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Big Boy steams through Maricopa

Story and Photos by C. Picciuolo

The largest operational steam locomotive in the world, Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014, caused some locomotion in Maricopa on Wednesday, October 16 as it trekked past the crowds of locals at the Amtrak station.

Several families and locomotive enthusiasts lined each side of the railway hoping to catch some steam as Big Boy powers through Arizona.

The Runner was informed on Wednesday about Big Boy by Community Elder Armida Mattia, who told us her sister Vicky told her about the train. Vicky, who works with elders at San Lucy in Gila Bend, took a group of elders to see the train as it made a stop in Gila Bend.

Armida said she asked her sister if No. 4014 made the whistle noise when it left, and her sister said it did. Armida also wanted to see the train, but she thought she too heard the whistle as it passed through Maricopa en route to Casa Grande.

In Maricopa, onlookers shared Upon retirement, No. 4014 was stories and knowledge of their love of locomotives as they diligently checked their phones waiting in Pomona, California, and UP for updates on the Union Pacific reacquired it on July 23, 2013. The

website. After nervously waiting several minutes for No. 4014 to pass through Bosque, Shawmut, Estrella and Mobile, Big Boy finally appeared within sight around the bend of the tracks at approximately 4:12p.m. local time as spectators sounded the alarm with cell phones and cameras in hand to witness the rare steam-powered beast.

Two young Maricopa residents shared their experiences with No. 4014. "I just said 'whoa!' and then I said 'woo!' said Maddox Rushton, 7. "Well, it was amazing because it was the first time I saw it and I don't think I'm going to see it (again) for a long time," said his brother Huxley, 9.

Built in November 1941 by the American Locomotive Company, Big Boy No. 4014 was delivered to Union Pacific, who used the locomotive to haul 3,600-ton trains over Utah's Wasatch Range. In 20 years of revenue service, No. 4014 retired on December 7, 1961 after traveling 1,031,205 miles.

donated to the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society

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SR 347 scoping study open house recommends traffic nlans



Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 passes through Maricopa on the way to Casa Grande for the night. The locomotive crew waves to onlookers who are enjoying the experience in front of the water tower.

Injury Prevention hosts Car Seat Check-Up Event

Story and Photos by J. Peters

Story and Photos by C. Picciuolo



Traffic is backed up southbound on SR 347 at Riggs Road as the majority of drivers head back to Maricopa from the Phoenix area.

With the rising congestion along SR 347 from Peters and Nall Road to I-10, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is overseeing a scoping study to recommend a plan to provide a safe and reliable corridor that supports anticipated growth.

This study led to an open house event on Tuesday, October 8 at the Ak-Chin Service Center. Several Ak-Chin Indian Community departments, Community members and Councilmembers joined the conversation and gave their input on the commute and ideas on how to improve the corridor.

"It's an open house on the Ak-Chin Indian Community, going out to one of our key stakeholders, asking the afternoons on the way back

them for their input," said Chaun Hill, senior engineering project manager at MAG. "Today we'd like for people to stop by, look at our boards, take a look at what this corridor looks like from stem to stern. We're all the way down here at Peters and Nall Road, but if you see how (SR 347) traverses all the way out to I-10, it gives you a much better understanding of the length of this corridor and the proposal for different kinds of things in each of those segments."

During peak travel hours in the mornings, commuters traveling from Maricopa to Phoenix are often backed up and experience extended driving times to their destination. The same scenario happens in

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Pictured are the certified child passenger safety technicians who helped families give safer driving experiences during the Car Seat Check-Up Event.

On Thursday October 3rd, hosting her first event with the Community, Injury Prevention Specialist Teri De La Cruz led a team of certified Child Passenger Safety technicians on a mission to provide a safe driving experience for families across the community. With help from newly certified technicians, along with the Ak-Chin Fire Department, Maricopa Fire Department, Arizona City Fire Department and Maricopa Police Department, this batch of technicians were ready to help in any way possible.

This was an open event for every family in need of a safety seat. The Car Seat Check-Up held at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial

Park gave families the opportunity to stop by for a car seat inspection and to see if their child's seat was up to the standards in providing a safe and sound mode of everyday transportation. The car seats provided at the event are 10-year seats "life time seats", these seats can hold infants from five pounds to children up to 100 pounds. These life time seats can run up to \$129 in retail.

This event was in dedication to a special week in the month of September which is devoted to giving an outpour of attention to keep children safe while on the road.

Child Passenger Safety Week began on September 15th and continued through to 21st day of the month, bringing strong awareness on how the many dangers of an incorrectly installed car/booster seat can have on a child's life.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury death of American Indians/ Alaska Natives." Adding that the major risk factors for these types of fatalities are due to low seat belt use, low child safety seat use and alcohol impaired driving. These injuries can be prevented, especially for children. With the proper equipment

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SRPMIC channels Water=Life Workshop

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

There is one universal fact that can't be disputed, and that is: water=life. This is apparent with the farming history of the Sister Tribes and especially the ancient and current canals of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

On Saturday, October 12 at the SRPMIC Community Garden, Community and non-Community members gathered for a workshop to learn about the traditions, agriculture, gardening techniques and explore the importance of water within the Community. The project was made possible by the Water Public Art Challenge, presented by the Arizona Community Foundation, Republic Media and Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

The City of Mesa was one of five winners in the Water Public Art Challenge and

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Jacob Butler talks with visitors about the history of water and farming at the Water=Life workshop.

UltraStar hosts Heritage School during construction

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

Heritage Academy of Maricopa is preparing for a bittersweet move to their home location at 41000 West Heroes Way after staying at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle and Elements Event Center from July 24 through October 17.

The charter school campus was looking for a place to start the school year while waiting for construction to be completed, and Kim Park, sales and events manager at UltraStar, took the call. "In early July, the Principal (of Heritage Academy) stopped by. She's like, 'Can we have class here?' I thought she was joking. I said, 'Sure! We'll figure it out," said Park.

Kimberly Ellsworth, principal at Heritage Academy, was grateful for the opportunity to temporarily relocate. "We had a little bit of stalling on



A divided classroom at Elements used by Heritage.

our construction, as it was delayed a little bit. We ended up here (UltraStar) because they were wonderful to let us be here," she said. "Honestly, UltraStar has been really great, so being here has been a huge blessing. They have been really awesome with letting us have exactly what we need to have. Obviously, it's not our school campus, it's not ideal; but it's been perfect for us and it's one of the only places in town that's

large enough to hold 400 students."

Those 400 students and 35 staff members have utilized the space with ease, as nearly all classes are held at Ak-Chin Circle. Many of the kids have been overheard saying that they were excited to have school at UltraStar.

Elements can be broken down into three main rooms and then broken down more, with

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Dan Marum, principal in charge at Wilson and Company, who are consultants for the project, explains SR 347 options to Ak-Chin staff.

to Maricopa. These instances of traffic jams often come with fender benders and the road in general sees an almost daily car accident in either direction. According to MAG, 80% of Maricopa workers use SR 347 to commute to Phoenix

interests and engagement and maintain current easements.

Identified issues and previous study recommendations are split up into segments along the route, starting with the Maricopa County and Gila Consultants are focusing alternatives and go back River Indian Community congestion from the I-10 interchange, south to Riggs Road.

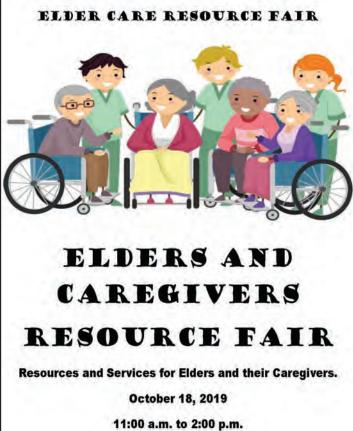
signal, RSA improvements, advance signal warning with detectors and beacons at the T-intersection. Road safety recommendations south of the 187-mile marker could potentially include a shoulder modernization inside widening with a median barrier.

At the Riggs Road intersection where much of the congestion sits, truck traffic remains an issue. To break up the stagnant flow of vehicles, suggestions include potential grade separation or innovative treatments such as a parkway at-grade intersection, which reduces traffic queues and allows for traffic to be equally dispersed.

Alternative strategies along the corridor consists of traditional corridor widening to six lanes or a six-lane Arizona Parkway Concept, widening to include reversible lanes and HOV lanes.

Recommendations and identified issues for the City of Maricopa and ACIC involve an intersection upgrade at SR 347 and SR 238, a potential Hiller Road truck bypass connection to SR 238, influence of the East/ West corridor connectivity at the new Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino traffic signal and shoulder modernization near Peters and Nall Road.

The next steps in the process would be to identify preferred on what can be done at out to stakeholders to gain acceptance of what these concepts look like, along with an implementation strategy and to finalize the scoping report and move on to design concept reports.



Ak-Chin Elders Center

The improvement strategies include the following goals: optimize travel time, improve multimodal mobility, improve safety, optimize land use, optimize environmental outcomes, respect stakeholder

traffic concerns between I-10 and S. Maricopa Road and suggestions of a new

Big Boy continued from Front

locomotive back together again began in March 2018 and on May 1, 2019 No. 4014 was powered up for the first time in almost 60 years, making it the only operating locomotive of its kind out of eight in existence.

process of putting the From July 8 to August 8, 2019, No. 4014 toured the Midwest before starting a Southwest excursion on September 27. The passing through Maricopa is just one of the many towns that Big Boy will continue to visit as the locomotive ends the current tour on November 27.

2019 Breast Cancer Awareness Event & Pink Run

Ak-Chin Service Center **October 19th, 2019** 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Join us for breakfast after PINK RUN!

Come dressed in PINK from head to toe and show your support

Event Open to Ak-Chin Members, Residents, **Ak-Chin Employees &** their families

TAKE ACTION

Be Active! PINK RUN Check In @ 7:00 AM PINK RUN @ 8:00 AM

BE INSPIRED

Community Member Breast Cancer Survivor

For more information please contact Health Education at (520) 568–1080 or mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

Riggs Road from a safety standpoint as an interim solution before money can be found for a grade separation There are noted event and another concern on the heels of that would be avoiding a bottleneck I-10 at

SR 347-Queen Creek.

Elder Menu

Friday October 18

Mippa Fair, lunch catered, carrot cake

Monday October 21

Roast Turkey, roasted vegetables,

wheat rolls, wild rice, crepes w/

strawberry

Tuesday October 22

Sausage White Bean Soup/Kale,

normandy vegetable, moon bread, mandarin oranges

Wednesday October23

Tunafish Sandwich, tomato soup, mixed vegetables, apple/orange

Thursday October 24

BBQ Ribs, broccoli, yams, spring

salad, Jell-O fruit cocktail

Friday October 25 Black eyed peas, spinach salad/corn,

wheat rolls, pineapple, brownies

Monday October 28

Red chili stew, carrots, zucchini, chumath, tropical fruit

Tuesday October 29

Hamburger, potato wedges, baked

beans, carrot raisin salad, watergate

salad

Wednesday October 30

Lima Beans, peas, cauliflower, moon

muffins

green beans, rolls, pumpkin roll,

peaches

48141 West Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ

ELDERS PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHECKS AT THE RESOURCE FAIR!

Learn about: Medicare, Transportation, Health and Wellness

Raffle prizes, Lunch (Catered By Dickey's BBQ)

Get your Flu Shot! Bring your current Medicare Card,



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 **AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**



10:00 a.m. MASS

11:00 a.m. **Opening Procession**

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. T.O. P'APKOKO'OLA DANCERS

9:00 p.m.

SAN JUAN CHILDREN DANCE GROUP

6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Gertie & The T.O. Boys

FOOD/ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS WELCOME \$25.00 SPACE - TO RESERVE A SPACE CONTACT MARILYN THOMPSON (520)-568-1026

Listen to Ak-Chin

bread, mandarin oranges, cranberry **Thursday October 31** Meatloaf-salad, mashed potato,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

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

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper.

Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

he Runner's Spooky Halloween Story

The deep crimson sun sets behind Ak-Chin Indian Community as nature's breath exhales in dust devils at dusk. A crow caws while perched atop mule deer horns.

As light escapes the uneasy air, across the road and behind an unhinged screen door a set of piercing eyes gradually poke out of the darkness with a silent cackle.

The tiger orange moon casts enough light to reveal curdled and caked white and vermillion makeup on its face as the door creaks.

A shadow of eight legs looms along a nearby crumbling shed. A leg twitches without warning. The other seven follow as the shadow grows and grows and grows fangs. Winds whistle as two lifeless dolls appear in the middle of the road.

A menacing reaper floats over a saguaro, wearing a tattered, hooded cloak and takes its sharp scythe to pumpkins on doorsteps. A lone swing sways on a playground as a ghoulish figure emerges on the seat, wrapped in chains. The ghost disappears but the swing picks up speed as rotting scents radiate from the dirt.

One by one, all creatures gather and gradually draw closer. Bare

September Meeting focuses on New Programs, **Community Events and Information Systems**

Story and photos by R. Peters

The September Community Meeting Fest on October 29 at MPA park, was held on Monday, September and how they were looking for game 30, at Ak-Chin Service Center, with about a dozen members in attendance. After the welcome from Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Community Services Manager, Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester, provided an opening prayer.

First to present at the September Community Meeting was Ak-Chin Library Manager, Melanie Toledo, along with Matthew Cross, Library Technician. They presented information on new programs and upcoming community involvement projects, like scanning photo albums.

Melanie explained how members would get a USB drive and archival supplies for scanning and digitizing of photos or newspaper clippings, without having to take photos out of albums or tear pages, and also the capability to scan negatives and important documents as well. She also talked about creating a digital recording of cassette songs and audio tapes. The project will include a digitization night and will be announced soon.

Story by C. Picciuolo

skeletons join in from rooftops. Mummies crawl out of windows. Blood-thirsty vampires sprint from porches. They all approach within inches and come to a dead stop... to remind you about the...



at UltraStar, EPA Region 9 conference at Harrah's, 5th Annual Tribal Development Roundtable in Tucson, Pinal County Supervisor's Summit at Harrah's.

Councilmember Octavio Machado shared Vice-Chairman Lopez' written updates as he was absent; Religious Pilgrimage to Magdalena, Sonora Mexico, Self-Governance Strategy Session, First Things First consultation, Tribal Gaming Meeting at Twin Arrows in Navajo Nation, Educational Consultation, Water Settlement-Santa Rosa Canal system.



Library Manager Melanie Toledo shows archival box and supplies.

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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 November 1 - 14, 2019 issue is due by OCTOBER 25, 2019

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019

Any material submitted after the **OCTOBER 25TH DEADLINE**

Cannot be guaranteed placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, Will be included in the following issue.

Brittany Sourjohn, Community Events and Marketing Manager and Amanda Roninger, Community Sponsorship Event Planner were in attendance to discuss programs and processes. Amanda shared information about Coppersky and how there are no longer Coppersky vouchers; instead tribal members can receive a 40% discount for a Coppersky membership. They would need to go to Coppersky and show their tribal ID, in order to sign up. The discount is also open to Community Employees.

Amanda then talked about raffles, "we are kind of winding down the season for raffles," sharing that Ak-Chin Pavilion concert season is complete, and will pick back up in early spring. There are still a few more sporting events and a couple of concerts still up for raffle. She also asked if members were getting the weekly e-blast from her, and if not, to email: events@ ak-chin.nsn.us if they would like to receive them. Also discussed was the Community's social media, how to join the member-only page, and being on Instagram.

Brittany talked about the Fall program currently happening and how Community Events partnered with Him Dak Museum to offer one form for both programs; for the Museum's half day or Community Events full-day options; as well as hours, lunch, transportation and activities. Brittany also shared information about the Halloween

shared, explaining how they help and protect the system, community data, and the community's security.

and food booth vendors, which are

She then touched a little bit on

this year's Masik Tas, giving the

membership a heads-up on changes

that will be put in the Runner and on

social media, such as the carnival,

which will be free for members

and \$10 for the public for an all-

day wristband, as well as the rodeo

changing to a full-rodeo and the

Ramon Ayala, concert on Saturday night, December 14. Tickets will

be \$25.00, with a number of tickets

raffled to members. Tickets will be

Last presentation was provided

by Information Systems Director,

Keith Franklin, who informed the

members of Information Systems

projects and programs, "information

technology is there and if you don't

see it then we've done our job," Keith

sold on-site, day of concert.

free for members.

Keith provided the names of all staff members, their areas and routines and then talked about some of the projects they were working on such as; document management program with TGA, power phone medical dispatch software for dispatchers and EMTs, recent computer raffle, 90% completion with system 10 Microsoft upgrade, IS support for World Long Drive competition and preschool expansion, upgrading public safety radio system, new cabling, card access, and camera systems for Education, Library and Recreation.

They have a lot of information coming together; working 85 switches in the Community, 430 phones, 16 large servers with large processors, 100 TB on active space, 110TB as back up storage, about 600 laptops and workstations, providing fiber to new public use area, Language and Cultural building. Keith also shared how they were fixing cable that had conduit exposure from IS all the way to HQ due to storms and floods as well as repairing the wireless network at the airport, after the crash, in addition to upgrading HR Kronos programs.

After a short break, Councilmembers provided their updates. Chairman Miguel began with updates on; Agave's Restaurant walk-through, Metro and Rural tribes compact negotiating meetings, 2019 Self-Governance Strategy Session, National Democratic Debate in Houston, Texas, White House Tribal Energy Meeting in Washington D.C, NARD Celebration, Maricopa Chamber of Commerce breakfast

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CREATIVE LEARNING



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Families Gather for Killer Campfire Tales

Story and Photo by J. Peters

Kicking off their chain of Halloween events Ak-Chin Library's Awesome Program Series presented the Killer Campfire Tales! Starting at 6 p.m. on the evening of October 9, families showed up to the library to grab their seats for an evening full of ghoulish stories and yummy treats.

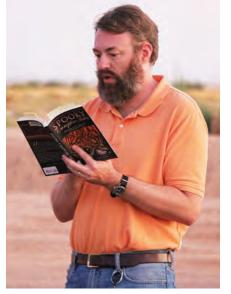
To begin the evening, library staff provided much needed cans of Off Insect Repellent, for the massive amount of mosquitos out that night would be quite distracting to the audience if not used.

Telling a numbers of scary shorts and urban legends, library staff set up a makeshift campsite with plenty

of seats for the guests.

Reading from the book Spooky Campfire Tales: Haunting, Strange Happenings, and Supernatural Lore by S. E. Schlosser along with some audio read stories the staff created a very eerie atmosphere as each story was told with gripping tones, selling the stories to the curious crowd.

As tales were told throughout night, families were called up to the fire pit to make delicious s'mores, all provided by the library. And as the night rolled on hearing these stories gave parents and children a good dose of Halloween spirits!



Library Technician Matthew Cross tells the first tale of the night.



These girls aren't afraid of listening to a few spooky stories.





Top: A lonely jack-o'-lantern.

marshmallows while hearing spooky campfire tales.

Ak-Chin Higher Education Scholarship Program DEADLINES

FALL Semester/ Quarter	SPRING Semester/ Quarter	SUMMER Semester/ Quarter	OPEN ENTRY/ OPEN EXIT (clock hour/ non- traditional)
JUNE 30 th	NOVEMBER 27th	APRIL 30 th	2 months prior to start date

Left: Kids enjoy a night of roasting

Application Requirements · Be an enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community member · Must have a high school diploma or GED

Be accepted to higher education institution

Contact Information Pamela Velasquez 520.568.1291 PVelasquez@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin kiddos enjoy LEGOLand and Beach!

Photos submitted

On September 29th, the parent group of Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education assembled the 2019 graduates and family members for the annual Preschool California field trip.



After a whirlwind of events interfering with this year's trip, the parent group rallied together to raise enough money to take their kiddos on a well earned trip to sunny

6:00 pm-8:00pm **At Ak-Chin Service Center**

Friday Oct 18, 2019



Vroom! Vroom! She's driving through the LEGO city streets.

Waking up bright and early the group of children get ready for their lengthy trip to California via commercial bus provided by Council.



Above: This family has a blast at the brick city.

At right: Kids got to enjoy a day of swimming in the ocean or relaxing at the beach in San Diego before heading back home.







FOR MORE INFO CONTACT Sylvia Rubalcaba @ 520 568-1370 OR EMAIL : SRubalcaba@ak-chin.nsn.us



"Balancing Growth and Protection of the Cultural Resources of the Ak-Chin Indian Community"

> Everyone come and learn your role as a steward of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Cultural Resources

> > October 24, 2019 Art Building (Him-Dak) 6:00PM - 8:00PM

For more Information: Cultural Resource Program: 520-568-1365 Him-Dak Museum: 520-568-1350



Presented by the Cultural Resource Program Staff



Car Seat Safety continued from Front



Car seat owners are being assisted with car seat details at the Car Seat Safety event held at MPA Park.

installed, proper education on said equipment and general knowledge anyone and everyone can prevent such irreversible damage in these drastic situations.

The days leading up to the event, Ms. De La Cruz provided a Child Passenger Safety (CPS)

Certification course at the Elements Event Center for all interested in learning about CPS. Sixteen people attended the certification course, eight of them were employees of Ak-Chin. Some of the employees whose work pertains to taking care/ transporting children on a daily October 18 - 31, 2019

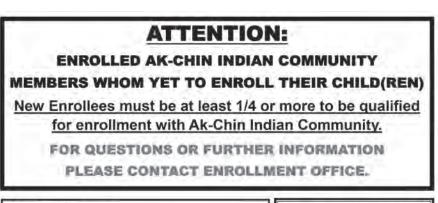
basis were definitely intrigued to go through the certification process. The course goes in-depth into Safe Native American Passengers training, the SNAP training goes into what happens in a crash, how to properly lock in a car seat, how to properly fasten a child in the car seat, installation/education on rear facing car seats and forwardfacing seats. SNAP also provides information on how what seat a child will need, based on age and other factors, and importantly teaches how to identify misuse of a child's safety seat. For the future technicians this was an eye-opening

set of classes, parents who had gone through the course were stunned to find that they themselves had been misusing their own child's safety seat and did not know it.

It is known in the Community that everyone can go to the Ak-Chin Fire Department for any car seat needs, as they have technicians available for those who need help with seats. Injury Prevention will now be having monthly car seat training classes available and if parents/ guardians/caregivers need a car seat Mrs. De La Cruz is available during the day for walk-ins at the Health Education.

If anyone is needing a car seat after work hours or on the weekends Ak-Chin FD is still available to distribute/educate the parents on car seat safety. For more information please contact Health Education at (520) 568-1080.





What you need:

Complete Enrollment Application
Certified Birth Certificate
Social Security Card
Marriage License (If applicable)
Notarized Affidavit (If applicable)
All forms can be filled out at the Enrollment Office.

Please keep contact information updated.

- IE: Change of Name,
- Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address & Contact Numbers.
 - Please bring any
 - supporting documents. IE: Court Documents



Ak-Chin Firefighters inspect car seats inside of a family's vehicle to make sure everything is up to code.



This little guy is patiently waiting for his new seat to be installed.

AK-CHIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT <u>Mailing Address:</u> (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Az. 85138

BEWARE It's against the law to use someone's or sell your Tribal ID cards. These cards have your personal information on them. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT.

REMINDER: \$5.00 Fee for ID replacement

520) 568-1074 Physical Address: 16472 North Maricopa Road Maricopa, Az. 85139 (Corner of Farrell & SR 347 (Old Fire Station)

OCTOBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

UPCOMING EVENTS Community Gathering Held at the Service Center, 6- 9PM Community Meeting Held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM





GED Instructional Hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 12pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2pm to 5pm

Conference 4—5 PM OCTOBER 30TH BINGO w/ Gwen from Oasis Pavilion 12:30 PM



OCTOBER 21ST Mummy Pillow Making *Adults Only 11:00am – 3:00pm RSVP Required

OCTOBER 22ND Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm

OCTOBER 21ST Open Gym 8am to 2pm 4pm to 9pm

OCTOBER 22ND Open Gym 8am to 2pm Youth Volleyball League WK 4

OCTOBER 23RD Open Gym 8am to 2pm 4pm to 6pm Elder Chair 6pm to 8pm

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION

Elder Center-520-568-1760 Center Hours Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM Lunch 12 noon

Transportation-520-568-1760 or 520-568-1769 Please Call Before 4 PM

Eggs Delivered every Tuesday. Eggs pick up Wed-Fri 8 AM-3 PM After Hours 520-858-5043

Elder Shopping and Errands are provided every Monday and Friday at 1 PM If you need transportation for Shopping and Errands on any Other day, please call Transit Department. 520-568-1630

LIBRARY INFORMATION *Needs to be signed up to be in program. Call 520-568-1675 for more information. Elder Coloring-Takes place at the Elder Center Japan Pop – Transportation to and from library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate. Baby Time! – every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00am. Children 0-5 ONLY. OVERDRIVE TRUCK – No signup required, Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

<u>LIBRARY HOURS</u> Monday – Friday – 8AM-6PM Saturday-12PM-4PM Sunday-Closed

<u>RECREATION INFORMATION</u> For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @ 520-568-1740

Calendar Subject to Change

<u>AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION</u> <u>FITNESS CLASSES</u> For community members, residents and employees. All Fitness Classes held at Service Center Call (520) 568-1080 with Questions Wednesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm

ELDER CENTER



OCTOBER 18TH Crafts w/The Library MIPAA Fair - Elder Center 9 AM to 12 noon Elder Check Day

OCTOBER 21ST Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

> OCTOBER 22ND Goodwill Shopping Leaving @ 9 AM

OCTOBER 23RD Education Presentation Advisement Program 12:15 PM

OCTOBER 24TH Men's Fishing and BBQ Day Roosevelt Lake Leaving at 6am

OCTOBER 25TH Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

OCTOBER 28TH Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM AICOA Conference

> OCTOBER 29TH Council Update 12 noon Returning form AICOA

HEALTH EDUCATION 12:15 —12:45pm Strength Training Circuit: Increase Lean Muscle & Muscle Strengthening 7:00 —8:00pm Zumba: Full Body Aerobic Dancing &

Full Body Aerobic Dancing & Resistance Training

Wednesday 12:15 — 12:45pm Core & Cardio Blast: Midsection Focus, Integrated Total Body Cardio 5:30 — 6:00pm Beginner Power Blast Training: Light Weight of Explosive Fast Movements

Thursday 12:15 — 12:45pm Total Body Circuit Supersets: Pair of Exercises, One After The Other 7:00 — 8:00pm Yoga 101: Basic Fundamental Poses and Breathing

LIBRARY



OCTOBER 18TH Elder Crafts 11:00am-12:00pm OCTOBER 19TH OCTOBER 23RD KRAFTZ Diamond Painting 12:30pm-4:00pm Game Hacker 4:15pm-5:30pm

> OCTOBER 24TH Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

OCTOBER 26TH Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm

> OCTOBER 29TH Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

OCTOBER 30TH Baby Time 10:00am-10:45am Family Film Frights 2:00pm-5:00pm Hocus Pocus Game Hacker 4:15pm-5:30pm

OCTOBER 31ST Library Closing at 5:00pm

PARKS & REC



OCTOBER 18TH Open Gym 8am to 5pm

OCTOBER 19TH Fear Farm Trip 3pm to 11pm

OCTOBER 20TH Pumpkin Patch Trip 8am to 4pm OCTOBER 24TH Open Gym 8am to 2pm Youth Volleyball 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

OCTOBER 25TH Men & Women's Open Basketball Tournament

OCTOBER 26TH Men & Women's Open Basketball Tournament

OCTOBER 27TH Men & Women's Open Basketball Tournament

OCTOBER 28TH Youth Volleyball League WK 5

> OCTOBER 29TH Open Gym 8am to 2pm Halloween Festival

OCTOBER 30TH Open gym 8am to 2pm 4pm to 6pm Elder Chair 6pm to 8pm

OCTOBER 31ST Open gym 8am to 2pm 4pm to 8:30pm



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD

OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY.

All interested parties who desire to serve on the Board listed above, must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Administration Office.

The Ak-Chin Housing Authority oversees:

- 1. The administration and allocation of the Ak-Chin Community housing and all HUD homes in coordination with the Community Council.
- 2. Is responsible for ensuring that all HUD appropriated funds are expended in compliance with HUD regulations and that HUD guidelines are followed.
- 3. Coordinates and takes direction from the Ak-Chin Community Council of all Community related housing, resident issues, and home care and maintenance. Also assists the Community Council with recommendations of Community funding for community homes.

Requirements: Interested individuals who are employed with the community must submit documentation from their supervisors allowing the employee to serve on the board. Must possess a valid Driver's License.

Please send all letters of interest Attn: Ak-Chin Community Council ATTN: Victoria A. Smith 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline for letters of Interest is Friday, October 25, 2019, by 5 PM





If you need prayer, please contact one of the pastors Johnny Stephens 520-705-3052 Carlos Marin 520-560-2679

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission 16657 N. Church St. Maricopa, AZ 85139 **Ak-Chin Indian Community**

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Calling All Jewelry/Arts Vendors October 21-25 Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Martinez at 760-651-5151 or at vanessam@sanpasqualtribe.org.



Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community **Planning and Zoning**

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the Library Multi-Purpose Room.

CASE: SD-02-19: Elders Center Expansion:

Project Applicant/Elder Programs Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to expand and remodel portions of the Elders Center facility to accommodate and service the growing needs of the Elders Community.

The project consists of:

- Total: 13,120 square feet Elders Center building (Existing 6,550 square feet).
- Addition: New 6,570 square feet expansion to include two large activity rooms, multi-purpose recreational room, walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer, conference room, haircut station, and support spaces.
- Remodel: 2,231 square feet of the kitchen areas, dining room, office areas, and TV lounge.

Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group



OUTREACH COORDINATOR/ TRIBAL LIAISON (Job Id 51149)

The Communications Division is currently looking to fill their Coordinator/Tribal Outreach Liaison position! Internal or external candidates may apply. If you are interested in applying, please go to link: https:// azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/ltmprod/ xmlhttp/shorturl.do?key=35MO

Post Date 10/11/2019 Close Date 10/18/2019 Category GOVERNMENT Grade 19 Location Phoenix. AZ Salary 18.75-22.60

JOB SUMMARY

The Outreach Coordinator/Tribal Liaison reports directly to the Director of Communications. This position has two complementary coordinating objectives: statewide outreach efforts and developing ongoing relationships and communication between the office and any Native American nations, tribes, pueblos or stakeholders affected by the Secretary of State's office.

A successful candidate will be able to assist in the development of meaningful relationships with diverse communities throughout the state, promote the mission of the Office of the Secretary of State, while identifying gaps in the agency's services, and plan for and implement methods for addressing those gaps.

Duties include:

- Communicate and collaborate with community leaders and tribal members and administrations to ensure that all phases of the electoral process are accessible. This would include assisting and/or conducting voter registration drives.
- Serve as liaison between the Secretary of State's Office and community groups as well as tribal administrations and communicate with tribal voting rights coordinators and community voter outreach and engagement advocates regularly.
- Assist with the efforts of the Outreach Advisory Committee.
- Other duties as related to the position.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

• Knowledge of cultural diversity and issues that impact a skills, excellent verbal and visual presentation skills

- Demonstrated project management experience in developing presentations, marketing and community outreach plans
- Excellent problem solving, making, decision and organizational skills, with ability to prioritize a heavy workload under pressure and competing assignments
- Ability to work independently, meet critical deadlines and targets and demonstrate excellent follow up skills
- Political sensitivity and ability to interact with diverse groups of individuals at all organizational levels
- build lasting Ability to relationships

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- AZ Driver's License. Instate travel is required for this position. This position requires possession of and ability to retain a current, valid state-issued driver's license appropriate to the assignment. Employees who drive on state business are subject to driver's license record checks, must maintain acceptable driving records and must complete any required driver training (see Arizona Administrative Code R2-10-207 12). Employees may be required to use their own transportation as well as maintaining motor vehicle insurance and current Arizona vehicle registration.
- High School Diploma/GED Certificate and one year of related experience that includes knowledge of election procedures and processes, election field work, customer service.
- Bilingual fluency in Native American Language in area of assignment or Spanish.
- Minimum of one year of experience working within or with Native American communities.

BENEFITS

The State of Arizona provides an excellent comprehensive benefits package including:

- Top-ranked retirement and long-term disability plans
- Affordable medical, dental, life, and short-term disability insurance plans
- Accrued vacation pay and sick days
- 10 paid holidays per year
- Deferred compensation plan
- Credit union membership

OCTOBER 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

October 20 - Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski October 27 - Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 19, 10 am St. Francis of Assisi-Ak-Chin Feast Day-Fr. Antony Tinker, FHS October 26, 10 am CCOE Meeting - St. Paschal Baylon sponsor -Meeting at St. Francis Salt River

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



Ak-Chin Health and Human Services



When: Please call to arrange start date. Where: Conference Room (48227W. Farrell Road Maricopa, Arizona 85139) Contact: Health & Human Services at (520) 568-1093)

The goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offer additional tools and techniques for parenting.* Community members, Residents, and Employees are welcome to participate!** For more information contact: Lynne Houston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health and Human Services. 520-568-1086.

A Certificate of Completion is issued when a participant actively participates in and completes the entire series of topics. ndividuals not employed by the community, not residents or community memb contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details. bers may be given spi

community

- Knowledge of election procedures and processes, election field work, customer service
- Strong knowledge of Native American policy, cultures, histories and government relations, including concepts of sovereignty and selfdetermination
- Demonstrated experience in addressing problems, defining relevant issues, drawing sound conclusions, and making responsible recommendations
- Highly developed oral and written communication skills; excellent phone presentation

• Wellness plans

PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

If driving is a requirement, possession of and ability to retain a current, valid state-issued driver's license appropriate to the assignment. Employees who drive on state business are subject to driver's license record checks, must maintain acceptable driving records and must complete any required driver training (see Arizona Administrative Code R2-10-207.12.)





JOIN US FOR THE AK-CHIN PRESCHOOL EXPANSION RIBBON CUTTING

> Tuesday, November 5 9am-10:30am

> > Ak-Chin Preschool 48251 W. Farrell Rd Maricopa, AZ 85139





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the Mesa Arts Center made the workshop possible as a precursor to the upcoming nine-day installation of collaborative art in Mesa's Riverview Park, Water=Life, which is intended to look at the history and future of water in the Valley and to consider the numerous canals that nourished the Indigenous Peoples who built them.

"We were so pleased with the turn out and level of engagement at Saturday's event," said Sarah Goedicke, project manager for Water=Life. "The opportunity to be hosted by the SRPMIC furthers several goals of the Water=Life project, and encouraged sharing across cultures the many roles water plays in our lives."

Hosting the event was SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department Community Garden coordinator Jacob Butler. "This portion of the event was to highlight the Communities' Indigenous ancient traditions of using water and how we're still here and how we're still utilizing water for some of the same purposes and they wanted to come and highlight that and show respect for the Communities that have always been here," he said. "So, they asked us to talk about our garden, give some garden tours, talk about how we've fostered ancient plants, traditional seeds and brought in things that are newer to our people but in the past couple hundred years."

According to Butler, at one time the whole Valley had about 100,000 acres of farmland, irrigated by over 1,000 miles of canals which started by the Red Mountain area. This land is considered a preserve for SRPMIC, which includes around 35,000 acres not touched by development to remain as pristine as possible so that the Community may

exercise their traditional cultural practices. Within the preserved land are some of the original Huhugam canals. The Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal located within the area is an ancient canal which was excavated, lined and turned into a modern canal.

SRPMIC farmed on this land from the late 1800s to the 1930s. The precursor to Salt River Project (SRP) went to congress to lobby on behalf of SRPMIC to line the canal systems to get water to the Community because they were having a hard time getting water to their lands to farm. Funds were received and a big excavation project went underway and extended all the way into Phoenix. Soon after, the Community discovered it wasn't really for them, it was to bring water to Phoenix. "As soon as the water delivery system was in place, the Community



Toby Jose sings a traditional welcoming song with his gourd shaker.

was charged for the water," said Butler. "As a society that wasn't cash-based, they couldn't afford it. Overnight (the change) killed the ability to farm in our Community. Within a blink of an eye, farming died here."

All the farmland that the Community traditionally



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Tony Duncan talks with visitors about his flute before dancing with hoops.

farmed was then turned over to non-tribal members to farm the land for lease payments because they couldn't afford the water and subsequent upkeep. After almost 100 years of leasing land this way, the Community Garden

is one of the first steps bringing in farming back to the Community as a Tribal venture.

Also present at the workshop were the very talented performers Tony Duncan, 5-time World Hoop Dancing Champion and recording artist and Toby Jose, SRPMIC an community member, singer,

and percussionist. Duncan played a traditional Native American flute, danced with hoops and talked about the origins of the beadwork on his clothing.

Jose sang welcoming а dancing song about towards the rising sun. which is traditionally sang

at gatherings early in the morning and used a gourd shaker made from squash and cactus rib. Both of these together have meaning: the gourd representing the Earth, and the handle, the wisdom of the Elders.

A tour of the garden was provided, along with free seed packets for attendees. Artmaking workshops and ceramics demonstrations were held in the Community Garden by Danielle Wood and Rich Littlefield, and Community members were also present.

"First and foremost, I really appreciate the focus being in our Community for our people," said Butler. "Events like this where other people can come and get some insight to what we're doing is awesome because the demographic of people that are interested in growing is already small no matter if you are in a large city or in a Community like ours, so by allowing other people who are not of our Community come in and see this and support what we are doing, to me, only bolsters that support within our Community."

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Once Machado had completed Vice-Chairman's updates, he added his on; Sponsorship Economic expansion updates, 2020 Paso Gas Line negotiations, District Bond Election. UltraStar Management and financials, Masik Tas safety issues, Community Housing cost-saving options, dance various permits, and 12% gaming and revenue grants.

Councilmember of Delia Carlyle who was building, CAP

MerryCopa Holiday Festival

Join us Friday, December 6, 2019 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Copper Sky Regional Park for Merry Copa: Let It Snow!

Enjoy sledding in 50 tons of snow, ice skating, interactive DJ, shoppes, hot air balloon glow, local talent and caroling, and, of course, our annual tradition of having our very own Mayor Christian Price lead our Christmas Tree lighting countdown.

We will also have a very special visitor stop by and complete the evening with a fireworks performance. It's certainly a can't-miss event for the community!

> Niesha Whitman, CPRP **Special Event & Marketing Coordinator Community Services** p: 520-316-6865 f: 520-316-5544 C: 480-331-6672 niesha.whitman@maricopa-az.gov

meeting in D.C., Phoenix Area IHS Tribal Consultation Urban conference meeting Scottsdale, in Annual Strategy Self-Governance Session held at Harrah's, National Indian Health Board Conference in Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, CA., Welcoming Session for the National Tribal Gaming & Regulators 2019 Fall Conference at contracts, Harrah's, Arizona Indian Development Gaming Association and Review Committee, Casino Arizona's Tribal Gaming Governments Retreat at Avi Budget, suggested program Resort and Casino at Ft. implementation for off- Mohave in Laughlin, NV., reservation membership, El Maricopa Unified School

Councilmember Garcia then shared her updates; attending work sessions already meetings mentioned, other meetings included; Housing Policy Lisa and Revision meeting, 6th Garcia presented on behalf Anniversary Mission School meeting, also absent and provided Tribal Consultation Session a written report to share, with Tribal Transportation which included, attending; Program in Denver, CO.,

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grade class at local Maricopa Youth schools, Council events at intersession, work session with sponsorships, City of Maricopa reception for ADOT, dinner Groundbreaking event for La Quinta Inn in Maricopa, HDS update event-Native American Heritage Month, 1st Informational Afterschool Enrichment reception night with Education department, work session for Masik Tas, Tribal Water Law Conference in Scottsdale, Health Education Walking Program, Volleyball tournament, time with elders, as well as other work sessions.

After council shared their updates the meeting was opened up for a lengthy dialogue between council and membership on a variety of subjects and discussions. Once everyone was finished, a raffle and friendly farewell ended the meeting.

The Community next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 6pm at Quarterly Self-Governance Mock Interviews at fifth the Ak-Chin Service Center.

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The Cowboy Lifestyle Network is the Online Western Enthusiast Social Hub. A community that pursues the western lifestyle and lives the cowboy ideal.

www.CowboyLifestyleNetwork.com

### October 18 - 31, 2019 **Rec serves up Youth Co-ed Volleyball League** Story by Runner Staff, photos submitted

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation has put together a great opportunity for kids and young adults to learn the fundamentals of and gain experience with the game of volleyball in the 2019 Youth Co-ed Volleyball League held at Rec.

The free league is split up into two age divisions, 9-12 and 13-17, and lasts for five weeks. Matchups are every Tuesday night from October 1-22, with the last week being played on Monday, October 28. Younger players compete from 5:00p.m. to 7:10p.m. and the oldest play from 7:35p.m. to 8:50p.m.

Ages 9-12 have six teams total Warriors, Little Rabbits and Vipers. The other three are from other Communities: Komatke, Sacaton D3 and San Lucy. The 13-17-yearold division has four teams competing: Ak-Chin 1, Ak-Chin 2, Komatke and Sacaton D3.

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In this Runner issue we're going to focus on the younger Ak-Chin teams as they develop basic skills such as volleying, passing, serving and teamwork on the court. Scores are kept but not necessarily focused on as the purpose of the league is to familiarize them with the foundation of the sport and increase confidence, motor skills and communication experience.

"Their progress has gone up since with three from Ak-Chin: Native started with them. They've grown in the last month. A lot of the kids know how to serve and pass now.

They're more aggressive. They're all having fun. This is the first time that some of them have played the sport and the first time that we have hosted the league here," said coaches Julia Dickerson and Wesley Gonzalez.

The teams were split up equally among kids who showed interest in playing volleyball and most of them have played other sports at Rec. There are five new players that just started playing the game this season. 90 percent of the team has learned to pass now, so the coaches say that they are pleased with the progress.

Week four is up next for the Ak-Chin teams on Tuesday, October 22.

RIGHT: Ak-Chin Native Warriors proudly stand by the ACIC seal after playing during week 3 of the Youth Co-ed Volleyball League. L-R: Antonio Rodriguez, Audrina Antone, Adriana Narcia, Emerald Reyes-Helpingstine, Zoe Susunkewa, and Mateo Rodriguez.

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10 classrooms in total being used by the school. UltraStar accommodated in a very creative way, utilizing the back hallway of the theaters, Theater 8 and a VIP suite.

Since the upstairs Star Class does not open until 4p.m., the students have been able to take over the area during the day, with the left side of the floor used for drama and the right for yoga. The students were seen having a relaxed walk through the hallway, down the stairs, with their rolled-up yoga mats in arms.

One especially perfect class for the students was bowling, and they were able to not only use Ten Pins Down for their curriculum, but also the Hollywood and Rock n Roll party

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Co-Hd Slow-Pitch Soliball Tournament

November 23-24, 2019

rooms at the bowling alley for band decided to move to the city. practice and other studies.

The students have held classes Monday through Thursday with a block schedule, and each class is 90 minutes long.

Heritage staff prepared for a transition through Wednesday Thursday, moving all furniture and paperwork into the new building, with students getting ready for a new start and permanent home on Monday.

Heritage School is one of the longest running charter schools in Arizona and has been around for 25 years. The school already has three other campuses in Mesa, Queen Creek and Laveen. There was a demand in Maricopa from parents, so Heritage

The experience was mutually appreciated by both UltraStar and Heritage School. "It's been fun. The kids have been great. On my birthday they pulled me aside and into the theater and sang happy birthday to me and one of the kiddos is really good on the guitar and he was jamming out. The kids really adapted well," said Park.

Principal Ellsworth acknowledged the connection that the Communities made. "I'd just like to thank the Ak-Chin Indian Community and UltraStar for everything that they have done. They have really made it so smooth for us and we couldn't have done it without them, so I would just like to say thank you."

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Employee Chair Volleyball Tournament November 25-26, 2019

FREE TOURNAME

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Awards: 1st - 3rd Place

Registration is now Open! Deadline: November 8, 2019

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

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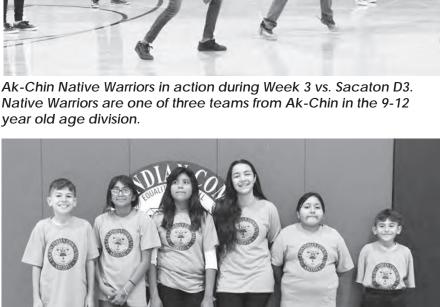
Spooky Recreation Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

Photos by J. Peters



1st place - Young Gunz







2nd place - Rocket Power



3rd place - That Squad

October 5th, seven teams played several rounds of high velocity volleyball in the Spooky Recreation Co-Ed Volleyball power play tournament

From 9 am that morning it was like a tornado had blown through the gym, as teams rattled off spikes and picked them up too, one by one, and slowly shortening the bracket. By 2 p.m. the last 3 teams were up to finish off the tournament.

The third place game had Rocket Power and That Squad put up a good challenge

against one another, That Squad had their A-game going good, but eventually lost to Rocket Power.

For championship Ak-Chin's Young Gunz took aim at Rocket Power in a crazy duel. Both teams were packed with heavy hitters and an unbreakable will to win. The scores kept teetering back and forth. Although Rocket Power played a good game, Young Gunz took home the glory of becoming the 1st place champs.



Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Men's Baseball Tournament November 8-10, 2019



For more information

Awards: 1st-3rd Place **Registration NOW open!** Deadline: October 25, 2019 Entry Fee: \$150

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November 8-10, 2019 Awards: 1st-3rd RegistrationisMOW Deadline: October 25. 2019 Entry Fee: \$150

For more information or to enter a team email:recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

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Fall Intersession activities keep students busy during two-week break

Story and phots by Runner Staff

Ak-Chin Community Events and Community departments sponsored a few events over the past two weeks to keep students energized and entertained. Students from all over the community had a blast spending their break from school, engaging in Fall time fun with the different programs.

Departments put on creative and innovative outlets for the youth to attend; Him Dak's Art program had many students with their morning program doing a variety of arts and crafts activities. Community Events and other departments shared time with students during their day long program. With the split programs, families were able to have their students attend both to keep their students active all day long. Students were rewarded with Friday field trips to various places.

Students attending the Art Program were able to enjoy entertainment at UltraStar playing games, bowling or watching movies on their Friday field trips.

Community Events' first Friday field trip on October 4, took students, staff, temps and volunteers over to Urban Air Adventure Park in Phoenix, where they welcomed the children to jump, glide, and scream their lungs out throughout the facility. Enjoying delicious pizza slices for lunch the group then headed over to Chandler Fashion Mall to explore the new Crayola Experience, where everyone was given a coin to make their own personalized colored crayon of choice.

Recreation assisted with the Events program on Thursday, as they

took the kids to watch the movie Abominable and ate popcorn and fruit snacks with a soda. Before the movie started, a few of the kids posed for a picture with an animatronic life-size figure of Pennywise the clown from the movie It 2.

On Friday, October 11, students traveled to Castles N' Coasters near Metro Center mall in Phoenix. The perfect weather on that day provided great moments to ride and explore the mini-themed park. Bumper water rides, the log ride, and a fun merry-go-round all awaited the children as the sweet smell of cotton candy and waffle cones filled the air. Kids enjoyed each and every ride with big smiles on their faces.

This year's Fall break was an allaround amazing time for Ak-Chin students and parents alike.







Above: Everyone was ready for a picture at Urban Air Adventure Park.

Right: Climbing up didn't seem like such a good idea.

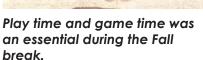




Creativity was flowing through these little ones at the Crayola Experience.



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Maricopa

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 9th 2019

Parade starts at 9:00AM

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Sponsored by: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133

& Veterans Parade Committee

For more information visit: http://alpost133az.org/veteransparade

Luncheon for Veterans, their

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Finding the right car seat or booster

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Among children aged 0–12, American Indian and Alaska Native children

have the highest traffic death rate of

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Hope Ferrell Security Guard Law & Order

Steve Peters Deli Clerk Vekol



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ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Protect Our FUTURE

Use child safety seats on every ride.

- Getting help installing a car or booster seat from a certified child passenger
- Never placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag. Airbags can injure or kill small children riding in the front seat.
- seat. Traditional carriers do not keep children safe in cars or trucks.
- pregnant. Be sure to wear the lap belt below your belly. Place the shoulder belt across your chest-never behind the back, under the arm, or across the stomach.

AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Graphic Artist
- Archaeologist
- Transit Manager

Members Only

Art Technician

Driver - Sanitation (2)

- Maintenance Technician

- Not using traditional baby carriers (such as cradleboards) in place of a car
- isn't installed the right way, or you're using the wrong type of seat for your safety technician.
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- is not as safe as he or she could be.2 Using age- and size-appropriate car
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- child's age, height, or weight, your child
- - Properly buckling children aged 12 and
- significantly reduce the risk of injury and death among children in a crash.

- Police Officer non-certified and certified
- Detention Officer noncertified and certified
- Communication Officer
- Police Commander

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.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community is now on Facebook! Make sure to LIKE us to stay up-to-date on what is happening in the Community. Eduardo Martinez. TGA

Lisa Vasquez, Maintenance

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Yolanda Miranda,

Education

Happy Birthday to our

little scorpion Emily

Grammy wants to wish you

a very Happy Birthday and I hope that Dad gets you

everything you ask for.

I love you my Em.

To: Baby Jay

17 years already.....Where did

the time go, ... growing too fast

for us. I remember when getting

you ready for Pre-School and then

coming home singing the Bumble Bee song 🙂 😕 Oh, . . . the things

you did and said when you were

just a little guy... (u still are,

haha);) Keep up the good work and we pray you will continue to

make the right choices. Believe in

yourself and you can do whatever

you set your mind to and like your

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leader not a follower. We Love you Son and are proud of the young man you're becoming. Again, Congrats on your ranking! Happy 17th Birthday!!! Love Always, Mom and Pops

To: Our Big Brother Baby Jay We Love you and we look up to you. You're good at Basketball and we think you are the BEST! We hope you have a Good Birthday! Happy Birthday Brother!!! Love, Your little Sisters-Auciana and Nyaila

> Happy Birthday Jonella Love your Uncle Joe

To "Ba Ba" Lewis Happy Birthday Ba Ba. We love you very much! Enjoy your day. With love always, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday to my grandson Adrian Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Jenika Justin Love your family

> HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!! FROM THE RUNNER

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What's coming up next at UltraStar

Story by C. Picciuolo

UltraStar Multi-tainment Center is the place to be at as 2019 gets closer to turning over another year. The team at UltraStar has put together an actionpacked next few months of events for everyone to enjoy. We're halfway through October and the fun is only getting started.

During the entire month of October, UltraStar patrons can get a \$12 tub of popcorn and a cup of soda in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You will need a good movie to enjoy the treats with, so UltraStar Cinemas has new releases just in time, starting on 10/18 with Maleficent: Mistress of Evil and Zombieland: Double Tap. On 10/25, Black and Blue and Countdown both come out.

For your listening pleasure on 10/25, Conjunto Bravo will be the official Lose Tigres Del Norte after party at Luxe Lounge from 10p.m.-2a.m. with no cover charge.

The next day on 10/26, the Luxe Lounge will have another great event with a Halloween Party Costume Contest from 10p.m.-12a.m. \$100 cash prizes will be awarded for best couple, most original, sexiest and scariest. \$4 Goblin shots and \$5 dark & spooky cocktails round out the night. On the same day, a special showing of the movie Halloween will be at 6:45p.m. with trivia, prizes and giveaways.

10/27 is the Addams Family Spooktacular Family Fun Day to celebrate the release of the movie. Wear your costume, catch the film. Stick around for free activities, giveaways and more. On Halloween, the movie of the same name will be shown again and UltraStar will have a Halloween Special with unlimited bowling, unlimited laser tag, a 2-hour arcade card, and unlimited play between 4pm-10pm at \$9.95 per person.

November starts off with a bang on 11/2 as the 7th Annual "All Ford Powered" and Mustang Car Show comes to UltraStar from 9a.m.-1p.m. Veterans will receive a special treat on 11/11 as vets are thanked for their service with a Veteran's Day Free Lasagna Dinner w/military ID at 347 Grill as well as a complimentary movie admission w/ military ID.

On 11/16 UltraStar's big 7th Anniversary Celebration bash happens. This year will be a 1970's theme. The celebration will begin inside from 9:30a.m.-6p.m. and raffle tickets will be sold for prizes such as 4 Universal Studios Park Tickets and movies for a year. The winner of the Fall 65" TV Give-a-way will also be chosen at 5p.m. Going with the theme, laser tag games, bowling games, bowling shoes, select bulk candy, promo concession popcorn, small concession drinks, hot dogs and nachos will all be .70 cents.

There will be \$7.00 movie tickets, \$1.00 anniversary shots and \$1.00 12 oz. domestic drafts as well. The UltraStar Amphitheatre will also be holding special events from 10a.m.-4p.m. that you will not want to miss! Other dates to keep on your calendar are 11/30 with a Small Business Shopping Day inside event from 10a.m.-6p.m. and on 12/21 a Holiday Shopping Blow Out with Mr. & Mrs. Claus from 10a.m.-6.pm.

General events going on weekly include Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4p.m.-7p.m. with 25% off all appetizers and \$3 drink specials.

During this 2019-2020 NFL Season, enjoy the benefit of Luxe Bus Transportation to Luxe Lounge Sundays 10a.m.-10p.m., Mondays 6p.m.-10p.m., and Thursdays 6p.m.-10p.m. with the last pick up at 8:30p.m. and the last drop off at 9:45p.m. Thursdays are special wing nights while you can get a \$5 cheeseburger with fries on Mondays.

Fridays are The Answer Is game show night. The Answer Is (is) Maricopa's only live game show night. A \$200 cash prize goes to the winning team and is held at Luxe Lounge every Friday from 8p.m.-10p.m. Sign-ups start at 7p.m., and teams of 4 compete to see who really knows what The Answer Is. The game show is hosted by the one and only DT.

Don't forget to join "the Fish" Jeff Aaron, Radio & Podcast Host at NBC Sports Radio AM 1060 Phoenix on Sundays 10a.m.-4p.m. inside the Luxe Lounge for football commentary, prizes all day and giveaways. Mark your calendars because it is going to be a great couple of months at UltraStar!



Clint Black celebrates "killin' time" at Harrah's

Story by R. Peters



Multi-million dollar Country Superstar Clint Black performs at Harrah's Event Center on Friday, October 11. PHOTO CREDIT: CLN

One of the most celebrated artists of his genre, country icon Clint Black was on tour to commemorate the 30year triple-platinum debut of "killin" time" at Harrah's Event Center on Friday, October 11.

To open up the show, Haggard Brothers, Ben and Noel made their way to the stage for some good old school country western tunes, most in tribute to their beloved dad, Merle Haggard, who passed away in 2016.

The younger brother Ben, who's been playing with his dad and band The Strangers, since he was 15, as lead guitar, took to the stage as lead singer, only after the death of his dad, to play the remainder of his dad's tour dates. He now tours with older brother Noel, who provided vocals, guitar and some brotherly comedy.

During the show, the duo played some of their dad's best-known songs, "Are the Good Times Really Over," "Workin' Man Blues," "Fighting Side of Me," and "Okie from Muskogee". his peers for writing or co-writing most of his chart-topping songs, he has many accolades, including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Clint kept the music going close to 11pm to the packed crowd at Harrah's Event Center, playing all his greats; "The Shoes You're Wearing", "Summer's Coming", "A Better Man", "When My Ship Comes In", "Nothin' But the Taillights", "Like the Rain", and "Killin' Time".

He too thanked the crowd for coming out and was glad to be in Maricopa with the Haggards, "Having Noel and Ben here is great." Clint also praised the late Haggard, as being one of his biggest musical heroes as he paid tribute to Merle with "Mama Tried" and "Untanglin My Mind" which he wrote with Merle Haggard.

Clint joked about his Willie Nelson impersonations and the time he first met Mr. Nelson, as well as his memories of Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams and Kris Kristofferson.

The Haggard Brothers also performed "As Haggard As They Come" before thanking the crowd and Clint Black for the opportunity to perform.

After a short intermission, Grammy Award winner Clint Black took to the stage to do his thing; revered by Black played mean harmonica all night and after his encore "Put Yourself in My Shoes", he again thanked everyone for coming, "We're going to turn it in Maricopa. Thank you for coming out, we sure do appreciate it...We had a great time, hope you did too."



Ben (right) and Noel Haggard honor their dad the Late Merle Haggard's legacy during Friday performance at Harrah's Event Center.

NOW HIRING

- Experienced Line Cook
- Experienced Server
- Experienced Bartender
- Experienced Nightclub/Sports Bar Server
- Experienced Maintenance Mechanic

Interested candidates may apply at UltraStarAZ.com or pick up an application at Ultrastar's box office.

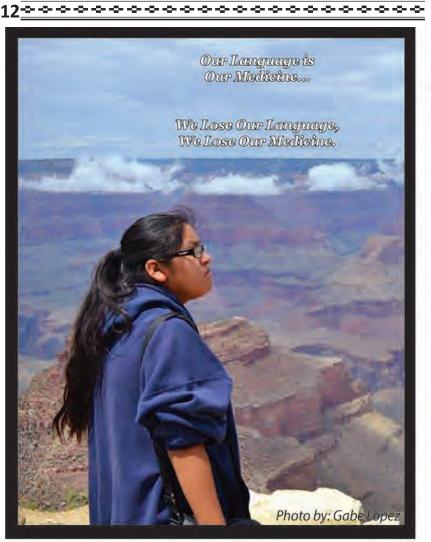


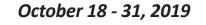


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EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ak-Chin Circle Field & Arena (16000 N. Maricopa Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139)

December 7

Traditional Games & Light Parade - 7:00 p.m.

December 13-15

Carnival \$10 (daily) all you can ride wristband CASH ONLY Children 3 and under are free Rodeo, Vaila Dance, Cultural Entertainment, & Vendors

December 14

Ramon Ayala Concert All ages welcome \$25 CASH ONLY Show starts at 7 p.m.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 DANCE CONTEST/MENUDO CONTEST



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 MASIK TAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

All-Indian Jr. Rodeo - Friday, December 13 at 8am **Buckle to Event Winners!** Buckles to All-Around (6-9, 10-13, 14-17)

5 Years & Under Sheep Riding (limit 20)

6-9 Years Old Calf Riding (limit 20)

Bull Bash - Friday, December 13 at 4pm **Buckles to event winners!**

| Events | Fee | Added \$ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Open Bull Bash (limit 30) | \$150 | \$500 |
| Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10) | \$50 | \$500 |





DECEMBER 5 - 8 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 LIGHT PARADE

Dummy Roping (limit 20) Stick Horse Race (limit 20) Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20) Entry Fee: \$20

10-13 Years Old Steer Riding (limit 20) Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20) Barrel Racing (limit 20) Breakaway (limit 20) Team Roping (2x) (limit 20) Entry Fee: \$30

Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20) Barrel Racing (limit 20) Goat Tail Pull (limit 20) Entry Fee: \$25

14-17 Years Old Bull Riding (limit 20) Ribbon Roping (limit 20) Barrel Racing (limit 20) Breakaway (limit 20) Team Roping 2x (limit 20) Entry Fee: \$35 Wild Pony Race (6 teams) Entry Fee: \$105

One-time Admin Fee of \$10 per contestant **Contestants must stay in their own age category. **Ribbon Roping Muggers in the 6-9 & 10-13 age divisions only. *** Team Roping & Ribbon Roping partner should be 18 years or older

All-Indian Rodeo - December 14 & 15, 2019

PERFORMANCE TIMES Performances on Saturday & Sunday at 12pm Slack at 8am (if needed)

Buckles to each event winner!

All-Around Champion Cowboy & Cowgirl \$500 + Buckle

| Event | Fee | Added \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Bareback (limit 20) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Saddle Bronc (limit 20) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Bull Riding (limit 30) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Steer Wrestling (limit 30) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Tie Down Roping (limit 30) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 40) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40) | \$100 | \$500 |
| Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 40) | \$200/Team | \$1000 |
| Team Roping (2Xs)(limit 100) | \$200/Team | \$1000 |
| Century Team Roping (2Xs)*(limit 40) | \$200/Team | \$1000 |
| 4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)*(limit 30) | \$200/Team | \$1000 |
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*Century Team Roper Participants must be 50+ *4 Tribes Team Roper Participants must be enrolled member of Ak-Chin, Gila River, Tohono O'odham, or Salt River, must provide proof upon request.

*Will not count for All-Around/Only one highest placing money won in Team Roping will count toward All-Around

> Must be 18 years old to participate! One time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant

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No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. Entry Forms available at masiktas.ak-chin.nsn.us or by calling 520-568-1045

Wild Horse Race - December 14 & 15 at12pm 1st Place: Buckles \$500 added money

Team Limit: 12 \$300 per Team

One-time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant Open to Native Americans of a Federally Recognized Tribe C.I.B. (must provide proof upon request) Must be 18 years old to participate.

No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. Entry Forms available at masiktas.ak-chin.nsn.us or by calling 520-568-1045

All payments must include rodeo entry form.

To receive payout, contestants must show birth certificate and contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.

MANDATORY CHECK-IN

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS Cash, Money Order, or Cashier's Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2019 Rodeo **No personal checks accepted. Entry Forms available at masiktas.ak-chin.nsn.us or by calling 520-568-1045

MAIL-IN ENTRIES OPEN - October 18, 2019

MAIL ENTRIES TO Ak-Chin Indian Community ATTN: Community Events 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY - December 2, 2019

WALK INS December 7 | 10am-5pm UltraStar Multi-tainment Center 16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85138

For more information contact the Ak-Chin Community Events Department at (520) 568-1045 or events@ak-chin.nsn.us.

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