



Ak-Chin O'odham Runner



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Eleven-year drought ends, as Rickie Fowler wins "The People's Open"

Story and photo by R. Peters



As if on cue, rain began to pour down, once Rickie Fowler, 30, of Murrieta CA, triumphantly raised his hands after winning the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by the Ak-Chin Indian Community on Sunday, February 3. He won at 17-under 267 for his fifth PGA Tour title.

It has taken Fowler, who is of Navajo descent, eleven years to capture this title. "I've wanted to win here for eleven years now, since I first came, since the Thunderbirds gave me a spot." Rickie shared after his win on Sunday.

He had come really close a few times over the years, but for some reason he just couldn't seem to make things right come Sunday.

But on Sunday, Rickie came in leading by 4 shots. He looked pretty good after the first few holes, then he had a couple of bad breaks including a double-bogey on No. 5 and a gut-wrenching triple bogey on No. 11, which actually took him out of the lead and chasing Branden Grace who was -15 after finishing up on No. 16, while Rickie was -14.

"It was definitely not fun out there" Fowler said. "Seems as soon as

I kind of got something going, I would take a step or two back and had to kind of dig myself out of some holes."

Rickie did dig himself out on 15 with a birdie that would tie him with Grace. The fans on 16 must have given Fowler a good dose of loving, because he also made birdie on 17 to take back the lead. And when Grace hit the water on 17, Rickie kept to his game plan and continued to move forward, besting Grace by two.

For those who braved the rain on Sunday it was definitely a great day to be at the WMPO and an even better day if you were cheering for Rickie Fowler, which seemed like most of the fans that day did. None stood prouder than his dad and grandparents who were there to support him, as well as his fiancé Allison and her parents.

After the spectacular moment and downpour of rain, the clouds cleared just enough for Rickie to come back out and meet with the Thunderbirds to accept his winner's coat and trophy.

Afterwards he shared a few words about winning the WMPO. "It feels

damn good! This is my eleventh open, so to finally get it done, I'm happy, everything else from here's gravy."

He also gave credit to his family for his demeanor of play, "I was brought up by my parents, my grandparents and the people I surround myself with, (I) realize life's a lot bigger than this... if I finished second, third, or fourth, the sun's gonna come out tomorrow, life's gonna go on."

Rickie Fowler will definitely have more sunny days ahead, especially with \$1,278,000 pay out for his winnings.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open, which Ak-Chin has been a Presenting Sponsor for the last four years has really made its mark, not only in the community but the world of golf as well.

"The People's Open" is hands-down the best-attended golf tournament in the world and since 2016 has broken attendance records and gained notoriety for being the most unique stop on the PGA Tour.

The 2019 Phoenix Open

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Dave Chappelle Live at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino; Show part of Casino's Grand Opening Celebration

Dave Chappelle, stand-up comedian and actor whose trademark wit and sharp irreverent social commentary make him arguably the most touring comic on the circuit, will take the stage at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on April 5 and 6 at 8 pm. Chappelle's performances are part of Harrah's Grand Opening Celebration, marking the completion of the resort's multi-million dollar expansion project.

Chappelle has performed more than 1,500 concerts in the past four years, selling out shows within minutes of the announcements. In 2017, Chappelle celebrated 30 years in comedy by releasing four highly anticipated stand-up specials on Netflix including The Age of Spin and Deep in the Heart of Texas. He received an Emmy Award for his debut episode on Saturday Night Live. He capped off the year by releasing the remaining two stand-up specials, Equanimity and The Bird Revelations.

In 2018, Chappelle received Pollstar's Comedy Tour of The Year Award as well as a Grammy Award for the Best Comedy Album for his double feature, The Age of Spin and Deep in the Heart of Texas, delivered on vinyl.

Chappelle was the mastermind behind the 2003 sketch comedy hit, The Chappelle Show - one of the

highest-rated programs on Comedy Central. The show earned three Emmy nominations and went on to become the bestselling TV show in DVD history.

The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin seats 2,000 and is part of the property's multi-million dollar expansion.

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 15 through Ticketmaster at 10am. Limit to four tickets, it is an adult-only show.

*** No cellphones, cameras or recording devices will be allowed at this show. Upon arrival, all phones and smart watches will be secured in Yondr pouches that will be unlocked at the end of the show. Guests maintain possession of their phones throughout the night, and if needed, may access their phones at designated Yondr unlocking stations in the lobby. All guests are encouraged to print their tickets in advance to ensure a smooth entry process. Anyone caught with a cellphone in the venue will be immediately ejected. We appreciate your cooperation in creating a phone-free viewing experience.

For more information, please visit www.harrahsakchin.com.

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Ak-Chin joins T.O. Fair/Rodeo fun

Story and photo by K. Morago

It was an overcast day at the Tohono O'odham Parade that kicked off the weekend's festivities, but that did not prevent anyone from having fun and enjoying what this year's "O'odham Wapkiyal Ha-tas." Ak-Chin leadership and members joined in the festivities that included the parade, rodeo, live entertainment, carnival, rodeo and lots more.

In this year's parade, the entire Ak-Chin Council traveled by transit bus to walk the parade route handing out fun items. Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel let it be known who he was rooting for in the Big Game, proudly wearing a New England Patriots jersey. Driving the Ak-Chin bus was Council member Octavio Machado.

The royalty was also in the parade, Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos, Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel, and the



TOP: Wilson "Milo" Antone (second from left) helps his band Pick-Up Kings raise the 2nd place trophy at the Battle of the Bands. (TO Fair/Rodeo photo) RIGHT: Little Mr. Ak-Chin Cecil Miguel, Jr. waves in the T.O. Parade.

Final appearance for Little Mr. Ak-Chin Cecil Miguel, Jr. who will be finishing his year in a few weeks.

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Parada del Sol, AZ Indian Festival held



The Ak-Chin Ba'ban Kehina dance group perform at the Arizona Indian Festival held at the Scottsdale Civic Plaza on Sunday, February 10. The festival was held for several days in conjunction with the 66th Annual Parada del Sol opening weekend events.

Story and photo by K. Morago

Sharing western culture and honoring America's heroes, the City of Scottsdale hosted two events over the past weekend. The 66th Annual Parada del Sol parade moved south on Scottsdale road and featured nearly 100 entries. Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos rode atop a SUV waving to the parade crowd.

The parade paid tribute to the late Senator and former prisoner-of-war John McCain. Veterans from the Korean Conflict were also recognized.

At the Civic Plaza, the Arizona Indian Festival was being held. Invited to perform was the Ak-Chin Ba'ba Kehina Basket dancers. The group shared dance blessings in two sessions. They also joined a large social dance with the Akimel O'odham Basket dancers.

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Fun times for all at Ak-Chin Recreation Valentine Tournaments

Photos by K. Lopez (more photos on page 3a)



CHAMPIONS
Ft. McDowell Firebirds



2ND PLACE
Jackrabbits 1



3RD PLACE
Rebels 2

Submitted by: *Monica Rubio,*
Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Director

The Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation department hosted its first annual Valentine's Chair Volleyball tournament on Saturday, February 9.

We had a total of 23 teams participate in both the elderly and family tournament, it was a great turn out. For the elderly tournament each participant received a shirt, personalized carnation flowers and breakfast burritos with coffee.

The Elderly kicked off the tournament first thing Saturday morning with the championship game ending at 1pm with Fort McDowell Firebirds taking home 1st place, Black Water Rabbits coming in a close 2nd and 3rd place went to Gila River Rebels 2.

The Family tournament started immediately after the elderly tournament; it was a fun-filled family event. The matches were close and the Antone Family went home with first place beating out the Carlyle Family, while the Miguel's came in third place.

All placing teams for both categories received different colored shirts.

"This was a great tournament, I had an opportunity to interact with all the elders and really enjoyed their enthusiasm and with several teams stating they appreciated the hospitality, the shirts, the beautiful flowers and looking forward to the next one." Parks and Recreation Director, Monica Rubio shared.

On another note we really enjoyed seeing all the families playing together and the kids having fun and being able to play with their families.

The gym was filled with the great sounds of fun and laughter. This is our department's goal; providing for our community an opportunity to enjoy the variety of sports programs that is inclusive to all ages.

"I want to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped make this a successful event and we appreciate your continued support." Rubio said

Elder's have fun at Valentine's Day celebration

Story and photos by J. Peters



After all the celebrating had come to an end, the group of Valentines gathered to take a photo together.



Lupe Kaniatobe was happy to win a prize in the raffle.



Hand stitched by the Him-Dak staff, these little hearts were gifts for the elders.



A party flower display.



Glenna Francisco bites into a paper doughnut prop.

It's never too early to start celebrating a holiday and for the elders in the community they did just that! Gathering at the B.I.A. House on February 9th they were treated to an adorable Valentine tea party hosted by the Him-Dak Museum.

Decorating the historic B.I.A. house with cute hearts and bundles of fresh flowers, the department created a Valentine's atmosphere fitting for the occasion, engulfing the house with a pinkish reddish haze of color.

Elders had their choice of a

variety of small heart shaped sandwiches, tea and lemonade that was set out for them to enjoy while mingling with one another. Him Dak knew it wouldn't be a celebration without sweets, so they also offered a huge amount of chocolate covered strawberries, candies and strawberry short cake to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. Everyone who attended had a great time celebrating with friends and family.

ELDER MENU

Friday February 15
Breakfast – Bacon/
sausage, potatoes,
fruit salad

Monday
February 18
CENTER CLOSED
President's Day

Tuesday February 19
Lentil soup w/ bacon
(D) vegetables soup
Green salad

Wednesday
February 20
Baked fish or chicken
broccoli, quinoa
salad/ yams

Thursday
February 21
Hamburgers,
lettuce, tomato,
onion, potato
wedges,
cole slaw

Friday February 22
Pork chops, green
beans /carrots
Chickpea salad

Monday
February 25
Broccoli soup, grilled
cheese sandwich
(D) grilled turkey
sandwich, mix
vegetables
Pineapple

Tuesday February 26
Red chili stew, mix
vegetables
Tortillas, peaches

Wednesday
February 27
Grilled chicken,
roasted vegetables
brown rice,
brownies

Thursday
February 28
Beef spaghetti,
broccoli / salad
garlic bread,
fruit cups

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

O'Odham Tash back with new events

By *HEATHER SMATHERS, PinalCentral.com*

CASAGRANDE—O'Odham Tash is a time for local tribes to celebrate their shared heritage while honoring their unique differences.

Some new events will take place at the annual O'Odham Tash celebration this year, which will be held on Feb. 16 and 17.

Event coordinator Georgette Johnson said a traditional social Waila dance will be added this year.

The softball tournament had been a staple at the O'Odham Tash celebrations, and Johnson said she's excited to see it back. This year the tournament

will be held Saturday and Sunday, although should enough teams sign up, play might need to begin on Friday night. The double-elimination tournament is open to Native players but each team is allowed to have up to four non-Native people, two men and two women. Johnson said other events will be taking place simultaneously: the social powwow and Toka tournament.

The Toka tournament started just a few years ago as a regular event with the O'Odham Tash celebration, featuring a traditional Native American game. It is akin to a field hockey match; it is a team

event with teams still being accepted. While spectators are welcome to watch the social powwow and traditional dancing, photographs are only permitted with permission.

Vendors, including artists and craftsmen, will be on hand with their wares and different food vendors selling traditional Native fare, Johnson said.

On Saturday night, a concert featuring Native Creed will take place. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. It is family-friendly, and children under 10 can attend the concert for free. Adults will pay \$10 per person at the gate.

Kevin Juan, who is helping Johnson coordinate several O'Odham Tash events this year, said all of the events are open to families and no drugs or alcohol are permitted at any of the events.

"We want to show the next generations our traditions and history," he said. "When we go to these events, no matter where we're from, we're all family."

To have a booth at the event, contact Johnson at 520-221-5368. To sign up a team for the softball tournament, call Serena Johnson at 520-993-6563.

O'Odham Tash Rodeo draws top-notch cowboys

By *MARIA VASQUEZ, PinalCentral.com*

CASA GRANDE — Spectators should expect two jam-packed days at the O'Odham Tash Rodeo. "The public can come out to watch the best that Indian rodeo has to offer," rodeo secretary Penny Mix said.

Contestants from the Indian National Finals Rodeo and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association along with amateurs will be competing in different events from bull riding to calf roping and bareback riding.

In the wild horse race, teams made up of three members will attempt to catch, saddle and ride a wild mustang. There will also be a roping competition that will bring together the four sister tribes of the area.

According to Mix, in order to participate the contestant must be a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak-Chin, Gila River or Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian communities. There are roughly 10 to 30 contestants per event, with the largest being the

team roping and the women's breakaway roping.

This year the rodeo will re-introduce bareback riding. Other events include saddle bronc and tie-down roping. Buckles will be awarded to each event winner.

The O'Odham Tash Rodeo is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17 at Ed Hooper Rodeo Park. Admission is \$15, children 12 and under enter for free.



Community Meeting
Ak-Chin Service Center
Monday,
February 25, 2019
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the
March 1 - 14, 2019
issue is due by

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

Please submit all announcements,
wishes, etc. no later than

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

Any material submitted after the

FEBRUARY 22ND DEADLINE

Cannot be guaranteed placement.

But, if appropriate and relevant,
Will be included in the following issue.

Antone's win Family Valentine Chair Volleyball tournament



CHAMPIONS - Antone's



**2ND PLACE
Team
Carlyle**



**3RD PLACE
Miguel
Family**

Families enjoyed coming together and competing to take the win. For some families it was their very first time playing and competing, to which they said "it was a fun experience and would do it again". Congratulations to all the teams who came out to enjoy some fun family time and to all our winners!

January Community Meeting focuses on new and completed projects

Story by R. Peters

On Monday, January 28, 2019, about a dozen community members gathered to hear the latest updates and share concerns during the January Community meeting.

Chairman Robert Miguel led the meeting, accompanied by Councilmembers Delia Carlyle and Lisa Garcia. After opening remarks, Community Operations Manager Bart Smith provided his monthly updates.

Bart informed membership of the ongoing and new construction that is currently taking place around the Community; to include a new bay area and parking lot at Sanitation-Public Works; road construction between Ak-Chin Recreation facility and Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial park, pool renovation and construction of a new park for the farms area; a new modular for cultural and education programs; Him Dak erosion repairs in their amphitheater and a face lift for the little bus station across the street from the old court house.

Bart also talked about the new housing projects slated to begin this year that will include the remodel of three identified community homes which will be designed similar to the homes that will be built in the new housing subdivision, along with the new community administration building, designated southwest of the justice complex, diagonal to the education and library building. Bart stated, "it's in design stage right now (and) we're hoping to get that to P&Z in the next couple months."

He shared that once the roads and

infrastructure are completed, the Community plans to build 75 homes in the area over a period of time, with the first 20 to begin construction sometime in 2020.

Bart also shared new improvements scheduled at Ak-Chin Circle to include lighting along the pathways at Farrell and 347, the installation of flags representing all Arizona tribes to be placed at the roundabout, as well as flagstone replacements at Southern Dunes and installation of an electric car charging station. He then mentioned a feasibility study being conducted on a best location for a proposed new hotel and truck stop - convenience store.

Bart finished his updates with reminders about upcoming events; the Waste Management Phoenix Open, ceramics classes and the January Community Gathering at the Him Dak, Recreation chair volleyball and softball tournaments, Health Education's Valentine's 5K, and family paint night at the Library.

Judy Purcell, Capital Projects Manager was invited up next to discuss the casino expansion project. Although Judy was unable to share the wonderful PowerPoint she and Sundt-Yates representative had prepared, she was still able to provide a vivid history and photos of the casino expansion; beginning with the initial signing of contracts back in 2015, as well as the long journey and great things that happened along the way.

Her photos depicted the initial site plan, moving the employee parking

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Community Gathering

Story and photo by K. Morago

A well-known O'odham potter, Salt River tribal member Ron Carlos shared his talent at the Community Gathering held at the Ak-Chin Service Center on Thursday, January 31. Using a slide show, he described his process from beginning to end.

He spent most of his time answering questions from attendees who asked about clay gathering, mentoring young artists and his clay pot firing techniques.

After his presentation, and during the raffling of door prizes, he invited the audience to get a closer look at his display of recent work and tools he uses.

Ron shared that creating the pots has provided him with a financial source of income in addition to



Salt River tribal member Ron Carlos spoke at the January Community Gathering.

the joy of creating his clay art pieces.

The gathering was hosted by the Language Program who cooked a enchilada meal featuring a dessert from Ak-Chin member Iris Smith.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
EARTH DAY 2019
T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

DEADLINE
ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
FEBRUARY 22ND AT 5:00P.M.
No entries accepted after this date!

RULES

- Open to all ages – Ak-Chin members, Ak-Chin residents & Ak-Chin employees
- You may incorporate the O'odham translation of "Make Everyday Earth Day": "Na'adoda:s Ves Taş eg Jeved-Kacim Taş"
- Design must be on 8 1/2 x 11 size paper
- Include your name, mailing address and contact phone number with your design

THEME
"Make Everyday Earth Day"
Artwork entries must reflect protection & preservation of the environment and our natural resources such as air, water, wildlife & the earth

T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER:

- \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card
- T-Shirt
- Commemorative Plaque

Art work will be used to promote Earth Day 2019

SUBMIT ART WORK TO:
Ak-Chin Indian Community
Environmental Protection Department
46200 W. Ralph Street
Maricopa, AZ 85139
QUESTIONS CALL (520) 568-1140

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
RECYCLED ART CONTEST

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

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

OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

AGE GROUPS:

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

RECYCLED ART CONTEST RULES

- DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2019 to the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, 46200 W. Ralph Street, Maricopa, AZ. Only one entry per person.
- Over 50% of the final work of art (drawing, painting, sculpture, jewelry) must be from recycled materials. No resubmittals of recycled art entered into the contest in previous years will be accepted or judged.
- Criteria: The materials used would have been considered junk or garbage and would have ended up in the landfill if you had not rescued them for art. Contestants can use found items such as pine cones, rocks, sticks, and shells. The majority of the project should be recycled material such as recycled paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, cans, bottles, wood, Styrofoam, etc.
- Art will be judged on originality, creativity, ingenuity and use of recycled materials.
- Art will be displayed during the Ak-Chin Indian Community Earth Day Celebration at the Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, 46521 W. Farrell Road on Saturday, April 27, 2019, where winners will be revealed.
- Artwork may be picked up from the Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park after 1:00 pm at the event. All artwork must be picked up from the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, 46200 W. Ralph Street, on Monday, April 29, 2019 from 8am-5pm. Art not picked up on this day will be recycled or donated.
- For more information or location directions, call Errol Blackwater at (520) 568-1164 or email: errolblackwater@ak-chin.nsn.us

EARTH DAY 2019 RECYCLED ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Artist's Name: _____

Artist's Age Group:

Preschool – Age: _____ Elementary – Age: _____

Middle School – Age: _____ High School – Age: _____

Adult – 18 years or over

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Brief Description of Media & Recycled Materials Used: _____

Title of Art Work (Optional): _____

CREATIVE LEARNING



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February 15 - 28, 2019

NAPAC hosts annual Fashion Show at Saddleback



Ak-Chin elder Sally Antone was invited to sing the National Anthem before the beginning of the NAPAC fashion show at Saddleback Elementary on Thursday, January 31.

Story and photos by K. Morago

The Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC) hosted a Fashion Show at Saddleback Elementary school on Thursday evening, January 31.

Invited guests included elder Sally Antone who sang the National Anthem in O'odham, Ak-Chin royalty and Native students attending Arizona State University.

Miss Indian ASU Kyla Jade Silas and Mr. Indian ASU Randall Morin, Jr. also modeled their respective traditional dresses. They also encouraged parents and students to stay in school, sharing stories of what they have overcome to attend college was inspiring.

They invited everyone to the upcoming ASU Spring Pow-wow in April. NAPAC also served a light dinner.



TOP: A young student models an Apache buckskin dress.

TOP RIGHT: Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos models a one-piece off the shoulder traditional dress made of satin.

RIGHT: Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel models a two piece traditional cotton dress at the NAPAC fashion show at Saddleback.



ABOVE: Mr. Indian ASU Randall Morin, Jr from North Dakota. RIGHT: Miss Indian ASU Kyla Jade Silas from the Hopi Tribe models her regalia.



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

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

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

PROCESS

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

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

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

Leading Edge hosts Culture Day

Story and photo by K. Morago



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and youngest daughter Stella teach Leading Edge students and teachers how to do their social dancing.

Photo by Reyna Miguel

The Leading Edge Academy in Maricopa hosted a school wide Culture Day on Friday, February 1. Students created

colorful displays about world cultures learned in the classroom. They also invited local dance groups.



Hosting a Culture Day, Leading Edge Academy classes shared displays of world cultures. The school also had dance groups share during an assembly.

The San Juan dance group was one of them invited. Instead of taking members of the group out of their schools, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and daughter Stella shared different dances, inviting students and teachers

to the stage to participate. Outside, members of the San Juan Church made popovers for sale. Students and teachers stood in line for the opportunity to get a popover with powdered sugar or

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Preschool take a trip to the Zoo!

Photos by R. Lopez



Serenity Villegas, Eli Baptisto, and Maddox Brower on their way to see some cool animals.

The Ak-Chin preschool made a visit to the Phoenix Zoo on Tuesday, January 29th. Students were thrilled to see the fierce animals, smiley reptiles, and interact with slippery stingrays.

The children were able



Jessica Zabawa has a blast on the animal carousel.

to catch a glimpse of all the amazing animals of the kingdom. They even got an up-close look at the gentle giant of the African savannahs, the Giraffa aka the giraffe.

In addition to their exploration of the animals the children also got to hitch a ride on the carousel before heading back home to share the new adventure with their family.



The children get close to a stingray during their visit to Stingray Bay at the Phoenix Zoo.



Mason Laborin takes a photo while looking at flamingos.

All the Things I Love Storytime

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

RSVP Required:
Open to the first 10 families

Email Bri: BEstrada@ak-chin.nsn.us
Call Library: (520)568-1675
Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, & Employee Families.



JOM Parent Committee meets, discusses future

Story and photo by K. Morago



San Juan church volunteers help with the popover fund raiser. RIGHT: Leading Edge staff dance during Culture Day in front of the student assembly.



honey. With the line twenty people long, the church sold out of their tasty treats.

Parents viewed the colorful displays on the patio and in the main building hallway.

Leading Edge Culture Day 2019 was a great success!

JOM Parent Committee Chairperson Deidra Carlyle (standing) wraps-up the meeting held at the Justice Center Complex. JOM Committee from left to right (seated) Vera Pablo, Maria Carlyle-Zepeda and Diana Carlyle. Not pictured - committee member Melanie Antone

The school year is not even over yet but the Ak-Chin Johnson O'Malley Committee is already looking to the next school year in providing services to Ak-Chin students. Meeting at the Ak-Chin Justice Center on Tuesday evening, February 5, the committee discussed current budget allocations to Community students, improvements that can be made to the backpack distribution and committee plans for participation in the annual National JOM Association Conference.

reviewed last year's activities which included the annual school backpack giveaway last summer. While there was some confusion from parents about who is eligible to receive a JOM backpack, the committee is looking to coordinate how they are distributed and having information provided by parents verified in advance to avoid delays and long lines.

At this time, JOM backpack distributions are for Ak-Chin member enrolled students who reside in the Community/school district. Understanding parents/guardians work during the day, the committee is

looking to find suitable dates to distribute the backpacks in the evening.

The committee also discussed sending several

committee members to the National JOM Association Conference next month. It will be held at Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas from March 4 - 6, 2019.

Parents of Ak-Chin member students are invited to attend and participate in the meetings. Please contact Deidra at (520)568-1012.

Led by Ak-Chin JOM Committee Chairperson Deidra Carlyle, the group

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN ENROLLMENT BOARD OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

- Duties & Responsibilities of the Ak-Chin Enrollment Board**
1. Must be able to attend quarterly Enrollment Board meetings as scheduled or any special meetings called for by the Enrollment Board.
 2. Review Enrollment Applications to verify if individuals applying for enrollment meet the qualifications for enrollment.
 3. Assist with drafting ordinances or policies that may be needed for enrollment.
 4. Must be willing and able to attend Tribal Enrollment Board conferences.
- Requirements: Community employees must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Enrollment Board upon submittal of letter of interest. Must possess a valid Drivers License.

Please send all letters of interest Attn:
 Ak-Chin Community Council
 Attn: Victoria A. Smith
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, Arizona 85138



Open until filled



FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019

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EDUCATION INFORMATION
 Important Message for Parents
 If you do not have a MUSD ParentVue account please work with your home school and advisors to set one up! ParentVue allows you to monitor your students grades, attendance, class schedule and homework from a computer or smart phone.

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION
 Elder Center-520-568-1760
 Center Hours Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
 Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM
 Lunch 12 noon
 Transportation-520-568-1760 or 520-568-1769
 Please Call Before 4 PM

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

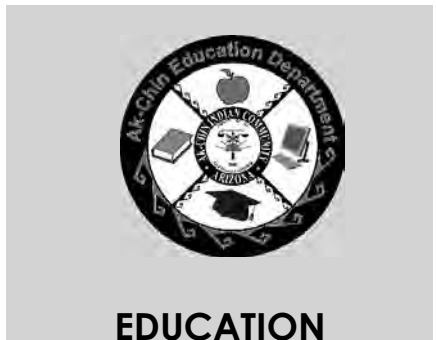
Elder Shopping and Errands are provided every Monday and Friday at 1 PM. If you need transportation for Shopping and Errands on any Other day, please call Transit Department. 520-568-1630

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

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

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

Calendar Subject to Change



EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 6TH
 **Early Release Schedule

FEBRUARY 11TH
 Maricopa High School Parent/Teacher Conferences at 5:00pm

FEBRUARY 12TH
 GED Orientation: 10:00am to 12:00pm

FEBRUARY 13TH
 **Early Release Schedule

FEBRUARY 18TH
 **No School (President's Day)

FEBRUARY 20TH
 **Early Release Schedule

FEBRUARY 27TH
 **Early Release Schedule

FEBRUARY 28TH
 AZELLA Annual Assessment



ELDER CENTER

FEBRUARY 1ST
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

FEBRUARY 4TH
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

FEBRUARY 8TH
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

FEBRUARY 11TH
 Language Survey Presentation 12 noon
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

FEBRUARY 13TH
 Movie Day

FEBRUARY 15TH
 Elder Check Day 12:00 PM
 Breakfast (no lunch)
 Served 8:30 to 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 18TH
 Center Closed

FEBRUARY 19TH
 Goodwill Shopping Leaving @ 9 AM

FEBRUARY 21ST
 Movie Day

FEBRUARY 22ND
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

FEBRUARY 25TH
 Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM
 Tres Rios Wetlands Tour
 Departing Elder Center @ 8 AM

FEBRUARY 26TH
 Council Updates 12 Noon

FEBRUARY 27TH
 BINGO



LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 1ST
 Lego Robots 4:00pm

FEBRUARY 2ND
 Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

FEBRUARY 5TH
 Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 6TH
 Baby Time! *10:30-11:00am
 Children 0-5 ONLY
 KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30PM
 Healthy Snacks 4:00-5:00pm
 Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm

FEBRUARY 7TH
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 8TH
 Lego Robots 4:00pm

FEBRUARY 9TH
 Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

FEBRUARY 12TH
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 13TH
 Baby Time! *10:30-11:00am
 Children 0-5 ONLY
 KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30PM
 Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm

FEBRUARY 15TH
 Library closes @ 5:00pm

FEBRUARY 16TH
 Movie Club*
 9:30am - 4:00pm
 Library Closed

FEBRUARY 18TH
 Library Closed

FEBRUARY 19TH
 Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 20TH
 Baby Time! *10:30-11:00am
 Children 0-5 ONLY
 KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30pm
 Healthy Snacks 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Game Hacker* 4:30pm-6:00pm

FEBRUARY 21ST
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 22ND
 All the Things I Love, Family Storytime 5:30pm-7:00pm

FEBRUARY 23RD
 Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

FEBRUARY 26TH
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

FEBRUARY 27TH
 Baby Time! *10:30-11:00am
 *Overdrive Media Truck 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

FEBRUARY 28TH
 Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm



PARKS & REC

FEBRUARY 4TH
 Mini Basketball Practice
 6-8 yrs. Basketball Practice

FEBRUARY 5TH
 9-11 Basketball Practice
 12-15 Youth Basketball Practice

FEBRUARY 6TH
 Mini Basketball League WK. 5
 6-8 yr. Basketball League WK. 5

FEBRUARY 7TH
 9-11 Youth League Basketball WK. 5

FEBRUARY 9TH
 Elder Chair Volleyball
 Family Chair Volleyball

FEBRUARY 11TH
 Mini Basketball Practice
 6-8 yrs. Basketball Practice

FEBRUARY 12TH
 9-11 Basketball Practice
 12-15 Youth Basketball Practice

FEBRUARY 13TH
 Mini Basketball League WK. 6
 6-8 yr. Basketball League WK. 6

FEBRUARY 14TH
 9-11 Youth League Basketball WK. 6

FEBRUARY 15TH-17TH
 Co-ed Volleyball Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 18TH-19TH
 9-11 Basketball Practice
 12-15 Youth Basketball

FEBRUARY 20TH
 Mini and Youth League Party

FEBRUARY 21TH
 9-11 Youth League Tournament

FEBRUARY 22ND-24TH
 Adult Softball Tournament

FEBRUARY 25TH
 Mini T-ball Practice
 6-8 yr. old Baseball Practice

FEBRUARY 26TH
 12-15 Basketball Practice

FEBRUARY 27TH
 Mini T-ball Practice
 6-8 yr. old Baseball Practice

FEBRUARY 28TH
 12-15 Boys Basketball League



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Purchasing

42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, AZ 85138 • Phone: (520) 568-1043 • Fax: (520) 568-1040

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
REPLACEMENT OF PARKING LOT BOLLARDS

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community"), Maricopa Arizona is seeking Proposals for Replacement of (8) parking lot Traffic Bollards hit and damaged by cars. This will include the ordering of the locking receivers and bollards along with the installation into the concrete.

Bid Packages will be available for pickup after 2:00PM, MST, February 22, 2019.

A site visit will be held at 9:00AM, MST on February 26, 2019. Location is to be the Ak-Chin Circle UltraStar North parking lot, 16000 N. Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ.

The close for Request for Information (RFI) will be March 01, 2019.

Proposals are due on or before 10:00 am MST on March 28, 2019.

All Bidders must submit a "Guaranteed Maximum Price" along with a Line item cost break down.

Request for Proposal ("RFP") instruction and information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Department, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested via fax: (520) 568-1040 Attention: Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager or electronic mail using fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In 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.

Education support for high school students:

Teresa Valisto: 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

Education support for out of district students:
Yolanda Miranda: Educ. Office- 520-568-1292
or Cell- 520-510-7822
ymiranda@ak-chin.nsn.us

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Ak-Chin Indian Community Professional Engineering Services for A Utility Assessment Study and Report

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking proposals from qualified engineering firms experienced in performing a Utility Assessment Study and Report that will identify, assess, and inventory potable water, wastewater, effluent reuse, electric, natural gas, data (telephone and internet), cable TV, solid waste, and recycling infrastructure within the Community's Economic Development Zone (the "EDZ"). The Community would like to focus on potable water sources and the required infrastructure to support future development. The Utility Assessment Study and Report will focus on short and long-term development in the area and provide a final report that will be utilized as a tool to assess and support existing and future development in the EDZ.

The Community is located south of Maricopa in the western corner of Pinal County, Arizona. The location of this study is focused on the Community's EDZ utility infrastructure, which is located near the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway between Murphy and Russell Roads that consists of ± 810 acres of land. The properties listed within the EDZ are: Santa Cruz Commerce Center, the Bunger Property, and the Ak-Chin Regional Airport.

The Consultant will work with the Ak-Chin Planning and Development Project Manager in coordinating meetings, submission of meeting minutes, developing and finalizing this Utility Assessment Study and Report.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 12:00 p.m. (MST) on February 25, 2019. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Proposals will be due at 12:00 p.m. (MST) on March 1, 2019 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be returned unopened. Please clearly mark proposal as:

"Ak-Chin Indian Community-Utility Assessment Study and Report for the Economic Development Zone"

Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all proposals. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

NOTICE

**** Due to the holiday on Monday, February 18th, trash will be picked up on: Tuesday, February 19th - Sanitation Dept.**



NEW LIFE Ak-Chin Church

Where the full gospel is preached
Schedule of Services

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



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

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

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

February 2019 Schedule

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 16, 10 AM
CCOE Meeting - San Lucy Mission - Gila Bend
February 17
CDA Pledges at all Masses

Baptisms are every 4th Sunday of the month and baptism classes are every 2nd Saturday of the month. If you are interested please contact Flower Ruelas at (520) 568-3700 or (602) 717-3761.

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

MONDAY:
Alcoholics Anonymous
12:00 PM
Mt. View Community Church
50881 W. Papago Rd.

Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 PM
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.
Community of Hope Church

Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM
Maricopa Community Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.

TUESDAY:
Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 PM
Mt. View Community Church
50881 W. Papago Rd.

Celebrate Recovery
6:30 PM
Maricopa Community Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.
Maricopa AZ
Meal & Childcare Available

WEDNESDAY:
Narcotics Anonymous
12:00 PM
Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Rd.

THURSDAY:
Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM
Ak-Chin Social Services
48227 W. Farrell Rd.

Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM
Community of Hope Church
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.

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FRIDAY:
Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM
Mt. View Community Church
50881 W. Papago Rd.

Al-Anon
7:00 PM
Community of Hope Church
45295 W. Honeycutt Ave.

SUNDAY:
Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM
Maricopa Community Church
44977 W. Hathaway Ave.
Maricopa AZ

AA Information: 520-426-9318
www.maricopaaa.org

Maricopa Celebrate Recovery:
951-588-3835

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

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

CRISIS INFO

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

2019 CONCERT LISTINGS



- March 15th - Zac Brown Band
- May 2nd - Slayer
- May 31st - Brad Paisley w/special guest Chris Lane & Riley Green
- June 12th - Train, Goo Goo Dolls & Allen Stone
- June 13th - Luke Bryan w/special guests Cole Swindell & Jon Langston
- June 19th - Hootie and the Blowfish & Barenaked Ladies
- June 22nd - Carlos Santana
- July 21st - Beek and Cage the Elephant
- July 25th - Ozzy Osbourne & Megadeth
- July 31st - Third Eye Blind & Jimmy Eat World
- August 3rd - Rascal Flatts w/special guests
- August 16th - Chris Young & Chris Janson
- August 28th - Heart w/Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Elle King
- September 13th - Dave Matthews Band
- September 19th - Florida Georgia Line w/special guests Dan+Shay, Morgan Wallen, & Canaan Smith

Meeting continued from page 3a

lot; the tours with tribal council and the City of Maricopa officials as well as the numerous tours and walkthroughs with integral parties, like the art design group, comprised of several community member-employees.

Judy shared how the group was "looking into how we were going to bring some culture into this" she said adding, "there were many meetings and hours on how to build a mesquite tree at the front desk area."

She also talked about bringing a "wow feature" to the grand entrance. "From day one it was how are we going to make this entrance grand and bring in some of the culture."

That moment turned into the magnificent features we now see in the hotel lobby entrance; saguaro leaves, a basket weave design and an array of colors to represent the sunrise-sunset all surrounding a larger than life cat's claw light fixture that hangs down from the ceiling, "I think that piece just turned out gorgeous" Judy said.

Judy was very excited about the tour with the elders, the artwork in the Chop, Block and Brew restaurant, and the idea behind the bridge connecting Harrah's to UltraStar.

One feature she was adamant about making sure was given to the Community to decide upon was the promenade wall from the parking garage that features the history of

Ak-Chin, its veterans and artwork from community children.

She also talked about all the hard work put in behind the scenes; from the Ak-Chin Fire department conducting walkthroughs to ensure safety, to the Harrah's team working day and night to create a functional temporary gaming facility without missing a beat on the construction of the new events center.

She then shared her appreciation to all the contractors and sub-contractors who brought in jobs and recruited over 350 professional workers, "this was an ongoing enterprise... these guys kept their professionalism out there while working with our guests" she said, praising them for having zero incidents of acting unprofessional or rude.

Judy remembers when the elders toured the spa area, "And one of the coolest things that I was able to have happen to me is this moment in this room with the elders looking out and just talking about all the history of the community - it was very touching - really cool moments."

Lastly, Judy informed meeting attendees that the resort rooms would be turned over to the operator by March 29, at which time the pool will also be open, and that Agave's patio/restaurant/kitchen work will begin on March 25, with completion guessed to be at

about 3-6 months.

After Judy concluded her presentation, Chairman Miguel reminded everyone about the dinner options in the back of the room and once it was considered a members-only crowd he and Councilmembers present provided their Council updates.

Updates were shared on: Harrah's ballroom events center; Masik Tas 2018; Government Shut-down discussions; sports-off track betting and keno; current gaming compact initiatives; legislative dinner, Maricopa Economic Development Association meeting; Navajo Nation Inauguration; Tribal Legislative Day; inaugural tribal border summit; office changes for council; AIGA concerns and meeting with Havasupai Council; community vehicle auction; WMPO participation; ITCA meeting with ANA; Tohono O'odham and Mul-Chu Tha parade and events; budget meetings; self-governance issues; water issues; PBR and MMA events; capital project updates; director's and department meetings; boards-committees-commission by-laws and meetings; town of Guadalupe firetruck presentation; El Paso natural gas pipeline tour; member recognition; social security benefits for councilmembers; and a Four-tribes working group session.

The next Community Meeting is Monday, February 25, 6 pm at the Ak-Chin Service Center.

Ak-Chin and Tohono O'odham provide new fire truck for Town of Guadalupe



On Wednesday, January 30th, Ak-Chin Tribal Council along with members of the Tohono O'odham Nation Tribal Council met with Town of Guadalupe officials to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the acquisition of a new fire truck for Guadalupe Fire Department.

The 2018 Typhoon Pumper was funded in part by The Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'odham Nation, through their twelve-percent gaming revenues.

Submitted Photo

Gila River Indian Community is looking for Native Americans interested in the next GRIC Full Time All-Native Fire Academy DEADLINE: Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019

FIREFIGHTER APPRENTICE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The Firefighter Apprentice will complete the Fire Apprenticeship Training Program [24 week, 40 hour/week program] held by the Gila River Fire Department. The core curriculum will cover topics and skills necessary to obtain the following certifications, credentials and accreditations; Firefighter I & II, Wildland Firefighter, Hazardous Materials First Responder - Operations Awareness, Emergency Medical Technician for National Registry.

Financial incentives will be offered with the successful completion of certifications and credentials. At the completion of the training and certifications, the Firefighter Apprentice may be offered a position within the Fire Department in order of successful performance during the Academy.

The Firefighter Apprentice is under the direction of the Fire Chief and immediate supervisor and under constant review through observation, review and discussion of work methods and results.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Must successfully complete GRFD Fire Academy or acceptable equivalent and receive state Firefighter I & II certification; and continue with additional training in specialized firefighting duties.
- Must successfully complete Emergency Medical Technician training and successfully complete all requirements for National Registry.
- Participate in fire training programs, drills, exercises, and training programs; in-service classes in firefighting and related duties to ensure that department standards are met.
- Assist in inspecting areas for fire hazards.
- Assist in maintaining Community-wide fire protection and prevention services. Learn to clean, use and service firefighting equipment and tools: ladders, axes, crowbars, hoses, etc.
- Maintain station interior and exterior cleanliness; General housekeeping, sweeping, mopping, wiping counter tops, empty trash cans, clean windows, trim trees, rake, chop weeds, etc.
- Learn to compile records and type reports.
- Maintain station and emergency equipment readiness; assist in truck and tools inspections, service, repair, asset management and reporting.
- Learn data entry for reports into the department Records Management System.
- Respond to calls for assistance under supervision to fire, medical, wildfire, community assist and others.
- Have ability to integrate with other jurisdictions tribal communities, federal, state and other local emergency response agencies

where cooperative and joint activities are involved.

•May be directed to attend community meetings, churches, schools and other places of public gathering to explain the activities and functions of the Gila River Fire Department and the apprentice program.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:

- Knowledge of the geographical layout of the Gila River Indian Community, including its districts and roadways.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with all internal and external public safety agencies, regulatory agencies, tribal officials, and the Community members.
- Ability to prepare and present an effective oral and written presentation relating to activities of the Gila River Fire Department.
- Ability to work in a disciplined environment and follow oral and written instructions..
- Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting skills within the timeframe allotted.
- Ability to pass a written general equivalency examination.
- Required to meet physical fitness standards-established by the Gila River Fire Department for the position and required skill set.
- Must pass the medical physical outlined in the National Fire Protection Association, Section 1582 (OSHA Medical Requirements).
- Must pass an extensive background check.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with other employees, Community Officials and the general public. Must agree to maintain a drug-free workplace.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

High School diploma or GED.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Required to pass background check and fingerprint clearance as a condition of employment and must continue to maintain throughout duration of employment.
- Ability to perform the physical requirements of a firefighter
- Pass general equivalency exam.

Non-Supervisory, Hourly Position Reports to Fire Chief or designee

Base Pay for SAFER Grant Funded Positions:

- Base: \$13.00 @ 40 hours per work week
- EMT Certification: \$.20 an hour increase
- Firefighter/Hazmat: \$.20 an hour increase
- Academy completion: \$14.00 @ 56 hours per week
- Probationary completion: \$14.69 @ 56 hour per week or \$21.12 @ 40 hour per week

For more info: <http://www.gilariver.org/index.php/opportunities/jobs>

Thunderbird Volunteer Fire District Fundrasier



On Saturday, February 2, 2019, Thunderbird Volunteer Fire District held their first annual steak dinner, to raise money for the purchase of new equipment and for repairs to the Thunderbird Community building that is used as their fire station.

Tickets were \$25.00 per plate for a delicious one-pound rib eye steak, baked potato with butter and sour cream, and a garden salad. The Community building is small, so reservations were set at 20-minute intervals to ensure enough seating would be available for the attendees. Over 60 tickets were sold prior to the dinner and another 25 tickets were sold that night to hungry walk-ins. Raffle tickets

were sold, as well, for two gift baskets, a socket and wrench set, and a new putter.

After deducting the purchase of food and supplies, Thunderbird Volunteer Fire District was able to deposit \$1,990.00 towards new equipment and building repairs.

Thunderbird Volunteer Fire District would like to thank the following for their generous donations of time, prizes and money that helped make this event a success:

Ace Hardware Maricopa
Santa Rosa Cooling
T&K Contracting
Tom Dugan
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

UltraStar Entertainment Center
Construction Tool and Supply
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Thunderbird Volunteer Firefighters and their families

TVFD would like to give special thanks to Harrah's Chief Collin for his assistance in planning the dinner and for his generous donation of time and expertise grilling the steaks; to Clayton Antone for his skills as a DJ, providing music for the evening; and to the Ak-Chin Runner for printing flyers and tickets. Last, but not least, a big thank you to Fry's Foods for putting steaks on sale at just the right time!

Third Annual Copa Shorts Film Festival Features 46 Film Projects, Two Locations in City of Maricopa

(Maricopa, Ariz.—January 30, 2019) The third annual Copa Shorts Film Festival (CSFF) scheduled for Feb.23-24, features a total of 46 short films and screenplays that will be shown at two locations in Maricopa.

Out of the 46 screenplay and films being shown, 12 of them include projects from Arizona residents, including the City of Maricopa.

Themes for this year's films include:

- Technology and how it interferes with family
- Loneliness and yearning for acceptance and connection
- Love and kindness
- The DACA experience
- School challenges from bullying to peer pressure

The first day of the event, Feb. 23, will take place at Maricopa High School beginning at 10 a.m. and will host three free workshops presented by filmmaking professionals, including members of the Arizona Production Association, designed to educate filmmakers on funding, special effects make-up, and music film scoring for upcoming projects. The workshops are open to any community members to attend. Pre-registration is required at Eventbrite.

Following the workshops, will be a feature of projects completed by middle school and high school students from California, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Texas and Arizona, including Maricopa, as well as two foreign countries.

The second day of the event, Feb. 24, is Oscar-themed and will be held at Maricopa City Hall. These films are college projects and adult drama, documentaries, comedies,

Sci-Fi, animation, military veteran films, Native American stories and other short films submitted by filmmakers from around the world.

Films on Sunday hail from across the globe from Scotland to Australia with many Arizona entries, as well as films from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Wisconsin, Colorado, California and Washington.

The festival will conclude with an awards party with music by award-winning musician Beth Lederman, mingling and the chance to meet other professionals in the industry. As a resource to filmmakers, Matthew Earl Jones (Sunday) and Ramsay Wharton (Saturday) from the Arizona Department of Film and Digital Media will attend the awards ceremonies and parties.

"One of our submissions is from a Phoenix resident who created both a screenplay and a film that was developed from the screenplay, which was shot in Paris," said Shelley Gillespie, founder and executive director of the CSFF. "These are being showcased with a table read of the screenplay acted out by high school actors. It's exciting to include these elements which show how a film evolves. A first at our festival – and almost any

festival!"

"We have a lot of involvement from students," said Gillespie. "Maricopa High School DECA members and National Honor Society members are volunteering at the event, and students from Poston Butte High School in San Tan Valley are assembling film blocks from the diverse projects submitted from around the world."

Shelley and her husband, Roger, began the film festival as a result of a monthly film group that they developed almost four years ago. The Gillespies moved to Maricopa in 2003 and are active in Maricopa government, serving on the City of Maricopa Arts Committee (Shelley) and the Transportation Committee (Roger).

The event is open to the public and both locations will feature food trucks from around the Phoenix area, including the Lemongrass Shack Cambodian street food, Grandma's Navajo Fry Bread, La Petite Provence French pastries, and When Pigs Fly.

Tickets are on sale now: www.copashortsfilmfest.org.

MARICOPA ACE HARDWARE ACHIEVES HIGHEST LEVEL OF RECOGNITION FROM ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

Neighborhood store recognized as a top performing retail location

MARICOPA, AZ, January 15, 2019 – Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Maricopa Ace Hardware of Maricopa achieved designation as a "Pinnacle Performance Retailing" store for its outstanding performance. Developed as part of Ace's long-term retail growth strategy, 20/20 Vision, Pinnacle Performance Retailing is laser-focused on Ace's customers, helping to ensure that Ace stores deliver on its brand promise day in and day out.

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been serving its neighbors with helpful service and quality products. With more than 5,200 stores in more than 65 countries, the team at Maricopa Ace Hardware is one of only a few hundred Ace retailers to achieve this prestigious Pinnacle status. To achieve Pinnacle Performance Retailing, the team at Maricopa Ace Hardware successfully completed a number of key performance drivers that will help them provide a better overall shopping experience in their local community.

One example of a proven performance driver is "Helpful Certification," the foundational

element of Ace's "Certified Ace Helpful" retail training curriculum. To become certified, Ace Hardware associates complete courses such as Helpful 101 and 201 and the store conducts a week-long team-based certification event.

"Achieving Pinnacle Performance Retailing is a tremendous accomplishment for an Ace store," said John Tovar, Vice President, Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. "We're pleased to recognize Maricopa Ace Hardware and its associates for their outstanding achievements, and proud to say they are a part of the Ace family."

"The team at Maricopa Ace Hardware is incredibly pleased to have earned the status as a Pinnacle Performance Retailing store," said Mike Richey, Store Owner at Maricopa Ace Hardware. "What this means for our customers is that we are more committed than ever to providing our loyal shoppers with the best possible retail experience; from customer service to product offerings and more, we're taking 'Ace helpful' to a new level."

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 22nd**



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

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



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



Desert Vista High School wrestler Hunter Louis competes at state



Hunter Louis (in gold) during his match in the State Division I tournament in Prescott on Friday, February 8.

Story and photo by K. Morago

How can you have four members of a wrestling team win individual state champion status but not take home the title? For Desert Vista High School in Ahwatukee, they saw Liberty High School have eleven wrestlers place but no individual state champions, compared to Desert Vista's seven giving Liberty this year's AIA State Division I Championship title on Saturday, February 9 in Prescott. Desert Vista was Runner-up.

Ak-Chin student and senior Hunter Louis was a part of the DV Thunder team

competing in the 182-weight class. His year has been challenging and rewarding. With a high school wrestling career working through junior varsity and different competition weights, Hunter moved from the 220lb to 172lb weight classes. He made it to the State Wrestling competition in the 182 division.

His family was on hand to cheer him on but he lost his match on Friday afternoon, February 8. Prior to state, his family was also there to support Hunter during Senior Night at a regular home match at Desert Vista.

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE
Practices Begin
February 25, 2019
Mondays & Wednesdays
5pm - 6pm
Ages: 9-12 years old.
League Begins
March 23, 2019
Registration Deadline:
March 15, 2019 at 3pm
Entry Fee: \$75.00
Tournament: **May 4th, 2019**
Awards:
1st - 3rd Place

To Register or for more information please contact us at 520-568-1740 or email us at: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us



Hunter Louis (right) placing third in Sectionals. submitted photo



Hunter with his mom Cleo Pablo and Tara Roy-Pablo. submitted photo



Hunter Louis showing a gash during a recent meet. submitted photo



THIS ROW: Hunter with his family - the Humey-umtewa's, the Bandin's and KJ & Roberia. submitted photos



Co-ed Mini Baseball
T-Ball
Ages : 4-5 years old
Practices begins: February 26, 2019
Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hohokam Park
Starting at 5:00pm to 6:00pm
League begins: March 23, 2019

Coach Pitch
Ages from: 6-8 years old
Practices begins: February 26, 2019
Tuesdays and Thursdays at Milton Antone Park
Starting at 5:00pm to 6:00pm
League begins on March 23, 2019

Registration begins January 22, 2019
Registration fee for Non Community Teams: \$50.00
Registration ends March 8th, 2019 at 3pm

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

Nicholas Anderson finishes season as Chandler High School wrestler

Story and photo by K. Morago

Wrestling is a sport that requires flexibility, mental toughness and perseverance. Ak-Chin student Nicholas Anderson has challenged himself to participate at the high school level. A sophomore at Chandler High School, Nicholas has wrestling for two years, both at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

"I went to a practice freshman year, liked the challenge and stuck with it," he shares on what interested in him wrestling.

Match-ups with opponents are based on weight, with weigh-ins held prior to a match. Nicholas has competed in the 172 and 184 weight classes. He's able to maintain his required weight but can be tough "mostly around the holiday season," he said.

To prepare for a match Nicholas has some pre-rituals. "I clear my head and get aggressive, do a warm up and do a couple of sprints before my match," he said.

The day the Runner was at a home game, he jogged with his teammates around the mat and did flips to stretch out.

Reflecting back on his past matches, Nicholas feels he did, "really well this season, I worked on staying focused and wrestling smart and that really helped me win matches," he said.

He also looked to his family and coaches for their mentorship and



Ak-Chin sophomore Nicholas Anderson (bottom) works his way out of a near pin against a Perry High School opponent.

being positive role models for him. With the season over, focus continues on his studies and hobbies. When not in school, he enjoys playing guitar and hanging out with friends.

Girls Jr. High Basketball League Begins in March
Grades 6th-8th with proof of grade
Register Now to participate
Practice begins on March 4, 2019
Games start on March 27, 2019
Volunteers/Coaches needed!

Contact Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation for more information
recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1740

Boys Jr. High Basketball League

Games will begin on February 28, 2019
Ages: 12-15 years old Entry fee \$75.00
League Tournament April 11, 2019
Awards: 1st Place - 3rd Place

Registration Begins January 22, 2019
Registration fee for Non Community Teams \$75.00
Registration ends February 15, 2019 at 3pm
Contact Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation for more information:
recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1740

BOYS & GIRLS

March 8-10, 2019
Boys and Girls 6th-8th Grade
(Please provide proof of grade)
Registration Deadline: February 25, 2019
Entry Fee: \$100.00

To Register or for more information email us at: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

JR. HIGH SCHOOL OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The festival featured cultural demonstrators, tribal tourism booths and food vendors. Introduced at the event was

Gila River Governor Stephen Roe Lewis who shared some comments.



LEFT: GRIC Governor Stephen Roe Lewis speaks to the festival crowd. RIGHT: Miss CRIT Audriana Adzaan Mitchell sings a traditional song.



Dyami Jackson (third from left in back row) sings for the Gila River Basket dancers with his Godfather Leland Thomas (Left) during the 66th Annual Parada del Sol parade in Scottsdale.



Carole Lopez and Norma Vincent sing at the AZ Indian Festival. LEFT: Ak-Chin Ba'ban Kehina dancers perform.



Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos waves to the parade crowd on Saturday February 9 in Scottsdale.

Health Education hosts 5th Annual Valentines 5K

Photos and Story by J. Peters

12 and Under



1st place Lawrence, 2nd place Myles Peters, and 3rd place Marianna.

13 - 19 Co-ed



1st place Justin Perillo, 2nd place Jacob Diaz, and 3rd place Davin Garcia.

20 - 34 Females



1st place Amber Antone, 2nd place Alyssa Dickerson and 3rd place Sarah Zabawa.

35 - 44 Females



1st place Clair Mix, 2nd place Wynona Larson 3rd place Burrito Lewis.

45 - 54 Female



3rd place Flora Howerton.

35 - 44 Males



1st place Jeffrey Dennis and 2nd place Brandon Peters.

45 - 54 Males



1st place Lorenzo Holcomb, 2nd place Salvador Ramirez and 3rd place Ruben Reino.

55+ Males



1st place Erwin Thomas, 2nd place Albert Tom and 3rd place John Janzen.

On the morning of February 9th community members woke up to a chilly overcast morning, the perfect weather for the Ak-Chin Health Education's 5th Annual Valentine's Day 5k.

Many people showed up at the Ak-Chin Service Center to enjoy a nice brisk run/walk through the west side

of the Ak-Chin village. As they trekked along the farm fields and pecan trees many made their way through the route without having to worry about the unbearable heat. Once everyone crossed the finish line, there was a breakfast of yummy pancakes with toppings, scrambled eggs and fresh fruits to greet them.

The Health Education Department would like to thank the following individuals and departments for making the 5th Annual Valentine's Day 5K a successful event!!

*Ak-Chin CSM Nicole Carlyle-Coester
Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public*

*Works Department
Ak-Chin Farms
Ak-Chin GIS
Ak-Chin Police Department
Ak-Chin Fire Department
Ak-Chin Security
Vekol Market Catering*

We would also like to thank all the participants for attending our second event

of 2019! Please continue to "be heart smart, and stay active". Please save the date for our next event, St. Patrick's Day 5K scheduled for March 16th, 2019.

Thank You,

Ak-Chin Health Education Department

Winner of the Valentines 5K

0-12 Combined

1. Lawrence Stone
2. Myles Peters
3. Marianna Garcia

13-19 Combined

1. Justin Perillo
2. Jacob Diaz
3. Davin Garcia

Female 20-34

1. Amber Antone
2. Alyssa Dickerson
3. Sarah Zabawa

Male 20-34

1. Kelly Antone

Female 35-44

1. Clair Mix
2. Wynona Larson
3. Burrito Lewis

Male 35-44

1. Jeffrey Dennis
2. Brandon Peters
3. Aaron Peters

Female 45-54

1. Gale Watson
2. Julene Narcia
3. Flora Howerton

Male 45-54

1. Lorenzo Holcomb
2. Salvador Ramirez
3. Ruben Reino

Male 55+

1. Erwin Thomas
2. Albert Tom
3. John Janzen

Female 55+

1. Virginia Slim



Brittney Justin takes her time painting her pieces during the ceramics class.



Little Yamiah shows off her newly glazed candy jars made by her and her siblings.

Art Program brings back Ceramics classes for Community

Photos and Story by J. Peters

On January 29th, community members were able to indulge in one of their favorite art projects, made available by the Him Dak Art Program. Along with many other creative projects offered by the Art Program the ceramics sessions have become a favorite for the

community, from elders to children.

Members, residents and employees are invited to enjoy sessions which are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all participants are able to pick and paint anything their heart desires.



Art technician Jeannette Peters explains the process of pouring clay into the mold.



ART SESSION:
CERAMICS

Location: Art Building
Session Begins: January 29, 2019
Session Ends: February 28, 2019

When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community) 5:00PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

Transportation Provided

Pick Up and Drop Off within the Ak-Chin Indian Community
For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:30 p.m.)

COME CREATE!
LEARN & CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

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FEBRUARY

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

*To: Graham Smith
Happy Valentine's
Love You More!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Hannab Smith
Happy Valentine's
Love you More!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Harry Smith
Happy Valentine's
Love you more!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Omar Ramirez
Happy Valentine's
My Casb Love you More!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Kateri Lopez
Happy Valentine's
My Noodles Love you
More!
Love God Momma Iris*

*To: Rebecca DePaola
Happy Valentine's
My Love bug
Love you more!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Carson DePaola
Happy Valentine's
My Car Fanatic
Love you more!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Elijah Narcia
Happy Valentine's
My Superhero
Love you more!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: My King Narcia
Happy Valentine's
My Optimus Prime
Love you more!
To the moon and back
and far, far away!
Love Red Momma Iris*

*To: Hunter Narcia
Happy Valentine's
My Power Ranger
Love you more!
Love Auntie*

*To: Desiree Bernal
Happy Valentine's
My Drama Queen
Love you More!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Natban Bernal
Happy Valentine's
Love you More!
Love Auntie Iris*

*To: Mo'c, Marky,
Sonia, Blanca
Happy Valentine's
Just to let you know
momma loves me The
Best!!! LOL
Love Iris*

*To: My Beautiful Momma
Connie Narcia
You're my Valentine's
I Love you so!
Love Iris*

*To: Julian Lewis
Happy Valentine's
Love God Momma Iris*

*To: Matthew White
Happy Valentine's
Love God Momma Iris*

*To: Kathleen Miguel,
Connor Martinez
Happy Valentine's
Love God Momma/
Grandma Iris*

*To: Elaina Enos,
Jilayne Miguel
Happy Valentine's
Love Iris*

*To: Pooderz,
Castella,
Norma
Happy Valentine's
Love you!
Iris*


*To My Beau,
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you ∞
-M*

*Happy Birthday
Karen Smith
From your Uncle Joe*

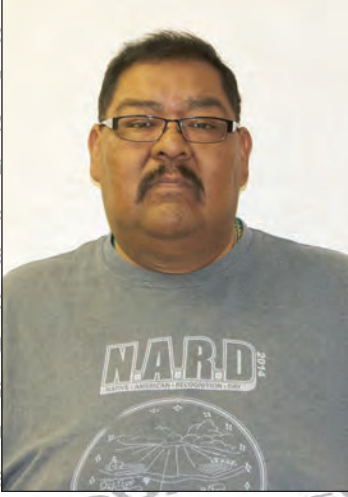
*Happy Birthday to my
granddaughters
Aleena, Jane and Kylie
and to my grandsons
Jose, Norbert Jr., Junior
and Alexander
Love, Grandma*

February Employee Birthdays


<p>2/15 Diana Velazquez, Education</p> <p>2/19 Lisa Garcia, Council Marcos Santiago, Parks & Recreation Debbie Soliz, IS</p> <p>2/21 Randon Quasula, Maintenance</p> <p>2/25 Raynaldo Huerta, Sanitation</p>	<p>2/26 Denise Esparza, Retail</p> <p>2/27 Jesse Tyrone Calugcagan, Law & Order</p> <p>2/28 Rebecca Alvarez, IS Kathleen Cardenas- Ruiz, Finance Christina Diaz, TGA Raymond Whitman, Transit</p>
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EMPLOYEE UPDATE



NATHAN ENOS
Security Guard
Security



MATTHEW WOODARD
Gaming Agent
TGA



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Ak-Chin Indian Community
EARTH DAY
Milton Paul Antone Park
46869 W. Farrell Rd., Maricopa, Arizona 85139



Current Job Opportunities In the Community

- **Administrative Support Assistant-Capital Projects**
- **Archeologist**
- **Custodian (2)**
- **Lab Tutor part-time (2)**
- **Maintenance Technician**
- **Roads Maintenance Supervisor**
- **Substance Abuse Counselor**
- **Transit Manager**

- **Cultural Resources Monitor (2) – Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only**

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.

A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER



Some of the reasons to quit smoking are very small.

Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin




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

1-800-QUIT-NOW.

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Ak-Chin Indian Community

Environmental Protection Department
(Water Operations)



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- ◆ 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

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- ◆ Buckling up the right way.
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 - 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.



Dezigual band brings cumbias to Luxe Lounge

Story and photo by K. Morago

Described as Mexico's version of Kumbia Kings, the group Dezigual may be new to Ak-Chin audiences. But after numerous performances in Southern Arizona, including stops at the Tohono O'odham Nation Fair and Rodeo and UltraStar's Luxe Lounge, you will come to know them simply as DZGL.

From Monterrey, Mexico, their music is mainly cumbias, but features music that is up-tempo, filled with a wide range of musical instruments and band dance moves. Their Friday, February 1 visit to UltraStar filled Luxe Lounge with their beats heard in the downstairs lobby.

Formed in 2013, the twelve-member band is all from Mexico, with one band member from Venezuela. Performing in Mexico, the

group earned notice from Texas audiences eventually being invited by Tejano event organizers in Texas and Las Vegas.

They have released various music projects beginning with "Primer Acto," and features their number one single, "Las hijas de Don Simon." In addition to their own music, the group shared Tejano classics such as La Tropa F's "Juan Sabor," "Te Vi Patir," "Como Tú," and "Si lo Quieres" during their Ak-Chin show.

The band has several singers who each took turns singing. With drums, guitar, bass, keyboards, the group features a five-piece horn section. They also wore matching colorful jerseys. The group's stage clothes are made by their exclusive clothes designer.



Dezigual performs in the Luxe Lounge on Friday, February 1.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was on hand to welcome the group who performed a 9:00 pm show that was free to the public. "This is actually their first major tour of the United States," he shared. The group was scheduled to perform at the Tohono O'odham Fair on Saturday, February 3 opening for Michael Salgado, and asked if they could stop in Ak-Chin before that show.

Also performing that night was Emily Flores, better known as the #1 Selena impersonator in

Arizona. She recently performed at the Quintanilla family's Fiesta Del La Flor, a two-day festival that celebrates the life of slain Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez.

After their performances, DZGL and Emily did a meet and greet with Luxe Lounge guests. If you missed the show, visit their social media page for music videos and show information. They have plans to visit Casino del Sol in Tucson on Saturday, February 16.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES



WEEK OF FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 15,
2019 - THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 21,
2019

Fighting with My Family (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 7:35 PM
How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Thu: 7:00 PM
Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) D-BOX Upcharge Applies Thu: 2:05 PM
Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Wed: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05 Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 8:05
Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies Fri - Wed: 2: 05, 8:05
Alita: Battle Angel 3D (PG-13) 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies Thu: 11:05 AM
Alita: Battle Angel 3D (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D Upcharge Applies Thu: 5:05 PM
Alita: Battle Angel 3D (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies Fri & Sat: 11:05 AM, 5:05, 11:05 Sun - Wed: 11:05 AM, 5:05
Happy Death Day 2U (PG-13) 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
Isn't It Romantic (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Cold Pursuit (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun - Wed: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00 Thu: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00
The Prodigy (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
What Men Want (R) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:50 AM, 1:50, 4:50, & nbsp;7:50, 10:50 Sun - Thu: 10:50 AM, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
Miss Bala (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri - Wed: 10:35 AM, 7:35 Thu: 10:35 AM
Glass (PG-13) 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 Upside (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10
Aquaman (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 1:35, 4:35, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 1:35, 4:35

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Tohono O'odham Nation's 81st Annual Rodeo & Fair moments...



The Miss San Simon royalty parade entry includes waila wellness health tips.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel walks the Tohono O'odham Nation parade route wearing New England Patriot's tight end Rob Gronkowski's jersey a day before the Big Game.



Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez hands out youth oriented promotional items along the parade route on Saturday, February 2 in downtown Sells.

The parade also officially introduced the new First Attendant to Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Sophia Stevens. Given her new role prior to the parade, she replaces Tierra Domingo who stepped down unexpectedly. Sophia will serve alongside the newly crowned Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Maria Pablo.

Ak-Chin member Dyami Jackson was also in the parade, singing with his godfather Leland Thomas, they provided the songs for the Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam dance group. Their parade entry won second place in their division.

After the parade, most headed to the fairgrounds. The first ever INFR sanctioned rodeo took place. Ak-Chin Council took in the activities meeting up with other

tribal leaders.

Ak-Chin member Wilson "Milo" Antone, who is a member of waila band Pick-Up Kings, participated in this year's Championship Battle of the Bands. The group went on to win second place. Thee Express took the championship honors.

At the entertainment stage, Ak-Chin members were seen dancing to the Tejano rhythms of Michael Salgado and even got to meet the entertainer.

This year's event had something for everyone, including beautiful desert scenes. On state route 85 several washes had colorful poppies. Normally a spring flower, they arrived early to welcome fair guests.



Ak-Chin Council members Octavio Machado and Delia Carlyle run into Tohono O'odham Legislative Council member Vivian Juan-Saunders and Gila River Governor Stephen Roe Lewis while having lunch at the T.O. fairgrounds.

RIGHT: The Baboquivari Girls Basketball team float honors their State Championship win.



RIGHT: The float sign reads, "Baboquivari Lady Warriors - 'We work hard in the silence, let our success be your INSPIRATION' - Your Lady Warriors"



Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Maria Pablo with First Attendant Sophia Stevens.



Ak-Chin member Desirae Antone during the Michael Salgado Meet and Greet.



The Wa:k Ceksan (San Xavier District) parade entry.



LEFT: A young toka player. RIGHT: Dyami Jackson sings with his godfather Leland Thomas. LOWER LEFT: Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos and Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel.



Tejano artist Michael Salgado performs Saturday night February 2 at the Tohono O'odham Nation Entertainment stage.

Photo by Desirae Antone



Miss Indigenous Northern Arizona University 2019 Shondin Mayo from Alaska walks in the parade.

LEFT: Miss Indian World 2018 - 2019 Taylor Susan from the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

RIGHT: University of Arizona float



2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open Highlights...

Photos by Runner Staff



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celebrated 84 years of play. It is one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR and the 10th as the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Wednesday's Annexus Pro-Am, brought many big-name sports superstars like Emmitt Smith, Jason Kidd, Michael Phelps and Archie Bradley. All teamed up with PGA's brightest Pros and amateur golfers for the star-studded pro-am tournament. Then there's the Phoenix Suns Charities Shot at Glory, a closest to the pin contest for a chance at \$1 million for charity at the famed 16th hole.

Thursday and Friday easily scored record numbers again, along with gorgeous Arizona weather. Fowler was on everyone's radar both days as he brought in good numbers to set the stage for Sunday. Unfortunately, fan favorite Phil Mickelson, an ASU alum, did not make the final cut to move on to Saturday's round.

During Saturday's third round, players, caddies, fans and volunteers are encouraged to "Greenout" in support of Waste Management's sustainability initiative, which has become the largest zero-waste event in the world.

Saturday was also the "Race to 16" where fans lined up as early as 430am to run the half mile distance to the par-3 16th hole and a chance for a general admission in the greenside grandstands.

If they were lucky enough to get a seat, they would also be treated to a free breakfast, live DJ, Breakfast Club tee shirts and other fun prizes. Not to mention the opportunity to cheer in the only fully-enclosed hole on the PGA tour, better known as the Coliseum.

Also on 16, a plaque was set up to honor all those who have aced 16, including the late PGA TOUR professional Jarrod Lyle who passed away last August at the age of 36 after multiple bouts with leukemia.

Johnny Miller, a two-time winner of the Phoenix Open and 25-time PGA Tour winner-turned-NBC broadcaster was recognized by the Phoenix Thunderbirds during his last broadcast on Saturday February 2.





Top left: Dwight Yoakam. Top right: Dave Chappelle (submitted photos).

Dwight Yoakam to Take the Stage at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Dwight Yoakam, Grammy Award winner, will be bringing his chart-topping music to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Saturday, May 11 at 8 pm. Tickets go on-sale to the public on Friday, February 8, 2019.

Yoakam has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide and is a 21-time nominated, multiple GRAMMY Award winner. With 12 gold albums, nine platinum or multi-platinum albums, with five of those albums topping Billboard's Country Albums chart and another 14 landing in the Top 10, this show promises to have something for everyone to enjoy.

Nearly 40 of Yoakam's singles have charted on Billboard, with 14 peaking in the Top 10. He is also the recipient of the Artist of the Year award from the Americana Music Association, the most prestigious award offered by the organization.

In addition to his musical career, Yoakam is a formidable film and television actor who has appeared in more than 40 feature films

including Sling Blade and Panic Room. In 2016, he recurred in David E. Kelley's Amazon series Goliath. Recently, he appeared in director Steven Soderbergh's film Logan Lucky with Channing Tatum and Daniel Craig.

Yoakam is capable of seamlessly melting into his roles and impressively standing toe-to-toe with some of the world's top thespians over the course of his storied and successful acting career, including Jodie Foster, Tommy Lee Jones, Jared Leto, Forest Whitaker, and Matthew McConaughey.

The Harrah's Ak-Chin Concert Venue seats 2,000 and is part of the property's multi-million dollar expansion.

Dwight Yoakam – Live in Concert

Date: Saturday, May 11

Doors: 7 PM

Show Time: 8PM

Location: Harrah's Ak-Chin Concert Venue

Tickets: \$84.50. \$64.50. \$44.50 (plus tax/fees)

Ages: All



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Make plans to join us **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019 at 8:00 pm** at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino in The Lounge. This is a **FREE** event! Must be 21 or older to attend.

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