

Ak-Chin celebrates Early Childhood Education Expansion

Story and photo by J. Peters

On November 5th, Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education Center opened its doors to their newly renovated building addition.

Community Events held an early morning ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the new building and opportunity to give the community a first look at the highly anticipated new classrooms.

With the new school expanding to 20,000 feet, doubling its size now means the school will be able to house more of the community’s children leading the way to their first steps on their educational journey.

Community Services Manager Nicole “Coco” Carlyle-Coester opened the ceremony with a good morning greeting and Language Technician Lerline Peters offered a prayer.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez and Councilmember Lisa Garcia all spoke of childhood nostalgia and memories of attending the preschool when they were early learners and seeing the phenomenal changes it has gone through for the betterment of Ak-Chin youth.

Education Division Manager, Dr. Mario Molino also spoke to the



The ribbon was officially cut by community and construction representatives to officially open the doors to the new Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education Center on November 5.

audience, expressing his excitement of seeing his first project through with the community and will continue to strive to help the community’s growth.

President of AR Mays Construction, Adam Mays thanked the council, Capital Projects and school administration on hiring his company for the

special expansion.

Following the speakers, traditional songs were performed by Ak-Chin Youth Council and the ECE 4-year old classes.

Council then invited students, AR Mays, Capital Projects and Dr. Molino to cut the ribbon, officially opening the new building.



Ak-Chin Police/Color Guard perform the flag raising to begin this year’s Ak-Chin Veteran’s Recognition Day Celebration on Saturday, November 2nd, at Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park.

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Ak-Chin celebrates 20th Annual Veterans Day event

It was a good day and good turnout, on November 2, as Ak-Chin Indian Community honored its Veterans during their 20th Annual Ak-Chin Veteran’s Recognition Day Celebration at Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park, where community members and veterans came together to share

stories, a meal and enjoy a beautiful day filled with fun and entertainment for all.

The event began with a brisk 5k run/walk that started at Ak-Chin Recreation and finished at Ak-Chin Cultural Resources. Registration included a cool camouflaged ¾ tee

and snacks. Once the participants completed the route, everyone was encouraged to make their way to Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park for the opening ceremony and program.

Ak-Chin Councilmember Delia Carlyle emceed the event as families engaged

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Ak-Chin Elder Center and Elders recognized at AICOA Conference

Story and photo by Runner Staff



Mildred Narcia (third from right) was presented a plaque in recognition of her service on the Arizona Indian Council on Aging Board, during the AICOA Conference held at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

The Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) held a conference at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation from October 27-29 and the Ak-Chin Indian Community was well-represented. The theme of the event was, “Tribal Elders Unite for a Better Tomorrow.”

Each year, the AICOA honors individuals for their exemplary work in advancing the quality of life of older adults and their communities. This year, the ACIC Ge’ Gelik Ha Ki Elderly Center was presented the “2019 Tribal Elderly Services Program of the Year Award.”

Chairman Robert Miguel gave the welcome address

during the Elder Awards Recognition Luncheon in the Wassaja Ballroom on Tuesday and ACIC was a conference sponsor. ACIC Elders Mildred and Cleo Narcia were recognized for serving on the AICOA Advisory Board from 2014-2018.

Elder Center Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett accepted the award on behalf of the ACIC Ge’ Gelik Ha Ki Elderly Center.

“Out of the 17 Tribes that participate and work in coordination with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, the award was presented to the ACIC Ge’ Gelik Ha Ki Elderly Center based on outstanding elder programs, services and timely reporting.” Leslie shared.

In total, seven Elders from ACIC attended the conference, which held many workshops and sessions about topics such as basic nutrition, communicating with dementia and teaching your native language and culture to the next generation. “The trip was enjoyable but tiring,” ACIC Elder Linda Jose said with a laugh. “We had to go to classes for two days.”

The AICOA currently serves as the Advisory Council for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), Area Agency on Aging, Region 8. The purpose of AICOA is to promote and advocate for the interests of the elderly population of the 21 Member Tribes of ITCA.

Elder Care Resource Fair

Story and photos by R. Peters



Community elders sit down to enjoy lunch and a presentation during Elder Care Resource Fair.

October 18, Ak-Chin Elder Program hosted an Elder Care Resource Fair from 11am – 2pm.

The resource fair, which was made possible through a Medicare grant, offered information about Medicare services, transportation, health and wellness, as well as providing interaction with local resources. Booths were set up outside the elder center and offered information and activities from Ak-Chin EPD, Him-Dak Art Program,

Cultural Resources, Library, Health and Human Services, UltraStar and Ak-Chin Caregiver program.

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) was there to provide information on programs they assist with for the Ak-Chin Caregiver program. Incentives were also provided from Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) who donate incentives for healthy living in the community for unpaid caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren, to encourage participation in

classes, training, etc.

A presentation was given by Stephanie Barehand, ITCA Independent Living Support Specialist and State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP). She presented information on Medicare. SHIP is a free health benefits counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries. “She provided information to elders about Medicare that they probably have never heard of before.” shared Candace Allcott, Ak-Chin Elderly Care Supervisor.



Stephanie Barehand, ITCA Independent Living Support Specialist and State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP) talks to elders.



Ak-Chin Librarian Sandiin Mitchell talks about elder programs.

Education presents progress at Elder Center

Story and photo by C. Picciuolo

On November 6, Ak-Chin Education and Language departments gave a presentation to the Elders at the Elder Center about what is being done to keep the O’odham language alive in schools and with the Community.

The various levels of learners were discussed from novice to intermediate to advanced, and what the outcomes and expectations are of the education. As a department, Education has identified that a social method is the preferred approach to teaching the language with two O’odham language standards: Communication and Cultural.

Many Elders spoke up and gave their thoughts and asked



Education Division Director Mario Molina, Ph.D. speaks with Elders.

questions about a range of subjects from how the language is being taught to what kinds of certification does one need to teach the language in area schools.

Several learner types were explored, which entailed bilingual, heritage, second language and language

reclamation, the latter of which pertaining to no previous home exposure and the language not spoken in the Community.

One of the most important strategies that the Education department expressed was the pacing of teaching the language. In order, the preferred pacing is: introduction/greetings, family/ community, history of Ak-Chin, O’odham Himdak/ culture, O’odham seasons, body, clothes, inside the home and outside the home. These topics are divided into being taught in certain months.

The Education department is exploring ideas of collaborating with local grade schools and high schools as well as community colleges and how to certify current O’odham educators.

Him-Dak hosts Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Story and photos by J. Peters

November 7th, Ak-Chin Elders were in for a tasty Thanksgiving Luncheon, an annual lunchtime feast hosted by the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum. Warm autumn colors and holiday theme decorations filled the Ak-Chin Service Center giving it a cozy complex.

handful of employees from participating departments cooked up a wonderful Thanksgiving meal filled with all the “traditional” holiday foods; turkey, stuffing, sweet yams, mashed potatoes and gravy; and of course no turkey day meal is complete without a slice of pie.

A table filled with beautiful hand-crafted centerpieces were getting a lot of attention from passers-by, the donated pieces were received from a grip of different community departments who took the time and money to create amazing arrangements for the elders’ enjoyment and were eventually given out via raffle along with a multitude of gifted items, also provided by generous employees from community departments.

Him-Dak staff, along with a

“We, the Him-Dak Staff would like to Thank Tribal Council, Library, Cultural Resource, Housing, Runner and Language departments, for helping prepare a delicious Thanksgiving lunch for our Elders. We also, would like to thank our volunteers for helping us serve, and a big thank you to all the departments who donated a centerpiece & raffle prizes.

We truly appreciate & thank you for making this a successful event”



Thanksgiving family photo taken by Him-Dak Staff.



Everyone was having fun at the luncheon.



Alverna Florez enjoys receiving her raffle gift.



Here is one of the many centerpieces given out.



Elder Menu

November 15
Pozole, Hominy,
Rolls, Jell-O

November 18
Philly Cheese Steak w/Bell
Pepper
Cauliflower/Broccoli,
Potato Wedges
Cookies

November 19
Split Peas, Pop Over,
Butternut Squash
Spring Salad, Fresh Pears

November 20
Ground Beef, Enchilada
Casserole
Rice, Zucchini, Oranges

November 21
Salad Bar, Potato Soup
Crackers, Tropical Fruit

November 22
Breakfast Eggs, Potato,
Bacon,
Sausage, Biscuits &
Gravy, Fresh Fruit

November 25
Cabbage Stew, Carrots,
Peas,
Yams, Biscuits, Mandarin
Oranges

November 26
Sandwich Bar, Quinoa
Salad
Broccoli /Cauliflower
Salad
Fresh Fruit

November 27
Pot Roast, Wheat Rolls
Mashed Potato, Green
Bean Casserole
Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Elderly Chair Exercise & Fitness

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:30am to 10:30am

Benefits to exercising: Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, balance and body stability to prevent falls. Helps increase the strength of bones and reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis and fractures. Helps reduce the risk of chronic conditions.

For questions regarding the classes please contact the Health Education Department 520-568-1080



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WEDNESDAY
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and relevant, will be included in
the following issue.

2019 Girls Night Out

Story submitted by Lynnette R Houston-Volden, photos by D. Carlyle

Every one of us has power
within, we all have to power to
Be Your Own Hero. This was
the theme and the idea behind
Ak-Chin Health & Human
Services' 5th Annual Ak-
Chin Indian Community ***Girls***
Night Out 2019.

The very first event was
held in the service center in
December 2015 to promote
self-esteem, friendship, and
to offer support for the young
women within and connected
to the community. This year's
event continued that tradition
and we honored those girls
that had attended all 5 GNO
previous events with a gift
card and special recognition.

As part of the evening we
plan activities: a talking
circle, health and wellness
information, the girls go home
loaded with swag (including
each girl went home with their
own graphic novel of Mz.
Marvel donated by Ak-Chin
library!), and informed about
the resources and supports that

are available to them.

This year we talked about
hygiene, self-care, personal
responsibility, consent, and
reaching out for support and
help when you need it. Being
strong doesn't always mean
you have to go it alone, even
superheroes have a team.

For this year's activities
the girls were given an
opportunity to design an
"Affirmation Mirror" which
each time they look into it
going forward they will be
faced with their own positive
and encouraging words. They
were each given the chance
create a succulent garden; they
painted and designed the pot
and then chose the succulents
and planted them, creating
their own living memory of
the event.

Phoenix Caricature had 2 artists
on site that met with as many
girls as possible in their time
frame and created superhero
caricatures, Wonder Woman
being the most popular...



Zoey Susunkewa gets her portrait done at the GNO event.

Employee Health Fair at Elements



On October 29, Ak-Chin
Human Resources hosted its
annual health fair.

Themed "Adventure" it
offered a presentation on
policy amendments, relaxation
techniques and retirement
information.

Scheduled departments
rotated through the fair held
at Ak-Chin Circle Elements
Event Center, first attending

the presentation and then into
the main area to visit health
related vendors who provided
promo items, information on
dental, vision, massage, and
even flu shots.

A map was also handed out to
all, and those who received the
required stamps on their maps
handed them back in to HR for
a drawing of great prizes.

Lunch was served as well.



These two sweet young ladies seem to be enjoying their GNO!

of course! Around 11pm the
group had personal instruction
in Muay Thai from Sunshine
Fettkether and one of her
champion fighters. They gave
a demonstration on what the
martial arts style looks like and
then gave instruction on basic
techniques. Each participant
was given an opportunity to
put on the gloves and practice
their newly acquired Muay
Thai skills with an instructor.
The amount of power these
girls have is astonishing!

Watch out world, GNO2019
crew know the power they
have within, and their voices
will be heard.
Health and Human Services
would first like to thank our
amazing planning committee
made up with individuals from
many different departments
and community connected

volunteers. The commitment
and dedication, time and effort
you all put into this event was
amazing and I know the girls
appreciated all of it as much as
we do.

HHS would like to send our
sincerest gratitude and thanks
to:
Ak-Chin Health Education
Ak-Chin Library
Ak-Chin Fire Department
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum
Ak-Chin Elder Center
Ak-Chin Transportation
Department
Ak-Chin Purchasing
Department
Ak-Chin Runner
S. Price Designs
Waylon Antone
Phoenix Caricature
Best Muay Thai Arizona

We look forward to GNO2020!

October Community Meeting

Story and photos by
Runner Staff



RIGHT: Tim Costello, Ak-Chin Regional Airport Manager presents at the October Community Meeting, Monday October 28.

The October Community
meeting featured four
departments giving reports
which included the Planning
Department, Airport,
Education, and Housing
who all gave information on
perspective topics pertaining
to the Community.

Following opening remarks
by Vice-Chairman Gabriel
Lopez, Planning Director
Sandra Shade and her staff
which included Project
Manager Tim Wolf and Senior
Planner Dereck Sheer gave
an overview of the Roadway
Design Manual. Three months
(August) prior, Planning gave
a presentation of the Roadway
Design and were back to share
the steps that were made since
to complete the manual and to
also give a recap of the 2016
Long Range Transportation
Plan study which was funded
by a transportation planning
grant that the Community
received from the Bureau of
Indian Affairs.

Project Manager Wolf began
his presentation on the brief
history of his employment,
from working for the Arizona
Department of Transportation
(ADOT) for almost 30 years
to becoming a consultant
with Dibble Engineering
and then coming to the Ak-

Chin Community. Wolf
explained that the Long
Range Transportation Plan
had recommended creating a
Roadway Design Manual that
would be funded with planning
grant funds.

"The purpose of the manual
is to provide a standard for
designing when consultants
assist you with a roadway
design project," he said.
"They want to make sure
that everyone is following
consistent approach, a
consistent method, and when
contractors are building
roadways that they too are
following a consistent standard
approach." The manual
currently has 67 pages and
has 17 chapters, included are
primary goals to ensure safety
and reliability of the roadway
system. Consistent pavement
design and quality, standard
lighting, signal design, signing
and striping, and a safe and
effective practice were just a
few of the items presented.

Senior Planner Sheer discussed
the near completion of the
Roadway Design Manual's
final draft review for the
Community which includes
various portions of the manual
that include the Airport

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CREATIVE LEARNING



4 November 15- December 5, 2019

Ak-Chin Students recognized at Education Banquet

Story submitted by Education Division Manager Mario Molina, Ph.D.

The evening event was a Student Recognition event that celebrated the accomplishments of K-12 students for the first quarter of school. Student Advisors, Student Counselors and Truancy personnel worked to notify students and families of this event and students/families were required to bring in their 1st quarter progress reports. All students, in district and out of district, were invited to come out and talk with their advisor/counselor and discuss their progress for the 1st quarter.

The premise was to recognize individual work completed thus far and to encourage future achievement in both academics and attendance. Dependent on how the student performed in the 1st quarter, the student was able to have a “spin” of our prize wheels that held several prizes that the student could earn. There were approximately 130 attendees for the evening and an additional participant following the event in the days that followed; participants located outside of the tribal community were given additional time to be celebrated as they may have had difficulty attending the event, as many drive a small distance.

The event invited the Johnson O’Malley (JOM) program to attend as well; students and families visited with the JOM committee and completed a survey that would help the JOM’s future planning and efforts. Once the survey was completed, the student entered the gym to find a host of opportunities to earn some great awards and incentive prizes.

The evening was a success in several areas; First, the event fostered dialogue between the student, family and individual school the student attends. Second, the event helped promote the habit of continuously logging onto the student support account that is provided by each school; ultimately, our goal is to develop this as a positive

habit, being well informed can only help each student in their academic career. Lastly, the event created a positive reinforcement system that allows the student to develop intrinsic motivation; this is an important character trait to attain and grow as it helps the student recognize that they can accomplish anything and that they take a greater responsibility in their achievements along with the support they receive from their individual homes and families.

The department has several positive programs in the works and will host a 2nd Student Recognition event in late January that will celebrate the achievements from the 2nd quarter of school.



Stephanie Cantu, Cruz Machado, Elizabeth Machado and Alonsa Arellanes sign up for a raffle. Photo by K. Lopez

Coffee Talk

Story and photo by J. Peters



Displayed were sugar cubes representing how much sugar is in each drink. Arizona Green Tea contained the most sugar out of 6 drinks.

The second meeting of Ak-Chin Education’s Coffee Talk series had guest speakers from Health Education as the month’s topic was “*School Health and Wellness*”. As parents joined the room they were offered a morning breakfast of fruits, pastries, juices and of course coffee, to enjoy during the presentation.

Ak-Chin Diabetes Program Coordinator, Marc Matteson and Health Educator, Martina Guy-Peters spoke to parents and education staff on how to incorporate healthy choices and overall healthy living at home and in school. Their presentation focused on making health conscious decisions now in order to lead their child towards living a long/healthy life. Blending new wellness decisions is crucial for young people.

The Health Education team

opened with talking about health at school, Marc stated, “We have limited contact as parents or even the education staff with children at school, right? So, there’s limited things that you can really have a direct influence on them while they’re at school.”

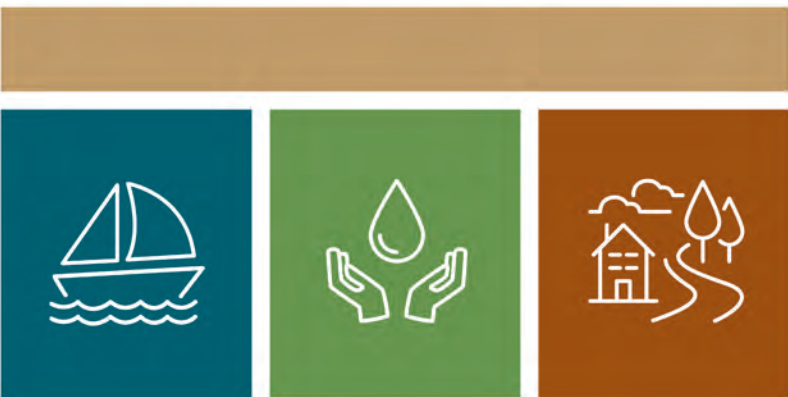
They shared with parents/staff on what they can do to set up children for success while at school. The best way parents can install healthy successful habits is at home. Health Education had the parents participate in a guessing game. Setting up a few beverages in front of them, they had to guess which beverage contained the most sugar and what beverage was the healthiest to drink. Following the exercise, they explained the importance of reading labels to see how much sugar the drink has along with checking other ingredients that maybe be harmful in the long

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run. The biggest topic Health Education hit was how much sugar a child should have.

Recommended sugar allowances for each day for children is 25g of sugar or 100 calories. That counts for both natural and artificial sugar intake. An inactive child drinking a 20-ounce Gatorade (contains 34 grams of sugar) is exceeding the limit of recommended intake. To compare, the maximum amount of sugar per day for an adult male is 37.5 grams, so by drinking the sports drink a child is going 12.5 grams over the limit of sugar consumption. Parents should limit their children's intake of sugary drinks to no more than eight ounces a week.

Health Ed. added that drinking these sugar sweet drinks could cancel out the daily calorie quota for men, women and children. They explained that

sugar isn't the only thing to look for, keeping in mind that calorie counts is also very important; not to exceed the number of calories a child should have per day. The average calorie range for a child per day is 1,000 up to 2,000. Unneeded calories can cause anyone to go over the healthy limit of calories per day.

Turning to their next subject Health Ed. talked about setting limitations on "Screen Time" for children. It's a constant battle with children and electronic devices; this can be a problem for the growth of the body and mind. More children now a days are getting less sleep. Children ages 5 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours of sleep per night and teens need 8 to 10 hours per night. Sleep is crucial in preventing obesity, type 2 diabetes, poor mental health, injuries, and attention/behavior problems.

Some tips shared to help children sleep well were; have your child maintain a regular sleep schedule, have them engage in psychical activities, do not allow caffeine after 3pm, keep their bedrooms quiet and calming, and have children avoid electronics before bedtime.

The final topic discussed was hygiene, hitting on the importance of washing one's hands before and after activities. Handing out a sheet to parents to remind their children to was their hands after playing outside or playing sports, after playing with pets, after sneezing or coughing, after using the restroom and of course before eating.

After the presentation Health Education was happy to answer any questions that the parents had.

GED Program Celebrates 6th Graduate of 2019

Article & Photo Submitted By: Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor

On Thursday, November 7th, Marcos Santiago attempted and passed his final GED exam section, social studies, earning his GED. Marcos is the 6th Ak-Chin GED graduate of 2019 and the GED program's 53rd graduate since 2013.

As an Ak-Chin employee, Marcos went through the steps to apply for Education Leave and upon approval, he was then able to attend 2 class hours, twice weekly, beginning in late September. As a working adult, Marcos was nearly ready to pass all sections of the exam upon entry into the program. He merely needed that additional guidance and class time to finally complete his goal.

Like most students, Marcos tackled the required civics component first, but suprisingly, he then chose to attempt the ever-challenging math section. Because he had a strong mathematical foundation coming in, he was quickly able to pass both math and science, following brief instruction and tutorials provided by GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino. Marcos then began to work on language arts packets at home and spent some time going over the essay format and requirements with his GED instructor. Once again, he was quickly able to master that section. Lastly, Marcos attempted and passed



Marcos Santiago

his final section, social studies, on November 7th, earning his GED!

Like all students, Marco's GED journey was unique. Whether a student completes in a matter of days, weeks, months, or years, what matters most is that they follow through and never give up!

Where will your GED journey take you? Come on into the Education Department to find out! For more information, stop by the GED office Monday through Friday, and get started on your GED journey!

Current GED Class

Days/Times:

Mon-Fri: 10:00A-12:00P

M, T, TH, F: 2:00P-5:00P

Wed: 4:30-7:00P

GED Office: 520-568-1284



NOV/DEC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Community Gathering held at the Service Center, 6- 8PM
Community Meeting held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM*

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 sign up required, Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

LIBRARY HOURS

*Monday - Friday - 8AM-6PM
Saturday-12PM-4PM
Sunday-Closed*

RECREATION INFORMATION

*For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @520-568-1740
Calendar Subject to Change*

ELDER CENTER



NOVEMBER 15TH
Elder Check Day

NOVEMBER 19TH
Goodwill Shopping

NOVEMBER 20TH
BINGO

NOVEMBER 21ST
Movie Day

NOVEMBER 22ND
Brunch 9 am to 10:30am
Pick up begins at 8:30am

NOVEMBER 26TH
Dialysis Support Group 9AM
Elder Center Dining Room
(Come have coffee and let's share experiences about dialysis)

NOVEMBER 27TH
Thanksgiving Lunch Elder Center

NOVEMBER 28TH
Center Closed - Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 29TH
**Center Closed
Native American Heritage Day**

LIBRARY



NOVEMBER 15TH
Elder Craft 11:00am-12:00pm
Pumpkin Centerpiece Making

NOVEMBER 16TH
SEWING CIRCUTS 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm

NOVEMBER 19TH
Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

NOVEMBER 20TH
*Movie Club Film Festival
6:00pm - 8:00pm RSVP Required
Library Closes @ 5:00pm

NOVEMBER 21ST
Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

NOVEMBER 23RD
Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm

NOVEMBER 26TH
Preschool Storytime 11:00am

PARKS & REC



NOVEMBER 15TH
Open Gym 8am to 5pm

NOVEMBER 16TH
Pre-school Co-ed Volleyball Tournament, 9-12 co-ed Basketball League in Gila River

NOVEMBER 17TH
Open gym 11am to 3pm

NOVEMBER 18TH
Open gym 8am to 2pm
Closed gym 2pm to 4:30 pm
Open gym 5pm to 9pm

NOVEMBER 19TH & 21ST
Open gym 8am to 2pm
Closed gym 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER 20TH
Open gym 8am to 2pm
Closed gym 2pm to 4:30 pm
Elder Chair Volleyball 6pm to 8pm

NOVEMBER 22ND
Open Gym 8am to 5pm

NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH
CO-ED Slow-pitch tournament
Open gym 11am to 3pm

NOVEMBER 25TH & 26TH
Open gym 8am to 2pm
Closed gym 2pm to 4:30 pm
Employee Chair Volleyball Tournament
Wear ASU or U of A

NOVEMBER 27TH
Open gym 8am to 2pm
Closed gym 2pm to 4:30 pm
Elder Chair Volleyball 6pm to 8pm

NOVEMBER 28TH
THANKSGIVING - GYM CLOSED

NOVEMBER 29TH
**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
GYM CLOSED**

NOVEMBER 30TH
ASU vs U of A Rivalry game

DECEMBER 1ST
Open Gym 11am to 3pm

DECEMBER 2ND
Tree Lighting Celebration

DECEMBER 3RD
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 4TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Elder Chair Practice 6pm to 8pm

DECEMBER 5TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 6TH - 8TH
Masik Tas Basketball Tournament

DECEMBER 9TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Open Gym 4:30 pm to 9pm

DECEMBER 10TH
Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament

DECEMBER 11TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30p
Open Gym 4:30 pm to 9pm

DECEMBER 12TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 13TH
Open Gym 8am to 5pm

DECEMBER 14TH
Open gym 11am to 3pm

DECEMBER 15TH
Open Gym 11am to 3pm

DECEMBER 16TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Open Gym 4:30 pm to 9pm

DECEMBER 17TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 18TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30p
Open Gym 4:30 pm to 9pm

DECEMBER 19TH
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Gym Closed 2pm to 4:30 pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 20TH
**Ak-Chin Masik Tas
GYM CLOSED**

DECEMBER 21ST
Ak-Chin Christmas Celebration

DECEMBER 22ND
Closed Gym

DECEMBER 23RD
Open Gym 8am to 9pm

DECEMBER 24TH
Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 25TH
Christmas Day

DECEMBER 26TH
Open Gym 8am to 5pm
Youth Basketball 5pm to 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 27TH
Open Gym 8am to 5pm

DECEMBER 28TH
Open gym 11am to 3pm

DECEMBER 29TH
Open Gym 11am to 3pm

DECEMBER 30TH
Open Gym 8am to 9pm

DECEMBER 31ST
New Year's Eve

NEW LIFE Ak-Chin Church

Where the full gospel is preached

Schedule of Services

Sunday School for adults and children
10:00 a.m.

Morning and evening church service is at
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

in the Ak-Chin Service Center Complex

Do you need a ride to church?
Call our bus driver
602-476-9591

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

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

November 17 – Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell

November 24 – Fr. Antony Tinker

December 1 – Fr. Chris Fraser

December 8 – Fr. Antony Tinker

December 15 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

December 22 – Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell

December 29 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

Holy Days

Christmas – December 25, 11:30 am

Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

Solemnity of the Mother of God – December 31, 5:30 pm

Fr. Chris Fraser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 28, 8 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass – St. John the Baptist – Laveen

Fr. Antony Tinker, FHS

November 28, 9 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass – St. Peter – Bapchule

Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell, FHA

December 14, 10 am

Feast Day Celebration – San Lucy – Gila Bend

Fr. Antony Tinker


December 21, 10 am

CCOE Meeting – St. John the Baptist – Komatke

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.

Are you or a family member a veteran?
You may be eligible for the Native
American Settlement Fund



Native American Settlement Fund
(NASF)

Arizona income tax erroneously withheld
from Native Americans who served in the
military 1977- 2005 while claiming tribal land
as their domicile.

All eligible Native American veterans must submit
a claim no later than December 31, 2019.

Veterans had to have served active duty between
1977-2005 or be surviving next of kin to submit.

The claimant needs to produce a:


1. DD-214 (assistance can be provided to order)

2. Sign a statement declaring they were an
enrolled member of a tribe while serving in the
military.* A CDIB from Ak-Chin Enrollment will work.


3. Forms can be printed for your convenience

For more information please contact Health
and Human Services at 520-568-1090

Healthy Parenting Education
and Support Group



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.
**Individuals not employed by the community, not residents or community members may be given special permission
contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details.

Manager, Public Works, EPD and Cultural. “Everyone is chiming in at the different parts of the manual that they sort of have specialty with,” Sheer said. “EPD, obviously with the water sewage utilities matter, we’re about to finish the review comments which will then be presented to Planning and Zoning before it’s offered to Council in late November early December.”

Following Planning, Airport Manager Tim Costello touched on the history of the Ak-Chin Regional Airport which was purchased by the community back in 2006. Prior to the purchase, the airport was the Phoenix Regional Airport and was used primarily as a refueling station for small engine planes. It began as a dirt strip in the 80’s and then

transpired into a paved runway in the 90’s.


“Following Ak-Chin’s purchase, the airport/airpark was immediately placed through a Federal application process to have it placed under trust status, this would allow the community to pursue grants and officially make it a part of the community,” Costello said.

The airport is still currently used as a refueling station as well as a flight training conservatory and for recreational flying practices. It has one paved 4,751-foot runway, a parallel taxi way, and still has a dirt runway. Recent projects have included crack repairs in 2018 which forced the runway to close for a few months. Also added were a new lighting system to

the runway which made for brighter landing visibility for planes at night. The airport is currently looking into a much more adequate and updated airport to accommodate the current needs.

Mario Molina, Division Director of Education and his staff of Shelia Bandin (Elementary Advisor), Liane Iglesias (Elementary Truant Officer), Matt Tess (Student Advisor/Tutor), Pamela Velasquez (Enrollment/Academic Advisor), Teresa Valisto (Maricopa High School Counselor), Faith Batopis (Middle School Advisor/Tutor) and Language Program staff of Valecita Lopez, Lerline Peters and Felicia Vincent gave a presentation of the Kindergarten through 12th grade, Language projects and

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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ON HOUSING MISC. PROJECTS

Second Release

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the “Owner”) invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract. These misc. projects for Construction consist of the following:

1. Housing Office Remodel; Sliding glass window store front enclosing office, added pass through window with ledge, employee key lock door entrance to the back area, new flooring, baseboard, paint, re-balance of HVAC, Kitchen area upgrade (appliances, cabinets & countertops), storage room floor to be cleaned, LED lighting replacement, ceiling tile replacement, allowance for any signage, handicap door button at entrance, confirm that fire alarm and sprinkler system are up to code, remove popcorn ceiling (alternate).

2. Parking Shade Structure; To cover 18 parking spaces, 2 handicap spaces, with underneath canopy lighting and Full Cantilever. (Similar to Pre-School application)

3. Bedroom Addition to an Existing NAHASDA Home – 45060 W. Juan Street; existing plan with new plat layout.

These Projects will be constructed with NAHASDA funds and must meet all requirements including, Davis Bacon wages, and certified payroll.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. (MST) on November 22nd, 2019 at Ak-Chin Housing Office Conference Room located at 48277 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 2:00 p.m. (MST) on November 26th, 2019. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Judy Purcell at jpurcell@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on December 16th, 2019 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.

The Selected Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining building permits from Pinal County, ensure that all design meets the requirements of the Community’s Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Utility Entities, Building Codes as well as applicable County, State and Federal Agencies. All design is to be done to MAG, Ak-Chin standards, BIA and IHS standards.

GATHER:
FOOD,
FUN &
FAMILY



HEALTHY FAMILY HABITS
START AT THE DINNER TABLE
JOIN US AS WE PREPARE AND
SHARE A
DELICIOUS FAMILY STYLE
DINNER


2 Gatherings: Tuesday, NOVEMBER 19th
& Tuesday, DECEMBER 3rd
Ak-Chin Service Center
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

*Open to the first (2) Ak-Chin Community families to sign up.
*There will be additional opportunities for more families.

Every family leaves full of good food,
good times, and good (GFFF) swag!

Please contact Lynne Houston-Volden at (520) 568-1086 or
Martina Peters at (520) 568-1085 for questions or more
information.





NEXT
COMMUNITY
MEETING

November
25, 2019
6 pm
Ak-Chin
Service Center

Position Announcement

The following job opportunity is available with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
located at 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Open as of: October 18, 2019**Closing Date: Open until filled****CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST****Annual Salary: \$38K - \$40K (DOE) Benefits Medical, Dental, Basic Life & 401(k)**

The Civic Engagement Specialist will collect voter registration forms in non-partisan, non-tribal elections for the 2020 election cycle. This position will require extensive travel throughout tribal communities in Arizona. Attending events on nights and weekends will be required. Timely and regular attendance to work and work-related events is an essential function of this position. This position is a grant-funded position and is contingent on the continuation and availability of funding support.

Knowledge, Abilities, Skills: This list is not all inclusive of the duties and responsibilities and/or skills, and abilities of this position.

- Coordinate voter registration efforts to increase the number of American Indian living in Arizona to be registered to vote and cast ballot.
- Participate in tribal events to provide education and outreach around the collection of voter registration forms.
- Provide training and technical assistance to Tribes to develop and implement a Native Vote work plan in their respective tribal communities, which will include voter registration, Get Out the Vote, and election protection.
- Recruit volunteers to support voter registration and Get Out the Vote efforts in tribal communities and statewide
- Coordinate and support election protection efforts in tribal communities
- Work collaboratively with the Arizona Secretary of State's office to support outreach efforts and promote communication with American Indians living in Arizona
- Responsible for maintaining database with voter registration information.
- Responsible for reporting voter information to our funders.

- Assist with the promotion of the 2020 Census
- Create and distribute educational materials around voting and the Census
- Create and promote voting and the Census through social media
- Work toward promoting the mission of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS:

- Must have excellent communication skills with the ability to speak to a wide array of audiences including tribal community members, voter stakeholders, and tribal leadership
- Must have graphic design experience with preference with experience with Adobe products
- Must possess competent computer skills and be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Internet navigation
- Knowledge of Tribal Government structures and respectful of tribal community values and norms
- Knowledge of American Indian policy
- Maintain effective working relationship with Tribes in a professional manner
- Requires travel throughout Arizona including overnight stays

Education Requirements and Experience:

Associates of Arts degree with at least 1 year election cycle voter coordination experience or a combination of education or experience that is equivalent. Applicant must have valid Arizona driver's license, copy of current auto insurance, and be willing to submit to a background check.

To obtain an application, visit our website:
www.itcaonline.com

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10,000 Years of Culture - 15 Tribal Nations - 3 Days - 1 Location

We would be honored to have you participate in our yearly Native American Heritage Month Social and Indian Craft Market

"As the First Americans, Native Americans have helped shape the future of the United States through every turn of our history," as Ronald Reagan first proclaimed in 1969. Before the U.S. existed, before a few European countries established outposts, hundreds of Indian nations thrived on this continent.

These indigenous people developed and fostered their own music, dance, art, and foods for millennia.

Experience the life and history of several nations in this annual Native American Indian Social Month and Craft Market event to keep our 10,000-year-old culture alive for the 21st century and beyond.

Here, you will find authentic artwork,

crafts, demonstrations of their songs, and dances to expand your knowledge of American Indian ways.

Spend the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 1, 2019. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends and camera.

Featured highlights: demonstrations by Tohono O'odham basketweaver, Lola Thomas, Navajo flute playing by Marvin Todacheenie, and Pima/

Apache champion hoop dancer, Cecil Manuel, and possibly other presentations.

The events will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom and foyer at 5151 E. Grant Road. Free admission and free parking. Scholarship donations appreciated.

Happy Holidays from Tucson to you and your family.



AMERICAN INDIAN EVENTS

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH SOCIAL & INDIAN CRAFT MARKET
Nov 29 & 30 and Dec 1, 2019
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR
27th, 28th and 29th, 2020
SHERATON HOTEL BALLROOM
5151 E. GRANT RD. 85712

AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS EXPOSITION
Jan 26th - Feb 16th, 2020
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR
Jan 24th - Feb 14th, 2021
Quality Flamingo Ballroom
1300 N. Stone Ave. 85737
Official Event of Tucson Rock & Gem Show

SOUTHWEST INDIAN ART COLLECTORS EXPOSITION
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR
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Address TBA
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Tucson, AZ
520-248-5849
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Quality Artists Invited

COWBOY LIFESTYLE NETWORK



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

O’odham Letters and Symbols

Description: The Ak-Chin O’odham utilize an approved orthography that may or may not include traditional “English” letters and symbols. The following letters are utilized within the O’odham Ñeok language that combine common English Word lettering that results in a different sound.

O’odham Letter/Symbol	English Sound	Sounds like
Ð/d	Th	The
Ş/ş	Sh	Shoe, Shoot
Ñ/ñ	Neyah	Neyah
Đ/đ	Neo	Neeyoh
C	Ch	Church, Chicken
L	Rolling letter l	Letter
A	Ah	Author, authorize
E	Uh	Ahhhh
I	EE	Eel
O	Ohn	On, Lawn
U	Ooh	Ooo, Boo
Ai	I	I, eye
E’i	Uhee	Gooley
O’i	Oee	Koi Fish, Coin
Ui	We	We, Weed

Individually: Review the O’odham symbols above, practice making the sound and emphasizing the usage of your tongue.

With a partner: With a partner, practice the usage of the O’odham symbols and think of other English words that use the same or similar O’odham sounds.

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engaged in various activities. The celebration began with the Ak-Chin Color Guard raising the flag while Lawrence and Sally Antone sang the National Anthem. Ak-Chin Preschool 4-year old students and teachers sang the Pledge of Allegiance and Nicole “Coco” Carlyle-Coester gave an opening prayer. Junior Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel and Little Miss and Mr. Ak-Chin Sophia Iniestra and Stacie Antone came up to the podium and addressed all in attendance.

There was much reflection given on the Veterans and their experiences from the day’s speakers. Councilmember Carlyle talked about what it was like for Native Americans during the World Wars.

“You may not know that before Native Americans were even recognized as U.S. citizens, the first people of the land, Native Americans had the highest number of enlistments of any war prior to being recognized as citizens. They not only fought for this land, but they fought for their Communities,” said Carlyle.

Sally Antone read the biography for this year’s Special Recognition, Ak-Chin Veteran Francis Arrington Antone, who passed away earlier this year. The memorial was followed by a moment of silence for Ak-Chin veterans and all veterans on Earth.

Community member and 22-year US Army Veteran Gary Anderson gave a heartfelt speech about his experiences and those who served before him. Anderson talked about Matthew B. Juan, a member of the Gila River Indian Community and the first

Arizonan to die in World War I.

“Six years after he passed, in 1924, the American Indian citizenship act was passed, but no right to vote. In 1928, two Gila River Community members sued for the right to vote, but were denied. In 1948, the decision was reversed,” said Anderson. “It’s kind of hard to imagine our veterans fighting in World War II without the right to vote.”

Anderson’s first assignment was with the Presidential Honor Guard and he eventually worked three and a half years in the “Gardens of Stone,” also known as Arlington Cemetery. He also spent a lot of time in the water on a Special Forces diving team and later worked for five years at University of Arizona as the Commandant of Cadets.

After Anderson’s speech, Councilmember Carlyle invited all veterans to line up for hugs and thanks from all in attendance.

Before the program ended, winners from the 5k were announced; recognition was given to top three runners overall; female: Sarah Zabawa (27:30), Alyssa Dickerson (27:58), and Amber Antone (28:00); male: Erwin Thomas (26:00), Sheldon Rope (29:47) and Samuel Justin (33:11). All received first place medals and jackets.

The following also placed top three in their respective categories; ages 11-20 female: Sequoia; male: Samuel Justin, Zack Garcia, Drevyn Soliz/Elijah Peters (tied); ages 21-30 female: Sarah Zabawa, Alyssa Dickerson, Amber Antone; male: Sheldon Rope; ages 31-40 female: Nikki Delma; ages 41-50 female: Mariel Tsosie, Anita

Torres, Lisa Garcia; male: Harlee Gilbert; 51+ female: Virginia S., Flora Howerton, Adella Zabawa; male: Erwin Thomas, Ruben Reino, Albert Tom.

This year’s event included entertainment from the Ak-Chin Ba’ban Keina Dancers who performed social and basket dances for all to enjoy, along with the San Juan Kwaliya Dance Group who gave out gifts and past Veteran’s celebration shirts during their giveaway dance.

At lunch time, a delicious pit-barbecue, prepared by Ak-Chin Public Works/Sanitation was ready to be served, as Community members handed out plates to Elders and veterans as a sign of respect before taking their own plates.

Ak-Chin Mumsigo Band played while the Community was enjoying good eats and the children played in the bounce houses. At the end of the celebration, a big, delicious cake was served in honor of the veterans.

Throughout the day entertainment and fun could be found in and around MPA Park, as well as the Ak-Chin Recreation facility where the annual Co-Ed Volleyball tournament began with a 10 am bracket, and six teams entered.

New to this year’s bracket for the community was a young and fun group called Aleen’s Team, as well as the usual heavy hitters; That Squad, Outkasts, Rocket Power, Old Skool and Rezzurrected.

It was nice to see the mixture of seasoned and new players come out for this year’s tournament, all vying to take home one of the trophies and placement shirts, the



Ak-Chin Recreation

We have an abundance of different items in our lost and found. If you think you or your child may have lost a jacket or any other item. Please come and take a look.

Anything not claimed by November 30th, will be given to Social Services/Preschool.

If you have any questions please call 520-568-1740.

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the Early Childhood Superintendent, Dr. Tracey Lopeman

Molina began by speaking of the department’s efforts to improve the language program by planning consistent classes offered at the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education and to community members overall through designed classes that will be scheduled to better accommodate the schedules of those who would like to attend.

Events such as O’odham Bingo, which was a huge success and brought out a capacity at the Ak-Chin Service Center, is one of the occasions that Molina feels will help.

The Preschool expansion was also discussed as Molina described the 6 different rooms added and the potential usage of each room. Currently, the rooms have not been utilized but plans are in discussion on how to apply each room.

Plenty of effort with the K-12 Program has been a plus as the department has implemented student data tracking, increased student family outreach, and student recognition.

“Student data tracking in itself is not to just collect data, but to collect data so what we are making data-based decisions,” Molina said. “We’re currently looking at trends and are collecting data so it’s not just MUSD we’re looking at, but all our kids. We look at academics, behavior and attendance.”

The importance of staying engaged and developing a great relationship with parents and guardians is also a priority in hopes of providing a better and successful opportunity for students. Education has held meetings and events to strengthen the relationship and has even created a rapport with Maricopa Unified School District

digs were plentiful, as were the blocks and spikes, overall everyone enjoyed their time on the court, laughing with one another in friendly back and forth volleys.

That Squad, took home top honors, winning this year’s Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament with Rezzurrected earning second and Rocket Power taking third.

The Ak-Chin Veteran’s Group would like to

Housing Director, Marlene Garcia concluded the agenda for the evening. She introduced Housing Board Members who were in attendance; Adella Zabawa, Faith Batopis and Teresa Valisto.

Director Garcia was able to address a few questions that Housing has been constantly inquired upon.

The first involved individuals who are not on a community member’s housing lease and the time frame he or she is allowed to stay in the home before having to officially inform the Housing Department and Housing Board. Currently, 14 days is the max before an official request for further stay is to be requested. The request can be approved or denied by the Housing Board.

Another question involved drug and drug paraphernalia in homes.

The Community currently has a zero-tolerance drug policy and has and will enforce the policy. Decisions to remove are based on Police Department reports and testing within the homes which have been identified. The Board receives these reports and then makes the decision to remove per the violation of the zero-tolerance policy.

Having to live at peace within the confines of your home was another topic of discussion.

Homeowners have privately voiced their concerns of unruly neighbors and problems they’ve caused, such as having bottles thrown at their home. Many of the concerned victims are reluctant of reporting and having their identity revealed for fear of retaliation.

“If you do have

concerns please let us know. I know we had one person who actually wanted to move out of their home because they were bothered by their neighbors. So if you have a problem, please don’t be afraid to say something about it,” Garcia said.

“Everyone should be able to stay safely in their home and be happy with where they’re at, so please let us know so we can address it.”

The final two questions Garcia addressed was “Are you guys still on schedule for the audits, the home inspections?”

The Department is still on schedule, but the process was different this year. Housing is attempting to address 40 homes, and of those 40, Maintenance staff joins inspections along with a staffer from Housing.

During inspections, a “to do” list is written down and immediately sent in for repairs and maintenance. Once the 40 homes are completed maintenance wise, the crew will move on to the next 40 assigned homes.

The final question was “What’s the difference between the tenant’s cost, is it just wear and tear or self-inflicted?”

Garcia explained that wear and tear is consistent of things that occur with such items as faucet damage and other minor damages in closets, refrigerators leaking, etc. Tenant damage is something that quite often occurs. Once it is determined that a tenant damage is evident, the home owner will be required to pay for the costs.

Once all department updates were completed, Council Updates took place.

The next Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 6 pm at Ak-Chin Service Center.

Coester, Lawrence and Sally Antone; Ak-Chin Preschool; Ak-Chin Color Guard; Ak-Chin Ba’ban Keina Dance Group; Ak-Chin Kwaliya Dance Group; Ak-Chin Mumsigo Band; Aviles Balloons; and everyone who came out for the run/walk, volleyball tournament and providing support.

We truly appreciate you all for showing up and dedicating your time to honor all our Veterans!!

Trick or Treat!

They're all so Sweet

Story and Photos by J. Peters

October 31st the spookiest day of the year brought early trick or treating to the little ghouls and goblins at Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development Center. Giving them a head start on their trick or treating adventures, the teachers escorted their classes one by one through the building towards the different candy stations.

A handful of Ak-Chin departments set up booths inside the newly renovated school building to hand out candy. Sanitation, Language, Health Education, Injury Prevention, Education Department, Courts, and Library dressed up in their costumes that morning to celebrate Halloween with the children.



Anelia Jacuinde was a cute unicorn.



The incredible Bat Girl Jessica Zabawa, Minnie Mouse Skye Gonzalez and Nightmare Before Christmas's Sally Kaiya McClure.



Power Ranger Parker Todachine.



Eleazar Baptista was the mighty Raphael.



Gabriel Pablo dressed as the master of camouflage Gekko.



Cowboy Connor Martinez rounding up some candy.

Elders celebrate All Hallows Eve

Photos by Runner Staff

Starting the elders off with one of the many end of year holiday lunches, Ak-Chin Elder Center threw a fun halloweenie party for the young souls at the center.

Special guests from the Health Education Department hosted a pumpkin carving station and gave out some yummy sweets to the elders.



Who's the ghoul at the table?

AK-CHIN ANNUAL DIABETES DAY EVENT

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2019
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER
5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



GUEST SPEAKER & DINNER



FRIENDLY RIVAL RUN/WALK



FREE PRODUCE @ FARMERS MARKET

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

DINNER (Provided by Arroyo Grille)

PRESENTATION by WELL FOR CULTURE on Indigenous Wellness

6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

1.5 Mile FRIENDLY RIVAL RUN/WALK (Team inspired t-shirts to first 150)

7:30 PM

FARMER'S MARKET

Event Open to All!
Bring your grocery totes & bags!

QUESTIONS? CALL HEALTH ED @ (520) 568-1080



Annual Trunk or Treat

Story and photos by Runner Staff

October 29th, many trick or treaters gathered at Milton "Paul" Antone Park for a night of Trunk or Treats from participating Community Departments. Families lined up around the ballpark waiting to get a bag from Ak-Chin PD and then on to the department set ups to receive their treats and even some tricks, as departments were encouraged to offer games. The Runner set up a find the right caldron game for some sugary, healthy and school related goodies.

Vendors were stationed around the back-drop area and offered everything from hot Menudo, lemonade, Sonoran dogs to pickle slushes. Bouncy houses were filled

with little monsters inside as DJ Felicia played spooky sounds. Ak-Chin Police Department had their cake walk for each ghoul. It was 1 dollar for someone to get put in Monsterville jail and the time limit was 5 minutes. Ak-Chin Recreation also had a haunted house inside the gym.

Costume winners were announced based on their age group and each winner got a Walmart Gift card. Thing 1 and Thing 2 won in the infant category, Edward Scissor hands, Oogie Boogie and Puppet Master won in the youth and in the Adult category a Pirate, Beauty and the Beast and last but not least Selena, took home wins.



Marshmallow took a break from music to get some candy.



These ghouls were having a wicked ol time.



Princess Jasmine, Abu and Magic Carpet stopped by to Trunk or Treat.

Fall Ceramics at Art Building

Photos by J. Peters

November 5th brought the first day of the Fall ceramics sessions at the Him Dak Art Program, as they break out the clay and fire up the kiln for the community to create beautiful pottery pieces.

Members have gone through the shelves, selecting what

would best suite them from the variety of molds to choose from. Art Program staff members guided the participants through the preparation for the molds for pouring, instructing that the molds should be cleaned and left with a smooth surface before the clay mix is poured in, to ensure that the finished item doesn't have any unwanted blemishes.



Issac King working to spill out clay from a mold.

When the cleaning process was done they moved on to slip casting, a process of pouring the liquid clay into the mold while making sure that the inside of the mold is full with clay, sealing any gaps. Once each mold is taken off and the ceramic piece is smoothed out and fired in the kiln everyone is ready to paint! Getting to choose from tons of different colors members bring their ceramic masterpiece to life.



AK-CHIN MASIK TAS TOKA / SONIGIVU'L
Tournament 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2019

TOKA TOURNAMENT
Check-In Times 7:00 a.m.
Start Time 8:00 a.m.

SONIGIVU'L
Check-In Times 7:00 a.m.
Start Time 8:00 a.m.

Deadline For Toka Tournament : November 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.
No Deadline for Sonigivu'l Tournament / Open til day of

Ak-Chin Indian Community/Masik Tas committee will not be responsible for any damages, accidents, injuries, theft or death resulting from participation in "The Masik Tas Sonigivu'l" tournament.

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November Employee Birthdays

15 Dwight Arthur, Finance	22 Faith Batopis, Education
16 Rebecca Springstroh, Early Childhood	23 Carmen Narcia, Him Dak Museum Lemuel Vincent, TGA
17 Marilyn Velasco, Health Education	24 Lawrence Sordia, Law & Order
18 Pamela Thompson, Social & Health Services	25 Jose Fregoso, Elderly
19 Davis Garcia, Law & Order Albertino Santiago, TGA	26 Angela Carter, Education Brandon Peters, Treasurer
20 Abraham Mendez, Maintenance	27 Richard Lopez, Early Childhood Steve Tiemann, Finance
21 Autumn Gonzalez, Law & Order	29 Allen Allcott, Fire & Safety James Reynolds, Law & Order

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You can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe by:

- Using a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt on every trip, no matter how short.
- Finding the right car seat or booster seat for your child's age, height, and weight. See the chart below for tips.

Getting help installing a car or booster seat from a certified child passenger safety technician.

- Properly buckling children aged 12 and under in the back seat. The back seat is safest for children.
- Never placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag. Airbags can injure or kill small children riding in the front seat.
- Not using traditional baby carriers (such as cradleboards) in place of a car seat. Traditional carriers do not keep children safe in cars or trucks.
- Always wearing a seat belt when 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.³

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY
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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lozano
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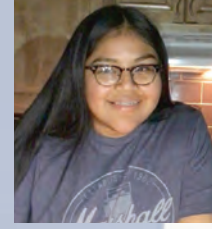

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Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website (www.ak-chin.nsn.us) and click Job Openings to review or apply for an open position.
If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment **MUST** be submitted at the time of application.

- Police Commander
- Audit Supervisor
- Case Manager -Children's Services


Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- Art Technician
- Cultural Resources Specialist

Happy Blessed Birthday to Ryan, Rose and Erick... Love & Hugs to you all. We Love you silly kids very much! Happy Birthday to all of you and many, many more Blessed Birthdays to come! Love Grandma, Susie & Billy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUSIE...
I am very proud of you and I Love you so, so much! May the Good Lord guide you and give you the strength to overcome any obstacles in life. Be strong and stay positive... Love you with all my heart Baby!
LOVE Mom and Billy



You are the best baby sister we can ever wish for so may you just have an amazing birthday SPOILED BRAT. Love, Alex, Junior, Isaiah, Sharon, and Kay Kay


Happy Birthday Shina, Hope you have a BLAST on your special day! Love, Diana

Happy Birthday to my daughter Carmen Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Dallys, Morgan, and Maria and to my grandsons Dallas and Brandon Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday to our Baby Bird Morgan Jonet Peters


Even though you're already out of our nest, we will always wonder and worry about you - ALL of you!! Wishing you lots of love on your special day! Love, Dad and Mom




NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Jose Hernandez Jason Narcia Mary Narcia Gwendolyn Pilone Autumn Vallejos	2 Franklin Sam
3 Carla Carlyle Darrin Manuel Neveah Pilone Israel Santiago	4 Mauricio Contreras-Valles Kahleah Delowe Rosa Merriweather Siann Ugalde	5 Aaron Peters, Sr. Rena Santiago	6 Thonya Florez Andrea Lopez Jose Lopez	7 Brittney King Auciana Miguel Heaven Smith Norma Vincent	8	9 Mikayla Matuz Daniel Narcia Malinda Ormsby Cecil Peters
10 Shannon Narcia Marquon Robles	11 Erick Merriweather Ryan Merriweather Ramona Narcia Jamison Vincent	12 Holly Antone Arnulfo Arellanes-Burgos, Jr. Elissa Justin Nyaila Miguel Mark Pablo	13 Anthony Antone Aaron Narcia Darnell Peters	14 Emmalyn Anderson Victor Bandin Joe Miguel Raychel Peters Hiram Ugalde	15 Terrance Enos Aiden Miguel Dominic Miguel Izaah Smith Jose White Josefina White	16 Carson De Paola Morgan Green Emeterio Luna, Jr. Leenette Sope
17 Austin Lopez Dallys Peters Malinda Velasquez	18 Andi-Kiowan Santiago	19 Davis Garcia, Sr. Persilia Hernandez Dallas Peters Albertino Santiago Raven Santiago	20 Shane Antone Ricardo DeLeon, Jr. Ronin Gloria	21 Ezequiel Santiago	22 Faith Batopis Morgan Peters	23 Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel Carmen Narcia Maria Peters Lemuel Vincent Monique White Sterling Zappia
24 Brian Ruelas	25 Ciera Lopez	26 Marciano Joaquin Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe Brandon Peters	27 Joaquin Dickerson Richard Joaquin Karen Kaniatobe Rommel Lyons Joe Miguel, Jr. Larisa Rascon Kobe Santiago	28 Nicholas Narcia Ernest Pete Brandon Thomas, Jr.	29 Victor Andaverde Tashina Salcido Lee Smith	30 Lina Batopis Kylee Carlyle Julio Gloria, IV Kateri Lopez Michael Luz Taylor Santiago

EMPLOYEE UPDATE



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Maricopa "Remembers" Vets

Story and photos by R. Peters



Veterans organizations and active duty military join up for a photo after the Maricopa Veterans Day Parade. Standing on either side of the flag are two of this year's Grand Marshalls Mary Holms (WWII) and Joaquin Comaduran (Korean War). Maricopa Councilmember and Air Force Veteran, Julia Gusse, pictured at far right.

On Saturday, November 9th, there were many spectators who lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the Maricopa Veterans Day parade as it made its way from Maricopa's Central Arizona College campus to Leading Edge Academy school.

Leading the parade was none other than Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman Robert Miguel, atop a Maricopa Fire Ladder truck, accompanied by Maricopa Mayor, Christian Price as they made their way down Alan Stephens Parkway and Porter Road. Followed by Grand Marshalls that included, US

Army Veteran and Ak-Chin Councilmember Octavio Machado, as well as a string of Veterans and Military-themed floats and participants.

Also representing Ak-Chin was Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel along with Little Mr. Ak-Chin Stacie Antone. Community members who also participated in the parade included; Angel Ruelas with the Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Air Force Program, Michael Peters, Jr. with Maricopa High School Wrestling and Haedin DePaola with her Maricopa Girl Scout Troop #2216.

At the conclusion of the parade, everyone headed to Maricopa Leading Edge Academy's multi-purpose room for a ceremony and luncheon, which featured Chairman Miguel who participated in the welcome address. Haedin Depaola also performed with the Leading Edge Academy school choir.

Closing remarks were provided by Julia Gusse, Maricopa Councilwoman and US Airforce Veteran.

"I was wearing the PT42 t-shirt, and for those who may not be aware of what this



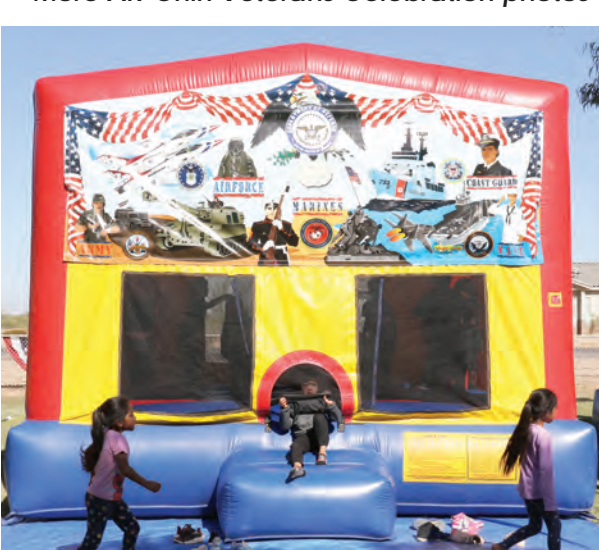
stands for... PT are the initials of Pat Tillman and 42 is the number of his football jersey of when he played for Arizona State University. Pat Tillman went off to play for the Arizona Cardinals and left a lucrative career with the NFL when he enlisted in the Army in 2002, shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11th... Pat Tillman took an oath and chose to serve his country... OUR Country. Every man and woman in uniform, every veteran, has taken the same exact oath."

Julia went on to praise Maricopa for honoring every

man and woman who has served... and asked for the community to "Remember Them" along with those who are no longer with us, including the suicidal veteran, the homeless veterans and those with health and trauma issues.

"My brothers and sisters in uniform... today let yourself feel the love of this community... let yourself experience the pride of having served your country - our country. My brothers and sisters in uniform... let yourself live every emotion! Happy Veterans Day."

More Ak-Chin Veterans Celebration photos



Young ones enjoy the patriotic bounce house. 5k first place finisher, Erwin Thomas keeps the lead, as Alyssa Garcia, Amber Antone and Sarah Zabawa try to close the gap. Elijah Peters and Aleena Antone play in the co-ed volleyball tournament. Cecil and Stella Miguel enjoy dancing the Kwaliya.

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