



Ak-Chin O'odham Runner



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2019 Ak-Chin Community Council - (from left to right) Councilmember Octavio Machado, Chairman Robert Miguel, Councilmember Lisa Garcia, Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez and Councilmember Delia Carlyle. The Oath of Office ceremony took place Wednesday morning, January 2, at the Ak-Chin Service Center.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Council sworn in, begin four year terms

Story and photos by K. Morago

Part Christian scripture, part O'odham culture, the 2019 Ak-Chin Indian Community Oath of Office Ceremony was a transition of leadership that is moving the Community forward.

Sworn in for another term was Council member Delia Carlyle. For Ak-Chin members Lisa Garcia and Octavio Machado, it was the beginning of their first terms in serving their Community.

The Ak-Chin Service Center was filled with family, friends, employees and guests during the Wednesday morning, January 2nd oath ceremony. Coordinated by the

Ak-Chin Community Events department, the emcee for the occasion was Community Services Manager Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester.

Welcoming all, Coco shared how one could look at the ceremony in a way that, "you have to think back in biblical times." Describing how Apostle Paul went on several missions, he wrote letters to the church. She also mentioned of how Timothy was asked to continue the work of Apostle Paul, the two being good friends.

"First of all then I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and Thanksgivings be made for all people. For Kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior," Coco read, reciting the 1 Timothy 2:2 bible verse.

Also providing the Invocation, she asked the Lord to give Council the

wisdom to seek him "for the answers that they need, for the decisions that they need to make, for the welfare of the people, to be just and fair and seek you in all matters Lord, that they may lead this Community to be righteous and just."

Ak-Chin Chief Judge Brian Burke began the Oath of Office swearing-in in alphabetical order.

Walking up to the front was Council member Delia Carlyle. Holding her Bible were sisters Delores Rodriguez and Colleen Carlyle-Padilla. Council member Lisa Garcia was next, inviting her mother Elizabeth Valles and aunt Mildred Thomas to hold her Bible. The final Oath was for Council member Octavio Machado. His mother Delores Rodriguez held the Bible.

After their individual Oath, the Chief Judge asked the newly sworn-in Council members to sign their official Oath documents.

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Ak-Chin's Christmas Spirit shines in 2018

Story by R. Peters
Photo by K. Morago

What a wonderful sight to see so many homes in the community show their Christmas Spirit over the Christmas holidays; community homeowners definitely outdid themselves with shimmering decorations, nostalgic Christmas knick-knacks, jolly inflatables, lights and Christmas music.

We had a very difficult time choosing all the winners as each had very unique and intricate decorations. Thank you to all our winners and to everyone for sharing your Christmas Spirit! Great way to start the New Year Ak-Chin!!!



2018 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Grand Prize Winner - Mr. Joey's Rolly Polly Santa House. List of top winners and more photos continues on page 3.

The Polar Express makes a stop in Ak-Chin brining along a familiar face

Story and photo by J. Peters

It was a windy night, December 20th when the Polar Express came to Ak-Chin, bringing along Santa Claus for some holiday fun. This yearly hosted event was celebrated at the Ak-Chin Element Events Center at Ak-Chin Circle. Welcoming everyone inside, Ak-Chin Library staff handed out cozy gloves and hats to the children upon entering, everyone was also given tickets to receive a plate of yummy treats and beverages.

It was a full house of families that came out to spend the evening making Christmas crafts with the assistance of the Ak-Chin Youth Council and Librarian Matthew Cross. Many also had the chance to take home funny balloon animals and enjoy amazing

face paintings from Willy's Creations.

While crafting fun was happening inside, just outside the doors in the back-parking lot families braced the cold weather to take a ride on the polar express train that embarked on a route of adorable holiday decorations that were set out for the holiday festivities. Also featured in the outside decor were float entrees from the Ak-Chin Fire department and Environmental Protection department, which were featured in the Masik Tas Light Parade just a few weeks before.

The December celebration would not be complete without a visit from the holly jolly red suited man himself,



This little girl seems surprised to see Santa out and about before Christmas.

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Ak-Chin cotton season still harvesting despite rain delays

Story and photo by R. Peters



Zabawa Harvesting lines up their six-row pickers along one of Ak-Chin's east fields, waiting for the dew to dry.

Growing up in a farming community it's hard to miss the harvest season. What was unusual about this year's cotton harvest around the community was that it took much longer, as traditional cotton-picking season usually starts around mid-October. But cotton fields in the area could still be seen in bloom early November as cotton bolls were sheltered by leaves that continued to grow, due to the heavy October rains that brought about seven inches of rain and a lot of flooding.

Any other time the rain may have been welcoming, but bringing in that much water during cotton picking season, basically giving the fields a full irrigation, put Ak-Chin Farms behind schedule by about a month. While the plant and leaves continued to

grow from the late monsoon rains it also created unwanted moisture, which made it difficult for the plant to dry up and defoliate.

According to Damian Murrieta, Ak-Chin Assistant Farm Manager, the plants need "heat to metabolize the herbicides" which helps kill the plant or defoliate. For optimal cotton harvesting to take place, the plant itself must die, or defoliate, causing the leaves to fall off and allowing for the cotton boll to be exposed so the lint and seed can dry up, making it easier to be separated once picked.

When asked about Ak-Chin's cotton season Murrieta commented they were "decent...crop looks good."

And although Ak-Chin Farms

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Noon gathering becomes NYE '19 for Ak-Chin elders

Story and photos by K. Morago

Reflecting on a year that had its ups and downs, the Ak-Chin elders were ready to say farewell to 2018 with a noon New Years Eve party on Monday, December 31 at the Elder Center. Wearing party hats and crowns and feasting on roast, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls, elders had festive conversations at their tables.

With plans to ring in the New Year at 1:00pm, Ak-Chin Elder Programs Director Leslie Carlyle-Burnett thanked the elders for coming. "I consider all of you a family. I love and adore every single one of you and want to do the best I can for every single one of you," she said.

Recognizing what families go through, the ups and downs, Leslie told the elders she holds them in the same regard as her immediate family and appreciates the opportunity to work with them. She wished them "the best year, 2019," and

"praying that God will bless you all.

Inviting elders to offer their own "parting words to 2018," some elders shared wishes. George Lewis wished everybody well. "It's been a good year. Good to see each and every one of you. Happy New Year to each and every one," he said.

Rechanda Manuel spoke next. She wished all a "Happy New Year and a good healthy year." She was thankful for the past year, sharing that she has been a caregiver to her husband.

Terry Enos wished everyone the best and thanked the cooks for their service to the elders.

Phyllis Lewis was extremely appreciative to the elders. Battling cancer in 2018 she expressed gratitude to her husband George who has been her caregiver. "Thank you all for your prayers. I appreciate you all," she said.



Elder Programs Director Leslie Carlyle-Burnett (in yellow) leads the Ak-Chin elders in a noon New Year's Eve countdown on Monday, December 31 at the Elder Center.



Glenna Francisco is ready for the New Year wearing her 2019 glasses.



Florinda Peters all smiles with her birthday cupcake.

The official countdown took place with everyone ready to use their squawker blowouts and toast the New Year with sparkling apple juice in plastic champagne cups. Ak-Chin elder center staff gave each elder a gift bag full of pecans.

The group also recognized quarterly birthdays, presenting Alverna Florez and Florinda Peters with lighted cupcakes.



Alverna Florez blows out the candle on her birthday cup cake during the NYE elder lunch.

Oath of Office continued

Oath documents.

With time set aside for Youth Council to share a song, there were no members present. Former Ak-Chin Youth Council President and former Miss Indian Arizona, Alyssa Garcia stood up to sing a song on behalf of the Community's youth.

On break from her studies at the University of Arizona, she spoke briefly about the continued importance of tribal sovereignty and how culture is a part of that. To hold onto the pieces of Ak-Chin culture as it "makes us who we are," Alyssa said.

"It is a great honor to be able to share this with you. I'm going to sing this in honor of you all," she said.

With her voice echoing throughout the room, Alyssa sang a traditional O'odham song to honor the incoming leadership. It was a special moment at the event as the three sworn-in included her

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Ak-Chin Chief Judge Brian Burke administers the council oath to Lisa Garcia. Holding the bible is her mother Elizabeth Valles and aunt Mildred Thomas.



Ak-Chin elder Delores Rodriguez holds the bible for her youngest son Octavio Machado as he takes his council oath on Wednesday, January 3.

New Years Resolutions for Caregivers

Submitted by Candace Allcott, Ak-Chin Elder Caregiver Supervisor

1. Delegate. Prepare a list of Caregiving activities you could use help with. When someone offers to help except the help! If no one offers ASK!

2. Create a family Caregroup. Make a list of all those that help you. Determine who can help with meals, rides, and other caregiving tasks.

3. Get enough rest. Try to get 7 - 8 hours of sleep each night.

4. Make and keep your own preventative care appointments. You can't take good care of your loved one if you don't take care of yourself.

5. Be kind to yourself. Shake off any self-criticism or guilt that you aren't doing all you could be doing. Remind yourself daily that your doing the best you can for your loved one and your family.

We can help with that! Come to our monthly Caregiver Support Meetings.

Get to know other caregivers in the community. Share your experiences and connect with others who understand.

6. Take 5, 10, 15. Commit to doing at least one thing you enjoy or need every day. This could be meditating, reading, walking, listening to music, or sewing-whatever restores your spirit.

We can help with that! Come to our monthly Caregiver Support Meetings. Have a nice lunch and visit with other Caregivers. Share your experiences, and get free Caregiver training.

7. Learn about local resources. Most caregivers don't take full advantage of the support available nearby. We can help with that!

Start by contacting the Caregiver Support group here at the Ak-Chin Elders Center. We can help you find a chapter of a national disease-specific organization. You can also find help with Ak-Chin Social Services, and you local Area Agency

on Aging. If we can't help we will help you find who can!

8. Get Papers Organized. Make sure your loved ones important papers are in order now. Discuss how they would like to receive medical treatment and then document their wishes. Prepare an advance care directive. Work with your loved one to establish a healthcare proxy, provide copies to all healthcare providers. Don't know what papers are important? We can help with that!

9. Plan for your own long term care. Consider your options. Who can you depend on to care for you? How will you pay for your own care?

10. Give Thanks! If a friend or family member spent time with your loved one during the holiday or helped you with any of your responsibilities, be sure to send a quick note expressing your thanks. It will encourage more help in the year ahead.

New Years Resolutions for Family /Friends of a Caregiver.

Submitted by Candace Allcott, Ak-Chin Elder Caregiver Supervisor

1. Go beyond one time help. Find repeatable ways to help the caregiver in your life.

Ideas include grocery shopping, providing rides to appointments, preparing and delivering a meal. If you can't think of something ASK!

2. Help with family meetings. Family meetings are a good way to keep everyone working together.

Ask the caregiver if you can help by scheduling, hosting, preparing an agenda, or even setting up a conference call.

3. Provide emotional support. Set up a weekly time to call or visit your caregiving family member. Try to provide a comfortable way for them to vent frustrations or to simply stay connected.

We can help with that! Encourage them to take time for themselves and come to our Caregiver Support Meetings.

We can help with that!

4. Establish a weekly practice. If possible, find one activity you can do every week for the caregiver. Ideas: take the care recipient to Church. Stay with them for a couple of hours at the same time every week, or pick up prescriptions.

5. Cold, hard cash. Can't be there in person to help your sister? Don't underestimate the power of money to cover caregiving costs, including respite care that will let the caregiver take the breaks they need.

6. Get your own house in order. Give some thought to who will care for you. How will you pay for your own care? Research all the options and put your plan in place.

7. Bon Voyage! Help pay for and arrange a vacation, including who will provide care. Even helping your family member or friend get away for a night or two can make a big difference.

8. Research Community Help. Chances are your family member or friend doesn't have time to research all the help available in the community. Help them find out what is available in terms of respite care, transportation, home improvement, and so on.

We can help with that!

Give us a call if we can't help, we will find out who can.

9. Be an exercise buddy. Regular exercise does wonders for caregivers stress levels. Commit to regular walks, trip to the gym, or even gardening with the caregiver. Both of you will be glad you did.

10. Give Thanks! A simple Thank you goes a long way. Express your appreciation for the sacrifices the caregiver makes every day to take care of their loved one.

Do it often and sincerely! Send a card, a letter, a little note.

ELDER MENU

Friday, January 4 Broccoli, wheat rolls, apple salad

Beef vegetables stew, corn on cob, rolls, cup cakes

Friday, January 11

Breakfast - scrambled eggs, potatoes, Bacon/sausage, fruit salad

Monday, January 7

Pinto beans, cornbread, carrots/spring salad, zucchini bread, apple

Monday, January 14

Chicken and potatoes, asparagus Wild rice, Ambrosia salad

Tuesday, January 8

Broccoli soup, grilled cheese sandwich (D) grilled turkey sandwich, mix vegetables, pineapple

Tuesday, January 15

Pork chops, green beans, Chickpea salad, carrot cake, pears

Wednesday, January 9

Green chicken enchiladas, black beans, corn, lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Wednesday, January 16

Baked fish, broccoli, quinoa salad, apples

Thursday, January 17

Turkey hot dogs, cucumber and tomato salad, potato wedges /carrots, grapes

Thursday, January 10

Ground beef and butternut squash

Holiday decorating continued from front



Nate and Lusan Enos - Nativities



Iniestra Family - Boating for the Holidays



Lisa Garcia - Blue Christmas



Sandra Shade - Winter Wonderland

And now without further ado, we'd like to congratulate this year's winners:

- Best Presentation goes to Mr. Joey's Rolly Polly Santa House (front page pic)
- Best Lighting-Effects winner is Nate and Lusan's Nativities
- Best Christmas Spirit is Lisa Garcia's Blue Christmas
- Most Original-Creativity awarded to Sandra Shade's Winter Wonderland
- Overall Theme goes to the Iniestra Family's Boating for the Holidays

Cotton season continued from front

was off to a late start, by about three weeks, he said they did slowly do some picking at the end of October and then stopped as they were getting in a lot of leaves with the lint, which decreases the quality of the cotton. He said they managed to pick about 75% of the fields before last week's rains and should be able to continue harvesting once the fields begin to dry, although the pickers will

have to start later in the day due to the recent rains and morning dew. Zabawa Harvesting, owned and operated by Joe Zabawa, Sr., husband of community member Adella Zabawa, was in full force with his John Deere pickers for the past couple of weeks, harvesting as much of Ak-Chin's cotton crops before the next big rains.

Murrieta confirmed that Ak-Chin planted 4,000 acres of cotton this year, 3,600 short staple and 400 of pima cotton. When asked how he thought the season was going, Murrieta shared, "Hard to tell, have to wait and see what ends up in the bale." He also confirmed that it wasn't just Ak-Chin, "It was (a) county-wide problem... rains have not been good for anybody."

ATTENTION:
ENROLLED AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOM YET TO ENROLL THEIR CHILD(REN)
New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.
FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

<p>What you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Enrollment Application <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage License (If applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notarized Affidavit (If applicable) <p>All forms can be found at the Enrollment Office.</p>	<p>Please keep contact information updated.</p> <p>IE: Change of Name, Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address & Contact Numbers.</p> <p>Please bring any supporting documents.</p> <p>IE: Court Documents</p>
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<p>Mailing Address: 42507 W. Peters & Nail Road Maricopa, AZ 85138</p>	<p>AK-CHIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074</p>	<p>Physical Address: 16472 North Maricopa Road Maricopa, AZ 85139 (Corner of Farrell & SR 347 (Old Fire Station))</p>
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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT
Friday, January 18, 2019

8:30am Seniors and Disabled	10:00 am - 6:00 pm General Landowners
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Round House Café
 at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus
 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Checks not picked up on January 18, 2019 can be picked up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A) January 21st through February 14th

Checks not picked up by 5pm February 14th will be mailed out to the address on file.

Power of Attorney (POA) - Only originals accepted, written notes will not be accepted. Must be verified before release of check. Verification done at pay out.

Ensure SRPMIC has your current mailing address - Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your check. To update, contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office

Payments Less than \$15.00
 All direct deposit AG payments will be deposited into your bank account regardless of the amount. If you currently receive a check, but would like direct deposit, complete an ACH request in Finance three (3) weeks prior to the payout date. Checks less than \$15 are not printed for payout date, however, you may request a check and it will be processed within 7-10 business days.

Questions?
 Contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730
 *Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon former payments received and closed through banking institutions by January 4, 2019.

2018 Masik Tas Survey

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

FARM BOARD MINUTES

Ak-Chin Farm Board Minutes July 3, 2018

Attest: Cecil Peters, Acting Board Secretary
Date: July 31, 2018

Regular meeting held in the Council Chambers on July 3, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Ak-Chin Farm Board Minutes July 31, 2018

Regular meeting held in the Finance Conference Room on July 31, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:14.

Board Members Present: Cecil Peters, Earl Justin, Charles Sanchez, Bob Roth (Conference Call), Gilbert Joaquin (absent). Also Present: Steve Coester, Farm Manager, Oleysa Nelson, Accountant and Geraldine Vincent, minute taker.

A motion from Bob Roth to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Charles Sanchez. By a vote of 4 yes, 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

Board Members Present: Earl Justin, Cecil Peters and Bob Roth, (Conference Call), Charles Sanchez, absent (excused), had other commitment. Also Present: Steve Coester, Farm Manager, Oleysa Nelson, Accountant, Geraldine Vincent, minute taker.

A motion from Cecil Peters to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Bob Roth. By a vote of 3 for 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

A motion from Bob Roth to approve the meeting minutes for May 2018. Second by Charles Sanchez. By a vote of 4 yes, 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

A motion from Bob Roth to approve the meeting minutes for July 3, 2018. Second by Cecil Peters. By a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

Reports

- 1) Oleysa presented financials. There were some questions on the Barley crop. Overall, the Board were pleased with the report.
- 2) Steve presented his monthly crop report. He also gave an update on how the potato harvesting was coming along.

Reports

- 1) Oleysa Nelson presented her Financial Report to the Board.
- 2) Steve presented his report by crop.
- 3) Steve led the discussion on the R&G 2018 Yield Breakdown report for the potato harvesting.

Old Business

- 1) Steve informed the Board that he was still getting estimates for the Piler Sweeper.

New Business

- 1) The work on the Link Pipeline, west of 347 test site reported, ultimate failure. (Steve will keep the Board informed of progress).
- 2) Steve informed the Board that a sprinkler re-piping is falling apart. It will need to be replaced. An estimate of \$10,000 was given to the Board, under Capital Purchase. There was no action taken at this time.
- 3) Council informed Steve, that T.O. is preparing for drought, they will be needing hay for their cattle and horses. Steve will be in touch with C.G. Commodities regarding hay delivery if needed.

Old Business

- 1) Steve presented the Board with quotes for Capital Purchase. Bob made a motion to approve the purchase of a Self-propelled Sweeper, Herbst Cart/with trade-in, Woods Shredder and Sprinkler Pipe. Cecil Peters second the motion. By a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 1 absent, the foregoing motion was approved.

New Business

- 1) Due to the passing of Gilbert Joaquin, our Board Secretary. An advertisement for a new Board member will be put in the Ak-Chin Runner for a month.

There were no more items on the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03.

There were no more items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Due to other commitment, Charles Sanchez informed the Board that he will not be attending the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: August 28, 2018

Next Meeting Date: July 31, 2018

Attest: Cecil Peters, Acting Board Secretary
Date: August 28, 2018



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

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

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DEADLINE
 Don't forget the DEADLINE for the January 18 - 31, 2019 issue is due by

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019
 Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019**. Any material submitted after the **JANUARY 11TH DEADLINE** Cannot be guaranteed placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, Will be included in the following issue.

CREATIVE LEARNING



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January 4 - 17, 2019

Polar Express continued from Front

old Saint Nick. Families lined up to have their photos taken with Santa and received Polaroids to take home; and no visit from Santa would be complete without gifts for the children, that's if they were on the nice list.

But, oh how nice of Santa to bring more gifts that

evening, as the children weren't the only ones on Santa's nice list this year. Adults also received Christmas cheer from old Kris Kringle; walking around the room handing out gifts to all the adults. Library staff with the help of Santa Claus brought the community magical night.



Library Clerk Sandiin Mitchell shows off her festive sweater.

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

FRIDAY
January 11TH



All aboard the Polar Express! Families had a fun time enjoying the rides throughout the evening.



Kylie Gardner get a cute holly berry face painting.



During this family crafting session, they create cute gingerbread houses.



Adorable baby looks a bit puzzled upon receiving his gift from Santa.

Hearing Notice

Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Library Multi-Purpose Room.

CASE: PS-11-18: Antone Avenue Improvements:
Project Applicant/Ak-Chin Indian Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to improve the existing Antone Avenue roadway as well as provide pedestrian connectivity from the City of Maricopa to the north and the Ak-Chin Entertainment District to the south.

The project will consist of:

- Antone Avenue Paving
- Decomposed Granite (DG) Path
- Crosswalks
- Sidewalk Ramp
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
- Pathway Lighting
- Monument Sign
- Fence
- Water Service Lines

Preschool celebrates the holidays

Photos submitted by Preschool

December 19th, the Ak-Chin preschool held a Christmas party for the children before the holiday break. Wearing their most comfortable pajamas to school the kids were treated to a day of fun with a screening of the Paw Patrol

Christmas movie and a visit from the Mr. Claus himself.

Each class got to visit fun with Santa. He handed out gifts to children, giving them some early Christmas joy.



Above: Elezar Baptista poses with Santa.
Right: Mrs. Pollie's 3 year old class pictured Santa.



Below: Little Sarah Delma is given a special gift from Santa Claus.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Beginning next year (2019), students must provide proof they have successfully passed their current school year and have the education credits for their grade level to be able to participate in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth program. If you do not have the education credits for your grade level, **you will not be eligible to participate in the program.**

EX: If you have just finished the academic year as a junior in high school, you must provide proof that you have the education credits needed to successfully pass freshman, sophomore and junior years in order to be eligible to participate in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth program.

The Education department is a great support system for you and your parents to help you achieve success with your education throughout your time in school.

Teresa Valisto is your Ak-Chin Student Counselor for Maricopa High School and can be contacted at:
MHS Office - 520-568-8100 ext. 4097
Educ. Office - 520-568-1289 or Cell - 520-709-9469
 tvalisto@musd20.org or tvalisto@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin Indian Community Court
County of Pinal, State of Arizona

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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

CHEYENNE VALLEJOS
Petitioner.

Case No.: CV-2018-00020-VS

EDWARD CORDOVA
Respondent.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF HEARING TIME
(Upon Courts Own Motion)

TO: EDWARD CORDOVA.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED vacating the CONT: Preliminary Hearing set for Monday, DECEMBER 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and resetting CONT: PRELIMINARY HEARING for MONDAY of JANUARY 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

DATED this 06th day of December, 2018

Deanna Rascon
DEANNA RASCON, CLERK OF
Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

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Ak-Chin Health Education Presents...

New Year's RESOLUTION RUN 5K

DREAM IT. WISH IT. DO IT.
Be more awesome than last year.

Ak-Chin Service Center
January 5th, 2019

Onsite Registration:
8:30 AM
5K Start Time:
9:00 AM

Event open to everyone!
Early Registration Available!
T-Shirts available for participants!
Continental Breakfast!
Hot Chocolate at end of Race!
Medals for Top Finishers!

Please come and enjoy and participate in the first 5K of 2019!!

Questions? Please contact Health Education staff at (520)568-1080

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

**Healthy Parenting Education
and Support Group**



Ak-Chin Health and Human Services



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

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

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

Ak-Chin/Maricopa RECOVERY
12 STEP RECOVERY MEETINGS

<p>MONDAY: <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 12:00PM Mt View Community Church 50881 W. Papago Rd</p> <p><u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 6:00PM 45295 W Honeycutt Ave Community of Hope Church</p> <p><u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave</p> <p>TUESDAY: <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 6:30PM Mt View Community Church 50881 W. Papago Rd</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY: <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 12:00PM Ak-Chin Social Services 48227 W Farrell Rd</p> <p>THURSDAY: <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Ak Chin Social Services 48227 W Farrell Rd</p> <p><u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Community of Hope Church 45295 W Honeycutt Ave</p> <p>FRIDAY: <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Mt View Community Church 50881 W. Papago Rd</p>	<p>SUNDAY: <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> 7:00PM Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave Maricopa AZ</p> <p><u>AL-ANON</u> FRIDAY: <u>AL-Anon</u> 7:00PM Community of Hope Church 45295 W Honeycutt Ave</p> <p><u>Celebrate Recovery</u> TUESDAY: 6:30PM Maricopa Community Church 44977 W Hathaway Ave Maricopa AZ Meal & Childcare Available</p>
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AA Information: 520-426-9318
www.maricopaaa.org

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

Maricopa Celebrate Recovery: 951-588-3835

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

CRISIS INFO

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



JANUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

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

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. Friday Night Frights
- Youth under the age of 17 will
need a permission slip to get in.

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



ELDER CENTER

- JANUARY 4TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
- JANUARY 7TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
- JANUARY 9TH**
Movie Day
- JANUARY 11TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
- JANUARY 14TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
- JANUARY 18TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
Elder Check Day 12:00 PM
- JANUARY 21ST**
Center Closed
- JANUARY 24TH**
Movie Day
- JANUARY 25TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
- JANUARY 28TH**
Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
Elder Advisory Council
Nominations 12:00 Noon
All Interested Elders are
Encouraged to ATTEND

**JANUARY 30TH
BINGO**



LIBRARY

- JANUARY 4TH**
Lego Robots! 4:00pm
- JANUARY 5TH**
Movie Club* 9:30am - 4:00pm
Library Closed
- JANUARY 8TH**
Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
- JANUARY 9TH**
Baby Time!*10:30-11:00am
KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30PM
Healthy Snacks 4:00-5:00pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6:00pm
- JANUARY 10TH**
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
- JANUARY 11TH**
Lego Robots! 4:00pm
- JANUARY 12TH**
Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm
Transportation to and from the
library is required. You must be
10 years or older to participate
- JANUARY 15TH**
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
- JANUARY 16TH**
Baby Time!*10:30-11:00am
KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30PM
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6:00pm
- JANUARY 17TH**
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
- JANUARY 18TH**
BOOK FAIR 5:00pm-7:30pm
- JANUARY 19TH**
Library Closed
- JANUARY 21ST**
Library Closed
- JANUARY 22ND**
Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm

- JANUARY 23RD**
Baby Time!*10:30-11:00am
KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30pm
Healthy Snacks 4:00pm-5:00pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6:00pm
 - JANUARY 24TH**
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
 - JANUARY 25TH**
Lego Robots! 4:00pm
 - JANUARY 26TH**
Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm
Transportation to and from the
library is required. You must be
10 years or older to participate
 - JANUARY 30TH**
Baby Time!*10:30-11:00am
KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6:00pm
 - JANUARY 31TH**
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-
12:00pm
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- PARKS & REC**
- JANUARY 3RD & 4TH**
Employee Basketball
Tournament
 - JANUARY 7TH**
Mini Basketball Practice
4-5 & 6-8 yrs. old
 - JANUARY 8TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball practice
 - JANUARY 9TH**
Mini Basketball League
WK1 4-5 & 6-8 yrs. old
 - JANUARY 10TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball League
WK1

- JANUARY 11TH - 13TH**
New Year's Basketball
Tournament Men/Women
- JANUARY 15TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball practice
T-Ball Practice
- JANUARY 16TH**
Mini Basketball League WK 2
4-5 & 6-8 yrs. old
- JANUARY 17TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball League
WK2
T-Ball Practice
- JANUARY 20TH**
Jr High League WK 1
- JANUARY 21ST**
GYM CLOSED
- JANUARY 22ND**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball practice
T-Ball Practice
- JANUARY 23RD**
Mini Basketball League WK 3
4-5 & 6-8 yrs. old
- JANUARY 24TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball League
WK3
T-Ball Practice
- JANUARY 27TH**
Jr High League WK 2
- JANUARY 29TH**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball
T-Ball WK1
- JANUARY 30TH**
Mini Basketball League WK 4
4-5 & 6-8 yrs. old
- JANUARY 31ST**
Jr High Basketball Practice
Youth Co-ed Basketball League
WK 4
T-Ball Practice



GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2019

Dental Services at Hau'pal Available in January!



- Orthodontics (Braces) GRIC Members only
- Endodontics (Root Canals)
- Oral Surgery (Extractions)
- Periodontics (Gum Treatments)
- Pediatrics (Children)



Hau'pal
(RED TAIL HAWK)
HEALTH CENTER

Call to schedule an appointment today!
(520) 796-2682

Welcome
Stacey Stockton



New Nurse Practitioner at The Caring House

Construction In Progress January 2019 - September 2019



Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Dental Department

- Construction will not impact patient access to dental services.
- During construction, specialty dental services (Endodontics, Periodontics, and Oral Surgery) will move to Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.
- Patients will be notified by mail whose appointments have moved to Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center.

Please excuse the dust and noise while we're improving!

Dental Department: (520) 562-3321 ext. 1209

Family Planning Mobile Unit Ak-Chin Dates



January 8th 9 am - 3 pm

February 5th 9 am - 3 pm

Family Planning Mobile Clinic
Call or Text: (520) 371-0132



Current Job Opportunities In the Community

- Archaeologist
- Laborer (2) –Sanitation
- Groundskeeper – Sanitation
- Communications Officer
- Pesticide Control Specialist
- Firefighter/EMT
- Transit Manager
- Court Security Guard –open to Enrolled Community Members and current Community Employees

APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!

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

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Environmental Protection Department
(Water Operations)



OUTDOOR WASTEWATER/SEWER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6999

OUTDOOR WATER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6061



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



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.¹
- ◆ Three out of every four passengers who died in car crashes on reservations were not wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.²
- ◆ Seat belts reduce the risk of serious injury and death in a crash by about half.³



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.



Deidra Carlyle
Administrative Support Tech
PLANNING



Mariah Carlyle
Cashier/Stocker
VEKOL

Employee Birthdays

1/1 Timothy Nanstiel, TGA	1/17 Larentz Greene, Law & Order Celest Soliz, Law & Order
1/2 Kyle Hill, Elderly	1/20 Joe Medina, EPD
1/3 Johnny Ramirez, EPD	1/21 Vera Pablo, Maintenance
1/5 Christopher Beginski, Fire & Safety Andrew Jimenez, Sanitation DelRoy Narcia, Law & Order	1/23 Leonard Allen, EPD Amber Antone, Retail Kris Narcia, Law & Order
1/6 Jose Miguel, Parks & Recreation Henrietta Rubio, Law & Order	1/25 Jaime Salcido, Social & Health Services
1/7 Wayne Allison, Law & Order Gabriel Pablo, IS Bridgette Pena, EPD	1/26 Thomas Carlyle, Parks & Recreation Beatrice Romo, Parks & Recreation
1/9 Jennifer Hill, Law & Order	1/28 Richard Quintero, Vekol Felicia Vincent, Cultural Resources
1/11 Octavio Machado, Transit	1/29 Genevieve Miguel, Him Dak Museum Wendy Wagner, Him Dak Museum
1/13 Elizabeth Chavez, Elderly	1/30 James Olderbak, Fire & Safety
1/14 Michael Heronema, Law & Order Teresa Valisto, Education	1/31 Carlton Carlyle, EPD
1/16 Maressa Robles, Law & Order	

January Wishes

I wish all my family a Happy New Year's Day - my sons and daughters and their families Everything's gonna be good this year 2019. Happy New Year from Grandma Santiago

Happy Birthday to you Yolanda M. Have a good one. Bless you and your family. Connie D.S.

Happy Birthday Eduardo Santiago Enjoy your day. Love you always, Grandma Connie

Happy Birthday Kimberly Smith Have a great day and behave yourself. Love Uncle Joe

Happy Birthday to my sister Genevieve Here's wishing you a very happy birthday, enjoy. God Bless. Love your sister, Alverna F.

To my Grandson Bradley Miguel Here's wishing you a very happy birthday and many more to come your way. I hope to see you! God Bless. Love Grandma Alverna Florez

Happy Birthday to my great-granddaughter Jessica and great-grandson Edward Love, Grandma

January Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Duane Narcia	2 Jolene Campbell Azlynn Carra	3	4 Alexandra Antone Skyler Luna Stephen Narcia Jaianna Pilone	5 DelRoy Narcia Joseph Pilone
6 Heaven Coble Yolanda Melero-Moroyoqui Jose Miguel, Sr. Joseph Narcia, Jr.	7 Gabriel Pablo Brandon J. Smith Kevin Villegas	8 Ethan Humeyumptewa Ashley Manuel Jessica Zabawa	9 Jose Balderrama Jennifer Hill Paden Marsh Leo Thomas	10 Jason Luz	11 Persephanie Antone Octavio Machado Bradley Miguel Euphrasia Mike Mylaunah Robles Edward Rocha	12 Celiyah Antone
13 Amarissa Garcia Ella Lewis Ezri Miguel Viviana Rascon	14 Karli Hoffman Kimberly Smith Teresa Valisto	15 Carmella Ortiz Jakob Thomas	16 Verdina Aguilla Karly Campbell Dallaz Jackson-Narcia Eduardo Santiago	17 Dawn Lewis Stacey Yarberry	18 Nathaniel Enos Sanya Enos Dominique White	19 Perla Corona Rosalino Ormsby
20 Stephanie Alejandro Joe Medina Juan Medina Adriana Narcia Roland Narcia Jonathan Peters Joshua Peters Bernadine Romo	21	22 Leach Castro Francisco Kaniatobe Marie Lewis Estalynn Lopez	23 Amber Antone Kris Narcia Maite Ortega Sarah Peters	24	25 Jaime Salcido	26 Thomas Carlyle Carla Maldonado Beatrice Romo Freddie Salas
27 Lydell Delowe, Jr. Mario Santiago	28 Anarjee Carra Aniyaa Carra Richard Quintero Felicia Vincent	29 Lucas Antone Spencer Antone Paulette Kisto April Smith Irene Smith Genevieve Miguel Patricia Perillo Byron White	30 Micah Coble Horacio Valles	31 Carlton Carlyle, Sr. Celeste Gloria Mateo Rodriguez		

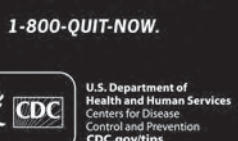


Some of the reasons to quit smoking are very small.

Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin

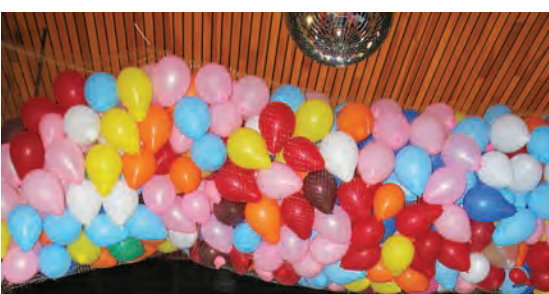


Amanda smoked while she was pregnant. Her baby was born 2 months early and weighed only 3 pounds. She was put in an incubator and fed through a tube. Amanda could only hold her twice a day. If you're pregnant or thinking about having a baby and you smoke, please call



#CDCtips

UltraStar balloon drop brings in New Year



RIGHT:
The balloons fall in Ten Pins Down on Monday, December 31 during UltraStar's New Year's Eve celebration for youth.



BELOW:
The poppin begins with youth stomping on the balloons.



Youth prepare for the balloon drop as the clock strikes midnight in Eastern Standard time.



Children of all ages filled the center of Ten Pins Down as UltraStar welcomed 2019 with a balloon drop.

Held on Eastern Standard Time, the large screens posted the countdown with balloons dropping at 10:00 pm local time.

The balloons were popped any way possible to find prizes.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Friday January 4, 2019 -
Thursday January 10, 2019

Escape Room (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05, 10:05, 11:05 Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05
Holmes & Watson (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Vice (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Aquaman (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30
Aquaman (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Fri - Thu: 5:30, 8:30
Bumblebee (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30
Bumblebee (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Fri - Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:30
Second Act (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
Mary Poppins Returns (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
The Mule (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Thu: 11:00 AM, 2:00

NOW HIRING

- Experienced Line Cook
- Experienced Server
- Experienced Bartender
- Experienced Nightclub/ Sports Bar Server

Interested candidates may apply at UltraStarAkChin.com or pick up an application at UltraStar's box office.

PCACC ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

JOIN US IN THE LOBBY FROM 11AM-2PM

A DOG'S WAY HOME WILL BE IN THEATERS FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

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EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST SPECIAL

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TWO EGGS, BACON, HASHBROWNS FOR \$5 BEFORE TAX. MUST PRESENT COUPON TO SERVER. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER SPECIALS, OFFERS, OR DISCOUNTS. ONE COUPON PER TABLE. NO CASH CHECKS. TAXES NOT INCLUDED. ALCOHOL, NON-TAKEOUTABLE. NOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS. OFFER EXPIRES 01/31/19

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WEEKLY GRILLE SPECIALS

BEGINNING AT 5PM* *Subject to availability

WEDNESDAY
CLASSIC FISH FRY \$13

THURSDAY
KANSAS CITY STRIP & FRIES \$13

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
PRIME RIB DINNER \$22

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JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

\$25,000 Polar Plunge SWEEPSTAKES
WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$25,000 ON JANUARY 26, 2019

01 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	02 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	03 PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION	04 EARN FOR POLAR PLUNGE SWEEPS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	05 EARN FOR CRUISE SWEEPS SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT & FOOTBALL
06 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH FOOTBALL IN THE LOUNGE	07 INDULGE IN THE SPA NUFACE® PROMOTION	08 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	09 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	10 EARN FOR HANDBAG SWEEPS PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION
11 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA EARN FOR POLAR PLUNGE SWEEPS EARN FOR HANDBAG SWEEPS SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	12 DESIGNER HANDBAG SWEEPS EARN FOR CRUISE SWEEPS LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT & FOOTBALL SEAFOOD BUFFET	13 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH FOOTBALL IN THE LOUNGE	14 LIVE KENO	15 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT
16 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	17 PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION	18 EARN FOR POLAR PLUNGE SWEEPS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA PBTR PARTY SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	19 EARN FOR CRUISE SWEEPS SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	20 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH FOOTBALL IN THE LOUNGE
21 TRY A NEW DISH AT OAK & FORK	22 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	23 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	24 PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION	25 EARN FOR POLAR PLUNGE SWEEPS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA SEAFOOD BUFFET LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT
26 \$25,000 Polar Plunge SWEEPSTAKES	27 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH	28 TREAT YOURSELF TO THE BIG ONE AT CHOP, BLOCK & BREW	29 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT	30 LUGGAGE SERIES GIFT EVENT LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT
31 \$1.5K FREE ROLL POKER TOURNAMENT EARN FOR BIG GAME SWEEPS PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION	NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE® SWEEPSTAKES EARN ON SATURDAYS TO ENTER TO WIN AN ALASKAN CRUISE!			

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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



On December 27, Bill Strickland Jr. with Strickland & Strickland, P.C. presents a foundation check to Chairman Robert Miguel, along with Vice-Chairman Gabe Lopez and Council members Ann Marie Antone and Delia Carlyle at the main office.



Ak-Chin Vice Chair Gabriel Lopez with retiree Johnny Lopez.



Members of the Ak-Chin Youth Council have been busy since the Christmas and New Year holidays. While attending various conferences across the state, they've also been excelling in school.



Team Ak-Chin tied for 1st place in Annexus Pro-Am with a score of 57. From left to right: Brady Wilson, Floyd Jensen, Cecil Peters and Paige Spirnac.

Not pictured but played with Team Ak-Chin were Luke List and Kyle Stanley.



Ak-Chin student-athlete Hunter Louis performs one of his signature moves to evade a pin.



Ak-Chin Indian Community will proudly sponsor the inaugural Fiesta Bowl 3on3 tournament benefiting Special Olympics of Arizona. From left to right: Bonneville/KTAR VP Jim Knapp, Special Olympics President & CEO Tim Martin, Councilmember Ann Marie Antone, Chastity Fermeile, Romeo Ayalin, Chairman Robert Miguel, Bruce Clarke and Jaime Heckerman seated. The event will take place April 13 - 15 at Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale.



Tea guests and Him-Dak staff show off their heart glasses. From left to right: Elaine Peters, Linda Sue Jose, Connie Orona, Alverna Flores, Mollie Norris, Evelyn Garcia, Rosalie Narcia, Johnny Lopez and Wendy Wagner.



GED graduates Anthony Quintero, Esperanza Barrera and Bridget Carlyle walked out onto the stage as part of their graduation ceremony during the Education Banquet.



Above, Matt Ginella interviews Community basket weaver, Sally Antone.



Pinal 40 Lifetime Achievement 2018 Honoree Leona Kakar with Tony Salcido is presented with her award on Tuesday, March 13th.



Ak-Chin students participating in the Spring Intersession spent Tuesday, March 8th at the Phoenix Zoo enjoying the animals and special exhibits.



Sky Walk Opening from left to right: Harrah's Regional VP and General Manager Robert Livingston, Councilmember Ann Marie Antone, Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Councilmember Alvin Antone and UltraStar President and CO Adam Saks on March 28.



Jason Clark and students display cumbia moves during the piast under the Community Vato on Monday, April 16.



2018 Miss Indian World contestant Imani Antone (in color) waves to the crowd during the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico in late April.



Native Royalty present at the Three Precious Miracles event hosted at the Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center.



Reyna Miguel and Mercedes Rivera proudly pictured with their diplomas.



Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez presents MHS senior Bren Valisto her high school diploma.



Ak-Chin A's walk the outfield of Chase Field on Sunday, June 3rd during Native American Recognition Day at the DBack game.



From left, Jordyn Miguel, Morgan Peters, Anyssa Justin and Harrison Smith snap a shot in front of the Halona "Blow Hole" while touring Oahu on June 5, 2018.



Haylee Delma, daughter of Willard and Nicole Delma, performs a ritual dance during her Sunrise Ceremony on Saturday, May 5, while her Godparents stand beside her.



Team Alaska player Duncan Okitkun performs a Traditional native song for the Ak-Chin elders.



Majestic Grand Canyon South Rim provides breathtaking backdrop for Ak-Chin Elders (l-r): Gibson Romo, Rupert Stephens, Frances Stephens, Leona Kakar, Vivian Lewis, Molly Norris, Carole Lopez, Erno Lopez, Virginia Thomas, Linda Smith, Evelyn Garcia, Jenny Holsen, Johnny Stephens and Jeannie Stephens. Also in photo is bus driver Mike aka "Chief Laying Down" or "Chief Drinks too Much."



Elders from the Mosaic Center, a Native American Senior Center in Phoenix, decorate candle holders at the Ak-Chin Service Center during their visit.



Ak-Chin Youth Council At-Large Members take their Oath of Office. From left to right: Bradley Miguel, Dyami Jackson, Bianka Mata, Kateri Lopez, Marie Antone, Evone Santiago and Aaliyah Alvarez.



Down Farrell Road, the Community witnessed an amazing rush of water flowing through Vekol Wash in late August. Engulfing Ak-Chin's main thoroughfare, the fast paced waters ran for several hours, causing road closures.



Ak-Chin's Department Directors at Gila River Casino at Wild Horse Pass (seated) - Raychel Peters, Cecil Peters, Marlene Garcia, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Monica Rubio, Flora Howerton, Brittany Sourjohn, Joan Jackson-Deal, Nicole Carlyle-Coester, (2nd row) Susan Guerin, Darlene McLelland, Melanie Toledo, Pamela Dallas, Sandra Shade, Karen Fierro, Brenda Ball, (back rows) Elaine Peters, Bart Smith, Steven Ruelas, Matt Millo, Brian Holiday, Marc Matteson, Jason Clark, Perry Vetraino, Octavio Machado, Tim Costello, Brian Burke, Steve Tiemann, Cliff Myers, Chuck McCarty, Manuel Garcia, Delbert White, Keith Franklin, Quinn Shumway and Brandon Peters.



After her dance came the cake. Surrounded by her family, Virginia gets ready to blow out the candles. Virginia turned 95.

Special moments remembered in 2018...



Jeremy Johns shared basket weaving at Ak-Chin NARD.



Newly crowned Ak-Chin royalty with out-going royalty during the Crowning Ceremony.



Ak-Chin at Breakfast of Champions - from left to right: Armonda Santiago, Monica Rubio, Dante Peters, Gregory Perry, Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Just Perryman, Faith Batopis and Salinda Lopez.



Ak-Chin Chairman Miguel introducing Ramon Ayala.



The Ak-Chin Ba'ban Keihna dancers during St. Francis Feast.



LEFT: Robin Wilson and Jesse Valenzuela of the Gin Blossoms perform in concert during Masik Tas.

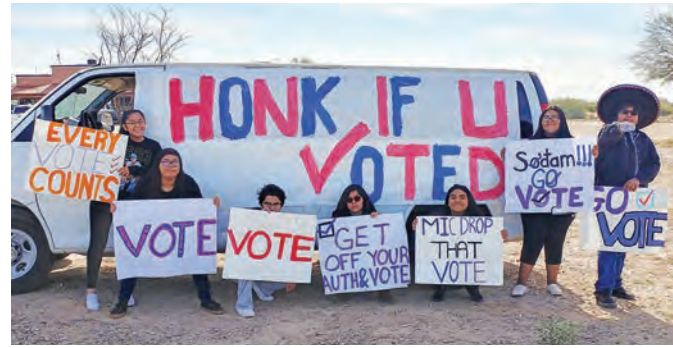
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Ramon Ayala performs at UltraStar.



Veterans recognized at the 2018 Veterans Celebration at UltraStar



Ak-Chin Youth Council helped 'get out the vote' during the November Council Election.

Photo by Youth Council



Santa Claus made an appearance at the Community Christmas program at Elements in December.



LEFT: Harrah's HDS Program wins the breast cancer awareness event at Harrah's Ak-Chin casino.



RIGHT: EPD Float during the Masik Tas Electric Light parade.



Ak-Chin Preschool going trick or treatin'.

Oath of Office continued



Council member Delia Carlyle receives congratulations from her great-grandson Jaxson Justin and daughter Deidra Carlyle on January 3.



Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez congratulates Council member Octavio Machado.



Mother-daughter moment captured on cell phone. Lisa and Alyssa Garcia after Alyssa shared a traditional song during the oath.

mother Lisa, great-aunt Delia and uncle Octavio. A receiving line to congratulate the newly sworn-in Council members began, each receiving hugs, words of wisdom, and blessings. Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez presented each with a traditional shell necklace adorned with a colorful satin ribbon.

sandwiches made by Vekol Market and a ceremonial cake as Council and family photos were taken. With the ceremony concluding at 9:30 am to give time for Council to start their 10:00 am meeting, the newly elected Council did not give speeches.

However, Council member Machado shared, "I would just like to say thank (you) to all my

supporters and an extra special thank you to the folks who voted for me. I look forward to serving the Community in this new capacity and would like to reiterate the message that any decisions I make will be ones that I sincerely feel (will) be for the betterment of the Community as whole," he said in an email to the Ak-Chin Runner. The new Council members each begins a four-year term.



Council member Delia Carlyle taking her oath with sisters Delores Rodriguez and Colleen Carlyle-Padilla.



Community Services manager Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester providing opening remarks at the Oath of Office ceremony.

Guests enjoyed breakfast



LEFT: Council member Octavio Machado with mom Delores Rodriguez and brother Davis "Skip" Garcia after being sworn-in to Council at the Ak-Chin Service Center.



RIGHT: Council member Lisa Garcia with her extended family during the Oath of Office Ceremony on January 3.