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L-R: White Mountain Apache Councilmembers; Jerold Altaha, Alvena Bush, Chairwoman Gwendena Lee- Gatewood; Former UofA Women's Softball Coach Mike Candrea, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Cocopah Tribal Chairwoman Sherry Cordova and Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent. (Story and photo by R. Peters)

# **Ak-Chin hosts Arizona Indian Gaming Association Retreat**

Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) sponsored a Retreat for AIGA members and Arizona tribal leaders.

The two-day event was held at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center Elements Event Center. Ten tribes were in attendance via in-person or zoomed in with virtual access.

Thursday's agenda included a

October 28-29, the Arizona Tribal Leaders meeting with AIGA and the Arizona Tribal Governments for Gaming (ATGG).

> After the meeting concluded, a tour of the Ak-Chin Indian Community was provided, with stops at Ak-Chin Farms, Ak-Chin Industrial Park, Milton "Paul" Antone Park, Ak-Chin Language Program, and the San Juan Church.

The group seemed very impressed with the farm tour, as they asked many questions, which were fielded by Ak-Chin Farm Manager Damien Murrieta and former Farm Manager Steve Coester, on the crops and equipment.

the most requested 'to do' by Tribal Leaders once the

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# **Imagination stirred** at Maricopa's 2021 **State of the City**



Maricopa Mayor Christian Price addresses crowd at State of the City on October 21. (Story and photo by R. Bowen)

On October 21st, attendees of the 2021 State of the City for Maricopa were greeted with a mock version of the Chocolate Room from the 1971 film, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, as they walked into the entrance at Copper "The Farm tour was one of Sky Regional Park. Guests were encouraged to pick out samples of candy, dine on food provided by Helen's Kitchen and allow their childhood imaginations to take center stage. Each received a golden ticket, in the form of an event logoed mug, and a Maricopa Bar.

> The host of the event, Luis Villa, Communications Coordinator for City of Maricopa, welcomed the audience and led the event through the opening Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 389. Following was the National Anthem sung by Jiselle Diaz. Many distinguished guests were thanked for attending including Ak-Chin Indian Community's Vice Chair Lemuel Vincent Councilmember Lisa and Garcia. Arizona State Senator Vince Leech and Mayor of Casa Grande Craig McFarland were also in attendance.

received an oversized lollipop from the mayor. Later in the evening, dancers from Legacy Traditional School performed the Oompa Loompa song in costume.

Mayor Price started speaking about the more serious topics of housing, infrastructure and businesses with the underlying idea that Maricopa has "limitless opportunities" and the city "can be anything we dream it to be."

The growth of the city of Maricopa was highlighted. An updated projected census number of over 70,000 was presented, which was over 15,000 more residents than reported by the 2020 U.S Census number. According to Mayor Price, housing and building projects continue to be a big pull for new residents and businesses looking at the city as a location. The toll from the Great Recession and recent pandemic were covid-19 acknowledged as significant challenges that companies have had to overcome.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE and HERO team members present a check for \$3,000 to Diana Gregory Outreach Services. The funds will support the organization's Veggies for Vets program.

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Nov. 2, 2021) - Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, long-known for its corporate giving and community support, will once again honor Veterans and active military throughout the month of November. Events organized by Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's HERO committee and the SALUTE Business Impact Group will create awareness and offer support for all community Veterans and active military as well as the organization's 30+ Veteran team members.

"America celebrates Veterans Day on November 11, but we believe it's important to celebrate Veterans and active military all year long," says

Robert Piwowar, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino senior engagement specialist and "In SALUTE chairman. fact, we actively look to hire Veterans in our community. Service members who are looking to grow in their career in a supportive environment would find Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino a perfect fit."

The Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE Business Impact Group (BIG) actively seeks to bring together team members who are Veterans and Veteran allies who embrace the core values of duty, honor and selfless service. The purpose is to cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture through grassroots efforts in

assisting Veterans in a variety of ways including fundraisers, donation drives and of course volunteer opportunities.

HERO is a team memberbased volunteer program in which Harrah's staff and their families make noteworthy and visible contributions to the community by donating their time, skills, expertise and compassion to dozens of volunteer projects throughout the community.

On October 22, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino made a donation of \$3,000 to the Diana Gregory Outreach Services to support the organization's Veggies for Vets program that provides

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After much build-up, Mayor Christian Price was introduced as a bell sounded. And, just like Gene Wilder made his entrance in the movie, Mayor Price donned a cane and made his way up to the stage in a similar fashion, minus the forward roll.

Maricopa's mayor began his speech with a tribute to his grandfather who always carried a bag of candy with him and whom Mayor Price remembers being a supporter of education and someone that could bring both sides of politics together. The event's theme of "Pure Imagination" was created with this in mind.

Continuing with the concept of anything being possible and following the Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory theme, 5 lucky attendees found golden tickets under their seats and

Another main discussion point was State Route 347 and the ongoing communication with all stakeholders involved. According to Mayor Price, key leaders at Gila River Indian Community have indicated that this road is among their top priorities for roadwork in the near future. Other upcoming and ongoing projects include the East-West Corridor, the beautification projects on John Wayne Parkway, the widening of SR 238 and the pedestrian bridge that will connect W. Mercado St. to N. Maricopa Rd.

Also in the spotlight was the 1.68 million square feet of retail and commercial space that has been added to the City of Maricopa. Businesses like the new Exceptional Hospital, scheduled to open mid-2022, were among a growing list of soon-to-be available options that will be offered within city limits.

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**INSIDE THIS ISSUE** 



# Caregiver Appreciation Month

It's said that there are four kinds of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers.

There should be a fifth on the list: Those who don't realize they have begun the caregiver journey – and their ranks are growing daily.

"They are helping Mom balance her checkbook, phoning Dad every morning to make sure he takes his cholesterol-lowering, diabetes, and arthritis medications, picking up groceries for a disabled neighbor – all sorts of things. They don't selfidentify as caregivers because they are 'just' being a good daughter or son or neighbor," says, Amy Goyer, AARP's caregiving expert and author of the recently published Juggling Work & Caregiving.

November is Caregiver Appreciation month. Celebrated every November, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers.

In the past we have tried to share informative training topics and stress reduction techniques to show our appreciation and honor our communities' caregivers. We were unable to do so in person in 2020 but plan for a couple of small gatherings this November for unpaid Caregivers. We will share information, learn about the importance of self-care, why it's important for both the caregiver and the receiver, and honor them for their commitment to family, their compassionate heart, and their willingness to sacrifice their own wants and needs to take care of another.

If you are an unpaid family caregiver currently enrolled in our Caregiver program you will be receiving a special invitation to join us for "The Heart of a Caregiver" If you or someone you know is an unpaid family caregiver or grandparent raising grandchildren we would love to support you. Contact us here at the Elder center and let's get you enrolled.

Candace Allcott, Supervisor Elder Program

# Runner Halloween Home Decorating Contest Winners

Photos by R. Peters

We are thrilled and chilled to present our top winners for the 2021 Runner Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

It was great to see so many homes decorated for the Halloween Spirit... it was hard to pick the winners, as the decorations were full of color and creativity.

The following were our top five

winners in these categories: Best Lighting-Effects Best Presentation Best Theme Cutest Theme Scariest Theme

Thank you to all who participated... We hope everyone enjoyed seeing these spooky and creative displays as much as we did judging them!



**Best Lighting-Effects** 



#### AIGA continued from Front

announcement was made that Ak-Chin would be the site of the retreat." Chairman Miguel shared. "Tribal Leaders have always wanted to tour the Farms, even prior to the retreat. Some have actually toured the Farms with their respective Tribal Councils."

Later that evening, attendees and their guests were invited to enjoy apps on the lawn outside Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center as they viewed the Arizona Cardinals vs Green Bay Packers game on the outdoor jumbotron. championships and coaching US women's national softball teams when Team USA won gold in 2004 and silver in 2008.

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"I'm one of those guys that have been able to follow my dream, my passion." Candrea began, "I always tell people I never worked a day in my life because I'm doing what I love to do and that's to coach young people, to watch them grow, to become part of their lives. I used to think I'd coach them for four years and they would leave me, but they never leave me." The Retreat continued with an Overview of the 2021 Amended Tribal-State Gaming Compacts and What are the New Games, from the amended compact, followed by comments and a demonstration of the new games offered at Harrah's.

There was also a presentation on legislation and what tribes need to do to continue to protect what is currently in place as far as the compacts. Presentations were given on Polling and New World of Tribal Gaming – Looking

**Best Presentation** 



Best Theme



Friday began with a breakfast, followed by an opening prayer and song by the Ak-Chin Language Program. Next, was keynote speaker Mike Candrea, former head softball coach for University of Arizona and USA Women's National Softball Team.

Candrea, who was a last-minute substitution provided a great speech about teambuilding, which he obviously knows much about, being the alltime winningest coach in college softball history with 1,674 wins, leading Arizona softball to eight national

Coach Candrea shared his goals for developing a high character team, which included generating a buyin for the players, building stable relationships on trust, mutual respect and honesty, surrounding yourself with people that are better than you, being resilient and teaching how to fail forward. He also shared, "three things that I've always wanted to live by... be competent, be consistent and caring about people."

After Candrea spoke, he was honored with a handmade basket on behalf of AIGA. Ahead.

Chairman Miguel, who is also the President of the ATGG added, "The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) was created by former Tribal Leaders and staff 20 plus years ago to become the one voice for all tribes in Arizona for gaming. We continue to acknowledge, recognize and support their direction and efforts as we move forward. We will continue to work diligently to protect the integrity of Tribal Gaming as we help support one another in providing opportunity for our people."

**Cutest Theme** 



**Scariest Theme** 



### Ak-Chin Oodham Runner 💮

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46200 W. Ralph Street.

Update:

Project

Zoning Map.

The amendment will consist of:

the Ordinance.

Hearing Notice

**Ak-Chin Indian Community** 

**Planning and Zoning** 

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a

Hearing regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m.

on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Water

Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room,

CASE: ZA-01-21: Ak-Chin Indian Community

Zoning Ordinance Update and Zoning Map

Manager Bart Smith, is requesting to amend the

Ak-Chin Indian Community Zoning Ordinance and

Zoning Map. The Community's Zoning Ordinance

was last updated in 2007 and the proposed

amendment will assist the Community to review

future land uses and development proposals.

The Zoning Ordinance update will consist of

text changes within all chapters of the Zoning

Ordinance. The Zoning Map update will consist

of map changes throughout the entirety of the

• Text revisions to the Acknowledgements,

Chapter 1 – General Provisions, Chapter 2 -

Definitions, Chapter 3 – Residential Zones (R1,

R2, & R3), Chapter 4 – Public Use, Chapter 5

- Commercial Zones (C1 & C2), Chapter 6 -

Industrial 1 & 2 Zones, Chapter 7 – Agriculture

Zone, Chapter 8 – Preserved Sensitive Zone,

Chapter 9 - Riparian Zone, Chapter 10 -

Administration, Chapter 11 - Amending

Zoning Ordinance/General Plan, sections of

• Map revisions to the Community Zoning

Map including the zoning of unzoned lands

(Southern Dunes Golf Course, Airport, various

Fee-to-Trust and Fee properties), the rezoning

of R3 land to R-4 (new Zone), the rezoning of

Preserved Sensitive land to PS-1, PS-2, and

PS-3 (new Zones), and the expansion of Zone

Applicant/Community

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY PHONE: 520•568•1375 FAX: 520•568•1376 E-MAIL: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, **STORIES**

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

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know

#### November 5 - 18, 2021

Operations

Harrah's continued from <u>Front</u>

fresh vegetables to seniors and veterans throughout the Valley. In 2021, the organization assisted 10,000 seniors and Veterans and hopes to reach more that 15,000 in 2022.

Additional initiatives that will honor Veterans and active military during the month of November include:

- November 6: **SALUTE** is sponsoring and participating in Maricopa's Veterans Parade. Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is providing box lunches and prizes.
- November 11: A team member Veteran drawing for a chance to win one of four American Flags.
- November 11 (Veteran's Day): Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino will give all Veterans \$20 food vouchers
- November 4 14: Up to 35 percent off room stays for all Veterans
- November 30: Team members will show their support of active troops by writing thank you letters.



November 29, 2021 6 pm (virtual meeting)

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For questions or to sign up/view meeting, please email: events@ak-chin.nsn.us or call 520-568-1000.

#### Emergency numbers to contact the Ak-Chin Police Department

In case you are unable to reach the Ak-Chin Police Department through the main phone number (520) 568-1200. Please utilize the following information for Police|Fire|EMS services



For Non-Emergencies the following numbers can be used. Land Line (520) 568-1526 Land Line (520) 568-1527 Land Line (520) 568-1528 Cell Phone (520) 510-9214



Luncheon for Veterans, their families and First Responders 1130am at Leading Edge Academy



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects** 

#### **AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD DATA CENTER & WAREHOUSE PROJECT**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. The project for Design/Construction consists of the following;

Demo and prep of the existing site. Design the infrastructure and optimal flow for the facility working with the Applicants on specific needs and requirements for a warehouse used for distribution and a data center.

# **Capital Projects**

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2 ON CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE** AK-CHIN C-STORE/TRUCK STOP -MARKET AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all Consultants to submit proposals on a Consulting Services Agreement. The project for Market & Feasibility Study consists of the following;

Ak-Chin C-Store/Truck Stop - Market and Feasibility

boundaries to street centerlines.

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY** 

that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

#### **SUBSCRIPTION RATE**

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Make check/money order payable to: Ak-Chin Indian Community

#### DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the November 19 -December 2, 2021 issue is due by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

#### Material submitted after the **NOVEMBER 12TH DEADLINE**

cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

<u>Study</u>

Seeking professional services to conduct a market and Feasibility Study and formulation of a Business for a C-store and Truck stop at two distinct locations with-in the Ak-Chin Indian Community Boundary.

Both Site Locations may not be awarded to same Consultant and prices should reflect independent study.

A Recommended Virtual Pre-Proposal Meeting will be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10am (MST) by WebEx. To receive an invitation to connect by WebEx one must register on line by emailing request to participate in the C-store / Truck RFP by 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, November 8th to the following email: Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us The RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, November 15th. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@akchin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Director, Perry Vettraino at pvettraino@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, November 19th 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 rejected and returned unopened.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. 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.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on November 10, 2021 at Ak-Chin Capital Project Office located at 45710 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139. We will do a site visit and discuss the scope at this meeting. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 2:00 p.m. (MST) on November 19, 2021. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Judy Purcell at jpurcell@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on November 30, 2021 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 rejected and returned unopened.

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### ATTENTION **Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS**

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

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

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# **Ak-Chins MWMS students make their marks** on the first quarter Principal and Honors list

"We have some Ak-Chin students who had A and B honor and Principal honor roll" said Ak-Chin Education Student Advisor Julia Dickerson. The first quarter at Maricopa Wells Middle School brought out the best in Ak-Chin students.

Community students have continued to worked hard in their studies, gaining spots for themselves on Honor Roll and the Principals list.

#### Photos by J. Peters

The students recognized: 6th grade Honor Roll- Dante Peters and Brain Ruelas; 7th grade Honor Roll- Liliana Rascon, Unique Santiago, and Andrew Pinheiro; 8th grade Honor Roll- Auciana Miguel. Making the Principals List were Pate Justin and Juan Trejo.

**Congratulations Maricopa** Wells Honor Students



Andrew Pinheiro Honor Roll



Auciana Miguel Honor Roll



Brian Ruelas Honor Roll



**Dante Peters** Honor Roll



Juan Trejo Principal List



Liliana Rascon Honor Roll- Photo submitted



Pate Justin Principal List



**Unique Santiago** Honor Roll- Photo submitted

# **Him-Dak Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru**

Photos by J. Peters

On October 22nd Ak-Chin Him-Dak held their first Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru, for community families to enjoy displays full of creepy, crawly and cute decorations. Each display was crafted and assembled Him-Dak department by staff, following the drive line through each display, everyone was able to see ghosts, ghouls and witches.

Pared with dazzling lights and Halloweenie music passersby got an eye full of holiday fun.



Scarecrows await their next visitors.



Many decorations lit up the night at the drive thru.



The Him-Dak Department would like to thank all community residents who came to our Halloween Drive Thru! We appreciate your time and effort in coming to see our ghosts, witches, skeleton cookout, Stranger Things, pumpkin patch, Nightmare before Christmas and headless horsemen displays!

A big thanks to Maintenance, Public Works, Water and Waste Water staff for assistance!

CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

#### JOIN US FOR AN IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL EVENT!

- REGISTER FOR EVENT USING GOOGLE FORMS
- CHOOSE IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL **OPTION. IN-PERSON EVENT ONLY** OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND AK-CHIN RESIDENTS AT THIS TIME (60 MAX). A LINK WILL BE SENT TO RESERVE A START

TIME. PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE

- **COLLEGE THEMED T-SHIRT &** FARMER'S MARKET FRESH PRODUCE
- EVENT IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN **COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THEIR** FAMILIES, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & THEIR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLDS.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THE EVENT** AND COMPLETION OF RIVAL RUN IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE FRESH PRODUCE. LIMIT ONE RODUCE BAG PER HOUSEHOLD



Rival Run (2 Mile Walk/Run) In-Person - Nov. 18th, 2021 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Virtual Dates - Nov. 12 - 15, 2021



Farmer's Market Pick-Up In-Person Participants - Nov. 18th Virtual Participants - Nov. 19th

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520)568-1085 OR EMAIL MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



## **Ak-Chin Child** Development

#### Fall 2021 Newsletter

Family Resources

#### **Child Find**

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| Child Find at MUSD District Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | https://www.pbs.org/parents/<br>learn-grow/all-ages/literacy                 |  |
| If you would like to have your child screened<br>please contact us at (520)568-1700 if you need<br>assistance in this process. OR contact the district<br>directly at (520)568-5140                                                                                                             | https://www.naeyc.org/<br>resources/blog/few-thoughts-<br>separation-anxiety |  |
| Wednesday Nov. 10th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | http://www.firstthingsfirst.                                                 |  |
| Call and book your appointment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | org/resources/birth-five-<br>helpline/                                       |  |
| Learn more at                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | https://www.healthline                                                       |  |

https://www.healthline. com/health/lice-homeremedies#what-to-avoid

#### **Early Intervention**

If you or someone you know has a concern with a young child's development, there is help. Addressing concerns early is the best way to help children succeed. Ak-Chin Child Development will be happy to assist you in the process. You can find developmental milestones in the resource links above.

**Arizona Early Intervention Program** 

Children Birth to age 3 Ph. 800-237-3007 or online @ https://azeip.azdes.gov/AzEIP/AzeipRef/Forms/ Categories.aspx

#### **Child Find**

Children age 3 to before Kindergarten Ph. 520-568-5100 Ext. 5140

48251 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138 Fax: 520-568-1701 Phone: 520-568-1700

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# 2021 Halloween Fest brings the ghouls and goblins to Milton Antone Memorial Park

**Costume Contest Winners** 



Once the green light from Community Council was given, along with adherence to Halloween safety tips and recommendations, it was go time!!

Community departments rallied together to provide some safe, spooky holiday fun, while getting out and about to show the community their support.

A Halloween Fest, that

included a department Trunkor-Treat, food vendors and costume contest got underway on Friday, October 29, in conjunction with the Ak-Chin Youth Council Virtual Halloween Special.

The Halloween Fest, set up in the ballfields at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, had a great turn-out.

There were about a dozen departments set up in full

Photos by Runner Staff

costume to hand out treats to the line of trick-or-treaters who steadily made their way down the field.

Food vendors provided satisfying tastes with green chili/corn tamales, pickle slushies, drinks and candy apples.

The evening ended with a Costume Contest just as the chilly night set in.





Birth-5yr winners: Ezri Miguel, Jonathon Enos, Yyondrez Antone, Joseph Zabawa III.



Sanitation/Public Works go full Pixar for the Trunk-or-Treat.



6-12yr winners: John Zabawa and Mason Bowman.



The Community gathers at the park, making their stops along the candy route.







This little Minnie Mouse says Trick-r-Treat!





13-17yr winners: Adam J. Bowman, DelRoy Clark, and Emerald Reyes.



18+yr winners: Artemia Antone, Natalie Sanchez, Ivy Penunuir and Kahleah Delowe.

More 6-12yr winners: Liliana Johnson, Jessica Zabawa, and Jamar Stevenson.

#### Imagination continued from Front

To close the speech, event organizers created a nod to the signature moment in the 1970's film when Willy Wonka and Charlie enter the elevator and bust through the ceiling of the factory.

Mayor Price's version was entering a makeshift platform on a forklift with the iconic Great Glass Elevator shape on the front. He was raised as high as the fork lift could take him and received enthusiastic

applause.

For more information on housing projects, retail and infrastructure, visit www. whatsnewmaricopa.com.

# Ak-Chin Youth Council host The Virtual Halloween Special

Ak-Chin Youth Council provided a unique opportunity to celebrate Halloween this year, with a Virtual Halloween Special.

October 29th, a night of frightful fun was curated for community members by Ak-Chin Youth Council for Community families to enjoy some spooky fun and contests.

Pumpkin Carving Contest: **Funniest - Jose Family** Scariest - Bowman Family

#### **Costume Contest** Ages 0-5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ezri Miguel 2<sup>nd</sup> Place DeliAnna Lewis



A screen shot submitted by Youth Council shows the virtual gathering during the Halloween Special.

Ages 6-11: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Abraham Jose 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Harlee Jose 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mason Bowman

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jasper Justin

Ages 12-17:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Alandra Machado-Arellanes

Adults: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Iris Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mercedes Rivera 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cecily Peters

#### **Ak-Chin Indian Community** Scholarship Program

#### Spring 2022 Semester Deadline:

#### **NOVEMBER 30, 2021** 5:00PM (no exceptions)

**Continuing College/University Students** (Fall to Spring)

> Submit to our Office: **Class Schedule**, **Tuition Bill. Book Costs and Official Transcripts**

**New Student Eligibility** 

**Enrolled Community Member High School Diploma or GED** Acceptance Letter from Eligible Institution

> Submit to our Office: **Full Application**









# **AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING**



# November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 5 pm - 7 pm

## **AT AK-CHIN JUSTICE COMPLEX** 45525 W. FARRELL ROAD, MARICOPA, AZ 85139

For test result information, please call (502) 559-6079

**Flu Vaccines** are available now



## Please visit the Ak-Chin Clinic or call to schedule an appointment at (520) 568-3881



The Caring House has received an update from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Five-Star Quality Rating System. In Overall Quality, TCH has moved up to 4 stars from the previous 3 star rating. In the CMS rating for Staffing, TCH remains at 5 stars. This pertains to hours of nursing care provided to each resident. In the Quality Measures rating, TCH has improved to 5 stars from 4 stars.

The Quality Measures rating uses data from long-stay and short-stay residents on a range of high-impact clinical measures such as falls, UTIs, etc., so this rating reflects quality of care for residents. Finally, TCH's Health Inspection rating has improved to 2 stars from the previous 1 star rating as a result of the 2016 survey dropping out of CMS' rating system, and the three most recent health surveys having been positive. Nursing homes with a 4 star Overall rating are considered to have above average quality.

The TCH staff has achieved significant measurable improvements during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is quite a feat and a testament to the leadership and commitment of all staff.

Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

CLOSED 11/11/2021 - VETERANS DAY CLOSED 11/25 & 26/2021 - THANKSGIVING

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255



Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

# AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS... VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

With Cecily Peters. Hasan Training

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6 PM TO 6:30 PM NOV- 3rd, 10th, 17th SATURDAY MORNINGS 9 AM TO 9:45 AM NOV - 6th, 15th, 20th

All classes taught on ZOOM. Email Health Ed for ZOOM access. Exercises for all levels. Classes are open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, & Employees.

Questions? Please contact Health Ed at (520) 568-1085, mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us or Cecily Peters at az.ha.san.fitness@gmail.com

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS.



# VIRTUAL YOGA SESSIONS

JOIN IN FROM HOME WITH ZOOM TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CLASSES OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION, WE WILL PROVIDE ZOOM INFO.

NOVEMBER DATES 2ND & 9TH QUESTIONS? CALL HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080



AT HOHOKAM PARK & MILTON "PAUL" ANTONE PARK November is Native American November 5 - 18, 2021

# Game, Right

Join us the 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month at 4 pm to find the imposter among us. Text the Library @ 520-612-1013 to register





IN MEMORY OF BUDDY

BUDDY'S READING CIRCLE Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/ Aunties & Uncles:

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PLEASE CALL MELANIE 520-568-1675 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE LIBRARY

Your child will be given a Reading Placement Tool which will take approximately 30 minutes.

# AK-CHIN FARMS

## = JOB OPENINGS

#### Farm Laborers

- tractor driver
- irrigator
- service shop
- spray tech
- sprinkler tech
  water truck driver

\*Applicant must have a valid driver license and must meet the insurance eligibility guidelines with Ak-Chin Vehicle Policy. To apply, please visit the Ak-Chin Farms at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Rd Maricopa, AZ 85138 520-568-1165

Wishes

Happy Birthday to my babies Dominic and Aiden Miguel! I love you boys to the moon and back a million times. Hope you boys have a good day and more you both deserve it! Love Mom, Dad and brothers

Happy Birthday to my son Cecil Love, Mom Happy Birthday to my grandsons Aaron, Jose, and Darnell and my granddaughters Ramona and Dallyss Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday BaPa We love you and hope you have a grand ole day!! Love your family

# NOV. 1 st - 18th EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

1-Nov Gwendolyn Lopez Early Childhood Mariah Carlyle Retail Joseph Plough Fire & Safety

3-Nov Eby Abel Maintenance Zachary Quintero Retail 8-Nov Timothy Hawk Law & Order Eddie Berzoza Sanitation

9-Nov Susan Cons Social & Health Services Cecil Peters Holly Antone Him Dak Museum

14-Nov Raychel Peters Runner Sean Sacro Law & Order

15-Nov



#### Heritage Month

The Ak-Chin Language Preservation Program has translated, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" into O'odham. You can listen to the book in O'odham by using the QR code or type in the link on your smartphone! \*QR code and link are located on Sign #1.

\*To receive a copy of the board book (English only) for your child, text the Library a picture of your child next to a Story Stroll sign to 520-612-1013



4-Nov Penny Harris Social & Health Services

7-Nov Tanner Wear Law & Order Ross Stimac EPD Fire & Safety

10-Nov Shannon Narcia Finance

11-Nov TeriLynne Kisto Human Resources

12-Nov John DePaola TGA Dwight Arthur Finance Benjamin Blankenship TGA

16-Nov Rebecca Springstroh Early Childhood

17-Nov Marilyn Velasco Health Education

1-Nov Gwendolyn Pilone Mary A. Narcia Jason Narcia Autumn Vallejos

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2-Nov Ayden Acunia-Pablo

> 3-Nov Carla Carlyle Israel Santiago Neveah Pilone Darrin Manuel

4-Nov Kahleah Delowe Siann Ugalde Rosa Merriweather Mauricio Contreras-Valles

> 5-Nov Aaron Peters, Sr. Rena Santiago

6-Nov Jose Lopez Thonya Florez Andrea Lopez

7-Nov Norma Vincent Brittney King Heaven Smith Auciana Miguel 9-Nov Mikayla Matuz Cecil Peters Malinda Ormsby Daniel Narcia

10-Nov Marquon Robles Shannon Narcia

11-Nov Ramona Narcia Erick Merriweather Ryan Merriweather Jamison Vincent

12-Nov Elissa Justin Arnulfo Arellanes-Burgos, Jr. Holly Antone Mark Pablo Nyaila Miguel

> 13-Nov Anthony Antone Darnell Peters Aaron Narcia

14-Nov Joe R. Miguel Raychel Peters Victor Bandin Hiram Ugalde 15-Nov Dominic Miguel Aiden Miguel Izaah Smith Jose White Josefina White Terrance Enos

16-Nov Carson De Paola Emeterio Luna, Jr. Leenette Soope

17-Nov Dallyss Peters Malinda Velasquez Austin Lopez

18-Nov Andi-Kiowan Santiago

19-Nov Persilia Hernandez Albertino Santiago Dallas Peters Raven Santiago Davis Garcia

20-Nov Shane Antone Ricardo DeLeon, Jr. Ronin Gloria

21-Nov Ezequiel Santiago 22-Nov Faith Batopis Morgan Peters

23-Nov Sterling Zappia Lemuel Vincent Monique White Carmen Narcia Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel Maria Peters

> 24-Nov Brian Ruelas

25-Nov Ciera Lopez

26-Nov Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe Brandon Peters Marciano Joaquin

> 27-Nov Rommel Lyons Joe Miguel, Jr. Larisa Rascon Karen Kaniatobe Richard Joaquin Kobe Santiago Joaquin Dickerson

28-Nov Brandon Thomas, Jr. Nicholas Narcia

#### 29-Nov Tashina Salcido Victor Andaverde Lee Smith

30-Nov Michael Luz Julio Gloria, IV Kylee Carlyle Lina Batopis Taylor Santigao Kateri Lopez

Happy Birthday

#### November 5 - 18, 2021

# **Little Wrestlers Pack a Big Punch**

gathered outside Ak-Chin started. Entertainment Circle to witness the Extreme Dwarfanators Tour First to battle were wrestlers Attendees were delighted with 2K21's "Baddest Lil Show", "Boom Ba" and "Lumber Jack". a plethora of classic moves as part of the Halloween Bash. Each had their groups of fans including the shoulder block Centered in the middle of the cheering them on. The referee takedown, the fireman's carry crowd was a mini wrestling would chime in periodically and the jackknife splash. Many ring foreshadowing the evening when one opponent had the of the finishing maneuvers ahead. After much anticipation, other pinned. But before he included the diving body slam the first two wrestlers of the could get to the count of three by which a wrestler climbs to night entered the ring. Each the energetic athlete would the top rope in the corner of

wrestler was escorted by a bounce back up. Other wrestler the ring and flies front first,

On the Saturday night before security guard through a tunnel names included "Good Guy", Halloween, eager crowds of fans before their match "Tucker", "Mini Fushion" and more.



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Extreme Dwarfanator wrestler "Tucker" in attack stance.

slamming onto their opponent.

After many of the wrestlers had battled and victors were proclaimed, the last match of the evening began with

their opponents, Big Rob with "Boom Ba", arrived in the same fashion and the match began. Soon a battle royal broke out and all wrestlers entered the ring. Needless to say, fans of all ages were treated to a very entertaining exhibition of athletic talents of all sizes.

In addition to the wrestling, there were jumping houses, vendors and a costume contest for the crowd to enjoy. The band, Outliers, also performed.



night to intimidate opponents.





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| :00, 4:00, 6:30 & 7:15 | 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00      |                       |
| Friday:                | Saturday:               | VENOM: LET THERE      |
| 3:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:15 | 1:00 & 4:00             | CARNAGE               |
| & 10:00                | Sunday:                 | Monday - Thursda      |
| Saturday:              | 1:00                    | 4:00, 6:15 & 8:30     |
| 2:00, 1:00, 3:30 4:30, |                         | Friday:               |
| 7:00, 8:00 & 10:30     | <b>RON'S GONE WRONG</b> | 4:00, 6:15 & 8:30     |
| Sunday:                | Monday - Thursday:      | Saturday:             |
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| & 7:00                 | Friday:                 | 10:15                 |
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