



Ak-Chin O'odham Runner

Season's Greetings!



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2021 World Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships

Story and photos by R. Peters



Ak-Chin Powerlifters (l-r): Ralston Justin, Ethan Vavages, Nikolai White, Nicholas Anderson, Garett Langmead (coach), Darrian "Billy" Justin, Davin Garcia and Jody Compos.

The World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters (WABDL) had to relocate their 2021 World Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships, originally scheduled to be held in Reno, Nevada. WABDL said they were very fortunate to proceed with this year's Worlds at the Sheraton Phoenix Crescent Hotel, October 31-November 3, 2021.

Once WABDL was able to secure a location, they wanted to ensure a good turnout. Although, they had to scramble to make this major event happen, there was a decent turn out, with competitors from across the country, with lifters coming from as far as Hawaii to participate.

Ak-Chin's Powerlifting team was eager to compete in front of a hometown crowd and did extremely well, dominated in the 2021 Worlds. Ak-Chin had five out of the newly created 7-man team placing first in all three categories; bench, deadlift and push-pull.

Ak-Chin Powerlifters team includes Ak-Chin members; Nikolai White, Darrian "Billy" Justin, Nicholas Anderson, Ralston Justin and new team lifter Davin Garcia; along with Ethan Vavages and new lifter Jody Compos.

Ak-Chin Powerlifters showed up bright and early on Sunday October 31 for their first sessions. They had great

numbers coming from their bench lifts and were more than ready for the next event.

Unfortunately, they were then challenged with a 2-hour delay. The team helped one another stay alert and stay in the zone for the deadlift. All in all, the team did very well keeping one another pumped up for the deadlift event by supporting and encouraging through the last sessions.

Each event had a series of three runs or attempts, after each successful attempt more weight would be added. If lifters successfully completed all three attempts they were given a fourth attempt. Once all lifters completed their final sessions scores were tallied and winners were announced.

It was a long and exhausting day for the lifters, but it was a great experience for the spectators as they could see the energy of each lifter when it was their turn. Teammates and coaches would help motivate upcoming lifters with encouraging shouts, chants and body slaps to get hyped up. There was an occasional sniff of ammonia to clear their nose and pull in more oxygen, allowing for them to breathe faster, increase their heart rate and release adrenaline.

During every Ak-Chin lift you could see teammates and coach Garett Langmead on the side giving an encouraging

word, ensuring his lifters were ready and making sure their scores were tallied correctly.

All members of the Ak-Chin team were ready to break their personal best records and bring home medals.

"As a team our goal was to be able to compete and beat our old personal records, set new records and to get our names in the record books for Arizona." Team leader Nikolai White shared.

On Halloween evening, Team Ak-Chin did just that!

In addition to breaking their old records and setting new ones, Ak-Chin Powerlifters came out to the competition to get more recognition in the powerlifting community as well as other native communities.

They would also like to open more doors to older and younger people that might be interested in lifting weights or would like to become part of the team.

"Ak-Chin is the largest native group in AZ that we know of, we know there are native lifters, but mostly solo. I think we are the only native team." Nikolai stated.

Now that they have accomplished what they had set for themselves at this year's WABDL Worlds, Ak-Chin



Meet Ak-Chin's Purchased/Referred Care team PRC Manager Connie Miguel and Temp Assistant Dannon Peters.

Connie is excited to announce that effective January 01, 2022, the Ak-Chin Indian Community (ACIC) will begin to manage the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) referrals for eligible Ak-Chin Members and Beneficiaries. And working closely with the Gila River PRC team for a seamless transition.

You will find additional PRC educational information in Ak-Chin Member Social Media, mailouts and Ak-Chin Runner home deliveries.

Effective 1/1/2022, Emergency Notification phone number is 520.568.1088.

For additional questions, or if you wish to participate in the Ak-Chin Purchased/Referred Care program, please contact the ACIC PRC department at 520.568.1055, Or email acicprc@ak-chin.nsn.us to schedule an appointment.

Today marks one year since the first COVID-19 vaccine doses reached Arizona

By Don Herrington | December 14th, 2021

One year ago today, Governor Ducey announced that Arizona had received its first doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

With safe, free, and highly effective COVID-19 vaccines readily available these days at retail pharmacies, doctors' offices, and community clinics, it seems long, long ago when the vaccine supply was extremely limited and the first doses were reserved for frontline healthcare workers.

On Dec. 16, 2020, our former director, Dr. Cara Christ, held an event at which nurses, doctors, and paramedics received the first doses of COVID-19 vaccine in Arizona. You can see the video here. Each of the participants shared why he or she was getting vaccinated, including Regina Villa, a Valleywise Health nurse manager who was the first.

"I'm getting the vaccine to help put a stop to this virus," Villa said. "I'm getting the vaccine to protect myself and my family, my co-workers at Valleywise Health, my patients, and to help us get back to living lives hugging each other and loving each other."

In the months that followed, millions of Arizonans rolled up their sleeves at locations including state-run vaccination sites that administered 1.6 million doses. Today, 64% of Arizonans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and nearly 4 million have been fully vaccinated. Of those eligible

for vaccination in Arizona, 67.8% have received at least one dose.

Today, everyone ages 5 and older is now eligible for a lifesaving jab. And those 16 and older who are fully vaccinated are now encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose to ensure that their protection is up to date.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to prove their value. We recently reported that in October people who weren't vaccinated were 15.2 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those who are fully vaccinated.

Even with the progress during the past year and success of the vaccines, hard work remains to persuade one out of three eligible Arizonans that it is in their best interest and the best interest of their families, friends, and communities to get vaccinated. While vaccinations have picked up since the summer surge began, our hospitals are straining to care for COVID-19 patients, the vast majority of whom are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated.

Perhaps one way to move forward is remembering the excitement of that day one year ago when the first vaccines in Arizona gave us all hope of finally bringing COVID-19 to heel. Life has improved in many ways because of the protection offered by COVID-19 vaccines, and it can continue improving if we are all in this together.

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Parks & Rec looks Merry & Bright



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation sets out to create sparkling "light up the village" this year, with their recreation building a park landscape. They have also encouraged community homes and departments to get in the spirit with contests happening next week.

Departments set up for the Light up the Village celebration

Photos by Runner Staff



Employees take time to set up their decorative stations at Milton Antone Memorial Park for the upcoming holiday celebration.



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. Please remember for Emergencies DIAL 911.



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

ENJOY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AND PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES | COVID-19 |

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/this-holiday-season.pdf>

The best way to keep your family and friends safe is to get vaccinated.



Wear a mask in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated, have a weakened immune system, are in an area of high transmission.



Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.



If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend gatherings.



Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated.




www.cdc.gov/coronavirus



Attention to: All Community Members, Non-members and Residents

Past Due Fines

If you are delinquent on your fines, or if you are unsure if you have any fines.

Please contact the courts at earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Ak-Chin Indian Community

Past Due fines will be sent to Valley Collection Agency

You can avoid any of the above collections by the following:

- You may come to the court to make payment arrangements and you must be consistent on your payments.
- You may come to the court to dispute the matter and request a hearing.

Address: 45525 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139 • Phone: (520) 568-1385 • Fax: (520) 568-1386



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE 2022 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2022 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
 (staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
 The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.
 Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 21, 2022. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 17, 2021.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 21, 2022.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
 *Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon former payments received by January 3, 2022.

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30TH



Elder December Breakfast/Lunch Menu

December 20 - Ground steak, scrambled eggs, toast, grapes, juice / Ground Beef Burrito, Zucchini, Corn, Fruit Cocktail	December 28 - ground beef & green chili scrambled eggs with cheese, diced potatoes, tortilla, sliced apples, juice / Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Blueberry Cobbler
December 21 - Cream of wheat, boiled eggs, biscuit, cottage cheese & peaches, cereal, milk / Soup & Sandwich, Apples-Oranges	December 29 - Chorizo & eggs, beans, diced potatoes, tortilla, fruit, juice / Ribs, Bake Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Rings w/ Cottage Cheese
December 22 - Bacon & egg burrito, grapes, granola bar, juice / Tamales, Rice & Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Peppermint Cake	December 30 - Blueberry pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, juice / Pozole, Rolls, Brownie Parfait
December 23 - CLOSED	December 31 - CLOSED
December 24 - CLOSED	
December 27 - Oatmeal, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, yogurt, milk / Cabbage Stew, Normandy Vegetables, Wax Beans, Biscuits, Tropical Fruit	

Happy Holidays

** Some items may change without notice **

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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 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.

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DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the January 7 - 20, 2022 issue is due by **THURSDAY DECEMBER 30TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **THURSDAY DECEMBER 30TH**

Material submitted after the **DECEMBER 30TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

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Powerlifters will possibly get a chance to enjoy the holidays and then get back to work on preparing for their next event. Their goal is to go to the APF Shamrock Showdown in Troutdale, Oregon on March 12.

Nikolai ended by giving thanks, "I would like to give a big thank you to our sponsors, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Lemuel Vincent and Maricopa Recycle Today, it really means a lot to us."



Nikolai White (single ply)
Bench - 474 1st place (state record)
Deadlift - 684 1st place.
Push pull total - 1,158
1st in 308 weight class Jr men 20-25



Billy Justin
Bench - 325 1st place in super heavy weight
Deadlift - 540 1st place in super heavyweight
Push pull total - 880 1st place in super heavy weight



Ethan Vavages
Bench - 265 2nd place in Jr men 20-25
Deadlift - 501 2nd place Jr men 20-25 weight class 259, Push pull total - 766 2nd place



Nick Anderson
Bench - 192 1st place (state record)
Deadlift - 413 1st place (state record)
Push pull total - 605 (state record)
1st place teen men 18-19 weight class 259



Ralston Justin
Bench - 242 1st place (state record)
Deadlift - 435 1st place (state record)
Push pull - 677 1st place (state record)
1st place teen men 16-17 weight class 275



Davin Garcia
Bench - 198 2nd place (state record)
Deadlift - 425 2nd place (state record)
Push pull - 632 2nd place (state record)
2nd place in Jr men 20-25 "weight class 220"



Jody Compos
Bench - 242 1st place (state record)
Deadlift - 435 1st place (state record)
Push pull - 680 1st place (state record)
1st place Jr men 20-25 weight class 220

2021 Masik Tas/ Christmas Celebration

MONDAY - DECEMBER 20, 2021
3:00 - 8:00PM
MILTON "PAUL" ANTONE PARK

Masik Tas Activities:
Wood Chopping Contest - 3:00pm
Popover Contest - 4:00pm
Menudo Contest - 6:00pm
(12:00pm Registration for ALL contests)

Department Tree Decorating Contest
6:00-7:00pm

Tree Lighting/Remarks
6:30pm

Dinner Service
7:00pm

Pictures with Santa/Toys For Tots
7:00pm

Other Activities

- Polar Express
- Skating Rink
- Hot Cocoa & Coffee Station
- Cookie Deco Kits
- Take Home Crafts
- Giant Games

Sanitation Holiday Schedule						
December 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Trash Pick Up		Recycling Pick Up	Trash Pick Up	Ak-Chin's Masik Tas Holiday	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Trash Pick Up		Recycling Pick Up	Trash Pick Up	Christmas Day Holiday (Observed)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Trash Pick Up		Recycling Pick Up	Trash Pick Up		New Year's Day Holiday (Observed)	

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH NO DECISION FROM THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT ON PINAL COUNTY'S VOTER APPROVED ½ CENT SALES TAX FOR CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Florence, AZ, December 10, 2021

In November of 2017, the voters of Pinal County approved a sales tax to address the need for new, expanded and upgraded transportation corridors and public transportation programs throughout Pinal County.

Pinal Regional Transportation Authority readies to launch \$672 million voter authorized program in Pinal County.

The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority representing 11 government entities across Pinal County has been actively working since December of 2017 to prepare for a successful launch of the \$672 million voter-approved 20-year regional transportation plan. The Authority has worked diligently to put in place the plans and necessary Intergovernmental Agreements that will allow our local governments to carry out the direction of the Pinal County voters pending a favorable ruling from the Arizona Supreme Court. These agreements are fully enacted and ready for implementation.

Since April of 2018, Pinal County residents and visitors alike have funded upwards of \$75 million towards the voters' mandated

roadway projects and public transportation programs, with approximately \$2 million more being collected each month. While awaiting the decision by the Arizona Supreme Court, all collected funds continue to be frozen in escrow and unavailable for use for these critical needs. Furthermore, as time continues to pass, inflationary pressures continue to increase the costs of each of these projects and programs.

With each passing day voters ask about the status of their sales tax funds. It is impossible to refund those taxes to the taxpayers who paid the taxes.

It has been a year to the day that the Arizona Supreme Court heard this case. Deciding the case expeditiously will allow the taxes to be used for the county-wide projects and programs the voters authorized.

Additional information about the plan is available on the PRTA website, at <https://pinalrta.org/>

CONTACT PERSON: Andrea Robles, PRTA Executive Director, telephone (480) 474-9300.



Happy Holidays from the Child Development Department!!!

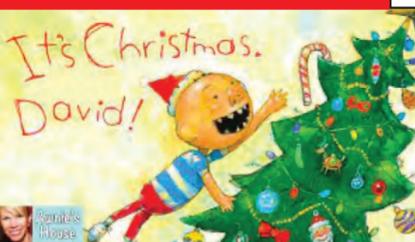
Ages & Stages

"While all children develop differently, it helps to know if they are meeting typical milestones and how you can support their healthy development and learning."

~First Things First

Follow the Ages & Stages link above to discover resources for a better understanding of typical development for children ages birth to 5 years old.

Christmas Story time



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLCmTh5FB2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIJX-jgSz-w>

Children's Play is More than meets the eye!

It has often been said, "Why send my child to preschool, when all they do is just play all day?" Don't underestimate the value of play. Well-trained teaching staff use specific play activities to support children in all areas of their development. Click the link above to learn more about how to support your child's play at home.

Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules—to name just a few. Researchers study play's many aspects: how children learn through play, how outdoor play impacts children's health, the effects of screen time on play, to the need for recess in the school day.

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

Family Resources

<http://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/birth-five-helpline/>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/lice-home-remedies#what-to-avoid>

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/all-ages/literacy>

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog/few-thoughts-separation-anxiety>

<https://www.parents.com/recipes/nutrition/picky-eater-strategies/>

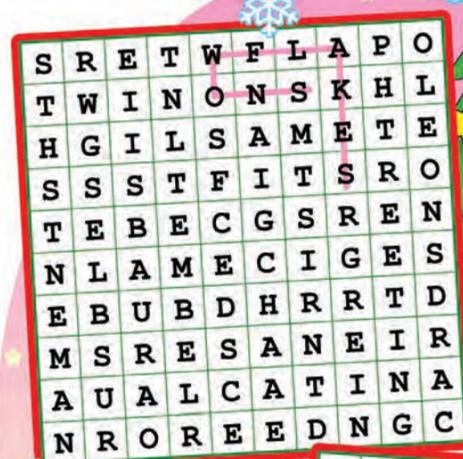
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QUESTIONS?
CALL US AT 520-568-1675



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



- BAUBLES
- CANDY CANE
- CAROLS
- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- DECEMBER
- ELVES
- GIFTS
- GINGERBREAD
- GREETING CARDS
- HOLLY

- MISTLETOE
- NORTH POLE
- NUTCRACKER
- ORNAMENTS
- POINSETTIA
- REINDEER
- ROBIN
- SANTA CLAUS
- SNOWFLAKES
- SNOWMAN
- TOY FACTORY
- WINTER



Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.



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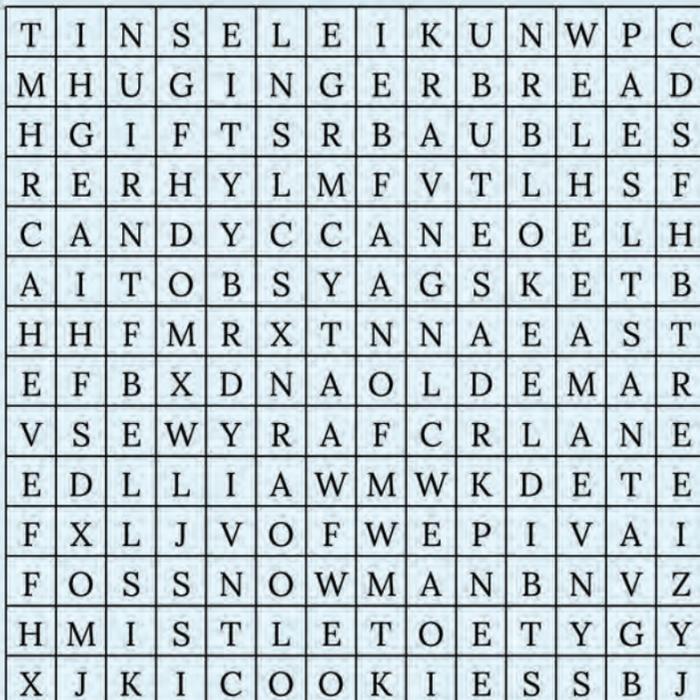
Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596.



CHRISTMAS

word search puzzle

Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.



- BAUBLE
- ORNAMENTS
- HOLLY
- ELF
- SANTA
- SNOWMAN
- EVE
- GIFTS
- CANDLE
- BELLS

- COOKIES
- TINSEL
- MISTLETOE
- TREE
- GINGERBREAD
- SNOWFLAKES
- STOCKING
- ANGEL
- CANDY CANE
- WREATH

Puzzle answers will be revealed in the next issue.

IN MEMORY OF BUDDY

**BUDDY'S
READING CIRCLE**

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/
Aunties & Uncles:

Do you have or know any 2nd and 3rd graders
who need some extra help with reading?



**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.
*Open to Ak-Chin Members and Residents.

FINISH THIS YEAR STRONG
**LET'S GO!!
AGAIN...**

Retry or redo your favorite virtual run!

**Missed an event? Forgot to submit a virtual
run? Liked a certain event shirt and would like
another? Here is your opportunity to earn past
event incentives! Submit at least a mile and
earn a chance to receive in-stock inventory
from 2020-2021 events.**

**Submit 1 Mile Virtual Walk/Run from
December 11th - December 27th**

**If interested please email Health Education.
No registration required. Open to Ak-Chin Members,
Residents, and Employees & their families.**

Questions? Please contact Health Education at (520) 568-1085



Employee Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 12/1 - Kimberly Vincent, <i>Transit</i> | 12/20 - Jeanette Santos, <i>Law & Order</i> |
| 12/2 - Lindsey Valles, <i>Fire & Safety</i> | 12/21 - Micky Moull, <i>EPD</i> |
| 12/5 - Justine Peters, <i>Runner</i> | 12/22 - Heidi Hinz, <i>Maintenance</i> |
| 12/7 - Evelyn Justin,
<i>Him Dak Museum</i> | 12/23 - Bartholomew Smith,
<i>Community Manager</i> |
| 12/8 - Francesco Betro, <i>Fire & Safety</i> | 12/24 - Velacita Lopez, <i>Cultural</i> |
| 12/9 - Leo Lewis, <i>Maintenance</i> | 12/24 - David Peters, <i>Retail</i> |
| 12/9 - Florinda Peters,
<i>Him Dak Museum</i> | 12/26 - Johnnie Traughber,
<i>Law & Order</i> |
| 12/11 - Desirae Antone, <i>Maintenance</i> | 12/28 - Bernardina Gonzalez,
<i>Parks & Recreation</i> |
| 12/11 - Guadalupe Gloria,
<i>Early Childhood</i> | 12/29 - Mary Zepeda, <i>TGA</i> |
| 12/12 - Carlo Moreno, <i>Fire & Safety</i> | 12/29 - Kathleen Miguel, <i>Maintenance</i> |
| 12/13 - Morgan Trevino, <i>Law & Order</i> | 12/31 - Mercedes Rivera,
<i>Community Government</i> |
| 12/14 - Richard Huff,
<i>Probation Officer</i> | |
| 12/14 - Hector Soliz, <i>Sanitation</i> | |
| 12/15 - Lucy Flores, <i>Maintenance</i> | |
| 12/16 - Maria Carlyle-Zepeda, <i>Finance</i> | |
| 12/16 - Kenneth Kingsland, <i>Retail</i> | |
| 12/17 - Leslie Lewis-Manuel, <i>TGA</i> | |
| 12/18 - Bianca Valenzuela, <i>Retail</i> | |
| 12/19 - Manuel Peters, <i>EPD</i> | |
| 12/19 - Richard Kindred, <i>TGA</i> | |
| 12/20 - Collette Susunkewa, <i>Finance</i> | |
| 12/20 - Roni Zappia, <i>Maintenance</i> | |

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| 1/1/22 - Timothy Nanstiel, <i>TGA</i> |
| 1/3 - Johnny Ramirez, <i>EPD</i> |
| 1/5 - Christopher Beginski, <i>Fire & Safety</i> |
| 1/5 - Andrew Jimenez, <i>Sanitation</i> |
| 1/5 - DelRoy Narcia, <i>Security Guard</i> |
| 1/6 - Jose Miguel, <i>Sanitation</i> |
| 1/6 - Henrietta Rubio, <i>Law & Order</i> |
| 1/7 - Gabriel Pablo, <i>IS</i> |
| 1/7 - Wayne Allison, <i>Law & Order</i> |

Wishes

**Happy 13th Birthday
Tyler Peters**
*I am thankful for you as my
tall kid. Always laughing at me
when I can't reach something.
I can always hear your laugh
when you are not around. Your
brothers and I love you. Have
a wonderful day my Puppet
Master.*

**Happy 21st Birthday Bianca!!
Love Goddaddy and Godmama**
*Happy Birthday to
my son Manuel
Love, Mom*

**Happy Birthday to my
grandsons Aiden, David
Jr. and Kyle and my
granddaughters Serenity,
Sabrina,
Jersey and Aubrey
Love, Grandma**

**Happy 10th Birthday
Aubrey Renee**
*We hope you have lots of fun
and enjoy yourself on your
special day!!*
Love, Bapa and Luma

December 2021 - January 7th, 2022

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| December 1st
Kayla Valisto
Aurora Peters
Raven Vallejos
Kendra Smith
Rebecca Stephens-Rodas | December 8th
Odelia Stephens
Xavier White | December 16th
Lisa Vincent-Carlyle
Raven Humeyumptewa
Maria Carlyle-Zepeda
Tyler Peters
Maxine Antone | December 24th
Velacita Lopez
David Peters Jr.
Kyle Peters |
| December 2nd
Victor Vincent
Lindsey Valles
Duane Antone
Clarence Enos
Marcus Peters
Candice Antone
Dale Narcia | December 9th
Corey Allison
Angelica Antone
Terry Santiago
Florinda Peters
Leo Lewis Jr. | December 17th
Lita Yarberry
Leslie Lewis-Manuel
James Compton | December 25th
Serenity Villegas
Arrow Santiago
David Manuel Sr.
Danny Vincent |
| December 3rd
Arlene Manuel | December 10th
Alverna Flores
Gloria Narcia
Alex Antone | December 18th
Justin Humeyumptewa
Ralston Justin
Sarina Smith
Bianca Valenzuela
Josie Hernandez | December 26th
Angela Trenado
Andrew Pinheiro
December 27th
Orlando Lewis
Erica Oliver |
| December 4th
Valerie Velasquez
Archer Anderson
Analita Laborin
Bren Valisto
Destinee Peters | December 11th
Desirae Antone
Guadalupe Gloria
Malinda Pete
Alejandro Maldonado Jr.
Andrew Humeyumptewa | December 19th
Manuel Peters | December 28th
Sabrina Sam
Jersey Peters
Javier Zepeda
Julianna Orona
Bernadina Gonzalez |
| December 5th
Erica Trejo
Drevyn Antone-Silas
Justine Peters | December 12th
Elvera Stephens
Gina Lewis
Zoe Gardner | December 20th
Collette Susunkewa
Lanna Lewis
Roni Zappia | December 29th
Kathleen Miguel
Aubrey Lozano
Abel Lewis |
| December 6th
Dena Romo
Virginia Castro
Richard Joaquin | December 13th
Joseph Kaniatobe
Phillip Joaquin
Tristianna Antone
Adeline Thomas
Arie Deleon | December 21st
Adrian Romo
Aiden Peters
Elijah Narcia
Eileen Pinheiro | December 30th
Bernadette Carra
Lee Miguel
Renita Machado
Christopher Lewis |
| December 7th
Sarlya Miranda
Joseph Manuel
Omarion White
Evelyn Justin
Monica Murrietta
Danya Lopez | December 14th
Kiandry Jacuinde-Miranda
Channel Antone | December 22nd
Volincia Pablo
Manuel Rodriguez
Candida Upton
Nicolas Olivias | December 31st
Mercedes Rivera-Lopez |
| | December 15th
Angelica Salas-Vargas
Janice Perez | December 23rd
Yyondrez Antone
Bartholomew Smith | |

2022

- January 1st**
Duane Narcia
- January 2nd**
Jolene Campbell
Azlynn Carra
- January 4th**
Jaianna Pitone
Stephen Narcia
Skyler Luna
Alexandra Osife
- January 5th**
Joseph Pitone
DelRoy Narcia
- January 6th**
Yolanda Melero-Moroyoqui
Joseph Narcia
Jose Miguel, Sr.
Heaven Coble
- January 7th**
Brandon Smith
Gabriel Pablo
Kevin Villegas

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE Team Members Prepare and Serve Box Lunches to Veterans Who Attend Maricopa Veterans Day Parade



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE team members prepared and served box lunches to Veterans who attended the Maricopa Veterans Day parade.

the culinary team prepared 300 box lunches that SALUTE team members served to Veterans who attended the Maricopa Veterans Day parade. The SALUTE Business Impact Group creates awareness and offers support for all community Veterans and active military as well as the organization's 30+ Veteran team members.

The Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE Business Impact Group 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 member-based 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.

MARICOPA, Ariz. – Dec. 15, 2021) – Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, long-known for its corporate giving and community support, donated to the Maricopa Veterans Day parade. In addition to providing prizes for Veterans,

The Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE Business Impact

WE ARE HIRING

COME JOIN TEAM FUN

Cook
HR Coordinator
Audit Clerk

Porter
Dishwasher
Facilities/Maintenance

Contact Laurie at HR@Ak-ChinCircle.com

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Dec. 20 - Jan 2

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PLAY-WIN GameCenter

MOVIE RELEASES

- 12/10 West Side Story
- 12/17 Spider-Man No Way Home
- 12/22 Sing 2
- 12/22 The Matrix: Resurrections
- 12/25 A Journal For Jordan

2022 SOFT DRINK POPCORN PASS

AVAILABLE NOW

2022 PASS \$30

2022 PASS \$40

CHERRY PIE

DECEMBER 17

IN THEATERS DECEMBER 17

WIN A PRIVATE SCREENING #SPIDERMANNOWAYHOME

- Visit our Facebook Page @Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center
- Find the #SPIDERMANNOWAYHOME Post
- Tag five friends and share
- Winner will be announced December 13
- Winner will be able to bring up to 25 friends

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT OR PARTY FOR 2022

For more information, Contact Riva at (520) 233-2445 RQuintana@Ak-ChinCircle.com

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MEET SANTA

IN THE AK-CHIN CIRCLE LOBBY

December 18 - 19
6PM - 8PM

Winter RAFFLE

EVERY \$20 SPENT IN 10 PINS = 1 RAFFLE TICKET OR PURCHASE 1 TICKET FOR \$10

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 22nd

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO DECEMBER 2021

CAESARS REWARDS.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h2>ANNIVERSARY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</h2> <p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 8AM - 11:59PM • PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS</p> <p>RECEIVE A 5X, 7X, 10X, OR EVEN 25X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER!</p>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PARM HOLIDAY SERVEWARE SET GIVEAWAY*	DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE GIFT SHOP	JOSH TURNER CONCERT REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	1 MILLION REWARD CREDIT HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE	REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	STAY IN THE HOTEL TO ENJOY THE HEATED OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL AND SPAS	REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	ENHANCE A TREATMENT WITH THIS MONTH'S SPA SPECIAL, GINGERSNAP SCRUB.	5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	GET HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT THE GIFT SHOP	JACKPOT WINNERS CIRCLE FINALE DRAWING REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	CATCH A COMPLIMENTARY RIDE TO AND FROM THE PROPERTY	REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	UNWRAP YOUR TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER
29	30	31	<h2>NEW YEAR'S 2022</h2> <p>SAVE THE DATE December 31, 2021</p>			
MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	MARTHA STEWART® KITCHEN SET GIVEAWAY	RETURN YOUR TABLE GAMES CHIPS BEFORE THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 FOR FULL REFUND	PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER			

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