



Ak-Chin Youth Council Inauguration



2023-2024 Ak-Chin Youth Council gather to celebrate their Inauguration Ceremony, October 7.

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

Look out Ak-Chin the 2023-2024 newly elected Ak-Chin Youth Council officers have been sworn in! On October 7th, the Ak-Chin Youth Council held their Inauguration Ceremony at the Ak-Chin Service Center.

Joseph Davis, Youth Council Coordinator started the night with welcoming remarks before introducing current Youth Council President, Daria Garcia who did the blessing.

Doria Garcia delivered an emotional speech that brought some in the audience to tears.

Doria reflected on the highlights and hurdles she faced serving on the youth council and how grateful she was for the opportunity and the connections she made.

Dennis Antone who served as youth council president from 2017 -2019, sung a song and talked about his time with the youth council.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Judge Kyle Fields of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The members sworn in were as follows:

At-Large Members

- Owen Santiago
- Nyaila Miguel
- Jesus Corella Jr.
- Zachary Garcia
- Horacio Corella
- Daria Garcia

2023-2024 Officers

- President – Haedin De Paola
- Vice-President – Zaida Soliz
- Secretary – Mylauni Antone
- Treasurer – Celeste Gloria
- Male HS Rep – Draven Soliz
- Female HS Rep – Auciana Miguel
- Female Middle School Rep – Stella Miguel

Vice President Zaida Soliz and President Haedin De Paola both gave speeches expressing their hopes for the future as new youth council officers.

Doria Garcia and Haedin De Paola shared a hug and a private exchange of words as Garcia handed De Paola the youth council staff symbolizing the passing of the torch as De Paola is now the new president.

Ak-Chin Council Member Lisa Garcia and Chairman Robert Miguel were in attendance for the ceremony as well.

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John Janzen and Shauna Rae Brown

Department Profile: GIS

Story by Tyaun Marshburn, photo submitted

Have you ever driven passed the department and thought to yourself, “What do they do?”

Well, located at 45710 W Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139, the Ak-Chin GIS department is responsible for a lot of the behind-the-scenes things that make the growth of Ak-Chin a success.

Established in 1998, GIS is the use of computer hardware and software to store information. They manage geographical data, analyze boundaries, utilities, zoning and make maps for other departments.

Through the use of a tool called Survey-grade GPS, they can

record or identify the location of something down to a centimeter.

For example, this is important for the Water Operations department, if they need the exact location of a water valve to isolate a leak in the water main.

Another vital function of the GIS department is to locate property boundaries. For instance, if a resident would like to build a fence around their property, the GIS department will use GPS and metal detectors to find the iron stakes in the ground that represent the property corners.

The GIS department also creates web maps for employees to locate things like addresses,

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Indigenous People’s Day Phx Fest 2023



Las Calakas

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

Cahokia PHX announced its second annual Indigenous Peoples’ Day Phx Fest to take place on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Margaret T. Hance Park. The official Launch Party took place on October 4th, with Local Matriarch and the Phoenix Art Museum.

On Saturday October 7th, the award-winning documentary “Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting” was shown as part of the Indigenous

film screenings presented by Cahokia Phx and Indie Film Fest.

The main event happened on Monday October 9th, organizers anticipated around 5,000 people to attend, as there was truly something for everyone.

They had the Inaugural Sacred Cycle for Life bike tour, Skateboard competition, community zone featuring valley partners the Phoenix Suns and an Indigenous pop-up market featuring

over 120 Indigenous artisans and food vendors.

One vendor that stuck out to me was Frybread Cosmetics. I was drawn in by two palettes that sat on display. One read “She all Rez” and the other reading “She’s All Tradish” upon further observation I noticed all the items had fun creative names.

I had the pleasure of speaking with the founder Shundine Suazo.

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Ak-Chin Community contributes positive impacts of Super Bowl LVII



LVII Superbowl Sponsors-Committee (l-r): Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Jay Parry, Michael Bidwill, Governor Katie Hobbs, David Rousseau, Lisa Urias, Sandra Watson, and Tohono O’odham Nation Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson.

Story By Alexa Key, photo submitted

PHOENIX, AZ – From a Press Release by the Arizona Super Bowl LVII Host Committee.

October 4, 2023 the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee announced that Super Bowl LVII generated \$1.3 billion total economic activity or gross output for Arizona.

A total of \$726.1 million in contribution to Arizona gross domestic product according to the independent study conducted by the L. William Seidman Research Institute at W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University.

“Arizona is the premier destination for major events because of the unmatched support by local and state leaders, the indigenous communities, businesses and the hospitality industry,” said David Rousseau, Salt River Project president and Arizona Super Bowl

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Elders stay busy making wreaths



On Wednesday, October 18, Ak-Chin Elder Center hosted a Wreath Making class led by Marissa Antone, Elder Program Assistant. Elders Bernadette White (above) and Connie Santiago (below) enjoyed listening to music and visiting while working on their fall-themed wreaths.





Capital Projects Presentation

**Thursday
October 26, 2023
12 noon**

**Location:
Ak-Chin Elder Center
Dining Room**

**If you have any questions,
call the Elder Center at
520-568-1760**

ELDER PICTURE DAY!

Come in with your Sunday best on and get your picture taken!

**Thursday
October 26, 2023
10 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Location
Elder Center**

Prepare for the upcoming respiratory virus season

By Eugene Livar | October 4th, 2023

As summer comes to an end and fall and winter approach, respiratory illnesses are also headed our way. There are three well-known respiratory viruses that spread more during this season as well as common cold viruses:

- The flu
- COVID-19
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV)

The new respiratory season began on Oct. 1 and cases of flu, RSV, and COVID-19 are likely to begin increasing over the next few weeks.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s new forecasting site is predicting this upcoming respiratory virus season will have similar numbers as last season, with higher than normal numbers of flu and RSV.

The good news is there are steps you can take to help protect yourself and your loved ones against respiratory viruses.

One of the most effective ways you can protect yourself is to get vaccinated. There are updated vaccines available for all three respiratory virus illnesses for the 2023 to 2024 year.

Call ahead to your health care provider or local pharmacy to ensure they have the flu and latest COVID-19 vaccine in stock. For RSV vaccines for adults, please make an appointment with your health care provider.

More ways you can stay healthy this season:

- Stay up to date on vaccinations.
- Stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information please visit: <https://directorsblog.health.azdhs.gov/>

HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Open to all homes in Ak-Chin Community



Prizes awarded in the following categories:
 Best Overall Presentation
 Best Lighting-Effects
 Best Overall Theme
 Scariest Theme
 Cutest Theme

**Judging will be take place October 29th-30th.
 Winners will be announced November 3rd.
 If you would like to enter the contest please submit name
 and home address to the Runner, by phone: 520-568-1375
 or email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us**

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

OCTOBER ELDER MENU BREAKFAST & LUNCH

20 Breakfast Casserole, Toast, Avocado Slices, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese | Red Chili Stew, Green Beans, Carrots, Chumuth, Tropical Fruit

23 Scrambled Eggs, TexMex Potatoes, Corn Tortilla Quesadilla, Fruit | Posole w/ Hominy, Shredded Cabbage, Diced Onion & Lime, Asparagus, Wheat/ White Roll, Pumpkin Roll, Plum

24 Rice Pudding, Boiled Eggs, Bacon, Raisin Toast, Fruit | Crusted Tilapia or Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Wild Rice, Peaches

25 Sausage & Egg Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Salad, Turnover | Philly Cheese Steak, Stuffed Red Pepper, Normandy Vegetables, Lima Beans, Cantaloup

26 Veggie scrambled, Toast, Fruit Cup, Scone | Spinach Stuffed Chicken, Sweet Potato/Potato, Brown Rice, Jell-O/Orange

27 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana, Granola Bar | Bean or Chicken Tostada, Broccoli, Corn, Mandarin Oranges

30 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie | Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Romain Salad, Sweet Potato/Potato, Wheat/White Rolls, Pears

31 Bread Pudding, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Mix Berries | Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on The Cob, Pumpkin or Apple Pie, Fresh Apples

Menu subject to change without notice

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day & Dedication and Blessing of the New Feast House



Please join us as we celebrate this joyous and beautiful day!

**Saturday
October 21, 2023
10:00am to 2:30pm**

Mass at 10:00am
 Followed by procession of St. Francis to feast house & **blessing and dedication of new feast house.**

Lunch at 12:00 - 2:00pm
 Procession of St. Francis back to the church at 2:30 pm





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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.

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NEXT DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the Nov. 3 - 16, 2023 issue is due by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

Material submitted after the **OCTOBER 27TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

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aerial photography and utilities. They create the routes for events like the Glow Run and assist in preplanning for major Community events like Masik Tas.

This is one of the smaller departments in Ak-Chin consisting of only two employees, John Janzen, GIS specialist and Shauna Rae Brown, GIS technician, who fall under the director of Perry Vettrano, Capital Projects Director.

The GIS employees said what they love about their job is that no days are the same.

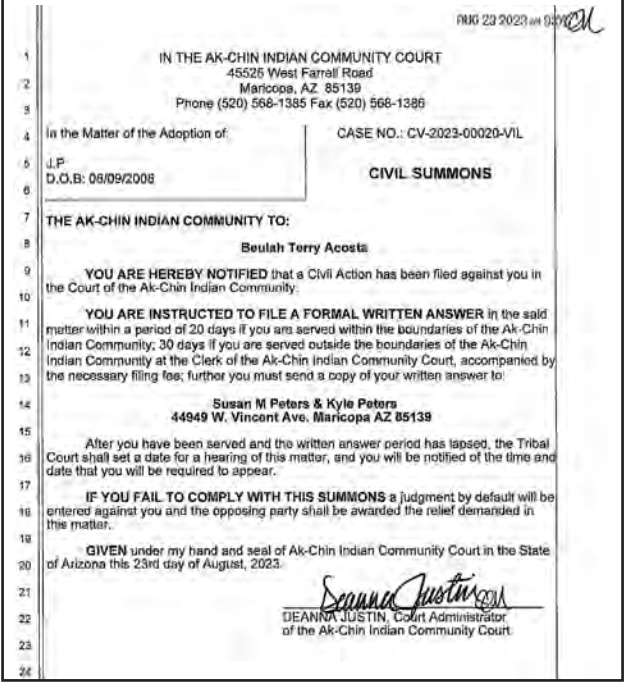
Their hope for the

future is to see more kids in the community take an interest in maps.

Maps are important in everyday life, whether it's showing you the best route to get to a store in town or displaying how much a town has evolved, they play a major role in the world.

"We're essentially making Google maps but doing it on an Ak-Chin level." - John Janzen

GIS Day is November 15th, so be sure to create a map with a friend to promote geography awareness.



Community enjoys 2023 Super Hero 5K & 2-Mile

Story and photos by Runner Staff



On Saturday, September 16, 102 participants headed out early to Ak-Chin Service Center for the Annual Super Hero 5k/2m event hosted by Ak-Chin Health Education.

It was a great morning for the run/walk that took participants around the center and pecan trees as well as south on the farm field roads for the 5k runners.

Once everyone had signed up and received raffle tickets and Super Hero swag, they joined their Super Hero comrades and away they went.

Some came through speeding by fast as lightning, and others where just strolling along



while they did a good stretch with their legs.

Here are the top finishers, who were all awarded gift cards for their super hero efforts.

- Top Male Finishers:**
1. Lorenzo Holcomb
 2. Leon Potter
 3. Albertino Santiago

- Top Female Finishers:**
1. Sarah Zabawa
 2. Nicole Delma
 3. America Rodriguez

Ak-Chin Health Education would like to send a special thank you to our partnering departments for helping us with our events- Ak-Chin Farms, Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Vekol Market, Ak-Chin Runner Newspaper, Waylon Antone, and our temp employee Delia Carlyle.

Thank you to all our participants that joined us early on Saturday morning!

We appreciate your continued participation and we hope to see you at our next event.



2023 Veterans Day Parade



Our theme this year is Welcome Home. Welcome home to all Veterans, no matter when you served or when you returned.

However, there is one group of Veterans, the Vietnam-Era Veterans, who were never properly welcomed home by the nation. In fact, these men and women were scorned and treated as traitors rather than heroes. Society as a whole was certainly unable and unwilling to receive these men and women with the support and understanding they needed, deserved, and earned.

It was just over 50 years ago, January 1973, when the Paris Peace Accords officially ended the US involvement in

the Vietnam War. Our military was gone from the region by August of that year.

This year, 50 years after the last troops came home from Southeast Asia, we are especially welcoming home all Vietnam-Era Veterans by honoring them as the Distinguished Veterans of 2023.

If you have a Vietnam-Era family member that you would like to honor, you can participate displaying a sign, banner, a photo, a message, etc. to your relative as a way to represent him/her at the Parade.

If you are a Veteran, we would like the opportunity to honor you.

Please join us in finally giving them a long-overdue, well-deserved, and proper welcome home!

For information contact: Parade@ALPOST133AZ.org

Registration: www.MaricopaParade.com

Thank you for your support to our Veterans, American Legion Auxiliary of Maricopa Unit 133 and Veterans Parade Committee.



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Host Committee board chair. "The incredible effort to host the largest single-day sporting event in the world paid dividends to locals, businesses, community organizations and the entire state."

Super Bowl LVII was the most-watched U.S.-based telecast of all time. The broadcast reached approximately 200 million viewers, or 60% of all people in the United States. It was broadcasted in 190 countries in 25+ languages. More than 6,000 media members were in the Valley to cover the events and festivities ahead of the game.

"Arizona had the biggest Ak-Chin's support.

win from Super Bowl LVII and the incredible lasting impact on the State is unparalleled," said Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs. "The world was watching Arizona, and in true fashion, we delivered in a big way. I look forward to our state hosting many more successful championship games and major events in the future, creating jobs and bringing in money from throughout the world to continue fueling our growing economy."

Ak-Chin Indian Community was a proud of sponsor of Super Bowl LVII, and many of these contributions were made possible through

"Along with the Ft. McDowell Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation, we were able to play a role in bringing a prestigious world-wide event to the state of Arizona," Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel said.

"This was an opportunity to showcase to the world, the rich history of Arizona and the 22 tribes that call the State home. We thank the Super Bowl Host Committee for the opportunity."

To read the full Press Release visit azsuperbowl.com



College Fair held in Ak-Chin was a Success



Story and Photo by Alexa Key

Thursday, October 12, students gathered at the Ak-Chin Service Center to attend College Night.

College Night was hosted by Ak-Chin's Education department and led by staff members, Savannah Boyd and Lenny Dempsey. The planning began in August where Education department staff reached out to higher education institutions to confirm interest.

This college fair served as a way to help students connect with higher education institutions. 17 schools

were in attendance, some being Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, South Mountain Community College, Central Arizona College and much more.

Many students attended this event and were able to gain valuable insight about higher education. The respective representative for a school was able to share insight such as tuition cost, when to apply, programs offered and scholarship information.

This event was highly

anticipated as students were eager to learn more. "Many of our students are either currently attending some of these schools or are anticipated to attend," said Lenny Dempsey, Ak-Chin Enrollment Academic Advisor.

Ak-Chin Education will be teaming up with Maricopa High School to hold a similar event at the school. This event will take place towards the end of October.

The next college fair held in Ak-Chin will take place next spring of 2024.



Teagan Delma competes in Maricopa High Cross Country Meet

Story and Photos by Alexa Key

Wednesday, October 11, Maricopa High School competed against Florence, Coolidge, Desert Sunrise and San Tan Foothills.

Teagan Delma with water and hugs.

Teagan's next cross country meet will be held October 18, at Pecos Park hosted by Horizon Honors.



Teagan Delma finishes her race at Florence High School.

Dante Peters receives Spotlight Award by MUSD



Ak-Chin Special Education Coordinator, Matthew Tess poses with Dante Peters as he presents award.

Photo by Armonda Santiago

On October 18, 2023 the Maricopa Wells Middle School District Governing board held a meeting and also honored Dante Peters as one of their MUSD Student Spotlight Winners. Dante attends

Maricopa Wells Middle School as an 8th grader. Dante recently got awarded with Principals List with all A's for this semester from Principal Mr. Miller on October 13, 2023. "I am

very proud of Dante's accomplishments he gets good grades and always walks through the door and get his homework done before he does anything else," said Armonda Santiago.

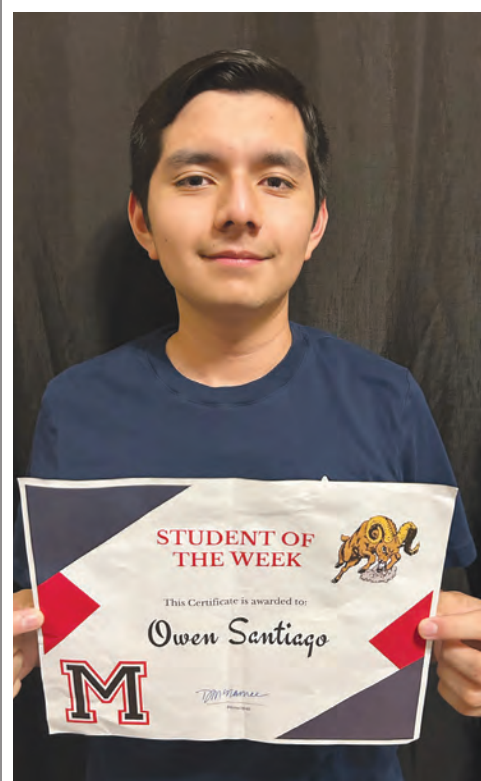
Ak-Chin Students receive Academic Awards

Owen Santiago, a 10th grader at Maricopa High School received his certificate with fellow classmates for student of the week. Owen stated he got good grades and showed his I.D. each time to enter the school ground and got to class on time. He was surprised when he was notified that he earned Student of the Week. Congrats on your

success! Xavier Garcia and Ethan Humeyumptewa were also awarded with student of the week in the months of August and September. Both students exemplified Maricopa High School's values which are: responsible, accountable, mutually respectful and safe. Congratulations to

these students! Arrow Santiago was also an award recipient for the month of October. Arrow received an award for Principal's Honor Roll. Arrow is a 5th grader at Saddleback Elementary school and was commended for his good grades. Congratulations Arrow!

Photos submitted



Owen Santiago and Xavier Garcia received Student of the Week awards.

Recreation Volleyball League at Ak-Chin



Submitted by Recreation Staff

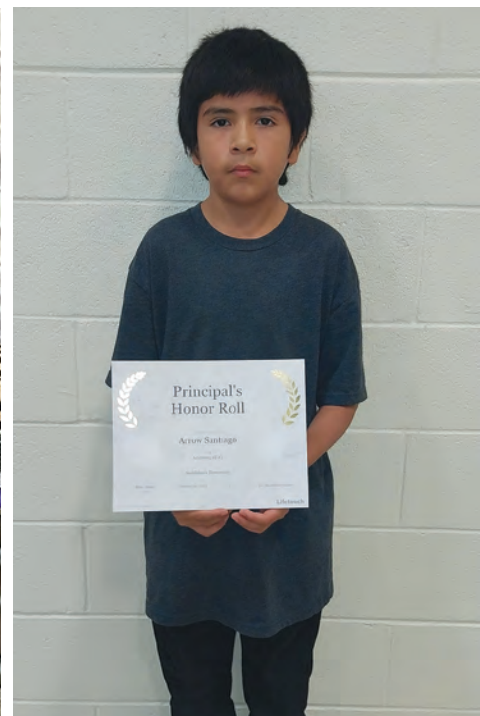
Volleyball games started on September 16th, and were played every Saturday up until the last game which was on October 7th.

We had around roughly 40 children participate between the ages of 4 -12. Majority of the children were returning, but also had a handful of

new ones. Everyone did an amazing job during practice days and game days, everyone improved wonderfully whether it was serving, passing, moving.

"I would just like to give a HUGE thank you to the Volunteer Coaches for giving up your time during Volleyball season

to help out youth gain some new knowledge and skills of the game, also it wouldn't have been possible without the parents contribution of (bringing) them to the practices and games. Thank Youth All so much for making this a great season," said Kathleen Miguel, Recreation Program Assistant.



Ethan Humeyumptewa received Student of the Week, and Arrow Santiago received Principal's Honor Roll.

Him-Dak Eco Museum hosts Fall Art Program



Students wait in line during an activity outside.

Story and Photos by Alexa Key

Monday, September 25, Ak-Chin's Him-Dak Eco Museum began its 2023 Fall Art Program for Ak-Chin students.

6, as Ak-Chin students were on fall break from their respective schools. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Ak-Chin's Health Education department stopped by to host some fun activities

for students. Tuesdays, Health Education presented fun exercise and game activities and on Thursdays they illustrated the importance of healthy snacks.

This program ran from September 25 to October



Student playing "noodle hockey", a game hosted by Ak-Chin's Health Education.

Wednesday, September 27, Ak-Chin's Library

had a robot takeover! The library hosted an activity

where students could learn to code robots.



Students learn about robots presented by Ak-Chin Library.



Friday, September 29, the Him-Dak Fall Art

Program took a field trip to Ak-Chin Circle to

enjoy bowling and pizza. Monday, October 2,



Students enjoy bowling at Ak-Chin Circle.

Students continued to work on their existing art crafts or create new ones under the guidance of Him-Dak staff.

Wednesday, October 4, Ak-Chin Fire Department held a presentation for students. This presentation was

to inform students about fire safety and emergency situations. During this presentation, students were able to ask



Student focuses on her craft.



questions and engage in activities.

Program came to an end on Friday, October 6. On the final day, Him-Dak staff took the students

to see Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles at Ak-Chin Circle.



Ak-Chin Fire Department explains fire safety and student demonstrates "stop, drop and roll".



HIM-DAK HALLOWEEN PARTY
October 27, 2023
 Where: Him-Dak Art Building
 Time: 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
 Food served at 6:30 P.M.
 Costume Contest at 7:00 P.M.
 For Members & Residents
 For any questions call Him-Dak at: 520-568-1350

Library Pumpkin Patch Update

Story and Photos by Alexa Key



Ak-Chin's Library planted a pumpkin patch in August and already beginning to see some sprouts! I spotted one big pumpkin and a few others that are sure to grow just as big. Their pumpkin patch may turn out to be a big success as they're continuing to grow this fall.

St. Francis of Assisi Ak-Chin

Roman Catholic Mission
 16657 N. Church St., Maricopa, AZ 85139

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

October 22nd

Fr. Anthony Tinker

October 29th

Fr. Antony Tinker

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

OCTOBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR



ELDERLY

CHAIR YOGA
 Tuesdays
 Oct. 24th and 31st
 10:00 AM
 Thursday, Oct. 26th
 9:00 AM
 @ Elder Craft Room

ELDERS PICTURE DAY
 Thursday, Oct. 26th
 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

CAPITAL PROJECTS PRESENTATION
 Thursday, Oct. 26th
 12 NOON

PUMPKIN CARVING
 Monday, Oct. 30th
 9:00 AM

TRICK OR TREAT FROM THE PRESCHOOL
 Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 9:30 AM



EDUCATION

FALL PARENT NIGHT*
 Wednesday, Oct. 25th
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 @ Service Center
 *RSVP QR code below:



Questions: 520-568-1280



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

GIRLS NIGHT OUT*
 Friday, Oct. 27th

8:00 PM - 6:00 AM
 @ Service Center
 *Event open to ACIC members, residents, and employee children. Open to first 30 registrants. An overnight sleeper event for 30 girls age 10 and up! Registration QR:



For questions:
 Lynne at 520-568-1086 or
 Martina at 520-568-1085.



HIM-DAK

HIM-DAK HALLOWEEN PARTY*
 Friday, Oct. 27th
 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 @ Him-Dak Art Building
 Food served: 6:30PM

Costume Contest: 7:00 PM
 *For Members & Residents only
 Questions: 520-568-1350



RECREATION

WEIGHT ROOM
 Monday - Thursday
 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT
 Monday, October 30th
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 @Milton Antone Park
 Costume Contest*
 Pumpkin Carving Contest*
 Games
 Music
 Food Vendors
 *For more information:
 Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
 520-568-1740

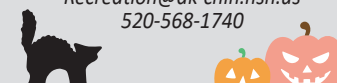
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 Center Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8 AM to 5 PM
 Breakfast
 7 AM to 8:30 AM
 Lunch 12 - 1 PM
 For Transportation
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 568-1769

Please call before 4 PM

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 Monday - Friday
 9AM-6PM
 Saturday Appointment Only
 Sunday-Closed
 Questions? Call Us!
 520-568-1675

RECREATION
 For more information on
 Recreation Center events
 please call 520-568-1740

TRANSPORTATION
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 520-568-1769



MUSD Partnership Luncheon



Story and photo by Tyaun Marshburn

Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent of Maricopa Unified School District hosted a Partners Luncheon on October 12, at MUSD district office.

The Culinary Touch catered the luncheon serving seasoned rice pilaf, vegetable medley and chicken pesto with focaccia. After lunch guests were able to take treats from the dessert table which had a beautiful display of cookies and brownies.

The purpose of the luncheon was to discuss working together as a community to build success for Maricopa as a whole. The principals of both Maricopa High and Desert Sunrise High schools talked about the work force programs their schools offer. Both schools want to ensure their students have all the resources they need to be successful as they transition from high school to adulthood.

Maricopa High School's workforce program offers AFJROTC (Air Force Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps), automotive technologies, culinary arts, digital communications, marketing and network security to name a few.

Desert Sunrise High School's workforce development program is divided into 4 smaller communities, each program has a unique path catered to that community: Stem- Agriscience, Air transportation, engineering software and app design Leadership- Business management, Ed professions and finance Health Occupations- Emergency medical services and Sports medicine Innovation & Design- Digital communication, hospitality & tourism, sports broadcasting

By teaching students these skills, they are better equipped to get a job right after high school or even start their own business, further adding to the success of the city.

Dr. Tracey Lopeman thanked those that help make Maricopa a success and wants to continue to work together

with businesses in the area to strengthen that relationship.

MUSD gives back to the community by having student interns, public shoutouts, advertising opportunities, facility rentals and student performances.

There are many ways you can give back as well, such as Financial Support – sponsorships, donations; In-Kind Support – product samples, gift certificates, promotional items, donation drives (ex. Tax credit); Volunteer Support – guest reader, event supporter, classroom helper.

Those wishing to volunteer should contact volunteer coordinator Jim Irving, at jirving@musd20.org.



Seasoned rice pilaf, vegetable medley and chicken pesto with focaccia.

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Chairman Miguel even ended the night with closing remarks before everyone was dismissed to enjoy a traditional dinner.

Joseph Davis would like to thank the entire Community for their support; including the families, our fellow departments, and tribal leadership. Everyone's support of the youth, and our program is what inspires us to do what we do year in and year out!

Davis went on to say, "The purpose of the Youth Council is to bring together young people in the Ak-Chin Indian Community and to give them leadership development

opportunities, as well as traditional teachings. Youth Council members will also get the opportunity to travel and network with other Native youth across the country.

The final aspect of what the Youth Council members' role is to advocate on behalf of their peers in the Community by discussing youth concerns in our monthly meetings, and organizing community projects throughout the year.

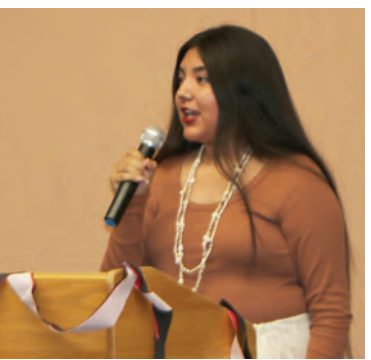
The Youth Council is also actively involved in volunteering alongside various Community departments."



At-Large members being sworn in.



Joseph Davis opening the ceremony.



Daria Garcia giving the blessing.



Dennis Antone singing.



Haedin De Paola (left) receives staff from Doria Garcia (right).

She said this was her first time participating in the festival. She is from New Mexico, but came to Phoenix just for the festival.

As stated on their website "The brand was established after a conversation between Shundine and her little sister DeAnna Autumn Left Suazo in the Frybread Stand Kitchen. They came up with the idea to create an eyeshadow palette named after different items of a Frybread stand."

Suazo says she's happy to be in Phoenix celebrating Indigenous People's Day and she has had a successful day selling her cosmetics. If you are interested in purchasing one of her products the whole inventory can be found on her website frybreadcosmetic.com

Speaking of Frybread, I couldn't leave the festival without grabbing a bite to eat. I couldn't decide what I wanted, then I saw vendor with a line longer than any other vendor. The line was for a place called Frybread Fanatics. Without knowing anything more than what they served, I hopped in the growing line and they did

not disappoint.

I ordered "The Big Green" it was a beef and bean enchilada style frybread with homemade green chili, shredded cheese, onion, tomato, lettuce, sour cream and avocado salsa. It was delicious and I completely understood why it was a crowd favorite.

Rez Fest included two curated stages with local bands, musicians and cultural performers. Las Calakas took the stage a little bit before sunset and had everyone in the crowd on their feet. Las Calakas is a local group born and raised out of Phoenix. The band blends different genres of music to create a unique cumbia sound that people love.

The Heard Museum also held an event titled "Growing for The Future", they had plants indigenous food and one musical guest artist by the name of IIWAA, who shared with me what Indigenous People's Day means to him.

"Indigenous People historically have held on to their culture through adversity and oppression, it's beautiful to also celebrate our culture

in joy. A chance to celebrate and gather together means everything to me."

This is IIWAA's second time performing at Indigenous People's Day Fest. IIWAA performed a few songs including the exclusive premiere of his song "Can U? (Fill Me In)".

IIWAA is from Gila River and came from Flagstaff to grace the audience with his catchy lyrics and fun stage presence. IIWAA urges people to listen to Indigenous artists and support Indigenous creatives every day of the year, "we have so much to lend to the societal understanding of art and culture."

IIWAA's 2 EP "Dysphoria" and "Scared of the Dark" are available on all streaming platforms.

I was honored to celebrate Indigenous People's Day with so many talented, creative people. I look forward to see how this event grows over time and hopefully Ak-Chin will have its own celebration in the future.



Frybread cosmetics founded by Shundine Suazo.



IIWAA



Indigenous People's Day continued from Front

2023 GIRLS NIGHT OUT

OVERNIGHT "SLUMBER" PARTY FOR GIRLS AGES 10 & UP

DATE: OCTOBER 27TH, 2023
TIME: 8PM - 6AM
PLACE: AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER

THERE WILL BE FOOD, COSTUME DESIGN, HALLOWEEN MAKE-UP, NAIL CARE, TALKING CIRCLES, YOGA & MORE!!



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2023 TRUNK OR TREAT


Mondy October 30th, 2023
Milton Antone Park
6:00pm - 8:30pm

FOOD & GAME VENDORS NEEDED

* Deadline to sign up October 20th, 2023 @ 5pm *

Must haves;
-Food Handlers Card
-Registration forms
- Fire permit

For more information: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
Or Call 520-568-1740



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- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Firefighter/EMT
- Library Clerk
- Maintenance Technician (4)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Utilities Technician

Save the date Maricopa Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Parade Route: Central Arizona College to Leading Edge Academy

Free lunch for Veterans and their families at Leading Edge Academy

Sponsored by: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133

For more information contact: parade@alpost133az.org

TRUNK OR TREAT

Monday October 30th
Milton Antone Park
6:00pm - 8:30 pm

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Games
Music
Food Vendors
Costume Contest

Everyone Welcome

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Employee Birthdays Oct. 20 - Nov. 2

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22-Oct Eduardo Martinez, TGA Erika Garcia, Retail Lisa Vasquez, Maintenance	28-Oct Nicole Allison, Law & Order	1-Nov Linda Brill, Library Gwendolyn Lopez, Early Childhood Joseph Plough, Fire & Safety Jason Thomas, Finance Mariah Carlyle, Retail
23-Oct Arron Bird, Fire & Safety Ame Stephens, Social & Health Services	29-Oct Alvin Antone, TGA	
	30-Oct David Garcia, Fire & Safety William Winfield, Fire & Safety Thomas Fields, Fire & Safety David Villescraz, Law & Order	


HAPPY HALLOWEEN

FROM THE RUNNER


Wishes

Happy Birthday to my grandson Adrian and granddaughter Ariel. Love, Grandma


Happy Birthday Jenika! Love your family



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FIREWORKS: 9:30PM
DANCE: 7PM- MIDNIGHT
MUSIC BY: PROJECT KUMBIA

VIOLENCE AND GANG ATTIRE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
PLEASE BE MINDFUL THIS EVENT IS FOR THE CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN. SO PLEASE RESPECT THE OCCASION.

October 20th to November 2nd

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BOO!



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and CodeGreen Leader Participates in Native American Recognition Day 2023



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THE CREATOR

SAW X

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(MARI COPA, Ariz.—Oct. 13, 2023)—The CodeGreen team at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino supported and celebrated Native American Recognition Day (NARD) on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park.

NARD focuses on sharing traditions and artwork from different Native American cultures. This year's celebration featured dance group performances, artist demonstrations, face painting and

information booths.

The Harrah's Ak-Chin CodeGreen team presented a sustainability education booth as a part of the celebration. CodeGreen is an organization-wide initiative that drives environmental awareness and demonstrates Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's commitment to being responsible stewards of the environment.

"Sharing information on how to be good stewards of the environment is not just a choice; it's our collective responsibility," said CodeGreen Chair April Stovall. "In the age of information, our planet's well-being depends on the wisdom we pass on to safeguard its future."

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Gertie and the T.O. Boyz



Photo and story by Armonda Santiago

Gertie and the T.O. Boyz performed at Ak-Chin Circle inside Luxe on October 14, 2023. Gertrude Lopez had her accordion in had ready to put on

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