

Ak-Chin Council and Education honors first Doctoral degree earned in Ak-Chin

Story by K. Morago, photo by R. Peters

Growing up, Sandra Shade knew education was going to play an important role in her life. As a daughter and niece of teachers, earning a higher education was going to happen. In 2019, she has achieved and earned the highest academic honor possible, a doctoral degree. The first ever in Ak-Chin.

Dr. Shade was one of many students recognized at the Ak-Chin Higher Education/GED Graduation banquet held at the Elements Event Center on Friday, March 1. She also was the keynote speaker for the event.

Opening the celebration was Ak-Chin royalty Miss Ak-Chin Elaina Enos and Jr. Miss Ak-Chin Jilayne Miguel who provided a prayer for the Italian meal.

The annual event recognizes academic achievement of students in the Higher Education program and those students who successfully complete the GED program earning their diploma certificate.

Welcoming everyone was Education Manager Dr. Darlene Smith McClellan. In her remarks she

congratulated the students on their achievements. She also shared the phrase, “All roads lead to Rome.” Explaining how ancient Romans built transportation systems in Italy that had all roads lead to Rome, she said in reference to education, “there are different paths and ways to reach the same goal.”

“All roads lead to Ak-Chin” she shared, encouraging students to know that Ak-Chin leadership wants members, once they graduate, to bring their talents and commitments home to the Community.

Dr. McClellan also reminded students that “you didn’t do it alone,” acknowledging that families, teachers and the Higher Ed program have helped. Closing her remarks, she shared the inspirational poem, “A Creed to Live By.”

Higher Education Academic Advisor Pamela Velasquez introduced Dr. Shade. Sharing her educational background beginning with her graduation from Casa Grande Union High School, Dr. Shade went on to Mesa Community College earning her Associate’s Degree in

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Dr. Sandra Shade (center) with her mother Lillian Shade (right) and aunt Jeannie Stephens (left) during the Higher Education/GED Graduation banquet at Elements Event Center on Friday, March 1. Dr. Shade is the first Ak-Chin member to earn a doctoral degree.

Mul-Chu-Tha brings crowds for 57th annual celebration

Story and photos by K. Morago



“Bringing People Together to Celebrate Culture & Tradition” Mul-Chu-Tha parade theme had the Sacaton Elders create a ce:mail making scene on their entry, earning 2nd place. Elders on the float - Gail Coochyouma, Karen Enos, O’Neil Jordan and Clyde Lyons.

Playing Songuvi’l, waving in a parade, or facing a wild horse in a rodeo arena, Ak-Chin members did and saw it all during this year’s Mul-Chu-Tha over the weekend in Sacaton.

With the theme “Bringing People Together to Celebrate Culture and Tradition,” the 57th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha brought people together thousands of times over.

The newly announced Little Mr. and Little Miss Ak-Chin joined Ak-Chin royalty on a decorated float in the Saturday, March 9 parade. Members of the Ak-Chin Community Council walked alongside, handing out goodies and greeting parade watchers.

The Ak-Chin Youth Council was also in the parade in an All 4-Tribes Youth Council entry. The young ladies performed traditional dances along the route with the young men singing behind them.

Ak-Chin members were in the crowd of the various events. Ak-Chin elder Terry Enos sat with Gila River Councilman Thomas R. White at Friday’s Community Day, catching up and witnessing the crowning of the new Miss Gila River 2019-2020 Tyler R. Owens and Jr. Miss Gila River 2019-2020 Susanna N. Osife.

At the fairgrounds on Saturday, Ak-Chin musician Wilson “Milo” Antone and his band “The Pick-Up Kings,” participated in the Battle of the Bands contest. With a 1pm timeslot, they performed five warm-up songs before playing the three competition songs of a waila, two-step and cumbia. They performed well but did not win any awards.

Over at the rodeo arena, Ak-Chin member Jesus Balderrama entered the Wild Horse Race with Team S-wa:gima. The team placed first on Saturday and came in second for the Sunday finals.

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Frequent showers bring wildflowers

Story by J. Peters, photo by C. Pane



Arizona wildflowers like these pretty yellow ones above are growing at an immaculate rate following the abundance of winter rains and freezing cold weather Arizona has been experiencing. This photo was take out in Hidden Valley.

Since the New Year the world has been experiencing very unusual weather conditions and for us here in Arizona we’ve been hit left and right with heavy rains, bringing with it freezing temperatures, whirling winds and even a recent sighting of a cold-air funnel cloud. Very unusual for the state indeed.

And the rain has not let up yet, as it looks like it will continue to sprinkle throughout the valley, well into the beginning of Spring, which is right around the corner, beginning on the 20th of March.

As Arizonans enjoy or loathe the cooler temperatures, the rash

of rain has sprouted an array of wildflowers, bringing some much needed color to an otherwise very monochrome desert color scheme.

Just take a walk outside and you will see all kinds and colors of desert flowers in bloom, making the everyday landscape people are used to seeing turned into what could be described as a Monet painting.

This season is said to be the most beautiful time of the year for the desert; and though many may want to explore and capture photos of this wonderful sight, wildlife experts say that this is also the time of the year when rattlesnakes typically

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HDS Associate Profile

The Harrah's Development System (HDS) Program is going strong in 2019. With HDS Associates working in various departments and at different levels in the program, the program continues to provide Ak-Chin members the opportunity to learn key areas of the casino entertainment industry.

Even if you leave, there can be opportunity to return. Meet Savanna Gonzalez. She originally participated in the program years ago, finishing a year of HDS. Starting where she left off, Savanna has returned and looks forward to graduation day as well as working at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino as an HDS Associate.

She likes being able to connect with her Community when the HDS program participates in local events. She is also thankful for the opportunity to travel and learn about the gaming industry, like participating in the annual AIGA (Arizona Indian Gaming Association) conference and NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) Trade Show.

"There's always a lot to learn," she says. Let's meet Savanna...



Name: Savanna Gonzalez

Parents/family: Grand-daughter of the late Shirley Schisler

HDS Start Date: July 2018

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Practice makes perfect Chair Volleyball games bring fun to Ak-Chin Recreation Center gym

It started with a request from the Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles team to the Recreation Director. Would it be possible to invite other Elder Chair Volleyballers to the Community to practice? After some research into the issue, the gym was transformed with volleyball nets and now up to seven O'odham teams come to Ak-Chin to practice. The final practice will be Friday, March 15 from 8am to noon. If you're an elder, come have fun and play, or watch.



Elders from all O'odham tribes practice in Ak-Chin gym.

2019 Little Mr. and Miss Ak-Chin

Newly announced Little Mr. and Little Miss Ak-Chin wave atop the Ak-Chin Royalty float during the annual Mul-Chu-Tha parade in Sacaton on Saturday morning, March 9th.

The new Little Mr. Ak-Chin is Stacie Antone.

The new Little Miss Ak-Chin is Sofia Iniestra.



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After all the coins and bills were counted from all the boxes that have been at Vekol Market for the past five weeks, Ak-Chin Early Childhood students Stacie Antone and Sofia Iniestra were announced as the new Little Mr. and Little Miss Ak-Chin 2019 – 2020.

The two raised the most from all the fundraising boxes and will serve as the youngest Ak-Chin goodwill ambassadors for the next year. Their first official appearance was during the Mul-Chu-Tha celebration in Sacaton.

Stacie Antone is the son of Bernadette Carra and Christina Enos. Stacie's great grandparents are Rupert and Frances Stephens and great grandfather Bernardino Carra, Sr.

Sofia Iniestra is the daughter of Phillip and Miranda Iniestra. Her grandmothers are Delphine Chiago and Linda Hurtado.

Congratulations Stacie and Sofia!

* Ak-Chin Community Members Only * USED COMPUTER \$50 Sale!!

40 Computer systems available for raffle

Raffle entry form available at the Information Systems office and returned.
Located at 45710 W. Farrell Road.
No entries accepted via phone or email.



System #1 HP Z400
Processor – Intel Xeon 2.6GHz
8GB of RAM
232GB Hard Drive
Windows 10 Operating System



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8GB of RAM
456GB Hard Drive
Windows 10 Operating System



Monitor HPL1950
19" wide-screen, anti-glare
1280 x 1024 maximum display
Contrast Ratio 600:1

Each computer system comes with the following:
One (1) Computer (either Z400 or Z420, depending on availability)
One (1) Monitor
One (1) Keyboard
One (1) Mouse
Necessary cables for connection

Disclaimer: Computer system sold ***AS IS***.
The Ak-Chin Indian Community is not responsible for setup of system or troubleshooting errors. System maintenance is the responsibility of the purchaser.
Winner must be 18 years or older

Deadline to enter raffle is March 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Only CASH payments will be accepted at time of pickup.
One Computer System per Member

USED COMPUTER
RAFFLE TICKET

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON 4/1/19.
CASH ONLY AT PICKUP

ALL ENTRY WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE.
DISTRIBUTION DATES WILL BE 4/3/19 & 4/4/19
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8AM- 6PM. LOCATION OF
PICK-UP AK-CHIN IS 45710 W. FARRELL RD. DEADLINE
TO ENTER IS 3/29/19 AT 5PM.

USED COMPUTER
RAFFLE TICKET

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PURCHASER WILL NEED TO PICK-UP, TRIBAL ID
REQUIRED. AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

24th Annual O'odham Unity Run

Relay Run through Onk Akimel, Ke:li Akimel, Ak Chin & Tohono O'odham
March 17th-23rd; 2019

The Ak-Chin Unity Run Group will meet at 2:30 pm at the Ak-Chin Recreation Center on Saturday, March 16th. If you are still interested, packets will be available onsite (Need Guardian signature, if a minor).

If you would like to support the Unity Runners as they enter the Community on Monday, March 18th; you are welcome to do so. We will be updating the group's progress through email and FB Member Group.

Please contact the Community Events office for any questions or concerns at 520-568-1045.

4th Annual
St. Patrick's Day
5K

DATE

MARCH
16th 2019

TIME

Check-In and Onsite
Registration @ 7:30 AM
Race Begins @ 8:00 AM

LOCATION

Ak-Chin Service Center
48227 W. Farrell Road

DETAILS

T-Shirts for participants (first
150), refreshments, medals for
top finishers, open to everyone
and all ages!!
Please come dressed in green
for a chance to win a raffle prize!

YOU SHAM "RACK!!"

AK-CHIN Health
Education Program

For Questions, please contact Ak-Chin Health Education @
(520)568-1085 or email Martina Peters at mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

Elder Menu	
Friday March 15 Irish beef stew, steamed cabbage, rolls, cake	Monday March 25 Ham sandwich, mix vegetables Mandarin oranges
Monday March 18 Pinto beans, vegetable soup (D) Corn bread, carrots, spring salad, Irish apple bread	Tuesday March 26 Pork chops, green beans, carrots, Chickpeas salad, strawberry cake
Tuesday March 19 Green chicken enchiladas Black beans, corn, lettuce Tomato, Spanish rice Fruit cocktail	Wednesday March 27 Red chili stew, mix vegetables Tortillas, peaches
Wednesday March 20 Ground beef /vegetables stew Broccoli, brown rice, apple salad	Thursday March 28 Black eyed pea soup, chicken soup (D) Salad/ broccoli, Watergate salad
Thursday March 21 Chicken patty sandwich coleslaw, potato wedges grapes	Friday March 29 Harrah's Buffet <u>No Lunch at the Elder Center</u> Lunch will be provided for home bound
Friday March 22 Breakfast buffet, scramble eggs Potatoes, fresh fruit	A sandwich can be provided for those who may not like a menu item.



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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
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Also, if you have suggestions or
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let the Runner Staff know that too.

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or formatted paragraphs.

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the
April 5 - 18, 2019

issue is due by

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

Please submit all announcements,
wishes, etc. no later than

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

Any material submitted after the
MARCH 29TH DEADLINE

Cannot be guaranteed placement.

But, if appropriate and relevant,
Will be included in the following issue.

February Community Gathering teaches Cascarones

Story and photo by K. Lopez



Above, Vanessa Soliz (right) adheres hot glue to a cascaron, while her son Draven gets ready to set the shell on a newspaper cone. Below, a beautiful display of cascarones lies on a table.

On February 28, 2019, Ak-Chin Youth Council hosted a Community Gathering at the Ak-Chin Justice Center. To start off the gathering a delicious meal of tacos, chips, rice and beans was served.

Afterwards, Ak-Chin Youth Council president, Dennis Antone introduced himself, along with high school representative Zaida Soliz and council member Kateri Lopez. Dennis also went over what they would be doing for the gathering.

Zaida Soliz began by explaining to the audience what a "cascaron" is. "A cascaron is used for good luck, you see (them) mostly at the dances. When at a dance if someone cracks a cascaron on your head, you have to dance with them."

Zaida also explained how to make cascarones, also known as confetti

eggs. While she was explaining, Kateri was demonstrating for the audience.

First, get an egg, crack it half way open, take out the yolk and let it dry. Once it is dry, stuff confetti inside the eggshell. Place tissue paper over the eggshell and glue tissue paper over the confetti. Next, get two half sheets of a newspaper and begin rolling it until one end is big enough to hold the egg, cutting the paper point so it will look even. Glue the egg to your rolled newspaper. Once the glue is dry, you are ready to decorate your cascaron.

After the demonstration, everyone was able to craft their own cascaron. During that time Youth Council raffled some great prizes. It was a great turn out for the community gathering, everyone was having such a good time making cascarones.





AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

7:30 am Registration
8:00—10:00 am Clean Up

Registration & Clean Up begin at the
Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility
46200 W. Ralph Street

Earth Day T-Shirts & Continental Breakfast
provided to ALL PARTICIPANTS !!!
Participants are entered for a chance to WIN Raffle Prizes!



Sorry, no Transportation Provided

2109 SPRING ART PROGRAM

march 18-29, 2019

Location: Art Building
(Please drop off kids north of the Art Building)
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

- * Registration is available at the Him-Dak Museum
- * Will have Breakfast, Morning Snack and Lunch

The Him-Dak Spring Art Program will be broken down into four grade groups: Grades K- 1st, 2nd- 4th, 5th- 8th, 9th- 12th
(We will only be accepting the first 15 kids per grade group)

for any questions call: Him-Dak at 568-1350 or Waylon at 568-1354



Chairman testifies before Congress

On March 13, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel traveled to Washington D.C. to testify before Congress. This is his fourth time to testify, other testimonies included his testimony on receiving appropriations for the operation and maintenance of Ak-Chin's justice facility, which was recently secured. "So, eventually all these trips going to testify does pay off." shared Chairman Miguel.



Chairman Robert Miguel with Congresswoman Sharice Davids.

The Chairman's main focus of testimony this trip was to promote the advancement of appropriations for not only Ak-Chin but all tribal communities who were affected by the partial government shut-down. Miguel also highlighted current community issues of concern including; healthcare and rural broadband services.

After his testimony, Chairman Miguel met up with Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D) and other Arizona tribal leaders, as well as

U.S. Representative Tom Cole, from Oklahoma (R) to discuss bipartisan efforts on Indian Country issues.

Chairman also attended a fundraiser luncheon and met with U.S. House of Representatives Deb Haaland, New Mexico (D) and Sharice Davids, Kansas (D) the first two Native American women elected to the U.S. Congress.

Harrah's expansion receives RED Award nomination



From left to right: Perry Vettrano, Brandon Peters, Benjamin Williams, Robert J. Kobierowski, Chandra Reilly and Elaine Peters during the RED Awards event on Wednesday, March 6 in Phoenix.

The 2019 Real Estate and Development (RED) Awards which are considered Arizona's Academy Awards for commercial real estate industry were held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, AZ.

finalist's list as posted online from AZ Big Media, on March 4. And although the project did not receive any awards for the expansion, it is still a show-stopper in the Pinal County area, as well as one of Caesars only properties to house a Bingo Hall.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's Resort Expansion project made it to the

For more information please visit www.harrahsakchin.com

28th Annual Him-Dak Celebration

Sustaining our Culture through our Changing Environment



April 6, 2019

The event will be held at the Him-Dak Museum from
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 6, 2019

Fun Walk & Run
(Starting at the Youth Council Bldg. (Old Fire Station) and ending at the Museum. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)

Dance Performers
Face Painting
Information Booths
Art & Food Vendors
Bounce House
Artisan Demonstrations

If you should have any questions please contact the Him-Dak main office at: 520-568-1350

—— Dr. Shade continued from front page

Secretarial Studies. Moving on to Arizona State University, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Dr. Shade continued on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

With degrees in hand, Dr. Shade worked for the Gila River Indian Community as a Comprehensive Planner eventually becoming the tribe's first Department of Transportation Director. A position she held for eight years before returning to work for her Ak-Chin Community.



Madeline Van Sickle receiving the 2019 O'odham Tash scholarship. Madeline is studying nursing.



Ak-Chin GED Graduate Kyle Peters gives a thumbs-up to his family during the graduation ceremony at Elements.



Sheila Pablo-Bandin and Iris Smith have a fun moment at the photo booth during the Higher Ed/GED banquet.

Continued education for her also meant earning a second Master's Degree in Higher Education and participating in the ASU Certified Public Manager's program with a completion date in June 2019.

Dr. Shade is currently the Planning and Development Director. She also serves on the Ak-Chin Gaming Commission. She will graduate with her doctorate in Organizational Leadership this month from Grand Canyon University.

Applause greeted the keynote speaker as she made her way to the podium to speak.

"I am Dr. Sandra Shade," she shared proudly. The daughter of Lillian Stephens Shade and the late Leo Shade, her maternal grandparents are Amelia Andres Stephens and John Stephens. Her maternal great grandparents Laura Miguel Andres



Council members Lisa Garcia and Delia Carlyle congratulate Ashley Vincent who completed her program at Arizona Culinary Institute.

and Patricio Andres.

Dr. Shade asked the students in the audience why education is important? As they thought about it, she said, "Education is powerful, it helps you focus on life. It Helps you develop skills that you will use throughout your life."

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Ak-Chin Library hosts February Story Time

Story and photos by J. Peters



Library Clerk Sandiin Mitchell reads the first book of the evening.

On February 22nd, families were in for a treat, spending the evening at the Ak-Chin Library for the month's addition of Family Story Time. Providing a night of reading fun books and creativity, the library staff read the children's books "Reading Makes Me Feel Good" by Todd Parr and followed by "I Like Myself" by Karen Beaumont, the books follow the months theme of 'All the Things I Love,' this story time addition was to inspire self-love and the love of reading books.

Also celebrating the love of pizza, after the storybook session everyone got to create their own pizza with directions and ingredients provided for them by the library. Reading

books, doing fun activities, creating personal pizzas and sipping on hot chocolate made this night fun for the whole families



Families settle down and enjoy the story telling.

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Spring Program

Ak-Chin Recreation Gym

Sign-In/Sign-Out required, No Curbside Drop-off/Pick-up!

Week 1

March 20th-22nd

**Elder Bingo, Crafts,
Library Activities, UDC Dance Group,
Field Trip (Urban Air Trampoline Park)**

Week 2

March 25th-29th

**Environmental Friendly Activities,
Movies, Bowling,
Elder Chair Volleyball,
Field Trip (Amazing Jake's)**

Hope to see you there!

**Lunch provided. For more information please email:
events@ak-chin.nsn.us
or come by the Events Office.**

Kauai Wilson empowers Ak-Chin artists on International Women’s Day

Story and photos by R. Peters



What a great way to honor International Women’s Day, Friday March 8, as over 15 women and one very lucky guy experienced a

night of Art & Sip while creating an amazing mother nature inspired piece.



Artist, entrepreneur and mom, Kauai Wilson has been organizing Art & Sip events around the community for quite some time, and this was the second event held at the Ak-Chin Library.

Once everyone had gathered their supplies and found an open canvas at the library, Kauai started the evening off with a toast, “to International Women’s Day... Yeah girls!”

Then she patiently showed us step by step how to create many different images, allowing us to go at our own pace, while praising and reinforcing everyone that they were doing a fantastic job.

By evening’s end everyone had completed a piece that they could be proud of and after a few group photos all went home with a new painting to appreciate, hang or gift.

Kauai shared comments and photos from the event on her FB page. “Thank you, my amazing attendees, for coming out to paint!... Thank you, Ak-Chin for having me!!! Always a pleasure. See you again soon. CHEERS!!”

If you would like to create your own Kaui Wilson inspired masterpiece you can find her next Art and Sip event at: kauiwilson.com



ATTENTION:
ENROLLED AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOM YET TO ENROLL THEIR CHILD(REN)
New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.
FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

What you need:

- ☐ Complete Enrollment Application
- ☐ Certified Birth Certificate
- ☐ Social Security Card
- ☐ Marriage License (If applicable)
- ☐ Notarized Affidavit (If applicable)

All forms can be picked up 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

REMINDER: \$5.00 Fee for ID replacement.

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AK-CHIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
(520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074

Mailing Address:
42507 W. Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, Az. 85138

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



MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 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

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.

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****

EDUCATION
MARCH 11TH-18TH
Spring Break for KUSD

MARCH 14TH
NAPAC event at 6:00pm for Saddleback

MARCH 15TH
Early Release Schedule for MUSD

MARCH 18TH-29TH
Spring Break for MUSD
Spring Break Casa Grande Schools

APRIL 1ST
Site Council Meeting 6pm-7pm MHS

APRIL 1ST-4TH
Book Fair MES

APRIL 2ND-3RD
AzMerit testing Science MWMS

APRIL 3RD
Student Led Conferences 1pm-6:30pm SBE
AzMerit testing Science MES

APRIL 4TH
Student Led Conferences DWMS 3rd Quarter Awards/Character Ceremony 8:20pm SBE Picture Day Kinder/5th Promotion SBE

APRIL 4TH-5TH
AzMerit testing Writing MWMS

ELDER CENTER
MARCH 11TH
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm
Director Out-Travel Status All Week

MARCH 12TH
Grandparent Support Meeting 10:30 to Noon @ Elder Center

MARCH 15TH
Elder Check Day
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MARCH 18TH
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MARCH 19TH
Goodwill Shopping Leaving @ 9 AM

MARCH 20TH
Spring Intersession Activity Kids & Elders
BINGO @ Rec Center 12pm
Lunch provided

MARCH 21ST
Movie Day

MARCH 22ND
Breakfast Buffet 8:30am-10am
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MARCH 25TH
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

MARCH 26TH
Council Updates 12pm

MARCH 27TH
BINGO

MARCH 28TH
Spring Intersession Activity Kids & Elders
Chair Volleyball @ Rec Center 12pm-2pm Lunch Provided

MARCH 29th
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm
Quarterly Birthday @ Harrahs Buffet
Pick up at 11:30am

LIBRARY
MARCH 8TH
Paint Night 5:30pm-7:45pm
Lego Robots 4pm

MARCH 9TH
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm
Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

MARCH 12TH
Elder Coloring 9am-10am
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 13TH
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
Children 0-5 ONLY
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6pm

March 14th
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 15TH
Lego Robots 4pm

MARCH 16TH
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm
Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

MARCH 19TH
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 20TH
Baby Time! 10:30am-11am
Children 0-5 ONLY
KRAFTZ 2:30PM-4:30pm
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6pm

MARCH 21ST
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 22ND
Lego Robots 4pm

MARCH 23RD
SPHERO PARTY! 12pm-4pm
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm
Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

MARCH 26TH
Elder Coloring 9am-10am
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 27TH
Baby Time! 10:30-11am
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm
Game Hacker*4:30pm-6pm

MARCH 28TH
Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

MARCH 29TH
Lego Robots 4pm

MARCH 30TH
Japan Pop 12pm-2pm
Transportation to and from the library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate

PARKS & REC
MARCH 4TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 5TH
High School Basketball Practice
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 6TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 7TH
Jr high Boys League game Week 2

MARCH 11TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 12TH
High School Basketball Practice
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 13TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 14TH
Jr High Boys League games week 3
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 15TH-17TH
St Patrick's High School Tournament

MARCH 18TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 19TH
High School Basketball Practice
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 20TH
Jr High Girls Practice
Youth Baseball Practice

MARCH 21ST
Jr High Boys League Games Week 4
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 22ND
Jr High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament

MARCH 23RD
Jr High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament
Youth Baseball T-Ball/Coach Pitch League Games week 1

MARCH 24TH
Jr High Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament

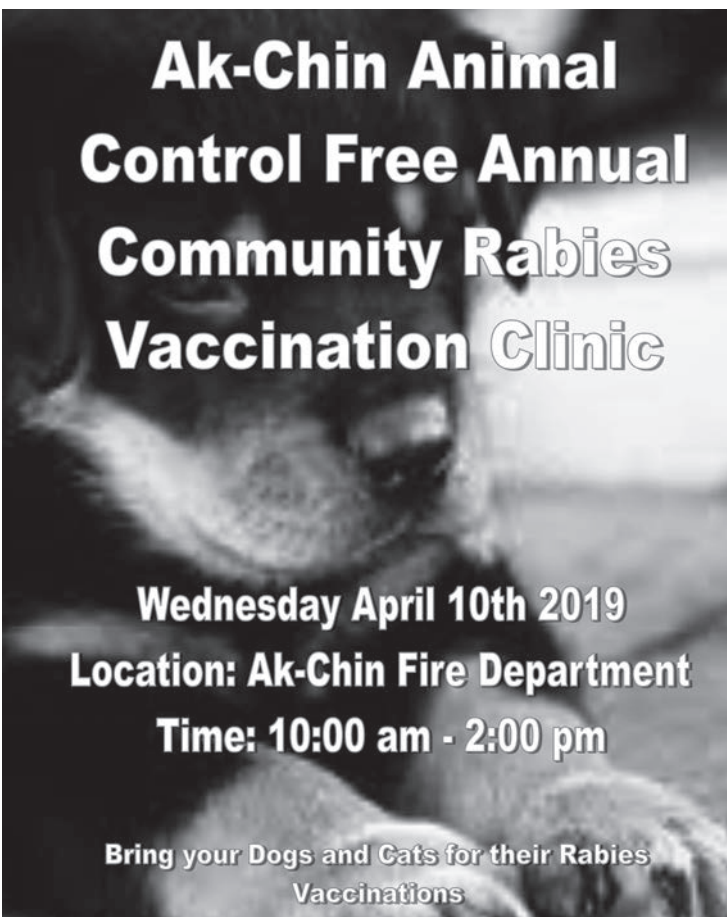
MARCH 25TH-26TH
High School Basketball Practice
T-ball/ coach pitch practice

MARCH 27TH
Girls Jr High League Game week 1

MARCH 28TH
Jr High Boys League Games Week 4
T-ball/Coach Pitch practice

MARCH 29th
High School basketball league week 1

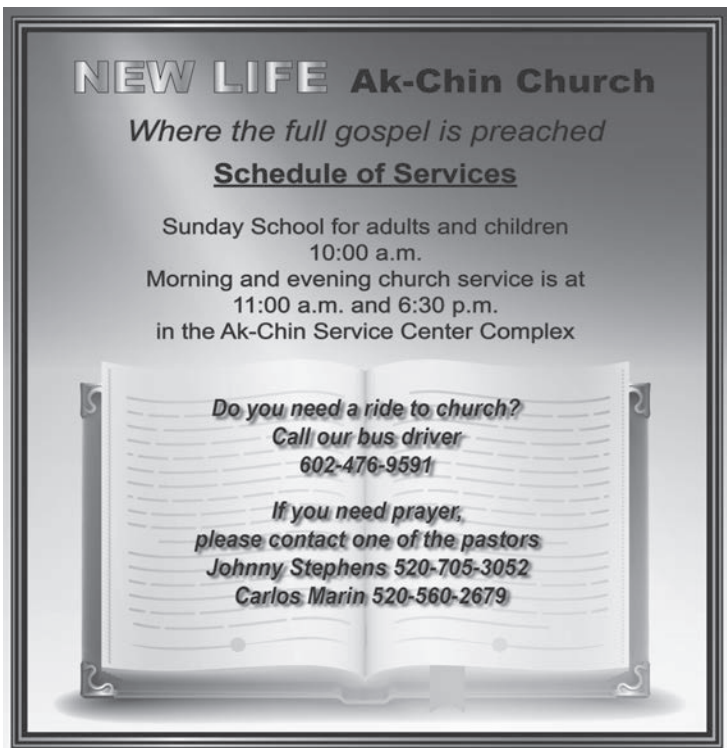
MARCH 30th
Youth Baseball T-Ball/Coach Pitch League games week 2



Ak-Chin Animal Control Free Annual Community Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Wednesday April 10th 2019
Location: Ak-Chin Fire Department
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring your Dogs and Cats for their Rabies Vaccinations



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

MARCH 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon
March 17– Fr. Antony Tinker
March 24 – Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb
March 31 – Fr. Antony Tinker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 10 AM
 CCOE Meeting – St. Mary's Basilica
 Inter-Tribal Kateri Circle

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.



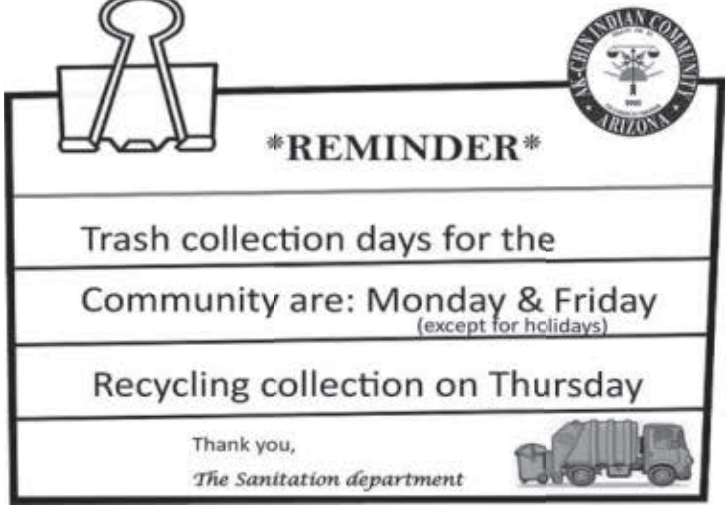
Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group

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.



REMINDER

Trash collection days for the Community are: Monday & Friday (except for holidays)

Recycling collection on Thursday

Thank you,
 The Sanitation department



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department Renovation of One-Bedroom Apartment (Fire Damage)

Project Location: Ak-Chin Indian Community Apartment Complex, 48277 W. Farrell Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department is seeking proposals for the renovation of a one-bedroom apartment in the Apartment Complex. The apartment was damaged in a fire and will need to be reconstructed so a member will be able to occupy the unit.

The successful bidder must have an extensive and proven record working on existing residential facilities as well as a profession commitment to excellence, teamwork, innovation, open communication, and state of the art knowledge of material and methodologies in order to deliver a user sensitive product at the right cost and within the constraints of the project schedule.

All potential bidders must come out and walk apartment for scope assessment. Six bound copies and one unbound copy of your Proposal must be submitted on the enclosed Bid Proposal Form no later than Friday, March 29, 2019. (12:00 p.m. MST) to the following:
 Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager
 Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Department
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85238

Any questions regarding this RFP should be made to Flower Howerton, Purchasing Manager, Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Department, fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, (520) 568-1043.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AK-CHIN FIELD "DG" PATHWAY REPAIR

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community"), Maricopa Arizona is seeking Proposals for the repair of the existing "DG" Pathway at the Ak-Chin Field.

- Scarify the top 1" of existing material
- Repair or replace all missing 1/4" minus material
- Repair or replace all damaged 3/4" border steel
- Apply "Soil Shield-LS by Soil-Loc" to the material to lock it together.

Bid Packages will be available for pickup after 2:00PM, MST, March 18, 2019.

A site visit will be held at 9:00AM, MST on March 21, 2019. Location is to be the Ak-Chin Circle UltraStar North East parking lot, 16000 N. Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ.

The close for Request for Information (RFI) will be March 28, 2019
 Proposals are due on or before 10:00 am MST on April 12, 2019.

All Bidders must submit a "Guaranteed Maximum Price" and a Line item cost break down.

Request for Proposal ("RFP") instruction and information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Department, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested via fax: (520) 568-1040 Attention: Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager or electronic mail using fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR HANDLING, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FOR THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community is seeking proposals for a one-day Household Hazardous Waste Event during the Spring of 2019.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
 Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereinafter ACIC) is sponsoring a one-day, Household Hazardous Waste (hereinafter "HHW") Collection. The desired date for implementation of the HHW collection is April 27 – May 26, 2019. Tentatively scheduled times for the event are 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. ACIC has a population of approximately 1,178 with approximately 321 households. Public participation will be restricted to residents of ACIC.

ACIC is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to provide all services necessary to manage the materials received from the HHW collection. ACIC is providing funding for the above program, subject to the conditions and limitations expressed in this Request for Proposals (hereinafter "RFP").


The ACIC is hereby soliciting proposals from qualified Contractors to provide all personnel, equipment, and related services for a one-day HHW collection event. The successful contractor shall provide services for collection, bulking, containerization, transportation, and treatment / disposal of the HHW materials collected at the event. The ACIC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and the right to negotiate with the most responsive proposer.

For the complete RFP please contact **Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager** at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us or 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138.

Proposals will be **due at 2:00 PM local Arizona Time on April 5, 2019** to the Community's Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be returned unopened. Please address proposals as:

**Ak-Chin Indian Community
 Household Hazardous Waste Project**

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



JDRF

Saturday, April 06, 2019

Sloan Park, Mesa

**To register
 come by the Ak-Chin
 Health Education Department**

Questions?? Call (520) 568-1080 for more details

Members and Employees,

JDRF is around the corner!!!! The Ak-Chin Indian Community is sponsoring the **JDRF One Walk in 2019!!!!** This walk is to raise funds to help research a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.... So come out for the fun...

All Community Members and Employees are eligible to sign up. **Registration Forms are due to the Ak-Chin Health Education Department on Friday, March 22, 2019 (5:00 pm).**

Race Information

JDRF- One Walk
Saturday, April 06, 2019
 Sloan Park (Cubs Spring Training Stadium)

Race Location

Sloan Park (Cubs Spring Training Stadium)
 2330 West Rio Salado Parkway
 Mesa, AZ 85201

Race Day Schedule

7:30am – Check-In
 9:00am – Walk Starts

Race Distance: 5k (Approximately 3.1 miles)

If you have any questions about the upcoming event....please feel free to contact us at (520) 568-1080.



CURRENT BOARD/ COMMITTEE VACANCIES

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS TWO (2) VACANCIES OPEN FOR THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES Open to Ak-Chin Community Members only

All interested parties who wish to be considered for appointment for the two (2) vacancies on the Ak-Chin Energy Services, must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Administration Office.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES:

1. Regulates and oversees all areas of power and electric utility sources and services of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
2. To acquire, maintain and expand electric utility services within the community.
3. To study and investigate the feasibility of acquiring, operating, and maintaining other electric utility service within the community.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Community Council is looking for individuals with the following qualifications:

1. Must have the ability and willingness to learn and understand the Electric Power Industry.
2. Experience working in a business environment and the ability to learn and understand business practices is preferred, but not required.
3. Must have sufficient education and/or experience to make sound judgments.
4. Must be able to attend board meetings and functions at various scheduled times and at least on a quarterly basis.
5. All community members who apply must provide written authorization from their immediate Supervisors allowing them to serve on the board.
6. All applicants must possess a valid driver's license.

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

Deadline for all letters of interest is Friday, March 29, 2019 at 5pm

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN PAGEANT COMMITTEE OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

All interested parties who desire to serve on the Committee listed above, must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Office.
 The Ak-Chin Pageant Committee will:

1. Assist in developing Bylaws for the Ak-Chin Pageant Committee.
2. Assist in developing Rules, Regulations and Eligibility for Miss Ak-Chin.
3. Assist in developing a code of conduct and application for the contestants interested in running for Miss Ak-Chin.
4. Plans and initiates the Ak-Chin Pageant for the year.
5. Design invitations and posters to send out to royalty and dignitaries informing them of the upcoming pageant.
6. Must be able to attend regular monthly meetings or special meetings when scheduled.
7. Must be willing and able to chaperone Miss Ak-Chin during her travels or scheduled activities.

Requirements: Interested individuals who are employed with the Community must submit documentation from their supervisors allowing the employee to serve on the Committee. 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 all letters of interest is Friday, March 29, 2019 at 5pm

Dr. Shade continued from page 4

She continued, “Education will help give you perspective on how you view various situations.”

Dr. Shade continued that with an education, it will provide opportunities and help with jobs and careers. It will also help with “critical thinking skills and present ways for you to be innovative.”

She also told students not to sell themselves short. To explain this, she talked about a job interview for a position with a legal firm in Casa Grande. The attorney told her “You have a two year degree, that’s enough for you,” he said offering her the job if she didn’t plan to leave the position to go back to school when asking about her future plans.

Dr. Shade thanked him but told him she was not going to take the job. She did go back to school, advancing to Arizona State University.

She also gave recognition to her mother Lillian and aunt Jeannie who were her role models. Describing the recent path toward her doctorate, Dr. Shade also recognized Ak-Chin member Janice Anderson who is currently working on her doctorate.

Dr. Shade had many thanks to share. Reflecting on those no longer with her, family, co-workers and Community, she also thanked the Creator for giving her the strength to reach her goal.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Council members Delia Carlyle and Lisa Garcia presented Dr. Shade with a Pendleton blanket.

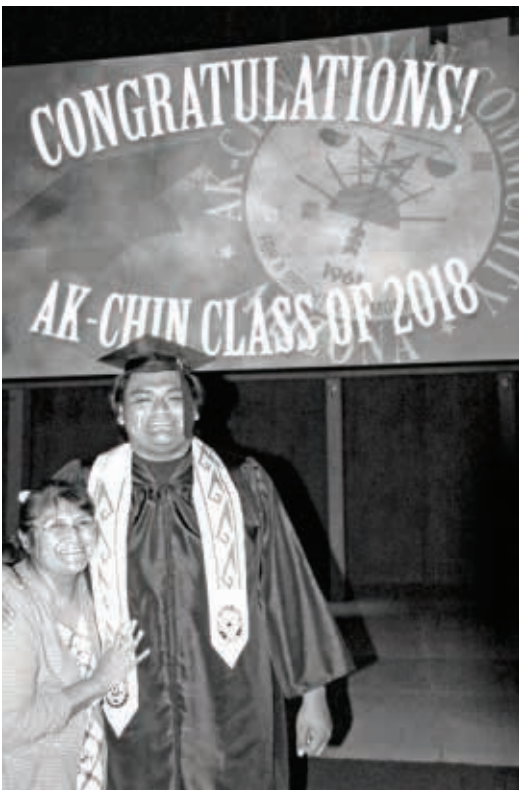
The Council also congratulated the four Higher Education graduates and 22 Higher Education students honored with GPA’s of 2.5 or higher.

Completing their programs were: Lina Batopis successfully completing Pima Medical Institute; Austin Lopez successfully completing Arizona Automotive Institute; Tashina Salcido successfully completing Paul Mitchell The School – Louisville and Ashley Vincent successfully completing the Arizona Culinary Institute.

Receiving academic recognition of a GPA of 2.5 or higher were: Rebecca Alvarez, Janice Anderson, Wilson Antone, Irene Arredondo, Lina Batopis, Allissia Bandin, Arnufflo Bandin, Brandon Dean, Curtis Dean, Ricardo Deleon, Lashay Deloney, Graham Disbrow, Tommy Jensen, Jeremy Johns, Austin Lopez, Autum Manuel, Erica Manuel, Reyna Miguel, Amelia Osife, Dannon Peters, Tashina Salcido, Madeline Van Sickle, and Ashley Vincent.

Ak-Chin Higher Education student Madeline Van Sickle who is pursuing her degree in Nursing was announced the 2019 O’odham Tash scholarship recipient and presented a check from O’odham Tash organization.

After a break, the GED program honored four graduates, two



Jessica Dean with her son Brandon outside UltraStar.

RIGHT: Dr. Sandra Shade with Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Council members Delia Carlyle and Lisa Garcia, and Education advisor Pamela Velasquez during the blanket presentation

Ak-Chin Language Program and royalty sing during the program



Jr. Miss Ak-Chin by event, JV Girls softballer by game



Jilayne Miguel (second from right) is joined by friends Joann Pablo and Joanne Aranaydo, and sister Alison Miguel at a recent Fairfax JV softball game.

Many recognize Jilayne Miguel as the current Jr. Miss Ak-chin, but while at school, she’s a student-athlete. Playing on the Betty Fairfax High School Junior Varsity softball team, she enjoys participating on the team. The season has been tough but look forward to her infectious smile on the ball field.

MHS Boys Baseball has begun



Ak-Chin student Sammy Justin in the dugout during a recent Junior Varsity home boys baseball game. Come out and support the teams this season.

Maricopa Baseball 2019

Athletic Director: Jake Neill
Head Varsity Coach: Andrew Pollak
Head JV Coach: Nate Rann
Assistants: Tammy Carpenter, Pete Petrides

VARSITY			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION/TIME
3/22	Friday	Campo Verde	HOME 4:00
3/29	Friday	Williams Field	HOME 4:00
4/4	Thursday	Higley	HOME 4:00
4/10	Wednesday	Sierra Linda	HOME 4:00
4/12	Friday	Casteel	HOME 4:00
4/18	Thursday	Gilbert (Senior Night)	HOME 6:00

JUNIOR VARSITY			
3/26	Tuesday	Campo Verde	HOME 3:45
3/27	Wednesday	Agua Fria	HOME 3:45
4/2	Tuesday	Williams Field	HOME 3:45
4/5	Friday	Higley	HOME 3:45
4/9	Tuesday	Casteel	HOME 3:45
4/16	Tuesday	Gilbert	HOME 3:45



Ak-Chin student Evone Santiago pitches during a recent MHS Varsity girls softball home game. The Lady Rams have been playing great ball and have a winning record in their division. Evone plays outfield and pitches when needed.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ak-Chin Indian Community

EARTH DAY

Milton Paul Antone Park

46869 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, Arizona 85139

GAME OF THROWS

Ak-Chin Employee
Costume Dodgeball Tournament

Free to all Ak-Chin, Harrah's, Ultrastar, Quail Run and Southern Dunes Employees

Awards to the winning team
and the top two best dressed teams

Up to 10 players on team roster
Must have at least 3 women
on the court to start

Registration Deadline:
March 15, 2019

Games begin
April 1, 2019
6:00pm

Contact Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation for
more information
recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1740

Ak-Chin

Health Education

Fitness Series

For Community Members, Residents & Employees

BOOT CAMP FITNESS

Calories

ZUMBA fitness

Boot Camp Fitness:
Monday and Wednesday 5:30-6:00 PM

Calorie Burning Circuit Training:
Tuesday and Thursday 12:15-12:45 PM

Zumba Fitness:
Tuesday 7:00-8:00 PM
Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM

All classes at the Ak-Chin Service Center

HDS Profile continued from Page 2

What is your current job/position? Cage

Work experience prior to Harrah's: worked as a Correctional officer with Gila River Indian Community

Area of interest (internship): still searching

Reason for applying for and accepting position as HDS Associate: I liked the opportunity of being able to switch different departments.

Length of rotation/current position: 5 weeks

Most memorable "rotation" story? Bingo was one of my faves. They have pot lucks twice a week. It's so convenient and with their long days, very helpful to stay fueled.

What do you like/enjoy most about the HDS Program? Getting to know all the other employees and learning things from their view.

What do you like least/enjoy about the HDS Program? I definitely underestimated the constant change in schedules, it can be tiring at times.

What skill/knowledge have you gained from the HDS Program? Everything from running a cash drawer, paying out guests 100's of dollars, to problem solving and giving excellent customer service. You really learn it all here!

HDS Graduation date? I have about two more months until I'm done.

How has being part of the HDS Program changed your life/career path? It's allowed me to be more active in our Community and learn how to get out of my comfort zone.

Comments or advice for others currently in or interested in HDS Program? HDS is hard work! So you have to come with your "A" game and be ready for any challenges that may seem farfetched. You can do it!

Ultimate goal: Find a department I know I can make the most difference in by my skills and knowledge I've gained from HDS.

Hobbies: being adventurous!

Music on your phone or media player: YouTube shuffle of anything and everything

Maricopa Music Fest honors Terry Enos

Story by R. Peters, photo by Sanya Enos



Above, Terry Enos, fourth from left, stands among the Veterans and Community Leaders in Maricopa who were honored during the Maricopa Music Fest on Saturday, March 9. Each was given an award,

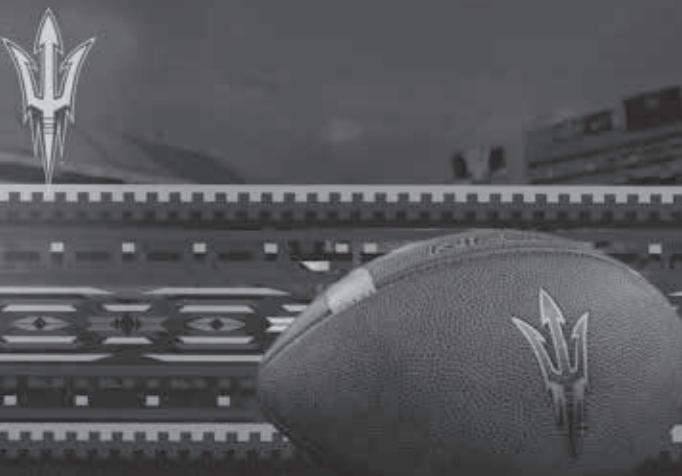
Terry's inscription read, "Maricopa Veterans Care Center - Presented to Terry O. Enos - 2019 Community Service Award.

The Music Fest was held outdoors at the Duke at Rancho El Dorado Golf Course. A bbq-style meal was served while guests and honorees enjoyed an evening of music by Eric Seats & 333's and Dina Preston.

A silent auction was also held to help raise funds for a Maricopa Veterans Care Center for the Maricopa-Pinal area. Auction items

included personalized items from Patti LaBelle, a meal with Maricopa Mayor Christian Price or Chief of Police Steven Stahl and more.

The MVCC would also serve to provide free Post Traumatic Stress Disorder wellness services to America's Veterans and others who have experienced trauma or suffer from PTSD.



Sun Devil Native American Youth Football/Cheer Camp

Saturday, April 6th, 2019

Location: Sun Devil Football Practice Fields
499 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Check-in: 9:00 am
Camp: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

The camp is FREE and is open to Native American students grades 5th-8th grade. Lunch will be provided.

For more information please contact: Annabell Bowen annabell.bowen@asu.edu (480) 727-8325 or Sahnle Jiohehama sahnle.jiohehama@asu.edu (480) 727-7448

Register Online: <https://nativesundevilyouthcamp.eventbrite.com>

Arizona State Sun Devils SunDevilAthletics TheSunDevils



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

JOIN US APRIL 11-16

Player Registration
Runners/Floaters
Grandstands Attendant
Retail/Merch Sales
VIP Hospitality
Driving Range Attendants

CONTACT
AMANDA RONINGER

INFO & SIGN UP: ARONINGER@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



2019 NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL
JUNE 24-28

WANTED: SCOREKEEPERS

Paid Position
Make \$10 per game

EMAIL US AT INFO@NABIFoundation.org TO SIGN UP!

Requirements:
Knowledge of the game of basketball and rules
Must be over the age of 18
Experience running a scoreboard and book
Willing to attend gym supervisor meeting in June (date TBD)



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



StrongHearts Native Helpline Expands Operating Hours In Order To Better Serve Native Americans Impacted By Domestic Violence

Native-centered helpline increases operating hours in response to need for culturally-based support for victims of violence in Indian Country and Alaska

EAGAN, Minnesota (March 6, 2019) — On its second year anniversary, the StrongHearts Native Helpline_(1-844-7NATIVE) is announcing the expansion of its hours of operation, which are now 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST, seven days a week, in order to better serve those impacted by domestic violence and dating violence in tribal communities across the U.S. Callers reaching out after hours have the option to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) by selecting option 1. To date, the helpline has received more than 2,100 from victims, survivors, concerned family members and friends, service providers and more, helping to close a gap in culturally-appropriate resources for those facing abuse.

With the support from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, StrongHearts has established its first call center located in Eagan, Minnesota. With the expansion in services, StrongHearts has increased its staff of advocates in order to respond to callers, many of whom are seeking support as they navigate difficult barriers to justice and safety. Trained with a strong understanding of tribal cultures, sovereignty and law, advocates offer free, peer-to-peer support and a connection to local, culturally appropriate resources.

"After hearing from so many tribes and advocates about their community needs, we are so

pleased to expand our operating hours to better serve Native victims of relationship abuse," said StrongHearts Assistant Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "Domestic violence impacts our relatives every hour of every day, so it's critical for us to be available as much as possible. Yet, we also understand we can't do this work alone. We are honored to be working alongside tribal advocates and programs doing this good work to help Native people seek lives that are free of abuse."

Domestic violence remains a severe issue in tribal communities, where half of Native American women and a third of Native men have experienced physical abuse by an intimate partner in their lifetime, according to a study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The study also found for those who had experienced violence, more than a third of Native women and more than one in six Native men were unable to access the services they needed, such as shelters, legal advocacy and medical services.

"When victims can't access services, more specifically, services that understand their unique worldview and culture, it leaves little room for healing and restoration," Jump said. "Our people are strong and resilient, but it is crucial that we create spaces where survivors of violence feel safe and empowered to make the best decisions for themselves and their families along their healing journey, wherever it leads. We are here for our relatives. No one should have to face violence alone."

Wildflowers continued from Front

come out of hibernation, as the weather warms up, so be cautious and aware of your surroundings.

Aside from the slithering reptiles, bringing caution to the wind to explore

the lands to get a glimpse of these beautifully natural arrangements is a wonderful sight to see before the boiling hot temperatures set in.

As witnessed by all around

the Grand Canyon State, the odd weather has been unpleasant for some here in the valley, and we can only imagine how unpredictable this summer season will be. Yikes!

Ak-Chin Fire Department soars through extensive training to keep crews on top of their game



The Ak-Chin Fire Department keeps busy 365 days a year, helping those in need day and night. But running on a 24/7 cycle of heroism means that the firefighters have to keep their minds sharp and fitness levels at a superlative rate.

Ak-Chin firefighters strengthen their set of abilities on a daily basis with training sessions to keep their wits about them during this extremely unpredictable line of work.

The latest training by the fire crews have been live burn trainings. These trainings give the crew an all too real house fire/general fire simulation conducted inside of a burn house, a house located on the community that serves as a somewhat inherited training space.

Simulation, yes, but the fire is not, setting a controlled blaze inside the dilapidated house firefighters conduct plans during fictitious scenarios and assess what needs to be done in order to contain the flames with no room for miscalculation.

Quotidian trainings like the live burn sessions alongside various types of important trainings are crucial to keeping their abilities intact, especially when they need to keep the community a safe and healthy place to live. So, when they get a call of distress they will not hesitate nor contemplate on what actions need to be taken to ensure any situation is handled with professionalism and kindness.

The firefighters of Ak-Chin continue to be the jack of all trades in their profession.

Tiny Tot Olympics

AGES 2-6

Each Little Olympian needs one parent/guardian coach

Saturday, March 16, 2019

@ Hohokam Park

Opening Ceremonies & Torch run begin at 1pm

Deadline for Registration: February 28, 2019 @ 3pm

FREE EVENT! WHERE EVERYONE IS A WINNER!

REGISTER YOUR LITTLE OLYMPIAN NOW!

Olympic game stations include: T-ball, Soccer, Basketball, Football, Tennis, Volleyball, Track & Field, Gymnastics and a bounce house obstacle course.

Contact Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation for more information
recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1740

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT RECYCLED ART CONTEST

GOALS: To increase environmental awareness and encourage recycling and sustainable practices at schools and in the Community.

PRIZES: The GRAND PRIZE overall wins a \$100 Walmart Gift Card and a commemorative plaque! 1st Place winners in each age group receive a \$25 gift card! Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners will be awarded. Winners will be revealed at the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27, 2019 and need not be present to win.

OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

AGE GROUPS:

- Preschool
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Adult – 18 years or over

RECYCLED ART CONTEST RULES

- DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2019 to the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, 46200 W. Ralph Street, Maricopa, AZ. Only one entry per person.
- Over 50% of the final work of art (drawing, painting, sculpture, jewelry) must be from recycled materials. No resubmittals of recycled art entered into the contest in previous years will be accepted or judged.

Criteria: The materials used would have been considered junk or garbage and would have ended up in the landfill if you had not rescued them for art. Contestants can use found items such as pine cones, rocks, sticks, and shells. The majority of the project should be recycled material such as recycled paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, cans, bottles, wood, Styrofoam, etc.

Art will be judged on originality, creativity, ingenuity and use of recycled materials.

Art will be displayed during the Ak-Chin Indian Community Earth Day Celebration at the Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, 46521 W. Farrell Road on Saturday, April 27, 2019, where winners will be revealed.

Artwork may be picked up from the Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park after 1:00 pm at the event. All artwork must be picked up from the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, 46200 W. Ralph Street, on Monday, April 29, 2019 from 8am-5pm. Art not picked up on this day will be recycled or donated.

For more information or location directions, call Errol Blackwater at (520) 568-1164 or email: eblackwater@ak-chin.nsn.us

EARTH DAY 2019 RECYCLED ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Artist's Name: _____

Artist's Age Group:

☐ Preschool – Age: _____ ☐ Elementary – Age: _____

☐ Middle School – Age: _____ ☐ High School – Age: _____

☐ Adult – 18 years or over

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Brief Description of Media & Recycled Materials Used: _____

Title of Art Work (Optional): _____

ATTENTION AK-CHIN YOUTH!

WIOA PROGRAM IS RECRUITING STUDENTS FOR THE 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM

PLEASE CONTACT EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPT. (520) 562-3388/87 OR (520) 836-9153 TO ATTEND ONE OF THE ORIENTATIONS

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST BE:

- 14-24 YEARS OLD, INTERESTED YOUTH, & AK-CHIN ENROLLED MEMBER
- STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THEIR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR & HAVE THE EDUCATION CREDITS FOR THEIR GRADE
- SUMMER JOB PLACEMENT - LIFE SKILL SESSIONS - CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- VOLUNTEER PROJECTS - COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOPS - AND MUCH MORE!

ORIENTATION DATES & TIMES

APRIL 04, 5:00PM
APRIL 10, 5:00PM

LOCATION: AK-CHIN LIBRARY MULTI-MEDIA ROOM
(START TIMES ARE PROMPT, DON'T BE LATE)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In 2019, students must provide proof they have successfully passed their current school year and have the education credits for their grade level to be able to participate in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth program. If you do not have the education credits for your grade level, you will not be eligible to participate in the program.

EX: If you have just finished the academic year as a junior in high school, you must provide proof that you have the education credits needed to successfully pass freshman, sophomore and junior years in order to be eligible to participate in the Ak-Chin Summer Youth program.

The Education department is a great support system for you and your parents to help you achieve success with your education throughout your time in school.

Education support for high school students:
Teresa Valisto:
MHS Office - 520-568-8100 ext. 4097
Educ. Office - 520-568-1289 or Cell - 520-709-9469
tvalisto@musd20.org or tvalisto@ak-chin.nsn.us

Education support for out of district students:
Yolanda Miranda:
Educ. Office- 520-568-1292 or Cell- 520-510-7822
ymiranda@ak-chin.nsn.us

Save The Date

7th Annual Special Olympics BOWLING Tournament

April 28, 2019

For Information Contact:

Michelle Granados email: mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: 520-568-1215

Gregory Perry email: gperry@ak-chin.nsn.us

Davis Garcia email: dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: 520-568-1222

Diana Perez email: dperez@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: 520-568-1229



16000 North JohnWayne Parkway
Maricopa, Az 85139

Session starts at 1 P.M.

Second Session starts at 3 P.M.

36 teams (A team consists of 4 persons)

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per team

Registration must include:

Team Names, Team Captain,

Team Member names

Money Orders & Cash accepted

Make Money Orders Payable to:

SOAZ

Last day to register April 26, 2019



Ak-Chin rounding a 4-year partnership with Chicago Cubs



Milwaukee Brewers' third baseman, Lucas Erceg hits one to the fence on Saturday March 2, against the Chicago Cubs at Sloan Park in Mesa, Arizona. The Brewers would dominate the game, winning 7-4. With great weather and a spectacular stadium its no wonder the attendance was high as 15,782 Cubbies and Brewers fans packed the ballpark.

Story and photo by R. Peters

It's been a fantastic four-year partnership between the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Chicago Cubs Baseball Club.

The sponsorship granted marketing opportunities for Ak-Chin and limited Cub's home game tickets to the Community as well as a left-field billboard all year long, at Sloan Park.

The Cubs are part of the 15 MLB teams who make up the Arizona Cactus League. The Cubs have been conducting their spring training in Arizona since 1952.

Fast-forward seventy-three years and you see the Cactus League and the Cubbies still going strong, with half of the MLB teams in Arizona, while the other half train in Florida, it's easy to see why so many are here, to take advantage of Arizona's beautiful weather and Arizona's elite ballparks.

There are actually ten superb stadiums in the Phoenix-Metro area that cater to the 15 Cactus League spring training teams. The Cubs' home field is Sloan Park in Mesa.

So, for all you baseball fans who may never get to leave the Grand Canyon State to watch a home game of one of these fifteen teams, now's your chance. March is grand-slammed with games, giving you the perfect opportunity to see your favorite teams, players and even managers.

I recently had the opportunity to see one of Arizona's best ball players turned manager

during the Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Brewers game on Saturday, March 2nd. While everyone was looking to score a selfie or autograph with a Cubbie or Brewer's player, I was fixated on none other than Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell.

Counsell was a key player for the Arizona Diamondbacks during the 2001 World Series, and was also named the NLCS Most Valuable Player in 2001. He is my all-time favorite player, not just because he played infield for the D-Backs, but he also played for one of my favorite college teams as well, Notre Dame.

Although the 2019 Cactus League season is about to come to an end, you still have plenty of opportunities to catch a game or two, maybe even catch a fly, sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" during a seventh inning stretch or just say hi to one of Arizona's most humble and genuine players of the game, Craig Counsell.



Manager for the Milwaukee Brewers and former Arizona Diamondbacks infielder, Craig Counsell.

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT
SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

MORNING SCHEDULE		EVENING SCHEDULE		
MONDAY - FRIDAY		MONDAY - FRIDAY		
Location	Time	Location	Time	Time
Juan at Hohokam WB	7:25 AM	Apartments EB	5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Miguel at Ralph WB	7:26 AM	Farrell at the Elderly EB	5:01 PM	5:31 PM
Ralph at Hohokam WB	7:27 AM	Vekol Market EB	5:02 PM	5:32 PM
Narcia at Vincent WB	7:28 AM	Farrell at the Gym EB	5:04 PM	5:33 PM
Farrell at Enos WB	7:29 AM	Farrell at BIA House EB	5:05 PM	5:34 PM
Farrell at Antone Park WB	7:30 AM	Farrell at Justice Center EB	5:06 PM	5:35 PM
Farrell at Church	7:32 AM	UltrastarEB	5:08 PM	5:37 PM
Farrell at Carlyle WB	7:33 AM	Harrahs West EB	5:08 PM	5:37 PM
Farrell at Elderly WB	7:34 AM	Harrahs South EB	5:09 PM	5:38 PM
Apartments EB	7:35 AM	Peters & Nall at Milo EB	5:12 PM	
Farrell at the Elderly EB	7:36 AM	Ak-Chin HQ/Farms EB	5:13 PM	
Vekol Market EB	7:38 AM	Barley at Pecan EB	5:14 PM	
Farrell at the Gym EB	7:39 AM	Farm at Peters & Nall WB	5:15 PM	
Farrell at BIA House EB	7:40 AM	Juan at Hohokam WB	5:21 PM	
Farrell at Justice Center EB	7:41 AM	Miguel at Ralph WB	5:22 PM	
Ultrastar EB	7:43 AM	Ralph at Hohokam WB	5:23 PM	
Harrahs West EB	7:43 AM	Narcia at Vincent WB	5:24 PM	
Harrahs South EB	7:44 AM	Farrell at Enos WB	5:25 PM	
Peters & Nall at Milo EB	7:47 AM	Farrell at Antone Park WB	5:26 PM	
Ak-Chin HQ/Farms EB	7:50AM	Farrell at Church	5:27 PM	
Barley at Pecan EB	7:51AM	Farrell at Carlyle WB	5:28 PM	
Farm at Peters & Nall WB	7:52 AM	Farrell at Elderly WB	5:29 PM	

Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 8:15am to 4:45pm.*
Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382

Demand-response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial and government addresses located within a five-mile radius of Community boundaries. Without exception, **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE EITHER A PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF LOCATION WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY.** Our demand-response service is a reservation based system which operates on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. The following information will be required when making a reservation: Name, phone number, pick-up address, drop-off address and requested pick-up time. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. **You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.**

Ak-Chin Child Development
Accepting applications for 2019-2020 SY
March 6th - June 14th
Application will not be accepted before 7:30am on March 6th

Preschool Round-Up Day
Wednesday, March 6th
9am-Noon
Bring your completed applications
Visit information tables

Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:

1. Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
2. Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
3. Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.
4. Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Community.
5. Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
6. Non-member children based on availability.

Children's backpacks will be provided!!!

Ak-Chin Child Development offers:

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)
- Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)
- Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

Pick up a 2019-2020 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development. Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment*:

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at
48251 W. Farrell Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
(520) 568-1700.
Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

2019 CONCERT LISTINGS

- May 2nd - Slayer
- May 31st - Brad Paisley w/special guest Chris Lane & Riley Green
- June 12th - Train, Goo Goo Dolls & Allen Stone
- June 13th - Luke Bryan w/special guests Cole Swindell & Jon Langston
- June 19th - Hootie and the Blowfish & Barenaked Ladies
- June 22nd - Carlos Santana
- July 21st - Beek and Cage the Elephant
- July 25th - Ozzy Osbourne & Megadeth
- July 31st - Third Eye Blind & Jimmy Eat World
- August 3rd - Rascal Flatts w/special guests
- August 4th - KNOTFEST: Slipknot, Volbeat, Gojira and Behemoth
- August 16th - Chris Young & Chris Janson
- August 28th - Heart w/Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Elle King
- August 31st - Korn & Alice in Chains
- September 13th - Dave Matthews Band
- September 15th - Breaking Benjamin w/special guest Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Dorothy and Diamante
- September 19th - Florida Georgia Line w/special guests Dan+Shay, Morgan Wallen, & Canaan Smith

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS NEEDED

28TH ANNUAL HIM-DAK CELEBRATION
'Sustaining our Culture through our Changing Environment'

When: Saturday, April 6th 2019
Where: Him-Dak Eco Museum
47685 N. Eco museum Rd.
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If interested please contact Evelyn Justin at (520) 568-1350 Ext. 1693.

FOOD VENDORS NEEDED

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A young ribbon roper goes for the tail to catch the ribbon and run to the finish line during the Mul-Chu-Tha Junior Rodeo on Friday, March 8.

The Miguel sisters participated in the Thoka Tournament on Sunday morning and after their loss in the single elimination tournament, part of the group moved to the farm field immediately west of the fairgrounds to cheer on the Ak-Chin young men who participated in the Songuvi'l tournament.

In the double elimination tournament, Davin Garcia and Draven Soliz placed second. Also participating was Richard Joaquin III and

Dyami Jackson.

When not enjoying the carnival rides, food or visiting the different informational and vendor booths, Ak-Chin members filled their social media not only with photos but did live feeds at the concerts of Max Baca and the Texmaniacs from Saturday and The Wailers featuring Julian, Junior and Marvin on Sunday.



Ak-Chin member Jesus Balderrama (holding saddle) participates in the Wild Horse race with Team S-wa:gima. They won in the Saturday round and earned second on Sunday.



Wilson "Milo" Antone participating in the Battle of the Bands with The Pick-Up Kings. O'odham Tradition band went on to win the competition with T.O. Braves second.



Ak-Chin royalty with the new Little Mr. Ak-Chin Stacie Antone and Little Miss Ak-Chin Sofia Iniestra during the parade

Photo by Miranda Iniestra



Stacie Antone enjoying the super slide at the carnival.

Photo by Bernadette Carra



Participants in the 2019 Mul-Chu-Tha Songuvi'l tournament. Davin Garcia and Draven Soliz earned 2nd place receiving a traditional trophy and wood medals.



Newly crowned Miss Gila River Tyler Owens.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and daughter Stella hand out treats during the parade.

Photo by Terilynn Kisto



Sisters Bridget Carlyle and Brenley Hackney enjoying the Mul-Chu-Tha carnival.

Photo by Maria Carlyle-Zepeda



2019 Horseshoe tournament winners - First place: David Garcia and partner; Second place: Danny Garcia and partner; Third place: Mark Miguel and Burrito Lewis.

Photo by Liane Iglesias



Ak-Chin Youth Council members Calvin Antone, Jose Miguel, Jr. and Dennis Antone participate in the all O'odham tribes Youth Councils parade entry in Sacaton.

Photo by Marla Antone.



Tyler Lupe waves to the crowd after his six second ride



Al Aday sees his family offering support during his ride.



Ak-Chin Youth Council members dance with the O'odham sister tribes.



Magicians Penn & Teller mesmerize Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino audience in special VIP show

Story by K. Morago, photos by Harrah’s/R. Peters



Penn & Teller show how items move in clear plastic cups.

Playing cards that matched, needles coming out of a magician’s mouth and seeing an audience member’s cell phone leave his hands and wind up inside a fish were some of Penn & Teller’s magic tricks that fascinated the audience at the new Events Center at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino.

Normally a show seen at Caesars Entertainment property The Rio in Las Vegas in a theater bearing their name, magicians Penn & Teller performed for one special invitation-only VIP show on Friday, March 8.

Attendees were encouraged to keep their cell phones on and also pick up some playing cards and cup at the entrance to participate in several tricks.

When the two hit the stage at 8:05pm, it was 90 minutes of magic tricks that had you wondering, “how did they do that?” Even when Penn,



Harrah’s guests await magicians Penn & Teller in the new Events Center.

who is the voice and tall one of the two, said many times they were willing to share magician secrets with the audience.

Penn Jillette was quite the storyteller, sharing history of their tricks and stories that spanned their 45 year career as a magic duo. While not speaking, magician/mime Raymond Teller was able to convey emotion through his body language.

For the cell phone trick, Penn invited an audience member up and encouraged him to start the video on his phone.

After some minutes, a phone was ringing underneath another audience member’s seat as it somehow wound up in a plastic box. That box was brought up on stage to reveal a fish which had the phone inside it.

Another trick involved Teller swallowing some needles. Later he brought those



Penn & Teller bring audience members onstage to participate in a magic trick.

needles back from his mouth all strung up on a long piece of thread.

The finale trick had everyone ripping cards they had been holding. Penn shared that those who were able to follow his directions would find that the two final cards in one’s hands would match which he said meant they would find true love.

Ak-Chin members Candi Chavez and Maria Carlyle-Zepeda were lucky amateur magicians who held matching cards.

Maria shared that Teller actually signed her cards. Penn & Teller left the stage not heading backstage but toward the Events Center lobby and did a Meet and Greet after the show.

The Penn & Teller show was the first show to be held at the Events Center thus far. More shows are scheduled in the upcoming months.

The Events Center at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino’s upcoming shows include The Righteous Brothers: Bill Medley & Bucky Heard on Saturday, March 23, Comedian Dave Chappelle for two shows on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, Country music artist



(Raymond) Teller meets Armondo and Maria Zepeda in the lobby after the show at the Harrah’s Ak-Chin Event Center on Friday, March 8.

Photo submitted by Maria Carlyle-Zepeda

Dwight Yoakam on Saturday, May 11 and Los Lonely Boys with Ozomatli on Saturday, June 8.

To purchase tickets, visit Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Luxe Lounge hosts “The Answer Is” game show night

Story and photos by J. Peters



Host David “D.T.” Trujillo asks contestants questions.



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Church of Celebration Signals One

Laughing like there was no tomorrow, the contestants and audience both enjoyed a humorous evening.

What is the Answer is hosted every Friday night by DT at 7 p.m. at the Luxe Lounge.

Experience serenity and pampering at The Spa

Story and photos by K. Morago

Experience The Spa at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and Resort for an uplift like no other. Open since mid-August, Harrah’s Ak-Chin’s newest amenity is to be experienced for a pampering and local retreat that will have you thinking you are on a serene vacation!

Located on the third floor of the new hotel tower, The Spa offers massages, body wraps,

facials, manicures, pedicures and waxing treatments.

Massage has been known to help improve blood circulation and can get rid of excess fluids and toxins from the body. There have been known mental and health benefits as well, including some relief in chronic pain situations.

The Spa invited the Ak-Chin Runner for a tour and to

experience some pampering of hands and feet!

There are four treatment rooms with one couple’s suite. The beds are adjustable and feature LED lights. There is a spacious waiting area that features plush relaxing seats with a back bar.

We were treated to delectable hand massages. Normally a part of a facial, the hand massage restored life to

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MARCH 2019

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BRACKET BUSTER
REWARD CREDIT BONANZA
SEAFOOD BUFFET
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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BRACKET BUSTER
EARN FOR CRUISE SWEEPS
SEAFOOD BUFFET
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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BRACKET BUSTER
REWARD CREDIT BONANZA
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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PLAY FOR ALL PROMOTION
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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GIBSON GIFT SERIES
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BRACKET BUSTER
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SEAFOOD BUFFET
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THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS:
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REWARD CREDIT BONANZA
SEAFOOD BUFFET
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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NCL CRUISE SWEEPSTAKES FINALE
SEAFOOD BUFFET
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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REWARD CREDIT BONANZA
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

TWELVE PACK OF BEER GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

EVENTS CENTER • NOON – 8PM





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3 Wilma Antone Ardon Green Courtney Olivas	4 Deion Narcia Mario Twohearts Madeleine Van Sickle	5 Sharalee Dominguez-Zapata Keriana Justin Dannika Lewis Gabriel Lopez Emma Narcia Cayden Peters Dante Peters	6 Nakotah Antone Jose Gutierrez, Jr. Damonique Lewis Glennadean Lewis Cody Narcia	7 Emily Lewis Delbert White	8 Leighsa Miguel	9 Stanislaus Antone Jonathan Narcia Charlene Whitman
10 Mercedes Antone Marcus Delores, Jr. Irene Medina	11 Angelisa Cuatt Mildred Narcia Devin Peters Giuliana Sandoval Breon Stephens Robert Stephens, Jr.	12 Lisa Chavez	13 Samantha Castro Ameliano Jacuinde	14 Brenna Antone Davin Garcia Crystal Maddox	15 Dwayne Antone Ana Blanchard Narin Lopez LeRoy Narcia Rosalie Narcia	16 Kalvin Antone Donald Narcia Mariella Norris Tracy Wind
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ATIP FROM A
FORMER
SMOKER



Some of the reasons to
quit smoking are very small.

Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin



Amanda smoked while she was pregnant.
Her baby was born 2 months early and weighed
only 3 pounds. She was put in an incubator and
fed through a tube. Amanda could only hold her
twice a day. If you're pregnant or thinking about
having a baby and you smoke, please call
1-800-QUIT-NOW.

 U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention
cdc.gov/tips

#CDCTips

 Like Us On
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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.

Ak-Chin Indian Community
Environmental Protection Department
(Water Operations)



OUTDOOR WASTEWATER/SEWER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6999

OUTDOOR WATER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6061

*Happy Birthday to
my son Marvin
I hope you enjoy your day!
Love Mom*

Happy Birthday Brah!!

*Happy Birthday to
my daughter Celia S. Soto
May you have a nice birthday
and enjoy your day.
Love Mom*

*Happy Birthday to my sister
Maria (Candi) Hernandez
Love your sister Vieja*

*Happy Birthday to my sister
Delphine Vasquez
Enjoy your day!
Lillian Shade*

*Happy Birthday to
my son Marvin Shade
Miss you a lot.
Love Mom*

*Happy Birthday to
my son Norbert Sr.
Love, Mom*


*Happy Birthday to my
grandsons Narin, and my
granddaughters Yamiah,
Yaniah, Dannon, and
Shannon
Love, Grandma*

*Happy Birthday to the two
coolest chicks in our world!
We love you Grandma and
YooYoo and are truly blessed
to have you both in our lives.
Love, Cecil, Raychel and kids*

*Happy Birthday
Sarah and Carlton Jr.
Love your family*

*Happy Birthday to our
little bird "Dannon"*

*Have a
great day,
enjoy your
dreams,
& keep
doing what
makes you
happy!
Love, Dad
and Mom*



ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

BUCKLE UP!

Every Person, Every Seat,
Every Time.

The Facts

- American Indians and Alaska Natives are more at risk for getting injured or killed in a car crash than other Americans.¹
- Three out of every four passengers who died in car crashes on reservations were not wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.²
- Seat belts reduce the risk of serious injury and death in a crash by about half.³



Help Keep Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe

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

- Wearing a seat belt every time you ride in a car.
- Buckling up the right way.
 - The lap belt goes across the hips, below the stomach.
 - The shoulder belt goes across the middle of the chest and over the shoulder.
 - Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under your arm.
- Always wearing a seat belt even when the car or truck has air bags.
- Never riding in the bed of a truck.
- Never using a seat belt to buckle more than one person at a time.

 **Current Job Opportunities
In the Community**

- Administrative Support Assistant-Parks/Recreation**
- Archaeologist**
- Firefighter-Medic**
- Lab Tutor (2)**
- Police Commander**
- Substance Abuse Counselor**
- Transit Manager**
- Lifeguard**
- Head Lifeguard**

**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.

 **EMPLOYEE
UPDATE**



Carlos Garcia
Maintenance Technician
Parks & Recreation

**MARCH
EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS**

3/2
Errol Blackwater, EPD
Alyssa Joaquin, Vekol

3/3
Wilma Antone,
Early Childhood
Harry Grizzle, Detention

3/4
John Janzen,
Capital Projects

3/5
Gabriel Lopez, Council

3/6
Frederick Dziezynski,
TGA

3/7
Willard Delma, EPD
Delbert White,
Sanitation

3/8
Leighsa Homer,
Early Childhood

3/12
Christine Dodwell, TGA
Gabriela Potter, Finance

3/15
Dwayne Antone,
Sanitation

3/18
Kelly Antone,
Parks & Recreation

Diana Garcia,
Contracts and Grants

3/20
Jose Hernandez,
Sanitation

3/21
Eric Chavez, TGA

3/22
Manuel Garcia,
Law & Order
Paul Lyons, EPD

3/23
Rene Carlyle, Vekol
Sergio Hernandez,
Sanitation
Mark Pablo, EPD
Gregory Perry,
Patrol Officer
Deanna Rascon, Courts

3/24
Elijah Alvarado, Vekol

3/26
David Lopez, Detention

3/27
Jesus Estrada,
Sanitation
Celia Soto, Social &
Health Services


3/31
Shannon Peters, Vekol

St. Patrick's Day Craft Sale at St. Francis of Assisi

Our St. Francis of Assisi Ak-Chin Parrish has grown in attendance and is in need of more supply items for weekly services, as well for all children and adult religious classes. And as always, we must also start preparing for our Annual Feast in October.

This Sunday, March 17, we will be having a Craft Sale following Mass, around 1 pm. We will be set up outside the entrance of the Church with bead bracelets, necklaces, flower pin cushions made from various fabric prints and decorated tiles. All items are handmade and will come with a gift box or plastic bag and can be a nice addition to your upcoming Easter baskets!

Please stop by and see what St. Francis may have for you!



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The Spa at Harrah's Ak-Chin features products from the Eminence skincare line and Farmhouse Fresh product line. For the month of March you can receive 30% retail products.

hands that were typing on a keyboard all day.

For those that schedule a pedicure, make time for a foot revival massage enhancement. A soothing and refreshing sugar scrub and massage of legs and feet, it was fifteen minutes of pure heaven!

Products used were from the Eminence skincare brand and Farmhouse Fresh product line.

The Spa therapists are

experts in providing a rejuvenating, relaxing experience.

The current March special offered at the Spa is getting 30% off retail products with the purchase of a full priced massage, facial or body treatment. Discount can not be used on express treatments, other restrictions may apply.

Reward credits can be used to purchase treatments at The Spa redeemable at a 2:1 ratio.

It was announced on Harrah's Ak-Chin's social media on Monday, March 11th, reward credits at The Spa and Dunkin' are at a 1:1 ratio.

The Spa is open Monday through Saturday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. Sunday hours are 9:00 am – 6:00

pm.

To make a reservation, call (480)802-3340. To see The Spa menu, visit <https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-ak-chin/things-to-do/thespa#.XIBZW-Tn-Rs>.

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Captive State (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45	Captain Marvel in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; ; 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 4:45, 11:00 Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 4:45
Five Feet Apart (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05	Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
Wonder Park (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 12:45, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 12:45, 5:45, 8:10	Fighting with My Family (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Wed: 10:50 AM, 4:50 Thu: 10:50 AM
Wonder Park in 3D (PG) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri - Thu: 3:15 PM	How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25
Captain Marvel (PG-13) Special Engagement; ; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Sat - Mon: 1:30, 8:00 Wed & Thu: 1:30, 8:00	Isn't It Romantic (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 7:10, 10:10 Sun - Thu: 7:10 PM
Captain Marvel (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 9:45 AM, 11:30	The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10
Captain Marvel (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; ; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri: 1:30, 8:00	What Men Want (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 1:50, 7:50, 10:50 Sun - Wed: 1:50, 7:50 Thu: 1:50 PM
Captain Marvel (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Tue: 1:30, 8:00	Green Book (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 Sun - Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

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