



Ak-Chin celebrates Senior moments at Heritage and Maricopa high schools

Heritage Academy Maricopa High School Senior, Jose "Baby J." Miguel officially announced his commitment to play basketball at the collegiate level with Sagu American Indian College in Phoenix.

Right: Jose "Baby J" Miguel with mom, dad and grandma during his Signing Day ceremony at Heritage High School. At far right: Noahli Antone with mom and dad meet at center court at Heritage High School during Senior Night before her basketball game.



Sitting with his parents and grandmother beside him, Jose signed his letter of intent to play, as friends, family and coaches proudly looked on.

Story and photos by R. Peters

Jose will finish out the year with Heritage as they head into their playoffs this week. He plans to work and play with coach Carlyle and the Ak-Chin Boys basketball during downtime to prepare for college ball. He is the first player for Heritage to earn an athletic scholarship.

racked up 23 points, 8 assists and 5 rebounds.

team.

Heritage Academy also celebrated Senior, Noahli Antone that evening with a senior night event to highlight her last year on the basketball team, before her game.

Noahli will finish out her senior year in sports, playing softball and then plans to attend Central Arizona College. She would like to play basketball at the collegiate level as well.

Playing point guard, Evone and her team got the win against Higley, 47-35.

Later that evening, Facebook posts were all abuzz for Maricopa High School Senior, Evone Santiago, as she was recognized for her stellar play as a four-year varsity player for the Lady Rams basketball

Although, Evone has been looked at for many scholarships, both in basketball and softball, she plans to focus on her college studies with no current plans to play at the next level. She is planning to attend Lake Superior State University in Michigan, and work towards a bachelor of science in cannabis business.



Evone Santiago celebrates with mom, dad and sister during her Lady Ram Varsity Basketball Senior Night at Maricopa High School. (Submitted photo)

Facebook 18:09 Mon Feb 22



Council holds first virtual Community Meeting

On February 22, 2021, Ak-Chin Tribal Council exercised the right to host their first virtual Community Meeting, assisted by Council Secretary Vicki Smith and Community Events Planner, Henry Garcia.

and vaccinated. He also provided a brief update on all his activities, which consisted of participating in web ex meetings and communicating via zoom to work with various officials and address Community issues.

information on the Maricopa Food Pantry venture that the Community was in the process of; providing food boxes to Community members via drive through distribution. He informed that once the process was finalized information would be sent out on the dates, times and location.

The meeting began with a short opening prayer by Council Member Delia Carlyle, followed by Chairman Robert Miguel who began the meeting with a greeting and update.

Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent shared his experience working through the pandemic and being a first-time council member and Vice-Chairman. He expressed his concern over the many issues that have been addressed to council in regards to the COVID situation and asked for patience as Council and the Community works through the many new processes with the expectation for some trial and error.

Council Member Delia Carlyle talked about the obstacles with the technology in getting the virtual Community meeting underway. She also talked about missing the old days of meeting and moving forward in order to hear from the Community with the new format.

He shared his thoughts on the new process and provided updates on how Council, the Community and departments have been working through this pandemic together.

Vice-Chairman also shared

Council Member Octavio was eager to be back to a Community meeting setting and glad to be able to talk

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ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Amending the June 17, 2020 Order of the Chairman, Prohibiting Wakes and Establishing New and Additional Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures During the Effective Period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak.)

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council ("Community Council") issued a declaration entitled "Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak" ("Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman's designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration, including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, I issued an Order ("Order") limiting large events and mass gatherings, which declared that any gathering of more than ten (10) people during the period in which my Order was in effect is contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community; and

WHEREAS, this Order (which has been amended) remains in effect and large events and mass gatherings are still deemed contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community and generally prohibited; and

WHEREAS, as originally drafted and subsequently amended, Section 1 F of Order did not impose gathering restrictions on funerals or cultural services, including burials, wakes, and other gatherings to honor deceased Community members; and

WHEREAS, the Community continues to experience a high level of COVID-19 positivity and deaths related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, while the Community wants to honor and promote the Community's him-dak and culture, at this time it is necessary to amend the Order to address the health and safety risks arising from funeral, burials, wakes, and other similar large gatherings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency due to the

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Meeting continued from front

with the Community in a large virtual group setting, as he was ready to hear questions and concerns.

Council Member Lisa Garcia shared similar sentiments about connecting with membership to hear their concerns and the opportunity to provide updates with COVID

After Council provided a brief update the meeting was open to questions. Questions could be submitted via email, through the virtual meeting and through Facebook message as well.

Members addressed many topics that evening, with most geared to COVID concerns; such as vaccination, transportation; department updates; opening of community; travel ban; CARES ACT; safety violations; Boards' and Committees' status; Health and Human Services and Education outreach and services; quarantine assistance; casino updates.

After the questions and a few technical glitches, Council wrapped up the meeting.

Next Community virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29. Look for information on the Community website, facebook and the Runner for more details.

ELDER MARCH MENU BREAKFAST | LUNCH

8 Chicken fried steak, Hash browns, Biscuit with gravy, Kashi Bar, Chocolate Milk || Cabbage Stew, Beets, Peas, Biscuits, Apple Crisp, Fresh Strawberries

15 French Toast, Bacon, Fruit Cup, Cliff Bar, Juice || Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Mashed Potato, Zucchini, Spinach Salad, Apple Sauce

9 Ground Beef, Potato, & Jalapeno Burrito, Sliced Apples Cliff Bar, Juice || Potato Soup & Salad, Rolls, Pineapples

16 Chorizo & Eggs, Beans, Diced Potatoes, Tortilla, Banana, Cliff Bar, Chocolate Milk || Baked Chicken, Brown Rice, Salad, Rolls, Plums

10 Sausage Patty, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffin, Diced Potatoes, Banana, Kashi Bar, Juice || Meatball Sub, Wax Beans, Succotash, Fruit Cocktail

17 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Cinnamon Raisin Toast, Yogurt, Milk || Irish Beef Stew, Cabbage w/Bacon, Rolls, Pistachio Cake/Apples

11 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Bagel with cream cheese, Yogurt, Milk || 15 Bean Soup, Meat Stuffed Pasta (D), Green Beans, Rolls, Asparagus, Apricots

18 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Burrito, Grapes, Kashi Bar, Juice || Tuna Fish or Brocken Sandwich, Broccoli, 3 Bean Salad, Honeydew

12 Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Grapes, Fig Newton Bar, Juice || Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Watergate Salad/Pears

19 Bacon, Potato, & egg Soft Tacos, Sliced Apples, Cliff Bar, Juice || Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Tropical Fruit

**** Some items may change without notice****

MARICOPA PANTRY TEAMS UP WITH AK-CHIN

On Monday, March 1, Ak-Chin employees worked together to help assemble and distribute over 200 food boxes for community members and employees.

The food boxes included fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy and protein items as well as a few dry goods-snacks. The drive-thru distribution was very accessible and easy for members to receive their items.

Ak-Chin has teamed up with Maricopa Pantry to provide food boxes every Monday in March. Distribution will be set up at Ak-Chin Recreation parking lot. Time is 9am - 12 pm.

Ak-Chin Indian Community
COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION LINE
520-568-1265
If you are having a medical emergency please call 911

Order continued from front

COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Ak-Chin Community Council do hereby order that:

1. Section 1 F of the Order of June 17, 2020 is clarified and amended as follows:
 - A. There shall be no Wakes within the Community. "Wake" (also sometimes called a "viewing" or the "visitation") means any viewing of the body or other gathering of persons to pay respects to a deceased individual, but does not include viewing of a body if such viewing occurs both (1) within fifteen (15) minutes before or after a formal funeral service and (2) within a church.
 - B. The following rules shall apply in the Ak-Chin Cemetery.

Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures for the Effective Period for the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak

1. These Ak-Chin Cemetery and Burial Procedures ("Pandemic Cemetery Procedures") shall apply to all activities within the Ak-Chin Cemetery. These Pandemic Burial Procedures are in addition to any other policies or guidelines for the cemetery and/or the Burial Assistance Program. These Pandemic Burial Procedures shall be in effect at all times during the effective period for the "Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak," which was issued March 26, 2020.
2. CEMETERY RULES
 - A. Consistent with the Order of the Chairman, which was issued in July 2020, and which mandated the use of face coverings in all public settings, face coverings/masks must be worn by all individuals when in the cemetery. Persons without face coverings will not be permitted to enter the cemetery. Persons who remove their face covering will be asked to put on a face covering or leave. Persons who repeatedly remove their face covering will be asked to leave the cemetery. Persons who refuse to wear a face covering and refuse to leave the cemetery may be subject to penalties.
 - B. All persons in the cemetery should maintain a distance of 6 feet or more distance.
 - C. There shall be no contact between individuals who are not members of the same household at the gravesite (e.g., hugs, handshakes).
 - D. The attendance for any burial service is limited to ten (10) persons in total at any one time, not including "Burial Service Providers" - persons who are in the cemetery to perform services within the scope of his/her regular job duties (e.g., church staff, Community government employees (including, but not limited to, Public/Works Sanitation workers and Ak-Chin law enforcement), etc.).
 - E. Attendance for burial services is limited to immediate family members only. "Immediate family members" means the deceased individual's spouse, parents (including stepparents), grandparent, children (including stepchildren), siblings, and your spouse's children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings and legal guardian relationships.
 - F. The family representative is responsible for monitoring the point of entry, keeping track of the number of persons at the burial service, and rotating immediate family members in and out during the burial services. All immediate family members must wait in their car until the Family Representative indicates it is time to enter.
 - G. There will be only one point of entry for the cemetery and all other entries will be closed.
 - H. All burial services must be commenced and concluded within a consecutive seven (7) hour period, which starts no earlier than 5:00 AM and ends no later than 5:00 PM.
 - I. No choirs or other programming are permitted that would encourage or result in groups of more than ten (10) people gathering.
 - J. Only Sanitation/Public Works personnel are permitted to participate in the grave digging and covering. Further, Sanitation/Public Works may prohibit the family representative from being on-site during the grave digging.
 - K. The family may not participate in lowering of the casket or covering of the grave. All family must exit the cemetery when it is time to lower the casket and the family may not return until after Sanitation/Public works covers the grave.

- L. Sanitation/Public Works will also utilize barricades or tape to section off areas and to create buffer zones near or around the casket & family seating area. Signage (banners, posters) will be set up as reminders for all those in attendance of the safety procedures.
- M. No vehicles except Sanitation/Public Works vehicles and the vehicle transporting the casket will be permitted in the cemetery 1 hour prior to a funeral, during the funeral, or 2 hours after conclusion of a funeral.
- N. If any topic arises that is not addressed in these Pandemic Burial Procedures, the Community defers to CDC Guidelines for funerals and burials.
3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
 - A. The family representative must:
 - i. ensure that no more than ten people (including, but not limited to, the family representative, clergy/spiritual leader/medicine person/general officiant, the family of the deceased, Community employees) are at a burial service at any one time.
 - ii. advise funeral attendees to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet between all attendees. This reminder should be given when a funeral attendee enters the cemetery. The family representative must remind individuals who fail to maintain proper distance as is necessary.
 - iii. ensure compliance with the face covering mandate. The family representative may not permit anyone who is not wearing a face covering to enter the cemetery. The family representative must remind persons who remove their face coverings of the face covering mandate.
 - iv. encourage funeral attendees to apply sanitizer when entering and leaving the cemetery.
 - v. ensure all funeral attendees sign the funeral guest book prior to entry into the cemetery, and permit the Community to take and copy the funeral guest book after the cemetery funeral is concluded.
 - vi. not permit any funeral attendees to move the barricades or tape sections, chairs, canopies, or any other equipment placed within the cemetery by Sanitation/Public Works. If such equipment is moved, the family representative shall return the equipment to the location where it was placed by Sanitation/Public works.
4. ENFORCEMENT
 - A. If the Pandemic Burial Procedures are not followed, the Community may take any of the following action:
 - i. Immediately end the funeral and/or burial services and/or eject from the cemetery any and all persons attending the burial. Even if a funeral is ended and attendees are ejected, Burial Service Providers shall be permitted to stay until such time as their respective duties are completed.
 - ii. Pursue legal action against individuals, including civil or criminal actions in Community Court, such as actions for trespass.
 - iii. Levy fines and other penalties, including, but not limited to, the fines prescribed in the Community Council's "Declaration of Penalties for Non-Compliance With any Order of the Chairman Issued Pursuant to the State of Emergency Declared Pursuant to the COVID-19 Outbreak."
2. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by my order or act of the Community Council. This Order shall automatically be rescinded when the Declared State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak is ended.

ORDERED this 1st day of March, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

Robert Miguel, Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community

“PEST PROOFING” for a healthier and less pesticide dependent home environment

Submitted by Environmental Protection Department



Spring cleaning is a great way to start the year, especially after a year like 2020. This is a great time to be proactive and take a few extra steps, to keep pests away and have a pest-free spring. These simple steps, collectively referred to as “pest-proofing” will go a long way in providing a healthier environment in your home and surroundings.

Indoors*

Reduce the Clutter! Gradually, clutter leads to accumulation of dust and debris, and often provides food as well as harborage for pests such as cockroaches and rodents. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), insect allergens along with dust mites account for two of the six most common indoor asthma triggers. In this way, clutter can be a health concern.



De-cluttering eliminates pest harborage. When there are nooks and crannies – created by “stuff” – pests can easily hide and breed there. Clutter control makes it easier to sweep, mop, and dust when things are generally organized. Involve everyone in your home or work team in a de-cluttering day or week, whenever possible.

Storage. Go through your fridge, kitchen cabinets, pantry and garage. Discard any old or expired food materials, especially those that show signs of stored product pests. Damaged containers causing spills should be discarded and tossed out. Wipe down or vacuum shelves and floors. Be sure to use airtight “pest proof” containers when needed.

This a good time to safely dispose of old pesticides and containers!

Focus Areas of your home, such as kitchens and bathrooms, are particularly suitable for pest populations to develop as food, warmth, and moisture provide ideal conditions for pests. Take extra time to look for pest-attractive conditions and signs of pests (ie., shed skins, droppings or sawdust) in these areas.



Regular cleaning. Employ good cleaning procedures. Vacuum up all food crumbs. Promptly clean up spills.

Waste disposal. Trash containing food waste should be placed in sealable containers that pests such as mice and rats cannot get into.

Leaks. Inspect and repair plumbing and roof leaks regularly to reduce water availability to pests. Check ceiling tiles and under sinks, as a problem may not be apparent. Water damage can weaken walls and ceilings creating additional entryways. This can be a moisture source for molds to develop.

*** If you see signs, be sure to contact the appropriate Ak-Chin Indian Community department in housing or maintenance for additional assistance.**

Entry ways**

Besides doors and windows, pests will readily gain entry by other openings we normally don't think about. Check utility openings or even small cracks and gaps in walls or the foundation. Common entry occurs under doors or between window panes. Cockroaches can enter through gaps the width of a credit card, while mice can squeeze in through holes the size of a pencil's diameter.

Door sweeps and seals. Inspect or install door sweeps at the base of all exterior entry doors. Inspect and repair any damage to door thresholds. No outside light should be visible underneath exterior doors when viewed from the inside at floor level.



The bottom of garage doors can be fitted with a brush or rubber seal (vinyl does not perform well in cold weather). Sliding glass doors can be sealed by lining the bottom track with foam weather stripping. Be sure to inspect all seals of doors including the tops and sides. This is especially important for double doors that lack a central vertical support.

Screens. Inspect, install, or repair screens on all doors or windows that can be opened. Do the same on all ventilation openings. Keep screens in good condition and promptly repair tears or loose edges. This stops the entry of many pests.

Periodically clean the space between the window and the screen to discourage scavenger insects, such as dermestid beetles from breeding and feeding in the organic matter accumulating in these spaces.

Fill cracks. To exclude rodents, lizards and insects, look for cracks or gaps around windows, doors and in fascia boards. For small cracks, use good-quality silicone sealant. Silicone lasts longer than latex caulking materials, as it expands and contracts more effectively with changing temperatures. For larger openings, fill with a strong material that matches the structure such as wood, cement, sheet rock or mortar.

Utility openings. Seal all utility access panels and openings, including penetration points of pipes and wires, outdoor faucets, gas meters, and laundry vents. Cracks should be cleaned, and any peeling material removed. The

hole can then be filled with a suitable sealant. Wider openings should be filled with copper mesh before sealants are applied. Check to make sure escutcheon plates are well seated around plumbing in bathrooms and kitchen.

**** Once again, if you see signs be sure to contact the appropriate Ak-Chin Indian Community department in housing or maintenance for additional assistance.**

Outdoors

After you finish your indoor cleaning, conduct an inspection of your building perimeter, looking for any damage done over the winter months. Here are some tips for spring cleaning outdoors:

General yard clean up. Encourage everyone to participate in yard clean up, including children. Remove accumulated landscape debris and around your home foundation.

Weak wood. Remove any rotted tree stumps or other weak wood in the yard, which could attract structural pests such as termites and carpenter ants.

Organic landscaping mulch should be placed so it does not come into contact with structural wood (siding, posts, etc.)



Trash disposal. Use pest-resistant trash receptacles with lids. Lids should be kept closed, especially at night. Trash receptacles, including dumpsters, should be steam cleaned regularly. Damaged containers should be replaced with new ones.

Roof. Repair damaged fascia and rotted shingles, as some insects are attracted to deteriorating wood. Wire netting to cover gaps under and between rooflines or ¼-inch hardware cloth over the attic, roof, chimney, and crawl space vents in order to prevent entry of birds, bats, squirrels, and rodents. Contact housing for additional information to make repairs.

Larger pest entries into houses are also attractive to many pests such as termites, widow spiders, scorpions, feral cats, and rodents. These larger pest animals may create further insect and health problems (e.g., fleas, ticks, etc.).



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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON Ak-Chin
Cemetery Improvements Project

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the “Owner”) invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on Ak-Chin Cemetery Improvements project. The project consists in the following; rest room facility, fencing and parking lots. Full construction documents/plans will be provided.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. (MST) on March 17, 2021 at Ak-Chin Capital Projects Office parking lot located at 45710 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed and project plans/documents shared. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Only 2 representatives per company may attend. To comply with COVID guidelines, we are keeping group gatherings to a minimum number of attendees. This meeting will be held outside and masks are required to be worn AT ALL TIMES.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 2:00 p.m. (MST) on April 7, 2021. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on April 21, 2021 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

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

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

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



2021 Preschool & Kinder Round-up

Hosted by: Ak-Chin Development & Ak-Chin Education Department

Kindergarten:
When: Wednesday March 10th at 5:00 PM via zoom
Wednesday March 17th at 5:00 PM via zoom

Agenda

5:00 PM Introduction by Bianca Schrader & Sheila Bandin
-MUSD kinder registration out of district advisor Matt Tess
-ROI needed to allow advisor access to student's information
-Contact information for Sheila Bandin

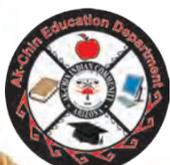
5:15 PM Introduction of Liane Iglesias, Truancy Officer by Sheila Bandin
-Liane will go over the items that are included in the packet

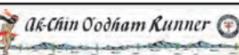
5:25 PM Questions

Packet Contents

[Kinder Readiness sheet](#)
[ParentVue tip sheet](#)
[ROI form](#)
[Truancy information](#)
[Sheila Bandin's contact info](#)
[Matt Tess's contact info](#)
[Liane Iglesias' contact info.](#)

Ak-Chin Child Development
In person by appointment on March 10th & March 17th at Limited capacity due to health and safety precautions.
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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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DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the March 19 - April 1, 2021 issue is due by **FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH**

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

Material submitted after the **MARCH 12TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.



COVID-19 Test Dates, Flu Vaccines & More! Visit GRHC.ORG/HUB

FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT COVID-19, GO TO GRHC.ORG/HUB OR CALL THE GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079

COVID-19 TESTING DATES

AK-CHIN JUSTICE COMPLEX • 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

MARCH 23rd - 25th
8 am - 12 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED? All Ak-Chin members, and those residing within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.

Gila River Health Care recommends frequent testing for anyone who has not been tested or previously tested negative and has no symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms please go the ER or Primary Care Department. For COVID-19 test result information, please call: (520) 550-6079.

COVID-19 VACCINE BY THE NUMBER

GRHC

10,228

Vaccinations were administered to date.

UNITED STATES

68,274,117

Vaccinations were administered to date.

Each vaccination gets us one step closer to bringing an end to the COVID pandemic.

COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHBUSTERS

MYTH:

The COVID-19 Vaccine causes breast cancer.

FACT:

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines can cause lymph nodes to swell, particularly those in the armpit on the side where the shot was received. Some women are feeling these armpit lymph nodes and mistaking them for breast lumps, according to a recent report. Further, these swollen lymph nodes can show up in a mammogram even if women can't feel them. Society Breast Imaging and GRHC providers recommend women to schedule their routine screening mammogram either prior to their COVID vaccine or 4 - 6 weeks following the 2nd COVID shot.

MYTH:

The COVID-19 Vaccine causes sterility and infertility.

FACT:

There's no evidence that the new vaccines against COVID-19 cause infertility. No loss of fertility has been reported among trial participants or among the millions who have received the vaccines since their authorization, and no signs of infertility appeared in animal studies.

Source: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG.ORG)

Gila River Health Care continues to grow to meet the needs of its patients.



Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital - North Expansion



Behavioral Health Services Building



Reminder!

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

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY 4/2/2021

March 2021 Ak-Chin Child Development

Why is outdoor time important?

- Vitamin D from the sun
- Reduce the risk of nearsightedness
- Build large muscles (by running, walking, etc.)
- Reduce stress levels and better sleep
- Children should have at least 1hr of outdoor activity time
- Connect with nature
- Develops a strong bond between Parent/Caregiver and child/children, as well as peers.
- Develops strong reasoning and observation skills
- Improvement of mental and physical health
- Improve brain and communication development

Outdoor Activities

Use this scavenger hunt while on a nature walk.

BACK YARD SCAVENGER HUNT

<input type="checkbox"/> ant	<input type="checkbox"/> brown leaf	<input type="checkbox"/> butterfly
<input type="checkbox"/> clover	<input type="checkbox"/> cloud	<input type="checkbox"/> purple flower
<input type="checkbox"/> pinecone	<input type="checkbox"/> ladybug	<input type="checkbox"/> bird
<input type="checkbox"/> grass	<input type="checkbox"/> green leaf	<input type="checkbox"/> yellow flower
<input type="checkbox"/> feather	<input type="checkbox"/> rock	<input type="checkbox"/> sticks

Leaf rubbings - Place a paper over a leaf or any outdoor object and color over it. It will leave an imprint on paper.

Chalk - Draw with chalk on side walk, you can dip chalk in water to make the color pop.

Fly kites - Children love to fly kites and the weather is great for this activity.

Ladybug hunt - Look for ladybugs and have fun!

Health

EAT THE RAINBOW

PURPLE = anthocyanins
YELLOW = lutein/zeaxanthin
GREEN = chlorophyll
ORANGE = carotenoids
RED = lycopene

If you need additional resources about home activities, have questions or concerns or would like to talk to one of our teachers, please call us at 520-568-1700. We are here to help!

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MARCH EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

3/1 - Yancy Jencsok, Courts	3/18 - Diana Garcia, Contracts and Grants
3/2 - Alyssa Joaquin, Retail	3/19 - Matthew Hearn, Fire & Safety
3/3 - Wilma Antone-Frausto, Early Childhood	3/21 - Eric Chavez, TGA
Harry Grizzle, Law & Order	3/22 - Manuel Garcia, Law & Order
3/4 - John Janzen, Capital Projects	3/23 - Deanna Rascon, Courts
Christopher Witcher, Fire & Safety	Rene Carlyle, Elderly
3/7 - Delbert White, Sanitation	Mark Pablo, EPD
3/8 - Leighsa Homer, Early Childhood	Christian Alvarez, Retail
3/9 - Julio Gloria, Elderly	Sergio Hernandez, Sanitation
3/12 - Christine Dodwell, TGA	3/26 - David Lopez, Law & Order
Gabriela Potter, Finance	3/27 - Celia Soto, Social & Health Services
3/14 - Brenna Antone, Maintenance	Jesus Estrada, Sanitation
3/15 - Dwayne Antone, Sanitation	3/29 - Rebecca Bowen, Runner
	3/31 - Shannon Peters, Retail

SCAN & EDIT OLD PHOTOS

For Any Questions Contact The Library at (520)568-1675 Or Email: WAntone@ak-chin.nsn.us

REMOVE
Cracks
Scratches
Age spots
Pen marks
Stains

EDIT
Color
Image size

Reminder:

WIC services are still being held via telephone due to COVID-19.

If you need to start services or have questions?? Call WIC at (520) 562-9698

2021 mini sticker calendars @ the ACIC Library

Call 520-568-1675
Staff can place on tables outside the building

GAME HACKER REBOOT

Are your kids interested in coding? Would they like to give it a try? Would they like to try it again?

We're starting a new session of Game Hacker soon. To hold a spot, please fill out the form at: <https://forms.gle/GChb5drqW23sIL4a9>

If you have questions, contact us at: akchinlibrary@gmail.com or 520-612-1013

Spots are limited!

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

VIDEO CREATION

Turn your home videos and photos in to a video to share with family or on social media.

Memorial Video
Slide Show
Event Celebration

For More Information Contact
Wilson Antone
At
WAntone@ak-chin.nsn.us

AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Accountant Deli Clerk (2)

APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!
Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website (www.ak-chin.nsn.us) and click Job Openings to review or apply for an open position.

If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment MUST be submitted at the time of application.

Maricopa Unified School District

Early Kindergarten Screening

April 17th, June 3rd and June 4th

For students turning Five September 1st – December 31st
These will be the ONLY dates available for Early Kindergarten Screenings.

Email Ana Carlson at acarlison@musd20.org or call 520-568-5100 ext: 1005 to schedule an appointment. All screening will be administered at Santa Rosa Elementary School
21400 N. Santa Rosa Dr. Maricopa, AZ 85138

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Dante, Cayden, Cody, Marcus, Devin and Narin and my granddaughters Emma and Alexandra Love, Grandma

WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

Answer Key to February 19th - March 4th issue

WINDY	STORMY	BLUE SKIES	CLOUDY
RAIN	SUNNY	DUSTY	CLEAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Maverick Santiago Nolan Miguel Ferrin Sope Olivia Vincent	2 Kristina Garcia Sonja White	3 Ardon Green Wilma Antone Courtney Osife	4 Deion Narcia Madeleine Van Sickle Mario Twohearts	5 Dannika Lewis Sharalee Dominguez-Zapata Dante Peters Kerianna Justin Emma Narcia Cayden Peters Gabriel Lopez	6 Cody Narcia Nakotah Antone Damonique Lewis Jose Gutierrez, Jr Glennadean Lewis
7 Alexandra Lopez Emily Lewis Delbert White	8 Leighsa Miguel	9 Charlene Whitman Jonathan Narcia Stanislaus Antone	10 Marcus Delores, Jr. Mercedes Antone Irene Medina	11 Devin Peters Breon Stephens Antonenko Alvarez Angelisa Cuatt Giulianna Sandoval Mildred Narcia Robert Stephens Jr.	12 Lisa Chavez	13 Samantha Castro Ameliano Jacuinde
14 Brenna Antone Davin Garcia Crystal Maddox	15 Dwayne Antone Ana Blanchard LeRoy Narcia Narin Lopez	16 Tracy Wind Mariella Norris Kalvin Antone	17 	18 Karlie Smith Kane Miguel	19 Kerwin Ugalde Evelina Lopez	20 Sarah Carlyle Jose Hernandez Carlton Carlyle Jr. Gabriel James Daria Garcia
21 Eric Chavez Joel Vincent	22 George Lewis Jr. Manuel Garcia Nicole Vincent	23 Deanna Rascon Christian Alvarez Melanie Antone Brandon Antone Mark Pablo Marie Ortega	24 Jessie Williams Yamiah Miguel Yaniah Miguel	25 Mario Ortega Jacob Santiago David White Sr.	26 Benedict Miguel Celia Soto	27
28 Maria Santiago	29 Megan Quintero Monica Ruiz Dannon Peters Leona Kakar	30 Allissia Bandin Marvin Shade Aaliyah Balderrama	31 Shannon Peters Zaydyn Norris Courtney Delores Robert Velasquez Maria Hernandez	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #2e8b57; text-decoration: underline;">MARCH</h1>		

Two Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Employees Receive Patriot Award



Michael Schauster and Terri Tooley received the Patriot Award for their support of David Porter, an employee in the United States Armed Forces Guard and Reserve.

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – March 1, 2021) The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program, recognized two Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino employees for their high-level support of fellow employee David Porter, who is serving as Staff Sergeant CBRN Operations NCO 158th Headquarters Support Company in the United States Armed

Forces Guard and Reserve. The Patriot Award, presented to Michael Schauster and Terri Tooley, reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployments, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed.

to learn about the specific military service needs of Harrah's Ak-Chin Security Officer David Porter," said Arizona Committee for ESGR State Chair Dan Irving. "Individuals enlisted in the military make huge sacrifices to serve and to know that they have unconditional support at work is

appreciated. The Patriot Award is an acknowledgement of the support to Staff Sergeant Porter's service."

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, visit www.harrahsakchin.com

Maricopa Pantry

FOOD BOX DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION
Mondays in March
9 am – Noon
Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation
Outdoor Courts Parking Lot

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WEEKLY SPECIALS - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ARROYO GRILLE PASTA DAY

THURSDAYS • MARCH
CHEF'S PASTA SPECIAL \$15

WEDNESDAYS classic fish fry \$14
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS prime rib \$24

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MARCH EVENTS

MOVIES • RESTAURANTS • BOWLING • ARCADE • LASER TAG • GROUP EVENTS

Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Reuben Pizza \$21
Corned Beef Hash Taco's 3 For \$10

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

MOVIE RELEASES

- 3/05 Chaos Walking
- 3/05 Raya & The Last Dragon
- 3/19 Last Call
- 3/26 Nobody
- 3/26 Six Minutes to Midnight
- 3/31 Godzilla vs Kong

HAPPY HOUR

Monday - Friday
Drink Specials
\$2.50 - \$3.50

WRISTBANDS

AK-CHIN CIRCLE

BOOK TODAY

PARTIES FOR KIDS, TEENS, ADULTS, FIELD TRIPS, AND TEAM BUILDING

BEER

\$20

Dine In or To-Go

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Fuego Tuesdays!

Enjoy Good Food & Latin Music
Every Tuesday From 6pm-9pm

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO MARCH 2021

CAESARS REWARDS.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRINK OF THE MONTH QUENCH YOUR THIRST WITH A DEEP EDDY® PEACH TEA COOLER	1 PLAY KENO AT A 24/7 KENO KIOSK	2 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	3 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	4 COME ON ROLL THE DICE	5 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	6 HANDBAG SWEEPSTAKES
7 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	8 MAKE YOUR DAY AN ADVENTURE & TRY SOMETHING NEW!	9 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	10 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	11 PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	12 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	13 REVITALIZE YOURSELF WITH A SPA TREATMENT
14 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	15 SAVOR YOUR MORNING WITH BREAKFAST AT AGAVE'S	16 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	17 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 TAKE A SEAT & GET READY TO SAY "BINGO"!	19 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	20 Brentwood JUICER GIVEAWAY
21 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	22 BOOK A PLAYGATION & HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN	23 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	24 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	25 PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	26 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	27 SPRING IT ON FRESH FRUIT GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
28 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	29 CELEBRATE THE DAY WITH AN ICE COLD BEER ON TAP	30 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	31 PARIPI BAJA COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<h3>EARTH HOUR</h3> <p>SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 8:30PM</p> <p>We encourage you to participate on property and at home by turning off non-essential lighting for one hour in support of climate action.</p> <p>CODEGREEN®</p>		

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