



## City names Chavez a Community Champion

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Mayor Nancy Smith and City Councilmembers congratulate Eric Chavez (second from left) as they recognize him as a Community Champion.

In Issue 13 of 2025, we featured a story about Eric Chavez receiving the title of Umpire in Chief.

Submitted by Eric's wife Della, the story detailed the rise of Eric becoming a reputable umpire and using his skills to help train the next generation of umpires.

He took after his late father David Chavez who was a key person in helping bring little league to the City of Maricopa and inspired him to follow in his shoes, as a baseball umpire.

But story does not end there, as Eric was honored by the City of Maricopa as a "Community Champion" for his work with the Maricopa Little League Program as Umpire in Chief.

On February 11, during the State of the City address, held at Desert Sunrise High School, Mayor Nancy Smith recognized Eric.

"We call them community champions; they are the residents who see possibility and they take initiative.

Not because they were asked to... They took the initiative themselves because they care."

The State of the City is a community meeting that highlights the growth, recently completed projects and upcoming plans within and around the city; it also gives the community the chance to recognize those who make a difference in Maricopa.

The selection process is based on the community, they nominate the people, groups or organizations they feel have made their

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Family and friends of Auciana Miguel (sitting left) and Joanna Peters (sitting right) came out to support the girls in their Senior Night game.

## MHS Senior Night honors Miguel and Peters

Story by Robert Miguel, photos by Runner Staff

For Maricopa High seniors, Auciana Miguel and Joanna Peters, the opportunity to take to the hardwood for the final two games of the Maricopa High School Varsity Girls Basketball team season, was of mixed emotions.

The sadness of putting on the MHS jersey for the final time and not having the season they hoped for was not a way they wanted to end their high school career.

But, having seen the family and community

support they received during the final two games against Vista Grande and Mountain View, more than enough had them realize it wasn't about wins and losses, but how they played hard representing their community.

It was Senior Night for the Lady Rams against Vista Grande on Tuesday, February 10. Prior to the start of the varsity game, Miguel and Peters, along with three other senior teammates were recognized as they each made their way to

center court with family members.

Joanna was flanked by her parents, Kyle and Susan Peters and her sister Sophia. Joanna also held an 8x10 photo of her grandfather, the late David Peters, Sr. The game MC, gave a brief description of Joanna's memorable moments and her plans following high school, which she plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Auciana, was led by her parents, Jose Sr. and Celina Miguel, siblings

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## 87th Annual O'odham Wapkial Ha-Tas

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas; photos also courtesy of Brenna Antone



L-R: Kaleb Rivers, Clinton Rivers, Jose Miguel Jr., Adriel Jimenez, and Councilmember Dennis Antone receive shirts for their participation in the first S-onguiwal tournament during the Tohono O'odham Rodeo and Fair. (Photo submitted by Brenna Antone)

The Ak-Chin Indian Community and many others in Indian Country attended the 3-day festivities of the 2026 Tohono O'odham Fair and Rodeo, held in Sells, AZ.

Also known as the Annual O'odham Wapkial Ha-Tas; this community get together celebrated its 87th go around with events ranging from rodeo, traditional games, a carnival, live performances and several vendors.

Every year, Ak-Chin members partake in the activities by participating in the rodeo, parade and traditional games; the fair and music is also worth the experience as well.

Friday, February 6, 2026 there was 4 members in the Jr. Rodeo events; those being Jonathan Enos in the Wooly Riding, Michael Enos in the Bull Riding, Emerson Antone in the 6-9 calf riding, and Pate Justin in the 14-17 Barrel

Racing, Ribbon Roping and Team Roping

Pate was named All-Around Cowgirl, earning a buckle for her top times.

Great work cowboys and cowgirl!

Later in the evening, Ak-Chin member Chizzum Justin and his grandfather Charles Justin from Gila River participated in the 4-Tribes Team Roping and won 3rd place with a time of 11.47 and a cash prize of \$1,220 to split.

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First place in the Rope Justin Memorial 2026 Co-Ed Softball tournament goes to the White Mountain Apache Windwalkers.

## 2026 Rope's Round-Up

Story by Robert Miguel, photos by Runner Staff

Many came out during the weekend of February 12th - 15th to celebrate and participate in the 2026 Rope's Roundup activities that included a rodeo, softball tournament and dance.

The events were held throughout the community, including; Ak-Chin Rodeo Grounds, Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, and the Luxe Lounge in Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center.

The rodeo event, which was organized by family members and friends of Rope Justin, along

with sponsorships from others, featured rodeo events such as Team Roping, a Jr. Rodeo, Women's Rodeo and Open Rodeo, with Steer Wrestling, Wild Donkey Race, Maverick Gathering, Bull Riding and the popular, Wild Horse Race.

Following Friday's activities, a chicken

scratch dance was held in the Luxe and it featured Two Rivers, a band based out of the Gila River Indian Community.

On Saturday, rodeo events were planned to accommodate female participants with riders entered in Barrel Racing, Steer Riding, Team Roping and other exciting events.

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# Him-Dak showers Elders with Lovely Treats during Valentine Tea Party



Top: Community Elders, Connie Narcia and Rechanda Manuel enjoy a nice stroll around the elder center.



At left; Evalina Manuel and Jenny Holsen have a fun chat while getting in some exercise.



L-R (standing): Raychel Peters, Nicole Carlyle-Coester, Carole Lopez, Florinda Peters, Wynema Vincent, Evalina Manuel, Connie Orona, Jessica Dean, Evelyn Pete, Jeannette Peters and Elaine Peters. L-R (sitting) Connie Narcia and Jenny Holsen.

Thursday, February 5, Community Elders were invited to attend a Valentine Tea Party at the Historic BIA House, hosted by the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Staff. The party was a big hit, with word games, memory games and bingo, with everyone winning great prizes.

The treats included fabulous finger sandwiches, pasta, fruit and delicious sugar-free pastries, made with love from Vekol Market, along with coffee, tea and lemonade.

## It's a Nice Day for a Walk!

- Elders Come Walk with Us!!
- 10 AM
- Mondays and Thursdays Each Week
- Elder Center

## A New Walking Program for Our Elders

Submitted by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Program Director

While the weather is still beautiful, there's no better time to step outside and get moving together. We are excited to introduce a brand-new pilot program at the Elder Center: "It's a Nice Day for a Walk."

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays each week, our elders are gathering for a refreshing morning walk. For now, we're keeping it simple — just a few laps around the building. As the days go by and we build our momentum, we'll stretch our route a little longer and go a little farther. This program is all about starting where we are and growing together.

If you've been wanting a little more movement in your day but don't want to do it alone, this is the perfect opportunity. Come walk with us! We have music! You'll set your own pace — there's no pressure and no competition. The goal is simple: movement.

Walking offers so many wonderful benefits. It helps with weight management and supports those living with diabetes. It strengthens the heart

and reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke. And just as importantly, it can lift your spirits and help decrease feelings of depression. Even just five minutes of movement a day can make a difference. Imagine how much better you'll feel by simply taking that first step.

If you're looking to become more active and prefer not to do it alone, we invite you to join us for a walk! Even if you don't visit the Elder Center frequently, it would be great to see you. We welcome wheelchairs and walkers, and we're more than happy to assist you in getting outside for some fresh air, sunshine, and a chance to connect with others.

If you need a ride or would like more information, please call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760. We are happy to answer your questions and would love to hear your ideas as we grow this new program together.

Let's enjoy this beautiful weather and get our bodies moving — one step at a time.

## 26th Unity Run

Tohono O'odham, Ak-Chin, Gila River, Salt River

### March 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

To unite, preserve, strengthen, and offer Prayers for our respective nations.

To instill the Tradition of Running and Respect through the teaching of our Himdag[way of Life]

Runners, singers, Dancers, Storytellers, Elders, Leaders, Supporters, O'odham[people], and youth are encouraged to participate.

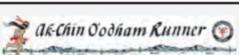
Youth 14 years can participate alone, or if 13 years and younger, must be accompanied by an adult at all times

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Alcohol & Drug Free Event

# MARCH ELDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2/23 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Red Chili Stew w/ Potato, Carrots, Chumath, Banana/Fruit Cup (D)  Angel Home Health w/Erin Kariuki @12p	2/24 Potato with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit with Cottage Cheese Baked Ham, Sauteed Cabbage W/Spinach, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Apple Salad	2/25 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mixed Berries Chicken Enchilada, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Vanilla Pudding	2/26 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana French Bread Pizza & Salad, Apple/Orange	2/27 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Fruit Salad Pinto Beans, Pork Chop (D), Zucchini, Corn Bread, Strawberry Chocolate Crepes	
	3/2 Ham & Egg Scrambled, Potatoes, Toast, Fruit Grilled Chicken, Green Beans, Brown Rice, Tropical Fruit	3/3 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mixed Berries Hamburger Green Leaf/Tomato, Sweet Potato Fries, French Fries(D), Corn on the Cob, Upside Down Pineapple Cake	3/4 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Potato Soup & Romain Salad, Crackers, Grapes	3/5 Veggie Omelet, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit Salad White Teprey Beans, Beef w/Vegetables (D), Carrots, Moon Bread, Peaches	3/6 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit & Yogurt Beef Stew w/ Zucchini, +Yellow Squash, Potato, Carrot, Spanish Rice, Moon bread, Jell-O/Apple	
	3/9 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Pork Chops, Creamed Spinach, Acorn Squash, Fresh Cut Fruit	3/10 Chilaquiles, Scrambled Eggs, Refried Beans, Fruit with Cottage Cheese Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Romain salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Fruit Cocktail	3/11 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrown/Toast, Fruit Short Ribs w/ Hominy, Red kidney beans, Moon bread, Pistachio Cake/Apple	3/12 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Chicken Stir Fry, Fried Rice, Egg Roll, Pears	3/13 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mixed Berries Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Watergate Salad/Apple	



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

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mark in Maricopa with their outstanding work.

"Crafting the future of Maricopa," was displayed on the screen as each Community Champion was recognized, along with a video presentation for all to see.

In Eric's portion of the video, he states, "My dad loved little league and he gave his life for it for 30 + years. When we moved out here to Maricopa there wasn't a little league and so he wanted to bring that here to give the kids the opportunity to play baseball and softball.

Seeing their faces light up when I'm stepping on the field and they're asking 'oh are you our umpire today,' it makes me feel good knowing they appreciate the work I do and in return I give them a good officiated game." Eric was the first of the champions to receive his award and his family was heard cheering him on.

When asked about his thoughts on receiving the recognition, Eric explained, "At first, I was surprised finding out that I was chosen as a Community Champion. It was an honor to know that the work I've done with Maricopa Little League was seen as impactful within the

community.

Aside from umpiring games myself, I mainly work with Junior Umpires (ages 13-17). Teaching them how to umpire games and help build confidence making calls out on the field."

Eric also confided, "The City reached out to me in May of last year to highlight my work and story with Maricopa Little League. I was nominated by one of the parents of my Junior Umpires after telling my history with the league, dating back to the league's inception in 2004 as a Junior Umpire myself, to returning to the league in 2024 to honor my father after his passing. Now, entering my second year as Umpire in Chief, the same position held by my father for many years."

He concluded, "Umpiring and officiating youth sports is really tough and somewhat of a thankless job. To know that I am able to bring a fun and positive environment is really heartwarming. Being recognized, not just by the players and league, but the city itself is a testament to my dedication as a volunteer for Maricopa Little League."

Congratulations to Eric and we hope to hear more about his continued success.



Eric Chavez with Della Honie-Chavez (wife), Candi Chavez (mother) and Lisa Chavez (sister).

Car Seat Check-Up



Volunteers of the Car Seat Check-Up, explains the proper ways to place a car seat into a vehicle during an event at the Entertainment Center.

Story and photo by Megan Quintero In collaboration with the Indian Community's In-Arizona Department of Injury Prevention Services, Health Services and the Ak-Chin Indian Injury Prevention Program,

held the annual Car Seat Check-Up at Ak-Chin Entertainment Center, Thursday, February 12th.

The event was deemed as success as fourteen new techs from the Navajo Nation, Department of Public Safety, Tohono

O'odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community, and the City of Nogales helped twelve families install and give valuable information on car seats for their children.

"With the new technicians and the fact that

they were able to practice their new skills, it is always a great finish," said Teri De La Cruz of Ak-Chin's Injury Prevention.

"One thing we like to tell the new technicians is that the families left safer than when they arrived."



Staff and Technicians from various communities helped with the Car Seat Check-Up which was held at the Ak-Chin Circle.

ATTENTION AK-CHIN YOUTH! WIOA Program is recruiting students for the 2026 Summer Program. Orientation Dates & Times: Located: Ak-Chin Education Department. MARCH 26 @ 5-7PM, MARCH 27 @ 5-7PM. Program Services: Summer Job Placement, Work Readiness, Career Development, Career Interest Testing, College Tours. Eligibility Requirements: Must be 14-24 years old, Must be an enrolled Ak-Chin member, Dedication to Summer Program Activities. Questions? Please Contact the E&T Dept. To determine if you may qualify for the WIOA program and to schedule an orientation appointment. Employment & Training Dept. (520) 562-3387/88



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San Lucy District visits Ak-Chin Clinic

Submitted story & photo

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, the San Lucy District Health Department coordinated a visit with Indian Health Service (IHS) Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) to the Ak-Chin Clinic.

In attendance for the tour were San Lucy District-Councilmember Elferna Montana, San Lucy District Vice-Chairman Manuel J. Childs, San Lucy District Chairman Jose M. Reyna and Lillian Celaya, Supervisor, San Lucy Health Department, Adria Sanders-Chi, Diabetes Prevention Aide, San Lucy District, PIMC CEO Deb Ward Lund. Additionally, Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Delia Carlyle and Self-Governance Director, Karen Fierro were in attendance.

During their tour of the Clinic, PIMC CEO Deb Ward Lund provided information on the various services available,

hours of operation, etc. at the Ak-Chin Clinic.

San Lucy District Health Department Supervisor, Lillian Celaya shared seeking services for their San Lucy Members at the Ak-Chin Clinic would save on travel time rather than going to PIMC in Phoenix.

Overall, the visit at the clinic went extremely well and provided the San Lucy District representatives information about the Ak-Chin Clinic.

After the visit at the Clinic, the San Lucy District representatives were invited to attend the grand opening of the newly renovated Elder Center. They enjoyed the traditional meal and also enjoyed a dance or two.

There are plans to have an Ak-Chin Clinic booth at the 19th Annual San Lucy District Health Fair on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, & THE CHILDREN OF AK-CHIN EMPLOYEES. SPRING INTERSESSION MARCH 9TH-20TH MON-FRI 9 AM - 4 PM. AK-CHIN GYMNASIUM | 46753 W. FARRELL RD. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND SNACKS PROVIDED, TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY PROVIDED. SAVE THE DATE. ALLEVENTSSTAFF@AK-CHIN.NSN.US | (520) 568-1072

Greetings Community Membership, Each year, Community Leadership awards students graduating from high school with a trip to Hawaii. We need your help in identifying past and present graduates who have not had the opportunity to participate in this annual event. Please contact Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager, at 520-568-1043 or email FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us with the names of individuals who would like to participate.

Senior Night continued from Front

Jose Jr. and Nyaila, niece Genevilyn and nephew Jose III.

A strong defensive stand in the fourth quarter, had Maricopa take a lead during the final minutes.

hosted Marana Mountain View for the final game of the season on Thursday, February 12th.

At the start of the game, things looked bleak as the Spartans from Vista Grande, jumped out to a quick lead, hoping to spoil Senior Night for MHS. At one point prior to half time, Vista claimed a commanding 19-point lead.

The Lady Rams were able sustain the lead, coming away with a 57-51 victory and a memorable evening for the five seniors.

The Lady Rams probably played their best game of the season, as all players made valuable contributions offensively and defensively, enroute to a commanding 59-39 victory.

Following the game, Auciana and Joanna were greeted by a large contingent of family members who showered them with gifts.

Congratulations to both Auciana and Joanna for their dedication and work ethic in representing both the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Maricopa High School.

To cap off a great week following the Senior Night victory, Maricopa

# Valentine's Day Festivities for Ak-Chin Preschoolers

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Left: Everyone looks on as the Valentine Royalty dance together. Top: Ozzy Garcia wanted to show the camera his crown.

The last of the Valentine's Day fun was had with the Ak-Chin Preschool students celebrating their yearly party on February 13, 2026. Complete with a photo booth provided by Runner staff, games, candy and dancing the kiddos were raving from the start.

without the crowning of the royalty? This year's lucky youth were King Alek Kitcheyan-Hunter, Queen Avianna Andaverde, Prince Hezekiah Ramirez, Princess Natalia Munoz, Jr. Prince Ozzy Garcia and Jr. Princess Isla Miller. Congratulations little ones!



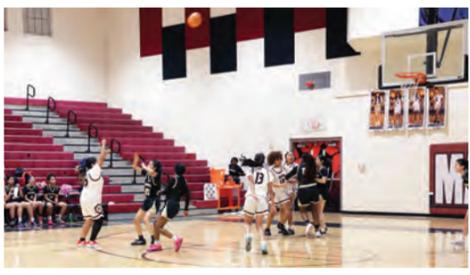
Top: Cameron Villegas-White took the game into his own hands.

After taking class photos at the Valentine's decked photo booth, each class went down the list of games that included; disk dropping, ring toss, bowling and pin the kiss on the frog. The music was just right for the kids, as they showed their best moves on the dance floor.

To end the celebrations, the kids gathered under the ceiling-based tablecloth for the balloon drop. At the count of 5, pink, white and red balloons fell from the ceiling and onto the group as they screamed in delight. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

What is a Valentine's party

Valentine's Day.



Left: Joanna holds photo of grandfather for before the game photos with family. Top: Lady Rams find Joanna an opening for a 3 point shot against Vista Grande.

Right: Auciana goes in for a quick 2 points during the adrenaline inducing 4th quarter.



Far Right: Auciana and Family members.

## JV Rams with the Win

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos by Runner Staff



Prior to the epic senior night game for the Lady Rams, the Jr. Varsity teams for Maricopa High and Vista Grande took to the court with the hopes of outplaying the other team.



It was on February 10th, when the Rams got their "W" against the opposing team, with Ak-Chin community members Audrina Peters and Stella Miguel making game altering plays, it was undeniably a good game.

Besides them almost taking me out with the ball, the Rams did their thing and helped hype the crowd for the next game. The ending score would result in 31 to 24.



Above, (L-R) The balloon drop had the kiddos losing their marbles as they reached for their picks of balloons, Mathilda shares bubbles with a friend as they watch royalty bust a move.

## Crafternoon @ Library

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

What's better than a handmade something from that special someone?

Ak-Chin Library held a crafternoon session for the community on February 12, that entailed Valentine card making using paper, colors, stickers and pure creativity. A perfect craft for that special someone.



Crafternoon is a reoccurring art activity for the community library, for more information on the next one contact library staff at (520) 568-1675.

## Happy Valentine's Day

Submitted by Bojana Uzelac, Ak-Chin Student Advisor

The Ak-Chin Saddleback students received special Valentine's goodies from education staff to help celebrate the holiday and to show appreciation to the young scholars.



Clockwise from top, students pictured are; Itzehl Trejo, Rosa Merriweather, Elmaleen Johnson, Eleazar Baptisto, Layla Santiago, Emerson Antone, Ezri Miguel, Ariya Ramon, Lindsay Antone, Feliz Andaverde, DeliAnna Lewis, Enoelia Humeyumptewa, Hunter Narcia, Yondell Antone.



## Fibers and Friends

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

Concentration is key when working with needles! You can see how focused they are.



Welcome a new program to the Ak-Chin Library, "Fibers and Friends" is for the one's skilled in fabrics and needles.

Even if you aren't familiar, this is the perfect program to familiarize yourself to this kind of art. The first session was held on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5 PM. The craft was perfect for the Valentine's Day holiday as attendees got to create their own felt built hearts.

The Ak-Chin library always has creative programs for the community, their next events can be found on their calendar featured in the Runner or by contacting the library at (520) 568-1675.



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Saturday, February 7, 2026 crowds surrounded Main Street in Sells for the much-anticipated parade at 9 AM. Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Vice-Chairman Delia Carlyle, and Councilmember Lisa Garcia made an appearance in the lineup in community vehicle, passing out treats to parade watchers.

“Generations of Music: A Celebration of Music” was the theme with all floats showing their best representation of it.

Saturday festivities did not end there, the traditional women’s Toka tournament was scheduled at 11 AM with an astounding 19 teams from all sibling tribes playing.

Each round was the Sunday morning at

best games out of 5 and with the heat of the sun tangible, the drive to win was felt throughout the tournament. Ci’Ci’Vidam and S-kubjuv Ju:dam represented Ak-Chin on the bracket, they played strong, though they did not place.

Rodeo events proceeded the same day opening with the Wild Horse Race at 12:30 PM. Ak-Chin members Marcus Stephens and Dominique White made up “Team Let’s Do It” along with Sheridan Garcia of the Tohono O’odham Nation.

Though they started out promising, they couldn’t get their horse to cross the barrel first.

7 AM, the inaugural S-onguiwal tournament was underway with Councilmember Dennis Antone putting together his own team of boys.

Presenting for Ak-Chin was Kaleb Rivers, Adriel Jimenez, and Jose Miguel Jr.

This was also the day of the girls toka games with 10 teams competing. The girl team representing Ak-Chin was yet again S-kubjuv Ju:dam, and though they put their best foot forward in the tournament they would not place.

The T.O. Rodeo and Fair is a favorite every year and it is worth the drive to Sells, where there’s plenty for the whole family to enjoy.

# Trash to Treasure-Creating Your Own Fertilizer

Submitted by Brandy Nelson, Environmental Specialist (GAP), Ak-Chin Environmental Programs

What if your kitchen “trash” could become your garden’s next superpower? Everyday food scraps like eggshells, banana peels, and pasta water are so full of nutrients that your plants crave to grow strong. Turning them into a natural fertilizer is simple, free, and sustainable.

## Eggshell Water (Calcium Boost Tea)

Eggshells are rich in calcium, which strengthens plant cell walls and helps prevent blossom-end rot in tomatoes and peppers.

### How to Make:

1. Rinse eggshells to remove residue.
2. Place shells in a pot and cover with water.
3. Boil for 5–10 minutes.
4. Turn off heat and allow to cool completely.
5. Strain (optional) and water your plants.



Best for: Tomatoes, peppers, squash, roses, herbs, and houseplants.

Tip: Let shells soak longer after boiling for extra nutrient release.

## Banana Peel Tea (Potassium for Blooms & Fruit)

Banana peels provide potassium and phosphorus, helping plants flower and fruit.

### How to Use:

- Soak banana peels in water overnight to create a nutrient tea.
- Or chop peels and bury them near plant roots.



Best for: Roses, flowering plants, tomatoes, peppers, and fruit trees.

Tip: Bury peels a few inches deep to avoid attracting pests.

## Pasta Water (Starch + Mineral Plant Tonic)

Unsalted pasta water contains starches and trace minerals that support beneficial soil microbes.

### How to Use:

1. Save pasta water (make sure it’s salt-free).
2. Let it cool completely.
3. Water plants as you normally would.



Best for: Herbs, houseplants, garden beds, and seedlings. Important: Never use salted or oily water.

### Optional Extras (If You Have Them!)

You can also use:

- **Vegetable scraps soak** – Lettuce ends, carrot peels, and celery tops soaked overnight for a mild nutrient tea.
- **Used coffee grounds** – Mix into soil for acid-loving plants like roses and blueberries.
- **Rice rinse water** – First rinse (unsalted) provides gentle nutrients for plants.
- **Herb stems & trimmings** – Soak in water for a light green fertilizer.

### Why It’s a Great “Trash to Treasure” Project?

- Reduces food waste
- Saves money
- Improves soil health

Use this Trash to Treasure?

Please email photos to Brandy Nelson at [BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us) at Environmental Programs with results.



# Flag football loading...

Flag football is back and we can expect first game coverage in the upcoming issues. Every Tuesday and Thursday the youth have been practicing, learning shuffle drills, running the ball and much more. Stay tuned for more updates, the first game is scheduled for February 28, 2026. If you have questions, please direct them to recreation staff at (520) 568-1740.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Capital Projects

maintenance type contract. This project will replace the old service lines with new more dependable water service lines and new water meters.

February 13, 2026

## PROJECT CONSTRUCTION NOTICE for WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT 266 HOMES, AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

### Project Description:

This project will replace the water service lines between houses and the water mainline for 266 houses throughout the Ak-Chin Indian Community in Maricopa Arizona. The service waterline replacement will include new service tap connection to the water mainline and installing new water meters. The old service line will be disconnected and the old water meter will be removed. The disturbed areas within the construction limits will be resorted to original position.

**Intent of the Project:** This project will improve the water service quality to the houses by minimizing water line breaks and repeated repairs on the old service waterlines.

**Timeline of the Project:** The project will start construction on March 09, 2026, and will continue for 8 months. Construction will start at the Mesquite Subdivision, west side and continue eastward. Flyer notices will be distributed to individual houses prior to starting construction on the houses’ new water service lines.

**Project Team:**  
Owner/Applicant: Carlton Carlyle  
Water Operation Manager Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Phone: (520) 568-1148

Design Engineer  
Marcus Felter  
Indian Health Service  
Western Arizona District Office  
Phoenix, AZ  
Phone: (480) 280-6341

### Purpose of the Project:

The project is similar to a

34th ANNUAL HIM-DAK CELEBRATION  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
April 11, 2026

For any questions please contact the Him-Dak Museum at (520) 568-1350

February.24.2026  
**Ak-Chin Service Center**  
**Tuesdays - 6:00pm -7:00pm**

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080  
\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members.

# Rope's Round-Up

Sunday's events focused on the males, with great events such as the Wild Horse Race, Bull Riding and Team Roping, just to name a few.

To cap off Sunday's Roundup, the popular chicken scratch group, Papago Warrior, also known as PDub, wowed the crowd in the Luxe with cumbias,

chotes and waila music. A co-ed softball tournament was also held on Saturday and Sunday, as twelve teams took to the diamond hoping to come

away with a title. When the final out was called, Wind Walkers, a squad out of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, claimed the tournament

championship. Rope's family would like to thank everyone for the support and participation for this year's Rope's Round-Up!



Team Ak-Chin places first in the Wild Horse Race.



Female participants race to the finish line during the Wild Donkey Race



Pate Justin runs after her steer during the Ribbon Roping contest at Ak-Chin Arena.



Tami Justin throws out the first pitch to begin the softball tournament.



Dominique "Patcho" White saddles up for a score in the Saddle Bronc event.



Bri Peters hangs on tight during her ride in the Steer Riding competition.



Paislee White has perfect form as she looks for a clean ride and a high score.



Jaylene Lopez has a fun time going around the barrel in the Stick Horse Race.



Maverick Gathering was another popular contest for teams looking to win a title.



Malikai White hangs on tight during his ride in the Wooly Riding contest.



Most Hated placed 2nd in the 2026 Rope Justin Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament.



Nikolai White gives it his all at the Chute Dogging event.



**2026-2027  
Early Kindergarten  
Screening Information**

In order to enroll in kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by August 31st. If your child was born between September 1 - December 31, he/she is eligible to participate in our early kindergarten screening to determine kindergarten eligibility. Students who are seeking early entrance to kindergarten must participate in the early entrance screening.

Testing will be offered on Friday, May 29th, Saturday, May 30th and Monday, July 20th. Testing will not be available once the school year starts.

Early kindergarten screening appointments will take place at Santa Rosa Elementary School: 21400 N. Santa Rosa Dr., Maricopa, AZ 85138. These are the only dates for testing, and children can only be screened once. MUSD has the final approval.

**How to Register**

Please complete the [registration form](#) to sign up for testing by scanning the QR code on the flyer. Registered families will receive an email with their confirmed date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Macaluso at [jmacaluso@musd20.org](mailto:jmacaluso@musd20.org) or 520-568-5100 ext. 1005



**THUNDERBIRD FIRE DISTRICT  
BENEFIT STEAK DINNER  
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

**\*\*RAFFLE PRIZES\*\*  
Wine box and more!**

DONATED BY  
HARRAH'S AK-CHIN  
AK-CHIN CIRCLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER  
AND OTHERS

For ages: 16 and Up





Reservations begin at 4pm  
Call 520-251-3122 or online at [thunderbirdfiredistrict.com](http://thunderbirdfiredistrict.com)  
Thunderbird Fire station  
12356 N. Ralston Rd Maricopa, AZ



# JOB OPENINGS

## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Assistant Cook (Detention Facility)
- Child and Family Therapist (Part-time)
- Communication Officer
- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Court Security Guard
- Gaming License Technician
- Homemaker
- Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)
- Security Guard
- Therapist

Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician
- Oral Historian (part-time)

www.ak-chin.nsn.us

To review the full job description and apply visit [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us), Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at 11:59 p.m. on the closing date. Great benefits. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.

## Employee Birthdays 2/20 - 3/5

**2/19**  
Lisa Garcia, Council  
Debbie Parkman, I.S.

Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, Purchasing  
Raymond Whitman, Transit

**2/20**  
Aaron Apodaca, Vekol

**3/2**  
Alyssa Joaquin, Vekol

**2/21**  
Tomas Cazares III, Security  
Randon Quasula, Maintenance

**3/3**  
Wilma Antone-Frausto, Preschool  
Harry Grizzle IV, Police

**2/26**  
Arthur Carlton, Fire

**3/4**  
John Janzen, Capital Projects

**2/27**  
Terry Zicafoose, Preschool

**3/5**  
Nicole Blackwell, Education  
Gabriel Lopez, Council

**2/28**  
Rebecca Alvarez, I.S.

Emma Narcia, Preschool

*Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Kylie and Emma, and my grandsons Junior, Alexander, Dante and Cayden Love, Grandma*

*Happy Birthday Junior, Armanii and Ray Love your family*

No Transportation Provided

## 2026 HIM-DAK SPRING ART PROGRAM

March 09 - March 20

(For Members and Residents)

Location: Art Building  
(Please drop off kids north entrance of Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members & Residents)

\*Registration is also available at the Him-Dak Museum

\*Will have breakfast, snack and lunch.

The Him-Dak Spring Art program is broken down into four grade groups:  
Grades: K - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
(Accepting the first 15 kids signed up per grade group)

For any questions call:  
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum at 520-568-1350 or  
Email Waylon at: [wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us)

## Easter Crafts

March 4th, 2026 | Him Dak  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Art Building

Open to all members and residents of the Ak-Chin Community.  
Transportation available within the community.  
Please call Him-Dak to request a ride or for more information.

(520)-568-1350

## Pokémon Day

At the Ak-Chin Library!

Celebrate Pokémon Day with fun crafts, snacks, and a scavenger hunt!

**Feb, Friday 27th 3-6pm**

Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents, and employees.  
Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

Call us: (520) 568-1675 or  
Email us: [Library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:Library@ak-chin.nsn.us)

YOU'RE INVITED TO A **MARIO PARTY**

Come celebrate Mario day at the Library where we'll have games and activities to enjoy.

Tuesday, **MARCH 10** 3pm - 6pm

Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents, and employees.  
Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

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## GED Classes

Central Arizona College  
at the Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building

HOW DO I REGISTER?

**You must attend an Information Session!**

When? 9 AM Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Where? Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building  
46521 W. Farrell Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85139

CLASSES:

- Start: Tuesday, March 31, 2026
- Tuesday & Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Taught by certified teachers
- In person and online!
- FREE!

Contact Us!  
520-494-5952  
[adult.education@centralaz.edu](mailto:adult.education@centralaz.edu)

## ART SESSION: CERAMICS

COME CREATE!

LEARN HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH

Location: Art Building (Him-Dak Museum)

Session Begins: January 27, 2026  
Session Ends: March 05, 2026

When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from  
11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)  
4:30PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

COME IN ANYTIME BETWEEN THE TIMES ABOVE / WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE

Transportation Provided  
Pick Up and Drop Off within the Ak-Chin Indian Community  
For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:00 p.m.)

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

For any additional questions please call: 520-568-1350

## Employee Updates

**Kenny Dan**  
Economic Development Analyst  
Planning

**Amare Santiago**  
Maintenance Tech  
Housing

## Open Studio

TEENS 15-18 BRING YOUR ART PROJECTS TO WORK ON AT THE LIBRARY WITH OTHER ARTISTS!

**FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY**  
11TH & 25TH  
4PM-6PM

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES.  
MINORS UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OVER 18.

CALL US: (520) 568-1675 OR  
EMAIL US: [LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US](mailto:LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US)

## February 2/20 - March 3/5 Birthdays

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| <p><b>FEBRUARY 20</b><br/>Unique Santiago<br/>Rechanda Manuel<br/>Maria Narcia</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 21</b><br/>Calvin Van Sickle</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 22</b><br/>Perris-Jade White</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 23</b><br/>Joseph Narcia<br/>Octaviana Ormsby<br/>Ryleigh Delores<br/>Joshua Dominguez<br/>Victor Ortega</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 24</b><br/>Kylie Gardner<br/>Junior Peters<br/>Keira Attakai</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 25</b><br/>Alexander Lopez</p> | <p><b>FEBRUARY 26</b><br/>Yoana Montero<br/>Zamudio<br/>Christian Castro<br/>Havier Stephens</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 27</b><br/>Woodrow Marsh<br/>Shyla Thomas</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 28</b><br/>Raymond Miguel<br/>Rebecca Alvarez</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 29</b><br/>Traci Thomas<br/>Cody Miguel</p> <p><b>MARCH 1</b><br/>Olivia Vincent<br/>Maverick Santiago<br/>Nolan Miguel<br/>Ferrin Sope</p> | <p><b>MARCH 2</b><br/>Kristina Garcia<br/>Sonja White</p> <p><b>MARCH 3</b><br/>Courtney Miguel<br/>Wilma Antone-Frausto<br/>Ardon Green</p> <p><b>MARCH 4</b><br/>Deion Narcia<br/>Mario Twohearts<br/>Madeleine Van Sickle<br/>Armanii Carlyle</p> <p><b>MARCH 5</b><br/>Gabriel Lopez<br/>Cayden Peters<br/>Dante Peters<br/>Sharalee Dominguez-Zapata<br/>Kerianna Justin<br/>Emma Narcia<br/>Dannika Lewis</p> |
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Library Hours  
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm  
Sat: 12pm-4pm  
Sun: Closed

## February 2/2026 Black History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm World Read Aloud Day!	5	6	7 Take Your Child to the Library Day!
8	9	10 Crafternoon 3-6pm	11 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm Open Studio 4-6pm	12	13 Friday Fibers & Friends 5-6pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day Closed
15	16	17	18 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm	19	20 Resume & Job Search Workshop 11am-12pm	21
22	23 Closed President's Day	24	25 Storytime @10am Brick Builders 2-4pm Open Studio 4-6pm	26	27	28

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Maricopa High School students break away from school and invade the streets of Maricopa in protest against the Immigration of Customs Enforcements

# MHS Students Protest ICE

Story by Robert Miguel & Photo by Victor Moreno

We've seen it, we've read about it, and for some that we know personally, we've heard it personally through their unfortunate testimony.

The policies and procedures the Trump Administration has given authority for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to crack down on groups or people who have violated the terms of their visa, for example, by getting a job on a visa that does not permit work or who are in the United States illegally, has created uneasiness, uncertainty and fear for many.

Plenty, who are of U.S. citizenship status, have been stopped and questioned, arrested and even deported, even after showing proof of citizenship.

Peaceful protests have been held throughout the state of Arizona, which included hundreds of students from Maricopa High School who took to the streets of Maricopa to show their protest of ICE on Friday, January 30th.

Students held up signs that stated; "No One is Illegal on Stolen Land", "Salt Melts Ice We the People Are the Salt of The Earth", "Protect Our Communities don't TEAR them A-P-A-R-T", "We Stand United", "End Injustice Not Lives", "No Human Is Illegal" and "I Drink My Horchata Warm Cause Ice Melts."

Professional photographer, Victor Moreno, who captured some great photos during the

"walkout" from Maricopa High School students, stated. "Today, I'm sharing some powerful photos of our local high school students here in Maricopa who have come together to peacefully protest against ICS immigration measures. Their voice and courage deserves to be heard."

For many tribes in Arizona, in particular the Tohono O'odham Nation, who has land and membership within Mexico, the ICE dilemma has created obstacles for members to live the normal life they're accustomed to. As the wall divides families on the Nation, as well as ancestral lands, native traditions and ceremonies are getting more difficult to honor.

As a Board Member of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) for the past 6 years, I would like to share some helpful tips for tribal members who may be approached by ICE.

**No matter where you are,**

**remember to always carry your Tribal or state issued identification.** Some state-issued identifications are not enough to prove you are a United States citizen. Please keep looking for and reading accurate updated more information from credible websites that will help, if you are detained.

**If you are at home, do not open the door for ICE agents.** They cannot enter your home without a valid judicial warrant. Most ICE warrants are administrative and do not allow ICE to enter your home without permission. If a warrant is presented, ask ICE to slide the warrant under the door, do not open the door to retrieve the warrant.

**Record the interaction if it is safe to do so or ask someone else to record it.** If you record, do not obstruct the ICE operation.

**If you are approached by ICE in your car, things to keep in**

**mind include;** you have the right to remain silent, never lie to an agent and you can ask if you are being detained, if not, ask if you are free to go. If you are free to go, calmly drive away.

**If you are at work and you are approached,** do not panic, stay calm and avoid running or making sudden movements. ICE cannot legally enter the private spaces, like employee-only areas, unless they have the permission of your employer or a judicial warrant.

**If you are a minor and are approached, minors have the same protections as adults.** You have the right to remain silent and not answer questions about your immigration status, where you were born, and your address. If you and your parents are detained, you have the right to be near and in-touch with your parents.

**If you were detained and then released, its important to document your experience.** Write down what happened to

you or ask someone to write it down for you. Include details like names and badge numbers of the ICE agents and anything that was said or done during your encounter.

It is also encouraged to discuss your encounter with an attorney.

Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians are citizens of the United States. Although, Immigration and Customs Enforcements (ICE) has no jurisdiction over citizens on immigration enforcement, ICE has targeted Native people, Tribal citizens and descendants

Native Americans who believe ICE violated their rights, please contact the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) at the following numbers: Colorado Office (main headquarters) 303 447 8760, Alaska Office 907 276 0680 and Washington DC Office 202 785 4166 or you can email: info@narf.org. You can also visit the NARF website at narf.org/ice-resources-2026 for more helpful tips.

## FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE</b> INDUSTRY NIGHTS WITH TABLE GAMES	 <b>LEVEL UP WITH ONE TAP,</b> DOWNLOAD THE APP!	 <b>HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION</b> BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY	 <b>CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOREVER YOUNG	 <b>BOURBON WHISKEY GIVEAWAY</b> YOUR CHOICE TO PLAY YOUR WAY	 <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE</b> WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS	 <b>FRY'S FOOD STORES®</b> ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
 <b>SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE</b> INDUSTRY NIGHTS WITH TABLE GAMES SUPER BOWL LX PARTY	 <b>MONDAYS NEED DUNKIN', TOO!</b>	 <b>HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION</b> BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY	 <b>CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOREVER YOUNG	 <b>YOUR CHOICE TO PLAY YOUR WAY</b>	 <b>TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB</b>	 <b>ROMANTIC GETAWAY SWEEPSTAKES</b> JEWELRY GIVEAWAY DIRTY YACHTIN' SCOUNDRELS LIVE AT THE LOUNGE
 <b>SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE</b> INDUSTRY NIGHTS WITH TABLE GAMES ROCK REVISITED LIVE AT THE LOUNGE	 <b>10X</b> 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	 <b>10X</b> HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	 <b>CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC</b> 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOREVER YOUNG	 <b>YOUR CHOICE TO PLAY YOUR WAY</b> 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	 <b>10X</b> 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	 <b>TURN CREDITS INTO CUISINE</b> 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER
 <b>SUNDAY SHOPPING SPREE</b> INDUSTRY NIGHTS WITH TABLE GAMES	 <b>COMING SOON CAESARS SPORTSBAR</b>	 <b>HARVEST ROAST COLLECTION</b> BY CHEF'S COUNTER™ GIVEAWAY	 <b>CUPID'S MIDWEEK MAGIC</b> 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOREVER YOUNG	 <b>YOUR CHOICE TO PLAY YOUR WAY</b>	 <b>BOHEMIAN QUEEN LIVE AT THE LOUNGE</b>	 <b>BE INSTANTLY ENTERTAINED</b>

**PAVE YOUR WAY TO FREE PLAY**  
 NOW - TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026  
**EARN OVER \$2,000 IN FREE PLAY WHILE DOING WHAT YOU LOVE!**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE**  
 WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

**MULTIPLY YOUR MOMENTUM 10X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER**  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
 AND  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026  
 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS - 8AM - 11:59PM

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