Ak-Chin Community with an interest in growing their own traditional foods. That's why we're here!" said NS/S executive director Joy Hought.

Jacob Butler's Monsoon Growing Tips:

**Do not over-water**  
One of the easiest ways to kill a plant is by overwatering it and people are very good at overwatering plants. A plant cannot escape the heat like you and I can, one way they deal with extreme heat is to droop their leaves and expend the least amount of energy possible. Most people see this as a plant needing to be watered. Check the soil around the plant if the soil is moist and can be squeezed into a clump it is ok and does not need water.

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## JULY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JULY 2019

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

#### ELDER CENTER INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

#### LIBRARY INFORMATION

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

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

#### RECREATION INFORMATION

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

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



### EDUCATION

#### JULY 22ND

- SBE 1st Day of School
- MES 1st Day of School
- MWMS 1st Day of School
- DWMS 1st Day of School
- MHS 1st Day of School

Sequoia Pathway 1st Day of School

Legacy Traditional Academy 1st Day of School

#### JULY 30TH

Sherman Indian High School Informational; Ak-Chin Education Department from 9:00am to 2:00pm

#### GED Schedule

Monday - Friday 10:00am-12:00pm  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/ Friday 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
Wednesday 4:30pm - 7:00pm



### ELDER CENTER

#### JULY 8TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

#### JULY 10TH

Movie Day

#### JULY 12TH

Craft with Library  
Elder Shopping Day 1pm

#### JULY 15TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

#### JULY 19TH

Elder Check Day  
Elder Shopping Day 1pm

#### JULY 22ND

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

#### JULY 23RD

Goodwill Shopping Day

#### JULY 25TH

Movie Day

#### JULY 26TH

Craft with Library  
Elder Shopping & Errand 1pm  
Craft with Library  
Breakfast Buffet doors will open at 8:15am

#### JULY 29TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

#### JULY 31ST

BINGO



### LIBRARY

#### JULY 1ST

Mad Science Mondays 1pm-2pm

#### JULY 2ND

Dark Readings 1pm-2pm

#### JULY 3RD

Baby Time! 10:30am-11am  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Library Closes at 5pm

#### JULY 4TH

Library Closed

#### JULY 5TH

Elder Crafts 11am-12pm  
Karaoke Party 1pm-3pm  
LEGO Robots 4pm

#### JULY 6TH

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

#### JULY 8TH

Mad Science Mondays 1pm-2pm

#### JULY 9TH

Dark Readings 1pm-2pm  
Elder Coloring 9am-10am

#### JULY 10TH

Baby Time! 10:30am-11am  
Sewing Circle 1pm-3pm  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4pm-6pm

#### JULY 11TH

Comic Book Club 1pm-2pm

#### JULY 12TH

Karaoke Party 1pm-3pm  
LEGO Robots 4pm

#### JULY 13TH

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

#### JULY 16TH

Summer Reading End Party\*

#### JULY 17TH

Baby Time! 10:30am-11am  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4pm-6pm

#### JULY 19TH

Elder Crafts 11am-12pm  
LEGO Robots 4pm

#### JULY 20TH

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

#### JULY 22ND

Back to School!

#### JULY 23RD

Elder Coloring 9am-10am

#### JULY 24TH

Baby Time! 10:30am-11am  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4pm-6pm

#### JULY 26TH

LEGO Robots 4pm

#### JULY 27TH

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm



### PARKS & REC

#### JULY 4TH

4th of July Event  
Milton Antone Park 6pm-9pm

#### JULY 19TH-21ST

Luis & Mercedes Memorial Basketball Tournament

#### JULY 26TH

Tribal Council Chair Volleyball Tournament

# Monsoons and mosquitos

Article and photos submitted by Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin EPD Pesticide Control Specialist

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It's not every day that a person in our great country can say "We are approaching monsoon season" or "The monsoon season is coming!"

In fact, only 1-2% of our country's population get to experience the unique conditions of monsoon weather.

In the Midwest; it's "Tornado Season", or on the east coast, "Hurricane Season" and even the upper Midwest have their

"Alberta Clippers" driving temperatures well below zero.

While monsoon season brings relative relief from the extreme heat of summer here in the desert, it also brings the rainstorms and moisture that can be problematic and damaging.

Rains from late July through October provide the right conditions for mosquito populations to explode.

Two key things mosquitoes need to survive are blood (from biting you or your pets) and standing water that provides the place to complete their 7-10 day life cycle.

You can win the fight against mosquitos by:

- Using screens on your windows and doors
- Wearing light clothing
- Draining any containers that accumulate rain water

- Using repellants to keep them away from you

Natural repellants: CITRONELLA, PEPPERMINT, BASIL, GARLIC, LEMON BALM, EUCALYPTUS  
Chemical Repellants: DEET – Spray or wipe DEET on sleeves, collars, pant legs, and the tops of shoes

Remember: Chemical repellents, like all household chemicals, should be used according to label directions

and stored safely, and kept out of reach of your children.



Have a safe Monsoon Season!

Grow traditional seeds

I always suggest planting our O'odham kai/seed. It just makes sense to grow something that has grown here for hundreds if not thousands of years already. If traditional seeds are hard to find locally look to the sister tribes to see what they may have. When selecting seeds to grow in this area look for fast days to maturity, heat tolerance, smaller fruit and plants with a lot of foliage for the fruit to hide from the sun

When to plant

We like to plant in June for the summer but with the seasons being a little late in arriving you can probably plant right now.

Leave your plant in the ground at the end of the summer although they may have produced and no new fruits are forming, in September they should come back strong and produce a short season yield for you.

Start small

Gardening can be fun and rewarding. Remember to start small and grow into what you're comfortable with based on your time and energy.

Most people that decide not to garden again usually tried to do more than they could handle.

## EPD recycling efforts a "slam dunk" during NABI week

EPD staff collected 454 pounds of recycling material from recycling bins that were placed at the Gymnasiums during the 17th Annual NABI Tournament.

Through the Coca Cola Foundation & Keep America Beautiful Grant, Ak-Chin received Recycling Containers that are intended to increase the Community's recycling awareness and expand the availability of recycling in public use places.

Placing the bins in high traffic and easily accessible areas increases the likelihood that people will choose to recycle rather than throw materials in

the trash. EPD staff presented a booth at the NABI educational youth summit, extending outreach to visiting student athletes-some of whom even expressed interest in how to start up their own recycling programs at their home school.

In the future, EPD staff hope to work closer with NABI on waste reduction strategies in order to prevent waste from being created in the first place. Collecting valuable recyclable materials like aluminum cans and plastic bottles is important to help reduce air and water pollution, save energy, and reduce garbage in landfills.



Above, L-R: Ted Puetz, Isaiah Peters, Lorinda Antone, Ross Stimac, and Bridgette Pena. Right: Coca Cola Foundation & Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin.

Article and photos submitted by Ross Stimac



### Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group

**Ak-Chin Health and Human Services**

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

The goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offer additional tools and techniques for parenting. Community members, Residents, and Employees are welcome to participate! For more information contact: Lynne Houston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health and Human Services. 520-568-1088.

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Coco again stressed the need to have a separate outreach to gather data from all the homes in the areas, adding, "it is going to take some time before it comes to fruition, but the community input is most important at this part."

A few questions were asked about the conceptual designs, existing structures and school bus stops, to which Coco asked the community to come out to give input on what they would like to see. She also directed anyone with questions to contact her at 568-1017, [nearlyle-coester@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:nearlyle-coester@ak-chin.nsn.us) or Kim Vincent at Transit department, 568-1634, [KVincent@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:KVincent@ak-chin.nsn.us).

Monica Rubio provided a brief presentation on the proposed park for the Farms

subdivision. She discussed land options that had been designated and that no further action has been made yet, "but the great news is that we're moving forward with the farms park... something that has been long awaited for the folks that live in these subdivisions."

She also talked about doing a community outreach, inviting everyone to come out and help decide what they would like to see at the park. She focused on suggested park amenities, such as ramadas that accommodate larger gatherings than those currently set up at Hohokam Park, as well as other amenities, such as a skate park, grilling areas, and different playground systems. "a lot of amenities can be put into that area but that's

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**St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission**  
16657 N. Church St. Maricopa, AZ 85139  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
**JULY 2019 Schedule**

**Sunday Mass at 12 noon**  
July 21 - Fr. Antony Tinker  
July 28 - Fr. Antony Tinker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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) 717-3761.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**Ak-Chin Indian Community Uniform Program Services**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking a two year contract to service the Community's Uniform Program. The Uniform Program consist of Eight (8) departments with approximately 95 employees that may need a full uniform that includes top, pants, and boots/shoes. The conditions of the employee work areas consist of outdoor field work, mechanical and maintenance of vehicles, construction, life guards, water/waste facility with harsh chemicals, custodial, and security.

**Proposal Deliverables:**  
Proposal Deliverables should include the following. If proposal fails to address all deliverables it would be cause for disqualification:

- Approach to uniform program
- Schedule of delivery/pickups
- Uniform measurement process
- Invoice process
- Uniform chemical resistance
- Safety Headwear/cap offering
- Wear and tear process
- Short term uniform usage
- Logo and name on uniform patch process

Proposal must be delivered to the Ak-Chin Purchasing Office, Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton (fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us) at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa AZ, 85138, by August 9, 2019 at 10:00 am. A Uniform Working Group will review proposals and if selected interviews are scheduled on August 20, 2019, times to be determined. The Community at any time may determine not to continue to a contract during the interview process.

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

**Schedule of Services**

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

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

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

### Hearing Notice

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

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6 p.m. on Tuesday July 23, 2019, at the Library Multi-Purpose Room.

**CASE: PS-03-19: Elders Center Expansion:**  
Project Applicant/Elder Programs Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, is requesting approval for Preliminary Site Plan to expand and remodel portions of the Elders Center facility to accommodate and service the growing needs of the Elders Community.

**The project consists of:**

- Total: 13,120 square feet Elders Center building (Existing 6,550 square feet).
- Addition: New 6,570 square feet expansion to include two large activity rooms, multi-purpose recreational room, walk-in cooler & walk-in freezer, conference room, haircut station, and support spaces.
- Remodel: 2,231 square feet remodel of the kitchen areas, dining room, office areas, and TV lounge.
- Onsite improvements: New outdoor activity area, landscaping, sidewalks, & sitting benches

**CASE: SD-01-19: Surface Water Treatment Plant Well Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Interim/Temporary Infrastructure:**  
Project Applicant/Environmental Protection Department Director, Brenda Ball, is requesting Site Development Plan approval for the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) Well Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Interim Infrastructure.

**The project consists of:**

- Developing a secondary backup water supply source to serve the SWTP.
- This infrastructure project will include a water treatment and filtration system enabling the SWTP to treat new ground water source.

up to the farms community to decide what they'd like to see."

She also discussed monies designated to the park, how much a playground system can run and about looking into grants for playgrounds.

Delbert White, Public Works and Sanitation Director, was last to present. He opened up by first offering his condolences to the families of those who had recently lost a loved one. He then provided a generous update on the many functions his department does in the community, such as trash pickup schedules and recycling.

Delbert informed members about a trash bin at their department for tires. Although, the bin is for community members he shared they have been getting a lot of outsiders coming in dumping trash, since they are located at the end of the community.

He shared their recent Open House celebration for their new structure with

more parking, and a more comfortable, organized facility to safely maintain their heavy equipment. He also recognized former director, Norbert Peters, Sr. for being the push for the new structure, adding it was a lot of work and there were many people and departments that helped make it all happen.

Delbert focused on requests they have had lately that are more "than our actual jobs that we have throughout the week." Maintaining the grounds this year has been tough, due to the rainy season we had last year, "weeds grew everywhere, front yard, back yard, everywhere."

He also talked about requests that come in, many last minute or of a time sensitive nature, "we try to do as much as we can to make sure the community is taken care of."

Delbert gave much credit to his crew for maintaining the workload, as they received about 250 requests above and beyond their regular duties so far this year, and since the opening of their revamped

facility they have also increased their workload for mechanic services, with close to 300 maintenance requests completed in the past six months. He also shared how their two diesel-mechanics had been going to training and recently got their CDR license.

Delbert shared how they also strive very highly on safety, "I talk about it all the time, I write it on the boards, and always talked about it at meetings."

He refocused on the requests that come across, such as burial services and stressed how they are time consuming and sensitive; all the efforts that go into working with the family and being very sensitive to all their needs while striving to get it all in order when they get all the phone calls.

Unfortunately, there have been occasions when miscommunication has come into play, as to be expected in times like these, so he along with COM Smith and CSM Carlyle-Coester have been

discussing a policy to assist on ironing out all the details when it comes to the death of a member in the community.

These requests are usually in addition to their regular duties and sometimes happen during other events, such as; cleaning and scraping yards, going out in the desert to get mesquite to make poles while others are in the shop skinning them.

Although they have a full staff of about thirty, things like this thins out the department, but they know it is needed and they are all on board to pitch in and get it done. "It's just unfortunate that it happens that way sometimes, we're providing those requests and we can't just wait on it, it has to be done and we only have a few days."

Delbert and his crew keep the communication and positivity. They have also worked on creating a form that can be filled out with a point of contact listed so they can communicate in a more formal process, that will include POC information,

dates of events, and items they may need to have delivered or created, like the cross, cemetery box, digging of the hole by hand or backhoe, poles and greasewood. "Sometimes families don't know what we do, so we will have that on there and let the point of contact know what we take care of."

In Delbert's final remarks he made sure to recognize his department for staying on top of their safety game, to include staying hydrated and maintaining their uniforms, as well as point out trainings they have been doing with ADOT; currently planning to work with resealing parking lots, to include repainting the parking lot lines, handicap signage, and emergency curbing.

He also thanked Detention and the temp pool for helping out, "Thank God we have detention, those extra hands mean a lot, one extra pair of hands goes a long way, temp pools help out too ... it's a small community but there's a lot going on."

He gave one more heartfelt thank you to his staff for all they do. "I love what I do and have a great staff that is always willing to get involved... it makes me feel happy inside that we have guys that aren't even from this community that are willing to come in and provide the services for our community, that goes to show a lot, that they're appreciative of what the community has given them. I tell them thank you all the time, thank you for all your hard work."

Councilmember Carlyle shared Council updates including; the new overpass dedication, July 13, No direct line to clinic, June 17 meeting with environmental firm for home drug testing-which also expanded to include revision of housing policies, annual check distribution reminder, July 10-11, Inspire Program at ASU, Enrollment Ordinance changes, Committee recruitment, stipends and guidelines, council trailer furniture, priority projects in community for Him-Dak, Housing, Vekol and Southern Dunes, IHS referrals and insurance denials.

## Dr. Ofelia Zepeda shares writings with captive Phoenix Central Library crowd

Story and photo by K. Morago

The Pulliam Auditorium in the downtown Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix was filled with a diverse crowd, anxious to hear author, poet and linguist Dr. Ofelia Zepeda. From the Tohono O'odham Nation, Dr. Zepeda grew up in Stanfield, the daughter of farm workers. Her Thursday, June 20 presentation was a part of the ASU Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing series where she has been recognized as a 2019 Distinguished Visiting Writer.

After an opening introduction, Dr. Zepeda gave an overview of her upbringing. Taught the O'odham language as her first language, she began to learn English when she started elementary school. "It was a

huge step for me," she shared about the transition from O'odham to English.

It was that early challenge that helped establish the support from family and teachers that recognized her talent and brought that out. She went on to school, graduating from Central Arizona College, and University of Arizona earning her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees.

Reciting poetry from the numerous books she has written, and from collaborative projects she has participated in, Dr. Zepeda's poetry is a mix of O'odham and English words. Poems were from her published books, When It Rains: Tohono O'odham and Pima Poetry (1982), Ocean

Power: Poems from the Desert (1995), and Jewed 'i-hoi Earth Movements (1997).

Her reciting style was that of a respectful O'odham elder. Not looking anyone directly in the eye, which is an O'odham form of respect not often practiced in today's modern culture, Dr. Zepeda recited her poetry looking above the crowd but keeping their attention throughout. Descriptions of clouds, people, events and cultural gatherings took the audience on a beautiful journey.

When the reading concluded Dr. Zepeda had a Q&A answering questions about writing styles, language preservation and her role as Director of the

American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI), an organization celebrating 40 years.

Salt River elder Royce Manuel thanked Dr. Zepeda for her presentation as it brought back memories of how O'odham speakers once spoke the language.

In the audience were three Ak-Chin members Amber Antone, Holly Antone and Bianka Mata. Learning of the event on social media, the three each enjoyed the presentation.

"The Man Who Drowned in the Ditch is one of my favorites because she talks about how the man is always working and it also talks

about how her family were farmers," Amber said. "I met with her after to say thank you and how wonderful it was." Amber has also looked up past readings available on the internet.

"I loved the reading, I have never been to one before and was excited to attend and was happy that I did," Holly Antone shared. "Mrs. Zepeda's poetry was so beautiful, I loved how I was able to visualize what she was reading and how I was able to relate to some of her poems."

"A couple of poems that I loved was "It Is Going To Rain" which she read in O'odham and English, another that I loved was one where she talked about a



Dr. Ofelia Zepeda answering questions after her poetry reading.

young girl in I believe a pink sparkly skirt and shoes and it talked about how the girl must of known who her ancestors were and how happy she was," Holly added. She did not get to meet her but hopes to someday invite her to Ak-Chin for a reading.

Some of Dr. Zepeda's books are in the Ak-Chin Library.



## COWBOY LIFESTYLE NETWORK

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

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



# Mason Bowman plays in the 2019 NYS National Championship Tournament

Article and photos submitted by Adam Bowman

Between the dates of June 25-29 Community member Mason Bowman participated in the NYS (National Youth Sports) Football Tournament in San Diego, CA, along with his team, Maricopa Militia.

Their first three games, which were all played at Serra High School, were all against Las Vegas Teams.



Team picture of Maricopa Militia at the NYS Tournament.



Mason takes a look at the field he would soon be playing on.

The first game was on Wednesday at 11:20am against the Liberty Jr. Patriots. Due to costly turnovers the team was defeated 26-6.

Team Militia would jump right back into the action the next morning and face off against the Henderson Cowboy at 11:00a.m. The

team had success moving the ball and was able to put themselves in scoring position within the Red Zone on each drive. Unfortunately, turnovers still plagued the Militia and they fell to the Cowboy 38-0.

On the third day, Friday the 28th, the Militia would regroup and come out to play their best game of the tournament. They played against the Las Vegas Falcon Hit-Squad at 8:00am. The teams were evenly matched going into the game. Each team wasn't able to score during the first half of the game but things heated up in the second half.

The Hit-Squad scored late in the 3rd quarter putting them ahead of the Militia by 6. The teams would continue to trade field position back and forth until late in the fourth

quarter when the Militia made a much needed stop on a 4th down. This set the team up with a chance to tie the game up with just under two minutes remaining.

They marched down the field and set themselves up at the 2-yard line with one final play and 3 seconds remaining. The team punched the ball into the end zone with the clock expiring tying the game at 6. On the extra point attempt they came within half a yard of scoring and sent the game into Overtime (sudden death).



Mason and his teammates geared up for the games.

The Militia won the coin toss and elected to take position of the ball. They would have 4 downs on their opponent's 40 yard line to try and seal the win. The first play they took the ball up the middle and up to the 40 yard line before fumbling the ball and turning it over the Hit-Squad.

It would only take them two plays to score, leaving the Militia defeated on a heart-breaking loss. This officially ended their season and left them hungry to come back next year and compete.

During the tournament, Mason played at multiple positions. He was Quarterback, Wide-Receiver, Running back, Outside Linebacker and Safety.

Mason would like to thank the Ak-Chin Indian Community and those who supported him and his efforts this season with fundraising and donations. Without all of the support of those who contributed, he wouldn't have been able to join his team on this amazing football journey. Thank you!



Mason Bowman

# Rodriguez brothers tackle the USA Fundamentals Football Camp

Article by J. Peters and Photos submitted

June 28th, at the USA Football Fundamentals camp; which is dedicated to teaching the basic skills of the sport by using a sequence of passing, catching and running drills; clinicians are able to help improve upon skills the children already possess.



Running to the endzone!

In the six-hour clinic, Antonio Rodriguez (10) and Mateo Rodriguez (8) participated in the free football camp hosted by Sport Metric at Maricopa Copper Sky.

Ages 8-17 were welcomed to the camp held in the late afternoon to learn offensive/defensive skills as well as exercises to help improve speed and ball handling. All skills and drills selected are based on USA Football's American Development Model, ensuring children are learning in an age-appropriate

manner and creating an ideal atmosphere for learning.

The Fundamentals introduce athletes, ages 5-15 to football by teaching basic skills in a fun and energetic environment. Clinicians use a series of drills to show passing, catching and running skills in a non-contact setting.

The camp was led by various veteran NFL players such as Derek Kennard - former Dallas Cowboy guard and center for the Dallas Cowboy, Arizona Cardinals, and New Orleans Saints; Rick Cunningham former offensive tackle for the Indianapolis Colts, Arizona Cardinals, Minnesota Vikings, Oakland Raiders, and also played with CFL's Montreal Alouettes and the Edmonton Eskimos; Anthony Clement former offensive tackle for the Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, New York Jets, and New England Patriots; and Darryl Clack former Dallas Cowboy Running Back who also played with the Cleveland Browns, WFL's Orlando Thunder and CFL's Toronto Argonauts.

Although the weather was in triple digits, the camp had about 40 kids in attendance eager to learn. Antonio and Mateo's favorite part was tackling the dummies. Antonio and Mateo Rodriguez both have two years of flag football under their belt and are looking forward to the upcoming season at the end of the year.



Antonio Rodriguez and Mateo Rodriguez at the USA Football camp.



Pictured here is Anthony Clement, Antonio Rodriguez, Darryl Clack, Mateo Rodriguez, Rick Cunningham and Derek Kennard.

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purchase this online or by calling the golf shop and you will receive everything when you check in for your round of golf.

During the summer months, Southern Dunes is gearing up for the championship events such as the Korn Ferry Q-School, formerly sponsored by web.com. The best course conditions have to be maintained during the hot, dry weather until the grounds are closed for overseeding October 4 - November 1

The course sits on 320 acres of land that was once a part of Ak-Chin Indian Community's original reservation before it was removed by President Taft's Executive Order in late 1906. Daniel Payon, superintendent at Southern Dunes, heads 8 grounds crew staff to take care of the land. Payon previously looked after the field at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox and a Troon-run golf course in Panama.

Because of Arizona's climate, Payon's team grows essentially two different types of golf courses on the same plot of land, depending on the time of year. Bermuda, a warm weather-based grass is the base turf, which can survive and thrive in high temperatures all year. This grass has its peak playability usually from September-October. The other is an annual ryegrass, which is used to overseed the Bermuda, which creates a

lush green course when the temperature drops. This grass usually goes away in May, with a peak performance playability in early April.

Summer presents a unique playing experience as compared to the cooler months according to sales and marketing manager at Southern Dunes, Devin Lowe. "Properly hydrate the day before your round and take advantage of the bottled water on the course provided by Southern Dunes. Use sun screen and wear light colored and breathable clothing," said Lowe.

"Do not forget an iced cooling towel that we provide on the course with our player assistants and at the end of your round at the finish line."

Lowe also suggests picking up some snacks from Arroyo Grille to keep your body fueled. In July, guests can cool off at the restaurant, which is open to the public, for a \$9 dinner date night Wednesday-Saturday. The deal includes two salads, two select chef-prepared entrees and one dessert. A wine dinner is scheduled for

August 10. "We try to create unique menu items and events to offer something different and original for our regular customers who have become accustomed to our diverse menu or for the special occasion that will make the customer feel like they are getting something 'off menu,'" said Lowe.

If you haven't played in a while or would like to work on your skills, the new Dunes is a brand new 6-hole short course with holes ranging from 6-20 yards. The standard rate for the course is \$39 with a Troon card, \$5 for all day practice facility access, and juniors 17 and under are free.

"The golf course offers Ak-Chin Community member rates, Ak-Chin Employee Rates and Ak-Chin Guest rates year-round!" said Lowe. "These rates are not advertised online, but are better than any rate you can book so make sure to let us know if you fall into any of those groups so we can get you the best rate!"



The entrance to Arroyo Grille at Southern Dunes.

**ATTENTION**  
Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

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

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

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ENROLLED AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOM YET TO ENROLL THEIR CHILD(REN)  
New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

**What you need:**

- Complete Enrollment Application
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Marriage License (if applicable)
- Notarized Affidavit (if applicable)

All forms can be picked up at the Enrollment Office.

Please keep contact information updated.  
IE: Change of Name, Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address & Contact Numbers.

Please bring any supporting documents.  
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REMINDER: \$5.00 Fee for ID replacement.  
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**Calling All Jewelry/Arts Vendors**  
October 21-25  
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Martinez at 760-651-5151 or at vanessam@sauapassqualtribe.org.



# Community gives students a jump start on school supplies

Article and photos by Runner Staff

June 6th, parents and students alike flocked to the gym for the annual Back to School Bash. Like clockwork all students were required to be signed in by parent/guardian as they got to the bash to receive a backpack full of school supplies provided by the community.

The gym was a scene of fun activity, everyone had a good time with friends and family.

Snacks and beverages were provided to all by Vekol Market and for anyone in the mood for Mexican food, a food sale was held by the Parent Group at the gym's concessions. When the bash came to end students had more than enough supplies cultivated for the new year.

The Runner wishes all students a wonderful new school year, and would love to see them in the paper for academic or athletic good deeds.

With 25 departments participating in this year's bash, the students had a variety of unique game and activity booths to choose from, earning even more supplies to add to their stash bag saving parents some money.



The family plays a matching game to create a healthy well balanced meal.



This kid is reeling for a prize from the HDS booth.



A golf pro in the making.



Everyone stopped by the photo booth to take a commemorative picture with family and friends.



The Community Events team would like to send a big "Thank you" to the following departments/individuals for helping us out with either event help or providing a game booth at the 2019 Back to School Bash. We hope everyone enjoyed the event!



- Parks & Rec (Game & Event Set-up)
- Sanitation /Public Works (Game & Event Set-up)
- Education (Game & Supplies Coordination)
- Martina Antone -Temp
- Capital Projects/GIS
- Courts
- Elder Center
- EPD
- Fire Dept.
- Harrah's
- Health Ed.
- Him Dak/Art Program
- HR
- IS
- Language
- Library
- Planning
- Pre-school
- Purchasing
- Runner
- Southern Dunes
- TGA
- UltraStar
- Youth Council
- Vekol (Snacks/Drinks)

If you did not get a chance to attend the Back to School Bash and need student supplies. They are available at Ak-Chin Education Department, please remember that you will have to fill out an Education Department-Release of Information Form (Please note that there are two options, yes/no, for Educational Academic Inquiries). For more information contact Community Events at (520) 568-1045.

Thank you and we can't wait to see you in 2020! Have a great school year students!

Community Events Staff



Making a risky move with giant Jenga blocks.



This girl tries her hand at bowling while blindfolded.



These boys are racing to the finish line playing Mario Kart provided by the Library.

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were supervisors or coworkers who helped guide them on their summer journey, teaching them all the tricks of the trade over the months. Human Resources Admin, Maria Hackney gave a speech thanking the

workers for their outstanding performances in the work field and encouraged them to keep traveling on the successful paths they are currently being guided to.

On top of the day of play, Maria and HR rewarded them with supplies and a nifty new bag. As she reminded them not to hesitate and come back to work next summer, Ms. Hackney made it clear that all would have to keep up the good grades in order to return

for the next year's summer youth program.

Congratulations to all the Summer Youth Workers for completing another year of working experience in the Community.

## WIOA PROGRAM'S SUMMER WORKERS

### FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

Marco Jensen- Working in the projection room

Heaven Smith- Seeing customers and helping out

Bianca Valenzuela- Working at the ice cream cones

Samuel Justin- Everything

### HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU WORKED IN THE PROGRAM

Marco Jensen- 3

Heaven Smith- 2

Bianca Valenzuela- 4

Samuel Justin- 3

Heaven Smith- No, stayed home

Bianca Valenzuela- Yes, stayed home

Samuel Justin- No, celebrated with family

### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AS A FUTURE CAREER?

Marco Jensen- Mechanic

Heaven Smith- Own a store/business

Bianca Valenzuela- Not sure yet

Samuel Justin- Health instructor

### IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT YOUR SUPERVISORS TO KNOW?

Marco Jensen- Thank you for showing me around all the different departments

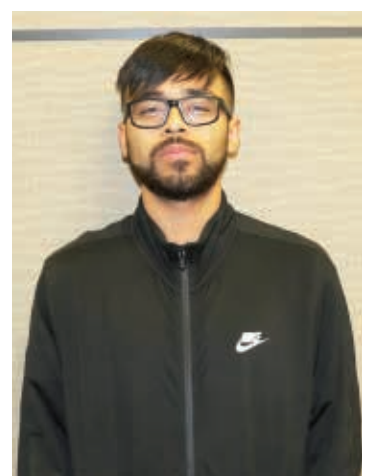
Heaven Smith- No

Bianca Valenzuela- No

Samuel Justin- Thanks for all the lessons and training



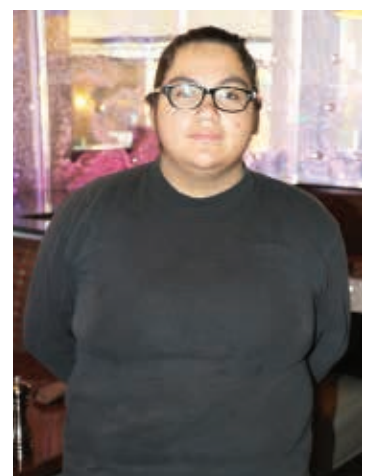
Marco Jensen  
UltraStar



Sammy Justin  
Health Education



Heaven Smith  
Vekol Cashier/Stock



Bianca Valenzuela  
UltraStar

## COMMUNITY GATHERING

Thursday July 25th  
6:00 pm At  
Ak-Chin Service Center

**Jacob Butler**  
Community Garden Coordinator  
Salt River Indian Community

Presentation on  
Saguaro Harvest  
and  
Syrup Making



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY, COME AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL WITH FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
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experience because not everyone knew what the symbol signified in our culture. Very positive feedback was received on the presentation.

"I've never heard of the story of the Man in the Maze. So, I was very interested in the (story) and to learn about the tale." – Cayden Peters (Summer Youth)

"The Man in the Maze presentation was good! I liked the way he explained it. I also never heard it the way

he put the story." – Celiyah Antone (Summer Youth)

"I thought it was good to hear the story and to just hear the meaning and what it stands for. I like that it stands for life and the journey we go through in our life and that there will be good and bad in the stages with life." – Jarred Antone (Summer Youth)

"I liked that there was the positive and negative behaviors that we all deal with. And how the behaviors influence our daily choices."

– Mario Ortega (Summer Youth)

"It was good to hear someone else's point of view on the Man in the Maze. The speaker gave good examples and it was easy to understand." – Bridget Carlyle (HDS)

"What I liked about the presentation was that it's not just about the Man in the Maze, there's a meaning about it. It's a meaning of your journey and all the negativity and positivity and everything you go

HDS continued from page 3 through in life and seeing the background of it." – Elissa Justin (Summer Youth)

"I enjoyed the Man in the Maze presentation, it gave me a deeper understanding of our symbol that we use as O'odham. Not very many of us younger generation take time to listen to our elders/teachers like we should be; letting our new generation influences overtake our lives. And to hear the language being spoken was refreshing." – Melanie Antone (HDS)

# Fireworks light Ak-Chin sky for the Fourth of July

Story and photos by Runner staff

This year's Fourth of July celebration in the Community resembled a large picnic.

Instead of a talent show, the event had an evening of live music by the Ak-Chin Mumsigo Band.

The ball field was filled with picnic tables and games of corn hole and ladder toss.

The Ak-Chin Police department did all the hot dog and hamburger grilling. For fun in the sun, five water slides and bounce houses kept the kids cool. The Recreation pool was also open.

Popular was the face painting booth. At sunset, the watermelon eating contest took place with winners from the three categories winning an Ak-Chin swag bag.

By 8:30 pm the field lights went off and with oversight from the Fire Department, the fireworks began.

Patriotic colors filled the sky for thirty minutes to close out the evening.



The Ak-Chin Police department grill up the hot dogs and hamburgers for all to enjoy on Fourth of July



The watermelon eating contest begins with the youth category. Participants ate as much melon as they could in two minutes.



RIGHT: Over thirty minutes of fireworks lit up the Ak-Chin sky this year.



RIGHT: Shannon and Mary Narcia in the patriotic spirit with facepaint and US flags during the Community Fourth of July.



Ak-Chin Mumsigo band provided waila dance music for everyone attending the Community Fourth of July event. RIGHT: Fireworks explode over MPA Park.



Facepainting was popular during Fourth of July.



A young girl cheers on her family member during the adult watermelon eating contest held at MPA Park ball field.



The water slides were popular at the Community's Fourth of July event.



A way to stay cool was sitting at the bottom of the water slide.



An Ak-Chin Fourth of July cumbia moment.

The Community Events department would like to thank the following departments for helping us with the 4th of July Celebration! We appreciate all your help!

- Community Council
- Parks and Recreation
- Chief Garcia, Lieutenant Holcomb and on-duty staff who helped cook and serve meals
- Public Works department for set-up and tear-down
- Sanitation
- Purchasing
- COM and CSM
- Fire Department for the amazing fireworks show
- Runner
- Planning
- Ak-Chin Mumsigo Band
- Vekol Market
- Harrah's and UltraStar for help with food and ice storage

## Flower Making Session

Open to Ak-Chin Community Members, & Residents Who would like to participate in making crepe paper flower wreaths. All wreaths made are used for All Souls Day.

**Program Starts:**  
August 6th - October 22nd  
Every Tuesday

**Time:**  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m

**Place:**  
Him-Dak Art Building

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:  
Pick up and drop off within the Community. Please call front desk by 4:30 pm for a ride.

For further information contact the Museum Staff @ (520) 568-1350

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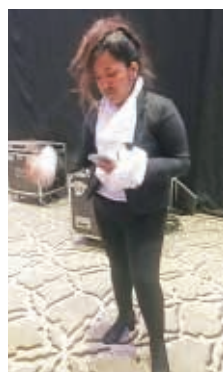
The Ak-Chin Youth Council on a boat tour.



Councilmember Lisa Garcia participates on a UNITY leader panel.



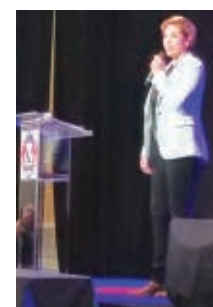
Alison Miguel makes a new friend at UNITY.



Doria Garcia as "Prince."



Ak-Chin boys sing as four tribes.



Former Idaho Governor candidate Paulette Jordan speaks to youth.

"What words can I use to describe UNITY? Fun? Awesome? Unforgettable? Who knows! There is so much the National Conference can offer, it leads to a new chapter not only for your self but for your Community too. UNITY has many doorway to your future spiritually, physically, and mentally. What I liked about UNITY is seeing other native youth from around the states AND even from Taiwan. Another part of UNITY I liked is when we got to choose different workshops that we were interested in, the one that mostly stuck with me is leaving your legacy behind to inspire other youth. We

all have had left a mark on people good or bad that will stay with them forever, it's the connectiveness we as leaders leave behind for our people whether it can be a compliment, a fun time, words of wisdom, etc. It's always the little things that count. Last but not least my favorite part about UNITY is the Cultural Exchange and meeting newer people, alongside the DJ Dance as well. For a first timer ever attending UNITY it may seem a little intimidating and scary, being away from family for a week. But I guarantee YOU WILL have the BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE, you will NEVER forget the memories you had created. UNITY is an eye opener, not only are you there to make new friends and what not but you are there to help grow for your self, it teaches you many things from good to bad. It strengthens you spiritually and mentally. UNITY forever."

# The Mavericks and Los Lobos bring a July dance party

Story and photos by K. Morago

An earthquake wasn't needed inside the Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin on Friday, July 5, it was rockin' but some guests enjoying The Mavericks and Los Lobos show felt it, seeing screens and the back-riser seating move.

While Southern California felt a 7.1 tremor, most concertgoers at the show were enjoying opening act Los Lobos.

Comprised of David Hidalgo, Louis Perez, Cesar Rojas, Conrad Lozano, Steve Berlin and Cougar Estrada, Los Lobos (The Wolves) took the stage under red lighting to perform an hour of their hits,

which included "La Pistola y El Corazon" and "Come on, let's go". Sharing vocals for different songs, David shared "Road to Gila Bend" for family in attendance and to pay tribute to time living there.

Primarily from East Los Angeles, the band played some cumbias and ended their set with "La Bamba".

The group's performance showed off their musical skills and the audience did not want the show to end.

As the stage was being prepared for The Mavericks, one had to wonder if Raul Malo and the guys could top



LEFT: Mavericks guitarist Eddie Perez and lead singer Raul Malo on Friday, July 5.

the openers. From the first song, "Losing Side of Me" and hit "There Goes My Heart" it was clear the Mavericks were on their A game.

From Raul's vocals, Eddie's guitar, Jerry Dale's keyboards and Paul's drums, the band



ABOVE: Conrad Lozano, Louie Perez and David Hidalgo perform. LEFT: Cesar Rosas sings a Los Lobos classic.

was on fire. When Harrah's security tried to encourage concertgoers to stay in their seats, at the third song Raul gave the OK for the crowd to move closer to the stage and dance.

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JULY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Kalene Santiago	2 Daniel Batopis Angle Warren	3 Fernanda Acunia-Pablo Valecita Enos Sierra Paddock	4 Dalia Antone Mathilda Miguel Yessenia Santiago Elisia Ugalde	5 Amanda Kaniatobe Louis Manuel, Jr. Jilayne Miguel	6 Flora Howerton Erno Lopez
7 David Garcia Lucio Martinez, IV	8 Jason Smith	9 Georgia Corella Jeremy Johns Chizzum Justin Yrene Zepeda	10 Stacy Antone Whitney Justin Anthony Lewis Kenneth Lewis Elizabeth Machado	11 Lyndsey Peters Anna Thomas	12 Iris Attakai Leeanna Jensen Gloria Martinez Evan Miller Mariah Stephens	13 Martin Antone, Jr. Jaelyn Justin Dustin Miguel Mason Miguel Leeann Peters
14 Esther Alvarez Noahli Antone Jayden Hayslip	15 Jordan Stephens	16 Elaina Enos Linda Smith Danny Soliz	17 Jorge Alvarez, Jr. Taos Joaquin	18 Abraham Jose Silas Norris	19 Aniya Deleon Dorian Nosie-Romo Hannah Smith	20 Marisol Andaverde Aiden Antone Richard Carlyle James Lopez Briana Pena Havier Stephens, Sr. Robin Vincent
21 Dominic Lewis Kaycee Lopez Ja'Marrion Stevenson	22 Mark Narcia	23 Carlos Delores Connor Miguel Ulyceiz Ocanas	24 Alejandra Castro Milla Cuatt Samantha Martinez Doyleen Pablo Consuella Santiago Stephanie Valdez	25 Xendryk Antone-Silas Jamar Stevenson, Jr. Norman Vincent, Jr.	26 Sally Antone Teagan Delma Kylie Hill Tyler Mike Fabian Santiago	27 Lilly-anna Johnson Aurelia Peters Kaylan Peters
28 Cheryl Lopez Terrance Peters Luis Rodas Jeannie Stephens	29 Laila Lopez Sylvia Rubalcaba Jeanette Sanders	30 Ashlea Anderson Cecil Miguel Corrina White	31 Brenda Arellanes-Burgos Clyde Santiago Lino Valles, Jr. Kristen Villegas			

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**Ak-Chin Indian Community**  
Environmental Protection Department (Water Operations)

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July Employee Birthdays	
7/2 Dalena Crawford, Maintenance	7/16 Timothy Costello, Airport Ronald Friedlander, Airport Brian Hammerschmidt, Fire & Safety
7/3 Sierra Paddock, Finance Rayford Vavages, Maintenance	Rodney Huffaker, IS Linda Smith, Vekol
7/4 James Fortier, IS	7/17 Adan Enriquez, EPD Martina Guy, Health Education
7/6 Flora Howerton, Finance	7/18 Silas Norris, Maintenance
7/8 Adriana Alvarado, Early Childhood	7/19 Brenda Ball, EPD
7/9 Georgia Corella, Elderly Yrene Zepeda, Human Resources	7/20 Havier Alvarez, Sanitation Brian Poulson, Fire & Safety Perry Vettriano, Capital Projects
7/10 Kimberly Creamer, Human Resources	7/22 Andrea Chee, Law & Order
7/11 Dean Dinwiddie, Law & Order	7/23 Kara VanHise, Social & Health Services
7/12 Carlos Garcia, Parks & Recreation	7/24 Stephanie Valdez, Early Childhood
7/13 Leeann Peters, TGA	7/27 Ray Pulver, EPD
7/14 Esther Alvarez, Law & Order Stacie Cantu, TGA Job Elliott, Social & Health Services Brianna Estrada, Library	7/28 Luis Rodas, Him Dak Museum
7/15, Luis Chavez, EPD Keith Franklin, IS	7/29 Laila Gardner, Human Resources Sylvia Rubalcaba, Cultural Resources

## REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be **FRIDAY JULY 26TH**

## AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Archaeologist
- Central Plant Facilities Manager
- Diesel Mechanic Assistant
- Language Coordinator
- Maintenance Technician
- Security Guard
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Transit Manager

Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members and Current Employees Only

- Art Technician
- Cultural Resource Specialist

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

## Birthday Wishes

Happy belated birthday Amber Smith Love you, Grandma

Happy Birthday to my son Si.

I hope you get what you wish for. Love you, Mom

Happy Birthday Anna! Love you very much. Debbie Baptisto and Frasia Mike

I wanna say a lot, but for now all I'm saying is Happy Birthday Mom! You're the best, God bless you with so much love. Love, Baby i

Connie Santiago, Happy Birthday to you and many more. From George and all the MT's

Kenneth Lewis, God Bless you and Happy Belated Birthday to you. From the MT's

Kay Kay, Watching you grow up has been many things, joyful, impactful, and

even stressful. Above all, though, it has been the most meaningful part of our lives, you are our Sunshine day and night. Happy birthday! Love, Mommy and Cubby

Happy Birthday Kaylan, Even though we get on your nerves daily we love you 😊

Love, Alex, Isaiah, Junior, Sharon and Kye Bear

Happy Birthday Littles (Kaylan Sunshine Peters),

Can't wait to spend the rest of my life spoiling my ONLY Baby Girl starting next month. Love, Daddy

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Aurelia, Kaylan, Laila and Kristen, and my grandson Terrance Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Richard! Love your family

Happy Birthday Kaycee thanks for helping us out! From the Runner

A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER

Some of the reasons to quit smoking are very small.

Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin

Amanda smoked while she was pregnant. Her baby was born 2 months early and weighed only 3 pounds. She was put in an incubator and had through a tube. Amanda could only hold her twice a day. If you're pregnant or thinking about having a baby and you smoke, please call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC.gov/tips

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ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

## BUCKLE UP!

Every Person, Every Seat, Every Time.

**The Facts**

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

**Help Keep Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe**

You can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe by:

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

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Ak-Chin members Marilyn Thompson and Marlene Garcia with members of Los Lobos on Friday, July 5 at Harrah's Event Center.



Bringing his self-taught accordion skills to the Mavericks show, Michael Guerra has played with the Texas Tornados and others. He also performs with his own band The Nights Calling.



From left to right: Mavericks guitarist Eddie Perez, Chairman Robert Miguel, drummer Paul Deakin, Dave Peters, keyboardist Jerry Dale McFadden, and Cecil Peters before the band hit the Events Center stage. (Not pictured - guitarist/lead vocals Raul Malo)

"Volver, Volver," "Until the Next Teardrop Falls," and some polkas were added to the setlist. The band also posted a group photo of their memorable visit to Harrah's Ak-Chin on

their social media. Upcoming shows at Harrah's include Bell Biv Devoe - August 30, Great White and Slaughter - September 6, and Lifehouse - September 20.

2019

# CONCERT LISTINGS

AK-CHIN PAVILION - COMERICA THEATER - TALKING STICK RESORT ARENA

- July 21 - Beck and Cage the Elephant
- July 27 - Rockstar Energy Drink  
DISRUPT Festival w/ The Used, Thrice, Circa Survive, Sum 41, Sleeping with Sirens, and more.
- July 31 - Third Eye Blind & Jimmy Eat World
- August 3 - Rascal Flatts with special guests
- August 4 - KNOTFEST: Slipknot, Volbeat, Gojira and Behemoth
- August 5 - Blink-182 & Lil Wayne
- August 9 - Mary J. Blige with Nas
- August 9 - Banda MS
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- August 28 - Heart with Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Elle King
- August 31 - Korn & Alice in Chains
- September 13 - Dave Matthews Band
- September 15 - Breaking Benjamin, with Special Guest Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Dorothy and Diamante
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