



## Unity Run brings prayers to Ak-Chin

Story by K. Morago, photos by Runner staff

The sound of over a hundred pairs of shoes hitting the road were heard on Farrell road. Runners moving west toward Milton Paul Antone Memorial Park. The annual Unity Run of the four O'odham tribes arrived in Ak-Chin on Monday afternoon, March 18.

Two runners, one carrying a staff, ran across State Route 347 on Farrell Road at 3:02 pm. Accompanying them was Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez on horseback and also carrying a staff.

Another two runners awaited the trio by the Ak-Chin Youth Council office, and in relay style fashion, took the staff and began running until the next hand off by the Ak-Chin Fire department, which had three runners waiting.

Signs made by the Youth Council greeted the runners and group assisting the runners. A large welcome was placed at the Community's entrance and signs of

encouragement and thanks were visible along Farrell road.

The largest group of the Unity Run were ready to run into the main village, waiting at the wash next to the IS/Capital Projects building. Over a hundred strong, they came from Gila River, Salt River and Tohono O'odham Nation to participate in the week-long event that began at Red Mountain on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on Sunday, March 16.

There was a pause for nearly an hour as the group waited for the group of runners that were coming from the west from San Lucy district. When they arrived, the three runners handed off the staff to the Ak-Chin Unity runners who led the entire group in.

Ak-Chin member Kelly Antone carried the staff, running and leading everyone west to the park. Along the way, cars honked



**Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez is thanked by Unity Run organizer Serena Padilla as the runners leave Ak-Chin. Padilla presented a shell necklace in appreciation of the Community's support.**

their horns and both members and employees from different departments cheered them on as they stood by the road. Helping in front of and back of the runners were the Ak-Chin Police department and Fire department.

Kelly, Daria Garcia and others ran into the park, toward the concession stand and around the east field toward the grass next to the irrigation canal where the campsite was set up.

Welcoming the Runners were Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Council member Delia Antone and Community member Yolanda Miranda.

In their remarks, they thanked everyone, offering encouragement and welcomes to Ak-Chin. There was also a singing of "Happy Birthday" to Kelly Antone, who's birthday was that day.

The Ak-Chin Community Events department assisted in all preparations, with

dinner served in the Ak-Chin Recreation Center gym and breakfast the next day.

The next morning, the Unity Run continued their journey south, heading to the Tohono O'odham Nation. Continuing to assist were Ak-Chin Fire and Police departments. Ak-Chin had runners who continued on.

The group was welcomed in Cocklebur for lunch and met with the Community members and elders. On hand was Tohono O'odham veteran Joe Joaquin and TON Council member Lucinda Allen.

The Unity Run has been in existence for over two decades. Established as a way to "unite, preserve, strengthen offer prayers for our respective nations," and "to instill the tradition of running and respect through the teaching of our himdag (way of life)," this year's Run coincided with many school district's spring breaks and

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## Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel Joins Maricopa Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors

Submitted by Abbie Fink

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – March 19, 2019) Robert Miguel, chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, has joined the board of directors of Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA).

MEDA is the City of Maricopa's private-public partnership for economic development. As a 501(c)3 corporation, the organization champions strategies and solutions that foster economic growth and prosperity in Maricopa by bringing together the business, government, education and civic sectors to identify and advance policies that facilitate investment, growth and workforce development.

Chairman Miguel was the first elected chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community under its new Constitution which allowed tribal members to officially vote for their Chairman. An advocate of education, health, water, economic development, and elder and youth services, Chairman Miguel has developed his leadership skills through hard work, dedication and guidance with the support of the Ak-Chin Elders.

"I was born and raised on Ak-Chin and have watched the City of Maricopa, our neighbor, grow into a vibrant and dynamic city," said Chairman Miguel. "There is much synergy between what the elected leaders in Maricopa want for their community and what our tribal council wants for our community. Being a part of MEDA and the discussions regarding economic growth and development will be a benefit to all of us."

"We are thrilled that Chairman Miguel is a part of our board of directors, bringing not only his knowledge and expertise on tribal affairs, but the Community's perspective on strategic growth," said John Schurz, MEDA's board chair. "That knowledge will be an integral part of our collective success."

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## Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial brings reunion, honoring of fallen

Story and photos by Runner staff

For two days in March, she and her fellow fallen are remembered. The Piestewa Fallen Heroes Sunrise Memorial, held annually to honor Army SPC. Lori Ann Piestewa and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, were honored at the base of Piestewa Peak early morning on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

The event marks the sixteenth anniversary of that fateful day in 2003 when Lori became the first Native American woman killed in combat, while deployed in Iraq with the 507th Maintenance Company out of Fort Bliss, Texas. A single mother of two from the Hopi Tribe, Lori was 23 years old.

Her children, Brandon and Carla are now young adults having been raised



**Ak-Chin Councilmember Octavio Machado and son Octavio Jr. view the remembrances of the fallen during the Friday, March 22 Memorial dinner in Phoenix.**

by their maternal grandparents, up until last year when their grandfather Terry Piestewa passed. They come to the mountain yearly to recognize and support not only Lori, but grieving Gold Star families who attend along with honor guards, tribal leaders, veterans

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## Ak-Chin Recreation hosts Tiny Tots Olympics

Story and photos by J. Peters

It was a windy afternoon at Hohokam Youth Park, on March 16th, as the Ak-Chin Community hosted their first Tiny Tots Olympics.

Coordinated by Ak-Chin Recreation, staff members and volunteers set out a handful of miniature-version Olympic Games for the young athletes to master. Games such as basketball and volleyball to gymnastics and an obstacle course, the tiny athletes took their turns at running, jumping, skipping and hopping to complete the set of tasks before them.

The Opening Ceremonies kicked off with a "Torch Run" with Recreation Director Monica Rubio leading the tiny tots in a march for all the athletes and their coaches (parents/guardians). They walked hand in hand around the

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**Ak-Chin youth and their coaches walk the Olympic field with torches in hand during the Opening Ceremony of the Tiny Tots Olympics held at Hohokam Park, March 16.**

# Historic Sacaton Presbyterian church destroyed in fir

Story and photo by K. Morago

The skyline in Sacaton forever changed when the 100 year old C. H. Cook Memorial Presbyterian Church was destroyed in a fire on Monday, March 25.

The vacant church, registered as a historic landmark, was a gathering place for generations of Gila River members.

Ak-Chin elder Mildred Thomas, who attended the church with her mother as a child, was in Sacaton and sadly watched it burn. One of her granddaughters was married in the church.

A prayer service was held on Friday, March 29 that brought together over 300 individuals, some who



The C. H. Cook Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sacaton, built in 1918, is engulfed in flames on Monday morning March 25. The smoke could be seen ten miles away.



First responders tackle the fire on the west and south end of the church.

shared memories and prayers. GRIC Governor Stephen Roe Lewis held a Public Forum the next day at the Boys and Girls Club providing updates and answering questions. Gila River Police

department have caught three suspects who have not yet been identified. The current Sacaton Presbyterian church is unaffected.

# Ak-Chin elders participate in Fort McDowell Senior Games



Ak-Chin Mighty Turtle player Connie Orona sends the ball across the net during their match.



Fort McDowell President Bernadine Burnette and Vice-President Paul Russell raffle a star quilt during the games.



Ak-Chin Hu'hujud player Janice Perez hits the ball during the Fort McDowell chair volleyball tournament.

Story and photos by K. Morago

The weeks of chair volleyball games paid off for teams that took time to practice and play in Ak-Chin as all did well during the annual Fort McDowell Senior Games held March 28 - 30 on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation community near Fountain Hills.

The Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles and Ak-Chin Hu'hujud (Lizards) teams participated in the one day tournament held on Saturday. The bracket was double elimination with ten minute timed one game only or up to game point of 11 for the win taking place.

Both teams experienced one win and two losses in the tournament. The biggest hurdle each faced was the four hits rule. The ball had to go over the net by the third hit or a point was given to the opposing team. Another hurdle was making sure the whistle sounded before

serving the ball. With four games taking place all at the same time, hearing the correct whistle was challenging.

The Fort McDowell community were gracious hosts for the Senior Games, with tribal elders coming

from as far as Hualapai in northwest Arizona, Tohono O'odham Nation, and several tribes from Southern California.

Individual and team Senior Games events took place on Thursday and

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# Ak-Chin elder birthdays, retirement celebrated

Story and photos by K. Morago

It was part birthday, part retirement for Ak-Chin Elders who joined the feast and celebration at The Buffet inside Harrah's Ak-Chin on Friday, March 30.

Around fifty elders filled the east side of The Buffet to celebrate Ak-Chin elder quarterly birthdays. With the expanded food selections, plates were filled with salads, entrée items

and delicious sides not normally available on the Elder Center congregate menu.

As elders went for seconds and some thirds, there seemed to be more than birthday celebrating taking place. Ak-Chin Elder Center staffer Ruby Smith was acknowledged for her hard work with retirement recognition on

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RIGHT: Harrah's Executive Chef Colin Ribble presents Ruby Smith with a retirement cheesecake on her last day working for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.



Bernadette White and Council member Delia Carlyle wishing happy birthdays to Ak-Chin elder Leona Kakar and her granddaughter Dannon Peters who share the same birthday, March 29.



LEFT: Enjoying dessert at the Elder Quarterly Birthdays at Harrah's Buffet are Rosalie Narcia, Rechanda Manuel and Council member Lisa Garcia.

**FREE FIRST AID**

**The Elders center will be offering First Aid and CPR training for Community Caregivers and Grandparents raising Grandchildren.**

Join us April 8th for CPR and April 9th for First Aid training! Please sign up at the center.

**Community Meeting**

**Ak-Chin Service Center**

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Elder Menu**

<b>Friday April 5</b> Squash casserole, brown rice, spring salad Wheat crackers, tropical fruit	<b>Monday April 15</b> Split peas, Broccoli salad, Moon bread, pears
<b>Monday April 8</b> BBQ ribs, plain ribs (D), red potato (D), yams Cesar salad, cupcakes, apples	<b>Tuesday April 16</b> Philly Cheese Steaks w/ green peppers Wax beans, carrots, mixed vegetables Jell-O, fruit cocktail
<b>Tuesday April 9</b> Bean soup, chicken stir fry (D), mixed vegetables, corn bread, pineapples	<b>Wednesday April 17</b> Salad bar, potato soup, wheat crackers Oranges, apples
<b>Wednesday April 10</b> Tacos, Spanish rice, corn Yogurt w/berries	<b>Thursday April 18</b> Ham scalloped potatoes, green beans, beans salad, rolls, cake, fresh fruit
<b>Thursday April 11</b> BBQ, Harrah's Easter Party @ Elder Center	<b>Friday April 19</b> <b>ELDER CENTER CLOSED</b> Good Friday
<b>Friday April 12</b> Grilled chicken, kale salad Carrots, brown rice, fresh fruit kabobs	<i>A sandwich can be provided for those who may not like a menu item.</i>

**Save The Date**

**7th Annual Special Olympics BOWLING Tournament**

**April 28, 2019**

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**TEN Pins Down**

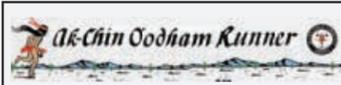
16000 North JohnWayne Parkway  
Maricopa, Az 85139

**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





# March Community Meeting focuses on CAP, El Paso Gas and Tribal Gaming

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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 include it in "YOUR" newspaper.

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

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**DEADLINE**

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the April 19 - May 2, 2019 issue is due by

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019**

Any material submitted after the **MARCH APRIL 12TH DEADLINE** Cannot be guaranteed placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, Will be included in the following issue.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel opened up for the March Community Meeting, held on Monday, March 24, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

Once, finished they introduced Nicole Carlyle-Coester for the opening prayer. Community Operations Manager Bart Smith was next to provide community updates.



**Tribal Gaming Agency Director Charles McCarty.**

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and veteran families.

Volunteer organizers began the Memorial with an Evening Reception for Families of Fallen Heroes and Candlelight Vigil the evening before on Friday, March 22. Held at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Phoenix, ABC15 morning co-anchor Kaley O'Kelley served as emcee of the program.

Flute music by Randy Kemp echoed in the dinner hall as guests arrived. After a welcome, a Presentation and Posting of Colors, and Pass and Review of Honor Guard units attending took place.

The back wall featured photos of

Bart informed the members of the recent Central Arizona Project maintenance and water shutdown about a year ago. He then shared that Council appointed Ak-Chin Environmental to conduct research on implementing a second water source for the community as CAP informed that they would be doing another maintenance and water shutdown in September-October.

With a critical September deadline to have second water source, the community has decided to revitalize the old well right by the old justice facility. Smith said, "it's been inactive (and) we are going to reactive that" also sharing that although it's not going to hold enough water for the shutdown there would be a water back up there if we need it.

Bart also discussed modifications to our surface water treatment plant that is currently undergoing some design and implementations so that it goes through the P&Z process by September so that we will have it up and running as a second water source. It will need to go through a

filtration system in order to provide drinking water for the community because there are a lot of nitrates in the water.

Bart then shifted his discussion on to the El Paso Gas easement which is expiring in July. Bart shared how the El Paso Gas has a huge line running through the community, as well as the sensitive area along the wash and with the rain we had last year during October the erosion exposed this line. He also pointed out that the Community is in negotiations with El Paso Gas about the renewed easement. Smith finished up by saying he would have more to share over the couple months on the process.

COM Smith then talked about the Community's administration building, "We're going to do some redesigning of it, kind of scale it down a little bit more." Smith also shared that the costs of that building had skyrocketed, so the community is planning to meet with department heads over the next couple months, along with council to do some re-figuration of the building.



**Community Service Manager Nicole Carlyle-Coester.**

Bart also informed the membership about the community vehicle and equipment assessment. "We looked at 34 vehicles that the departments have identified that weren't working or needs work, from that assessment we determined that we do have some vehicles that need to be deposed of so we're going to have a public auction here soon."

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the fallen, many from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Some of their families were in attendance. The Piestewa's led the Gold Star families into the hall.

During dinner, a remembrance table ceremony took place. Guest speakers included The Honorable Diane Humetewa, U.S. District Court Judge from Arizona. A member of the Hopi Tribe, she reflected on Lori's life, Hopi culture and Lori's bravery.

Also speaking was Navajo Nation Vice-President Myron Lizer who sang several gospel songs and was attending on behalf of Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez who was unable to attend.

In attendance at the dinner were Lori's comrades, PFC Jessica Lynch, SPC Joseph Hudson, SPC Shoshana Johnson, and PFC Patrick Miller.



**Navajo Nation Vice-President Myron Lizer**

Family members of the late Robert Delsi, USMC, presented medallion necklaces to the Gold Star families in attendance.

Handing out pens that light up, they served in place of candles during the vigil. A roll call of the fallen took place during the vigil.

On early Saturday morning, March 23 a small crowd gathered at the base of Piestewa Peak, on foot most began the walk to the ramada where the sunrise ceremony was to take place.



**Choctaw, Euchee and Muscogee Creek tribal nations member Randy Kemp performs a flute song during the Piestewa Peak Sunrise service.**

Honor Guards followed a young runner as she made her way to the top of Piestewa Peak with a sacred staff given to the Piestewa family for strength and speed.

Respectful and honoring moments created a somber yet appreciative occasion throughout the ceremony, for Lori, the fallen, their families and the veterans who will continue to relive those moments.

**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

**SECOND ANNUAL**  
**Karl Perkins**  
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**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

# CREATIVE LEARNING



## 2019 HIM-DAK SPRING ART PROGRAM GIVES CHILDREN CREATIVE OUTLET DURING BREAK



Collective photos showing some of the different games, creations and overall fun the children made during their two weeks in the Spring Art Program. From designing T-shirts to making adorable Easter crafts the children spent time putting their artistic skills to the test with some beautiful results.

## It's a Superhero PAR-TAY!

Story and photo by K. Lopez



A child used an ipad to take control of the Sphero, taking it for a spin through some bumpy terrain.

On Saturday, March 23, 2019 the Ak-Chin Library hosted a Super Hero Party. To kick off the party children were given a Sphero Spark+ (plus) which is robotic ball that is controlled by a tablet.

peanut butter and jelly, and some sweets. After snack time, it was time for the big test to see which kid could make their way around a mini obstacle course with their Sphero; there was also a harder game-like maze.

When given a Sphero Spark+ Matthew Cross, Ak-Chin Library Technician, explained to the kids how to control them. Afterwards, kids were allowed to drive them around the theater room.

Only one kid was able to maneuver through the obstacle, he was gifted with a toy for his hard work around the maze.

After the children got the hang of it, they decided to take a break and enjoy provided snacks from the library which offered; chips, dip,

Overall, the kids had a great time playing with the Sphero Spark+. Some children said they would like to play with them again.

## Spring Program provides community kids with fun and excitement



The 2019 Spring Program was a great success, the Community children are always fun to be around! Without the following, the students would not have had as much fun during their Spring Break:

- Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Department – Week-long Hospitality/Hosting Activity
- Ak-Chin Library & Runner Department – Hosting Activity
- Ak-Chin Health & Human Services – Hosting Activity

- Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department & Elder Center– Hosting Activity
- Vekol Market – Food Catering & Supplies
- UDC Dance Group– Hosting Dance Clinic

If we have failed to mention anyone, we apologize and would like you to know that you are very much appreciated and needed to make our events great!

Respectfully,  
Ak-Chin Community Events Department Staff

## LEGO Robots take over the Library!

Story and photos by J. Peters



Children program and build the LEGO robots with the help of Liberian Technician Matthew Cross.

Fridays at the library, Library Technician Matthew Cross teaches kids that not only can you create amazingly tall buildings out of the lovable little bricks known as Legos but you can also program a Lego creation to do certain

tasks with Lego robotics. Using hardware/software Lego Mindstorm, allows a Lego creation to be programmed to do some pretty amazing things.

intimidating and super sci-fi like, learning how to work with these types of programs engages kids to learn about the world of robotics, which brings out their creativity.

Although it might sound

To be continued...

## WE'RE HIRING



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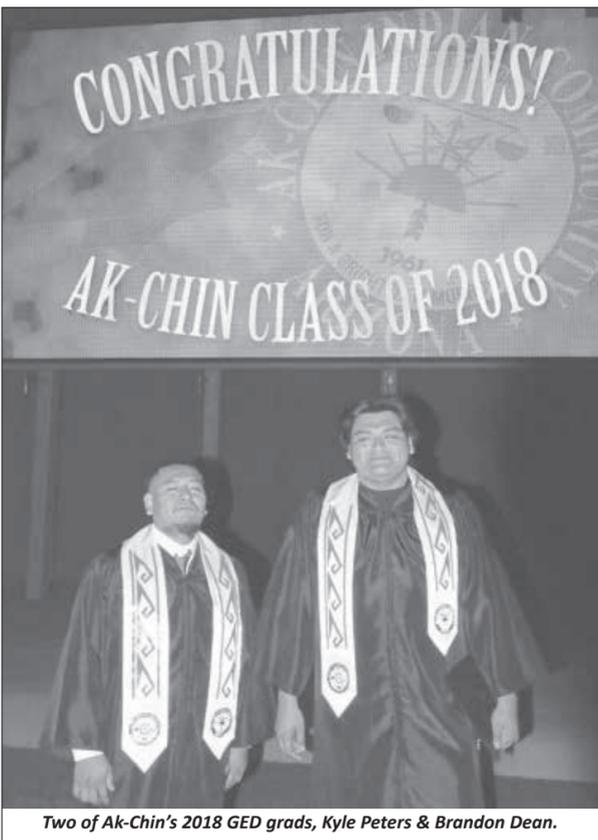
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# How long DOES it take to get to GED Graduation Day?

Article by: Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor  
Photos by: K. Morago



Two of Ak-Chin's 2018 GED grads, Kyle Peters & Brandon Dean.



GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino, presents Brandon Dean with a certificate for GED program completion.

home, and determination to stick with it, all come into play.

At the start of each year, the Ak-Chin Education Department holds a graduation ceremony for all the prior year's GED graduates, in conjunction with the Higher Education banquet. The 2018 GED graduates were honored at the annual GED Graduation and Higher Education banquet earlier this month, and the 2018 GED graduates could not be a more perfect example of the diversity that can exist in terms of a GED completion timeline.

The ceremony took place at Elements Event Center and was a long time coming for GED graduates, Brandon Dean and Kyle Peters. However, graduates, Anthony Quintero, Jr. and Byron White, were a stark contrast to the long-term dedication exhibited by the other two 2018 graduates. While Byron and Anthony completed the GED program within only a few short months, Kyle and Brandon were in the program for several years, which can be the case for some students. Again, GED

completion time frame depends on many factors for adult students, and some students may leave the program for a time and then return again, later down the line. However, what matters most, in the long run, is that students do return and follow through with what they started. While most students would likely prefer to be the one that completes within a few weeks or months, it is important to realize that long-term commitment and determination is something to be proud of as well. Our 2018 GED graduates demonstrate that whether it takes a few months or a few years, a diploma is something worth achieving, and all four graduates should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

The GED graduation portion of the ceremony traditionally closes the annual banquet. This annual tradition began in 2013 and has continued since. After a brief intermission, the prior year's GED graduates proceed down the aisle in cap and gown, wearing the distinctive Ak-Chin graduation stole, with the traditional graduation

song, Pomp and Circumstance, playing in the background. This is a big moment for many GED graduates and their families, since it is these adult students' first opportunities to experience a traditional graduation ceremony, and to truly feel that sense of accomplishment and completion. For many students, this graduation day came many years after they had originally anticipated graduating from high school. Students may have faced years of regret for leaving school and not reaching that graduation day, but GED is about second chances, and finishing something that was left undone. All students who are willing to make GED completion a priority in their lives will eventually get to graduation

day. So, how long will it take to get to your GED Graduation Day? Just remember, that's all up to you!

**Current GED Class Days/Times:**  
AM CLASS, 10AM-12PM M-F  
PM CLASS, 2-5PM M, T, Th, F and W 4:30-6:30PM  
GED Office: 520-568-1284



2018 GED Graduates, Kyle Peters & Brandon Dean, toss their graduation caps.

When GED students first set foot in the Ak-Chin GED office, one of the first questions they ask of GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino, is, "How long will it take to get my GED?" This is not a question that can be easily answered. The current version of the GED exam is by no means an easy test. So, this is a question that needs to be reflected back onto the student. It is then common for the instructor to ask students, "How quickly do you want to get your GED?" That is because the pace depends on the individual student. Factors such as length of time out of school, academic levels coming into the program,



2018 GED Graduate, Anthony Quintero, Jr.

time available to dedicate to class, time willing to study at



# APRIL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## APRIL 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, 6-9PM  
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 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



## EDUCATION

### APRIL 1ST-26TH

State Testing Window Leading Edge Academy

### APRIL 5TH

AZMerit Testing Writing MWMS

### APRIL 8TH-18TH

AZMerit Testing MES

### APRIL 8TH

Make up for Writing MWMS

### APRIL 9TH

Kindergarten Round Up for MUSD schools

### APRIL 9TH & 11TH

AZMerit Testing Reading Part 1 MWMS

### APRIL 10TH

AZMerit Make up for Science MWMS

### APRIL 12TH & 15TH

AZMerit Testing Reading Part 2 MWMS

### APRIL 13TH

Prom Night 7:00pm MHS

### APRIL 16TH & 18TH

AZMerit Testing Math Part 1 MWMS

### APRIL 17TH

AZMerit Make up for Reading MWMS

### APRIL 18TH

3rd Quarter Awards and Character Assembly 8:20am SBE

### APRIL 18TH

PTO/Site Council 4pm-5pm MES

### APRIL 19TH

Good Friday-No School  
GED Class Times:  
10am-12pm Monday-Friday  
2pm-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
4:30pm to 6:30pm Wednesdays



## ELDER CENTER

### APRIL 5th

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

### APRIL 8TH

CPR & First Aid Elder Center 9 am  
Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

### APRIL 9TH

CPR & First Aid Elder Center 9am

### APRIL 10TH

Nutrition Education Class Elder & Caregiver 12:15pm

### APRIL 11TH

Easter Party

### APRIL 12TH & 15TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

### APRIL 16TH

Penny Harris Ak-Chin Health & Human Services Presentation on Elder Abuse 12:15pm

### APRIL 17TH

Nutrition Education Class Elder & Caregiver 12:15pm

### APRIL 18TH

Elder Check Day

### APRIL 19TH

Good Friday-Center Closed

### APRIL 22ND

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

### APRIL 23RD

Goodwill Shopping Day Leaving @ 9am

### APRIL 24TH

BINGO

### APRIL 25TH

Movie Day

### APRIL 26TH & 29TH

Elder Shopping & Errands 1pm

### APRIL 30TH

Council Update



## LIBRARY

### APRIL 5TH

Water Quality Family Night 5:30pm-7:30pm

### APRIL 6TH

Library Closed  
Movie Club 9:30am-4:00pm

### APRIL 9TH

Elder Coloring 9am-10am

### APRIL 10TH

Baby Time 10:30am-11am  
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

### APRIL 12TH

Elder Crafts 11am-12pm  
LEGO Robots 4pm

### APRIL 13TH

Japan Pop 12pm-2pm

### APRIL 16TH

Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

### APRIL 17TH

Baby Time 10:30am-11am  
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

### APRIL 19TH-20TH

Library Closed

### APRIL 23RD

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

### APRIL 24TH

Baby Time 10:30am-11am  
KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm  
Healthy Snacks 3pm-4pm  
Game Hacker 4:30pm-6pm

### APRIL 25TH

Preschool Storytime 11am-12pm

### APRIL 26TH

Elder Crafts 11am-12pm  
LEGO Robots 4pm

### APRIL 27TH

Library Closed



## PARKS & REC

### APRIL 6TH

Baseball Machine Pitch, T-Ball games Wk. 3

### APRIL 7TH

12-15 Basketball League Tournament  
High School League Basketball Wk. 3

### APRIL 8TH

Baseball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 9TH

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball Practice

### APRIL 10TH

Baseball Practice

### Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 11TH

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball Practice

### APRIL 13TH

Baseball, Machine Pitch, T-Ball games Wk. 4

### APRIL 14TH

High School Basketball League Wk. 4

### APRIL 15TH

Baseball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 16TH

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball

### APRIL 17TH

Baseball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 18TH

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball

### APRIL 19TH

Good Friday Gym Closed

### APRIL 20TH

Recreation Easter Event

### APRIL 21ST

High School League Basketball Wk. 5

### APRIL 22ND

Baseball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 23RD

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball

### APRIL 24TH

Baseball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice

### APRIL 25TH

Machine Pitch, T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball

### APRIL 26TH

Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament

### APRIL 27TH

Baseball, Machine Pitch, T-Ball Games Wk. 5

### APRIL 28TH

High School League Basketball Wk. 6

### APRIL 29TH

Baseball Practice  
Girls Practice Basketball Practice

### APRIL 30TH

Machine Pitch T-Ball Practice  
Boys Basketball

\*\*Calendar Subject to Change\*\*

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Bart also talked about the opening of Smith Road, which will lead to the new cultural modular behind the Recreation. Bart informed the road was scheduled to be available by April 2.

He also shared information on the used computer raffle that Information Systems had put out. Used computers will be raffled for \$50-dollars. 40 computers that were previously located in community departments will be available. He also mentioned the deadline to turn in a raffle ticket was Friday, March 29. Tickets were available through Information Systems department, in the Capital Projects building.

Bart then provided an update about upcoming events: Him-Dak Celebration April 6, Rabies vaccinations on April 10 at Ak-Chin fire station, Community Clean-Up on April 27, Special Olympics bowling night April 28, and the World Long Drive April 12-16.

The last item Bart discussed was they summer program for youth workers which is taking applications now. He also reminded everyone about the next community meeting, scheduled for April 29th at 6pm.

After COM Smith concluded his updates, Charles "Chuck" McCarty, Executive Director for the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency stepped forward to provide his presentation.

Chuck began by saying, "It's been about a year since I was here to brief you guys last time." Sharing that his presentation was going to be a brief follow-up to discuss "who we are, how we operate and who are

commission is and how we organize and so forth."

Chuck remembered the last time he presented was on PowerPoint he didn't have anything to offer. So, this time he printed out an informational packet for everyone.

Chuck then went over the regulatory act, which also talked about the different types of gaming compacts available through the state or federal, sharing that Ak-Chin currently operates under the 2002 compact, which he said they had to re-write and update the gaming code in 2008, which took about two and half years. So, now Ak-Chin Gaming now has three documents that they utilize to enforce.

McCarty then went over the Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency and its core responsibilities; including maintaining the integrity of gaming for the state of Arizona and to make sure Ak-Chin does not lose its right to have a gaming license.

Chuck then went over the different departments that comprise Ak-Chin TGA, and the total number of staff members. "We operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, non-stop." After sharing how many were community members, he proudly stated "we are a very diverse organization and we have a very strong cohesive unit" and "we are probably one of the premier regulatory agencies in the nation, certainly in this state."

He went over the operations of the different departments and duties of staff members; enforcement, compliance, auditing, licensing and

investigation.

Afterwards, Chuck provided information on the five-member gaming commission, pointing out that this year marks the first time Ak-Chin has had an all-female commission.

He then opened it up for questions, which focused on the gaming compact, commission meetings and sports betting.

Chairman Miguel thank Chuck for his presentation and reminded everyone about the food in the back before bringing up Community Services Manager, Nicole Carlyle-Coester who presented the results of the Community Language survey that was launched in January. She informed everyone about the purpose of survey, which was to gather data on what the community likes about the language program and what could be in proved on.

Council provided updates on: water hearing, NABI, Tom O'Halleran function, Council meeting with Banner Health about insurance, AIGA meetings, Internet for housing, opening of Smith Road, Admin building issues, talks about submitting new tax code, hemp symposium, sponsorship contracts and financials, special Olympic bowling and torch run, and casino event center.

After council gave their updates everyone helped clean up the service center and a raffle was held.

Community Meetings are held the last Monday of every month!



Council addresses members during Council Updates.

### 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-11am

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

## 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.

## Ak-Chin

### Health Education

### Fitness Series

For Community Members, Residents & Employees

**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\*

\*REMINDER\*

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

Recycling collection on Thursday

Thank you,  
The Sanitation department

# REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be

## FRIDAY APRIL 12th

## 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 & TIME

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

LOCATION: AK-CHIN LIBRARY MULTI-MEDIA ROOM  
(START TIMES ARE PROMPT, DONT 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

# 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!

# Maricopa Easter Egg Hunt



Maricopa, AZ. – Community of Hope Church will be hosting their **15th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. It will take place on **April 19th @ Community of Hope Church, 45295 W. Honeycutt Ave – Maricopa Az**. The Egg Hunt will run between **5:00pm and 9:00pm**.

This year our hunt is **changing days, times, and location**. There will be carnival games, inflatables, face painting, and of course the **Easter Bunny** who will be on hand for pictures.

**All of this is free of charge and is open to our entire community**. This year we will also have

joined with Food Truck Friday and will have 7 food trucks on hand to purchase a meal on site.

We would like to thank **Leading Edge Academy** for sponsoring all of our inflatables for the hunt. Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cohEggHunt>. For more information about Community of Hope Church, please sit: [www.cohmaricopa.com](http://www.cohmaricopa.com)

For follow-up information, please contact: Community of Hope Church, 520-252-6381 or by email at [info@cohmaricopa.com](mailto:info@cohmaricopa.com)

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**Ruby Smith (center) is joined by her sisters Florine Vincent (left) and Vicki Smith (right) on her last official work day for Ak-Chin. Her daughter April and grandson Ethan (in back) were also in attendance.**

her last day working for Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Walking in with “Happy Retirement” balloons and an Edible Arrangement of fruit were her sisters Vicki Smith and Florine Vincent. Accompanied by Ak-Chin Council member Delia Carlyle, who presented Ruby with a hug and gift of multiple gift cards, it did not take long for Ruby to start crying.

“I didn’t know what was going on, then I put two and two together,” she shared realizing that more than birthdays were being celebrated. Also attending

to extend the Community’s appreciation was Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez and Council member Lisa Garcia.

Harrah’s Ak-Chin Executive Chef presented Ruby with her own retirement cheesecake and it was cut up and shared with everyone. Elders and Ruby’s co-workers gave her hugs and well wishes. Elder Programs Director Leslie Carlyle-Burnett also presented Ruby with a special gift.

Ruby began working for Ak-Chin over twenty years ago, starting “at old Community Center,” she said, working

for Vera Antone(bad). She worked with the Elder Program in a variety of roles, transportation and in the kitchen, wherever she was needed.

Prior to that, she worked at the Vekol Market when it was under the Robinette family. Joining the retirement celebration was her family – daughter April and grandson Ethan, and former Vekol co-worker Iva.

When asked what led to her decision to retire, Ruby said she wanted time to “take care of myself and have some fun.” An active member of

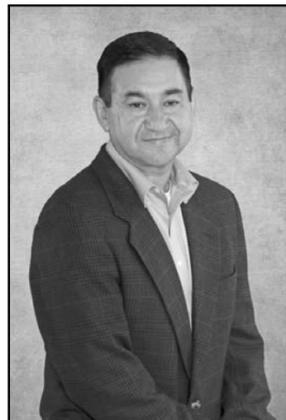
the Ak-Chin Hu’hu’jud chair volleyball team, “Now I can go,” she said when the team travels to tournaments near and far.

With the gracious retirement gift from the Community, she planned to “Take my family out to celebrate,” Ruby said as her and her son Marcus share the same birthday, April 1st.

On April 2nd, her second day of retirement, her day was going to be spent at jury duty.

Happy retirement Ruby!

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**Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel**

MEDA’s board is comprised of the leading executives of Maricopa’s major business sectors, representing expertise and experience in utilities, finance, development, health care and infrastructure development. Equally important are the elected officials and public sector executives who bring the essential representation of the City of Maricopa’s City Council, City Management and Economic Development functions.

“The City of Maricopa and the Ak-Chin Indian Community have a long-standing and mutual respect for each other and our representation of our individual constituencies,” said Mayor Christian Price. “I am pleased that Chairman Miguel and the Community are part of MEDA’s board of directors, knowing this will only strengthen our close working relationship and better serve us all.”

The Maricopa-MEDA partnership is an important component of the city’s economic vitality and sustainability. Through the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance, the City of Maricopa and business and education leaders join forces to identify and support promising economic development opportunities for the City of Maricopa.

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Friday. Ak-Chin elders Connie Orona and Phyllis Lewis each won individual medals.

At the Saturday lunch, prior to the afternoon chair volleyball championship rounds, Fort McDowell President Bernadine Burnette and Vice-President Paul J. Russell raffled off star quilts, shawls, gift cards and other prizes to lucky elders. Every elder received a complimentary clear tote bag filled with goodies.

The Ak-Chin elders have returned home, prepping for upcoming tournaments that will take them to Gila River, Viejas and Quechan tribes in California.

Good luck elders!

## St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission 16657 N. Church St. Maricopa, AZ 85139 Ak-Chin Indian Community APRIL 2019 Schedule

### Sunday Mass at 12 noon April 7 – Lent V

Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb

### April 14 – Palm Sunday

Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb

### April 21 – Easter Sunday

Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

### April 28 – Fr. Chris Fraser

### Holy Week

### April 18 – Holy Thursday

7pm – Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

### April 19 – Good Friday

7pm – Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

### April 20 – Holy Saturday

8pm – Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### April 28, Noon

Confirmation – St. Francis of

Assisi – Ak-Chin – Fr. Chris Fraser

#### May 3, 6pm

Confirmation – St. John’s – Laveen

– Fr. Fred Adamson

#### May 4, 10am

Kateri Tekakwitha Feast – St.

Francis Salt River – Fr. Michael

Carson

#### May 5, 5pm

Confirmation – St. Peter Mission –

Bapchule – Bishop Nevares



May 2nd, 2019

5:45 A.M. meeting at Ak-Chin Police Department for safety briefing, transportation leaves at 6:00 A.M.

### All Participants must have a signed Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run Participant Registration/ Waiver Form Signed

#### Distance:

1st leg approx. 8.0 mi. (bikers & runners)

Starting point: Louis Johnson Road & Hwy 347

Louis Johnson to Peters and Nall Road Approx. 4.0 Mi

Peters and Nall Road to Ai Pavn Approx. 4.0 Mi

Destination: 19305 North JohnWayne Parkway (Ai Pavn) Torch will be given to Maricopa Police Department

Walkers meet at the intersection of Peters and Nall Road & Hwy 347 at 7:15 A.M. Walkers will head East to administrative building approx. 1.5 mi.

2nd leg approx. 11.0 mi.

We will receive torch from Maricopa Police Department at Murphy Road and Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy for the second portion of our leg to Frito Lay Plant

#### Conditions:

→ All bikers and runners must stay behind lead vehicle

→ All bikers and runners must be able to maintain a tight group. If unable,

#### Contact Information:

Michelle Granados email: [mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us) Phone: 520-568-1215

Gregory Perry email: [gperry@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:gperry@ak-chin.nsn.us) Phone: 520-568-1206

Davis Garcia email: [dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:dbgarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us) Phone: 520-568-1222

Diana Perez email: [dperez@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:dperez@ak-chin.nsn.us) Phone: 520-568-1229



## 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



## 2019 San Juan Church Feast

Saturday, June 22, 2019

### Ak-Chin

### Health Education

### Fitness Series

For Community Members, Residents & Employees



### 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\*

**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

2018 Grand Prize Winner  
Artist: Janelly King  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
"Table Lamp"

**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: [erblackwater@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:erblackwater@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):** \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Patrick's Day High School Boys and Girls Tournament 2019

Photos and story by J.Peters



**Girls Championship: Rez Bombers**

It was a crazy weekend of basketball games, as the St. Patrick's Day High School Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament brought seventeen basketball teams to the Ak-Chin recreation gym starting Friday, March 15th and ending on Sunday 17th.

Rattling off games from day one the teams made their way towards the championship games, playing hard and not

showing any signs of stopping. The gym was packed with fans, eagerly watching the intense games and waiting to see who would take first place in the tournament.

No surprise the Ak-Chin boys basketball team drew out a crowd of encouraging community members who were there to support them every step they took.



**Boys Championship: Dynasty**



**Girls Second Place: Passion Elite**



**Ak-Chin families came to proudly support their Ak-Chin boys basketball team. Taking photos at the end of the tournament and congratulating them on their second place victory!**



**Boys Second Place: Ak-Chin**

## SATURDAYS AT THE PARK ARE HOME TO A SLEW OF ACTIVITIES



Coach pitch league, is slightly different from the average baseball or t-ball games, as the kids in this league are too old for t-ball and too young for the full thrill of baseball.

So, during these games a middle is met, a slow tossing pitching machine pitches the ball at the players rather than using a tee to support the ball.



Saturday mornings are busy ones for the Ak-Chin Recreation and the youth participating in Saturday leagues.

Youth baseball, coach pitch, and mini baseball leagues all have their time on the baseball diamond.

Starting with the Youth Baseball, these teams play old fashion baseball with an assortment of teams neighboring tribes.



Mini Baseball aka T-Ball league is going strong with several little teams of kids learning the fundamentals of the sport.

Along with the help of their coaches and support from their families these little ones are becoming all star players one swing at a time.



## High School and Jr. High Basketball Leagues come closer to the championship games



**Brothers: Johnny Perkins and Frankie Carlyle playing side by side.**



**Alex Antone plays offense, making his way to score points for his team during league game.**



**Richard Veagus plays for Team Ak-Chin.**

Since the beginning of the county have come to be part of the league games-tournament. Both High School and Jr. High boys and girls teams are vested on becoming the number one players.

Going into their 6th week of play, the games start at 6 pm and go until 8 pm on most days. Teams from all over The official High School league tournament will be held on May 5th at the Ak-Chin gym.



**The Ak-Chin Girls Jr. High Team.**

**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**

**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

**ATTENTION Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS**

If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them to be featured in future editions of the Runner, Please let us know!

Email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us  
 Phone: (520)-568-1375



## Introducing New Column - *Let's Ask Dr. Roopa*

Gila River Health Care is proud to introduce Dr. Roopa, an Endocrinologist or a doctor that specializes in managing diabetes. Dr. Roopa has been with GRHC's Life Center for nearly three years, in addition to treating patients, she is devoting her time to patient awareness and education. In April, GRHC will launch its first column dedicated to increasing awareness and decreasing the stigma associated with diabetes. The "*Let's Ask Dr. Roopa*" column will publish in GRHC's full-page ads in the Gila River Indian News (GRIN) and Ak-Chin Runner so readers can find the column once a month.

## Introducing Dr. Roopa, Endocrinologist At Life Center

To briefly introduce myself, I come from a family of many people with diabetes, and I have seen them go through the everyday struggle of managing diabetes. It gave me an insight about how dealing with diabetes was easy for some people while very difficult for others. I was determined to become a doctor and specialize in Endocrinology to be able to help people as well as my family members.

I want to use my column to the fullest to write about the topic of diabetes. My goal is to reach out to more people to help them improve their health especially with regards to diabetes. Diabetes can be frustrating, annoying and frightening to people. But I want to completely ensure that it is treatable and people with diabetes can live long healthy and happy lives.

My goal is to provide information about diabetes and answer all your questions. Also to provide more information about the available tools and resources in our community, so that people feel more comfortable to openly discuss, ask questions, seek help or advise to improve their health.

I look forward to our conversation. That's right, I would like for you to be my guests and send me your questions so that I can answer you in my column, on our social media platforms or website. From time to time, I may even ask you to join me for a live interview to share information that will help others!



Send your questions to: [AskDrROOPA@GRHC.ORG](mailto:AskDrROOPA@GRHC.ORG)

Look for my next column in the April 19th GRIN/Ak-Chin Runner.  
I will talk about the history of diabetes and "Why me?"  
Until then, practice self-care; take Care of #1!

- *Dr. Roopa*

## GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

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

# CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

## SATURDAY CLINIC - CLOSED APRIL 20, 2019

### Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital • Pharmacy Hours

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> ..... CLOSED**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> ..... 10 AM - 8 PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> ..... 10 AM - 8 PM**

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC's main line 520.562.3321.

GRHC's normal business hours will resume Monday, April 22, 2019.

**If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.**

# Packed UltraStar theater for DT Comedy show

Story and photos by K. Morago

The belly laugh, the high-pitched laugh, the baritone laugh, even the silent laugh, UltraStar theater one was a crowd of laughs and you heard them all. Over a period of almost three hours, the DT Comedy Show entertained a near capacity crowd.

Big Rob was the host, introducing the comics and sharing some humor of his own. He welcomed his good friend and comedy mentee David "DT" Trujillo, who in the daytime is UltraStar's Promotions and Events Manager.

DT unveiled his comedy shirtless, showing the crowd his tattoo filled body while entertaining the audience. He reflected on his life growing up in Casa Grande, diabetes and married life of a three-month newlywed. His set was quick, funny and endured some technical difficulties with the theater's spotlight staying on.

Returning for another DT



David "DT" Trujillo shares comedy about his youth and being a newlywed.

Comedy Show was special guest Mondo Man. Since his last UltraStar comedy appearance, Mondo Man has established a successful show in Phoenix. Describing his life in an entertaining way, he made jokes about family life, drinking habits and his large size.

Introduced next was first time to Arizona comic Barry Ribs. Telling jokes for twenty-five years, this was his second visit to Arizona, which was Tucson the night before. Born and raised in New York, he was entertaining throughout

his comedy set, beginning to end.

"Comedy brings all races together, just like courthouses," he said. At one point he successfully took on a heckler, while reflecting on life as a senior citizen proud of his generation. "We are not PC (politically correct), we eat gluten. I've never had a peanut allergy in my life."

When you thought you couldn't laugh anymore, Big Rob brought up to the stage Iesha Renee. Formerly of Louisiana, the female comic calls the Phoenix area home. With a music intro of Earth, Wind & Fire's song, she shared, "I have four children but I only claim three of them."

The audience learned about this teacher's life, in love, as a parent, and someone slightly overweight, her comedy was well-timed, appeared effortless and funny. Iesha Renee also took time to improvise song

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# The Mavericks and Los Lobos to take the stage at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino



Grammy Award winning bands The Mavericks (left) and Los Lobos (right) are set to perform in The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Saturday, July 5, 2019 for one show. Tickets are on sale now.



(Maricopa, Ariz. - March 29, 2019) - Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino will welcome The Mavericks and Los Lobos to The Events Center stage July 5, 2019. The Events Center, which opened in early 2019, seats 2,000 people and is part of a multi-million-dollar renovation.

The Mavericks' genre-defying music has been connecting with fans for the last three decades, with hits such as "What A Crying Shame" and "All Night Long." They also took home the American Music Association's award for Best Duo or Group of the Year in 2015. With such diverse musical abilities, the band is able to seamlessly blend elements of Tex-Mex, Cuban bolero, R&B, blues, country and rock 'n' roll.

These multi-faceted artists have also been able to translate their musical talents behind the scenes, founding their own record label Mono Mundo Recordings in 2016. With their newfound independence, they were able to produce their own album, "Brand New Day," in 2017.

Los Lobos is a Mexican American band with hits such as "La Bamba," "Too Small Heart" and "Son of the Sun." The award-winning band has taken home a Grammy for Best Mexican American/Tejano Music Performance, as well as a nomination for Best Americana Album. Their dynamic songwriting and eclectic style also shot "La

Bamba" to number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1987. In recent years, the band released their album "Gates of Gold," continuing to foster their unique sound with a blend of Tex-Mex, country, folk, blues and traditional Spanish and Mexican music.

**The Mavericks and Los Lobos - Live in Concert**  
**Date:** Friday, July 5, 2019  
**Doors:** 7 PM  
**Show Time:** 8 PM  
**Location:** The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino  
**Tickets:** Starting at \$34.50  
**Ages:** All  
**Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster.com.**

**About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino:**  
Celebrating 25 years in Maricopa, Arizona, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner. Harrah's Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Total Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

Harrah's Ak-Chin also boasts the only Bingo hall in the Caesars organization, continuing the proud heritage of William F. Harrah, who opened his first Bingo hall in Reno in 1937.

In addition to its slot machines, video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives and live action poker and

Black Jack, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant, Copper Cactus Grill, The Buffet and Dunkin' Donuts®.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino features 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with swim-up bar.

Harrah's Ak-Chin has been named a Most Admired Company by Arizona Business Magazine and Best Companies AZ, and Phoenix Business Journal has named the property one of the "Best Places to Work in the Valley" four consecutive years. Harrah's Ak-Chin was also awarded a Volunteer Service Award from the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

For more information, please visit [www.harrahsakchin.com](http://www.harrahsakchin.com).

Upcoming shows at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino include:

**Dave Chappelle** - Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6, 2019. Both shows start at 8:00 pm.

**Dwight Yoakam** - Saturday, May 11, 2019. Show starts at 8:00 pm.

**Los Lonely Boys and Ozomatli** - Saturday, June 8, 2019. Show starts at 8:00 pm.

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<p>4/1 Ruby Smith, Elderly Jorge Tellez, Maintenance Marilyn Thompson, Community Government</p> <p>4/2 Ryan Allison, Runner Florentina Hurtado Ruelas, IS Bernett Lopez, Housing Elsa Trujillo, Maintenance Casey Turgeon, Capital Projects</p> <p>4/4 Kimberley Allen, Security</p> <p>4/5 Rosalba Dickerson, TGA Jacolby King, EPD Marc Matteson, Health Education</p> <p>4/6 Matthew Cross, Library Joan Jackson-Deal, Human Resources</p> <p>4/7 Nicole Carlyle-Coester, CSM</p> <p>4/8 Jeffrey Ruelas, Maintenance</p> <p>4/9 Lionel Iglesias, Maintenance Yuri Medrano, Law &amp; Order Nikolai White, Maintenance</p> <p>4/10 Rosalie Narcia, Sanitation</p> <p>4/11 Dwain Clemons, Vekol</p>	<p>4/12 Paul Deal, EPD Ralph Gomez, EPD</p> <p>4/13 Jessica Batopis, Security</p> <p>4/15 Adrian Angulo, Sanitation Sandra Shade, Planning</p> <p>4/16 Glenna Francisco, Maintenance Brandy Rivera, Vekol</p> <p>4/17 Candace Allcott, Elderly Jace Dickerson, Fire &amp; Safety</p> <p>4/18 Teancum Thatcher, Law &amp; Order</p> <p>4/19 William Antone, Him Dak Museum</p> <p>4/21 Glenn Boothe, Fire &amp; Safety Lourdes Smith, Law &amp; Order</p> <p>4/26 Lorenzo Batopis, Courts Alyssa Bullis, Early Childhood Karen Gardner, Library Lerline Peters, Cultural</p> <p>4/28 Jesus Balderrama, Sanitation Deborha Salmons, Finance</p> <p>4/30 Michelle Granados, Law &amp; Order Amanda Roninger, Events</p>
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7 Nicole Coester	8 Jeffrey Ruelas Cayla Thomas	9 Leandro Antone Garin Cuatt Nathius Jacuinde Michelle Miranda Nikolai White	10 Amanda Green Rosalie Narcia	11 Gloria Alejandro Miranda Iniestra Fred Jerry, Jr. Michael Peters, Sr. Angel Stephens Heather Thomas	12 Angel Hoffman Deeandra Lewis Isaiah Narcia	13 Jessica Batopis Mel Kaniatobe
14 Pate Justin Janay Justin-Ulloa	15 Brian Carra Reynold Narcia Sandra Shade	16 Antonia Baptista Glenna Francisco Darryl Peters Valerie Ruiz	17 Jace Dickerson Rupert Stephens	18 Jose Batopis, II Tianah Pilone	19 William Antone Anaize Valles-Diaz	20 Amelia Alvarez Celeste Delores Steven Sam
21 Anysa Justin Renelda Pete Zaida Soliz	22 Ricky Attakai, Jr. Vickie Tavena	23 Jonathan Dean Hunter Narcia	24 Martina Antone	25 Duane Anderson Irma Arellanes-Burgos	26 Lorenzo Batopis Angelita Garcia Karen Gardner Juan Jr. Luz	27 Gregorio Castro Robert Stephens
28 Jesus Balderrama Julianna Trenado	29 Douglas Pablo Araya Pena	30 Aliyah Deloney Jordyn Miguel Natalie Romo				



## EMPLOYEE UPDATE



**Kathleen Miguel**  
Motor Pool Technician  
**Maintenance**



**Nahim Lopez**  
Security Guard  
**Security**



**Theodore (Ted) Puetz**  
Pesticide Control Specialist  
**EPD**

**A TIP 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.

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  - 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.



*Happy Birthday Debo!!!!  
Hope You Have A Good One.  
We Love You all Kindz Yo.  
From Brina, Stu and Geggy*

*Happy Birthday to my sister Gloria Alejandro  
Hope you have a good time in New York and Boston.  
Love, Vieja*

*Happy Birthday to you Elena Cypriano  
Miss you at the Elderly Center.*

*Happy Birthday Sandra Shade  
Love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jason, Michael Sr., and Darryl  
Love, Grandma*

*Happy Birthday Pate and Janay  
Love, your family*

*Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter Lovelle Kira Peters!  
Hello there my Baby Birdz. I'm sorry that I can't be there with you to celebrate your birthday, but always know that you are always thought of on your special day. I pray and wish you all nothing but the best and I hope you have a fun filled day. Just always know that daddy loves and misses you very much! I hope to see you soon. You have a wonderful birthday out there.  
Happy 11th Birthday my Baby Birdz!  
Love always your Daddy, Johnny Cat!*

*Here's wishing all my family a Happy Easter; to all my Grandkids and my children and my sisters and brother;  
God Bless all of you guys.  
"Alverna"*

*To Thonya & Sedar, Happy Easter  
Love, Grandma Alverna Florez*

*Easter Blessings to all!*

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Wearing a Phoenix Suns t-shirt, Barry Ribs New York comedy was "Nothing but net."



Mondo Man returned for another great DT Comedy show appearance.



His Brooklyn, New York accent gave A.G. White's hometown away.



Keepin' it real and very funny was Iesha Renee in UltraStar theater one.

lyrics of Journey and Whitney Houston creating laughs up to the theater's back row.

It was past ten o'clock when headliner A.G. White hit the stage. Having appeared on HBO, BET and Showtime,

expectations were high. Wearing a lobster print shirt, which he shared he got while enjoying the buffet, he

described life in New York. A.G got laughs at the beginning of his set, but

as he continued, the crowd actually fell silent. Maybe it was the long night, or maybe it was comedy that turned

from making fun of himself to making fun of others that reduced laughs, but overall it was a great night of comedy

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## MOVIE SHOWTIMES

WEEK OF FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2019 - THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019

<b>Hellboy (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 7:10 PM	<b>Dumbo (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 12:15, 1:05, 3:15, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Thu: 10:05 AM, 12:15, 1:05, 3:15, 4:05, 7:05
<b>Little (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 7:40 PM	<b>Us (R)</b> Star Class 21+; Up charge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun - Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
<b>Missing Link (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Thu: 6:00 PM	<b>Five Feet Apart (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 Sun - Wed: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 Thu: 10:40 AM, 1:40, 4:40
<b>The Best of Enemies (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM, 1:20, 4:30, 7:50, 11:00 Sun - Thu: 10:00 AM, 1:20, 4:30, 7:50	<b>Wonder Park (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun - Wed: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 Thu: 10:10 AM, 1:10, 4:10
<b>Pet Sematary (R)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:45, 2:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sun - Thu: 10:45 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:45, 2:15, 4:45, 5:15, 7:45, 8:15	<b>Captain Marvel (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
<b>Shazam! (PG-13)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 12:00, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sun - Thu: 12:00, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00	<b>Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral (PG-13)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri - Wed: 1:25, 7:25 Thu: 1:25 PM
<b>Shazam! (PG-13)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharges Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri - Thu: 10:30 AM, 5:30	<b>How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG)</b> Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 4:25, 10:25 Sun - Wed: 10:25 AM, 4:25 Thu: 10:25 AM
<b>Shazam! 3D (PG-13)</b> Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D/D-BOX Upcharges Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri - Thu: 2:00, 8:45	

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Two golfers, a man and a woman, are smiling and holding large trophies. The trophies are filled with colorful golf balls. The man is wearing a pink polo shirt and a black Callaway cap. The woman is wearing a pink polo shirt and a white Volvo cap. The trophies have 'WLD' and 'AK-CHIN SMASH' logos on them.

# GAME OF THROWS - AK-CHIN EMPLOYEE DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



**2019 CHAMPIONS - YOUNG GUNZ**



**2019 RUNNERS-UP - FIRE**



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Department hosted its 4th Annual Employee Dodgeball Tournament, April 1-2, with six teams participating.

The theme this year was called the "Game of Throws" which was based off the hit series Game of Thrones.

it. It was a lot of fun and watching these teams be so competitive; there were nail-biting games that came down to the wire." Exclaimed Parks and Recreation director, Monica Rubio.

This year Young Gunz, with Health Education, Library, Preschool, Vekol, Security, and TGA departments were crowned victorious, crushing last year's winners Ak-Chin Fire.

Throw Garyens (Recreation) took third place.

requests for a family and youth dodgeball tournament" added Rubio. Also giving thanks to her staff and volunteers "who helped make this another successful tournament."

"I want to thank all the employees who participated in this year's tournament; and we have already received

## 2019 CONCERT LISTINGS

AK-CHIN PAVILION

- May 2 - Slayer**
- May 31 - Brad Paisley with special guest Chris Lane & Riley Green**
- June 12 - Train, Goo Goo Dolls & Allen Stone**
- June 13 - Luke Bryan with special guests Cole Swindell & Jon Langston**
- June 19 - Hootie and the Blowfish & Barenaked Ladies**
- June 22 - Carlos Santana**
- July 21 - Beck and Cage the Elephant**
- July 25 - Ozzy Osbourne & Megadeth**
- July 27 - Rockstar Energy Drink DISRUPT Festival with The Used, Thrice, Circa Survive, Sum 41, Sleeping with Sirens, and more**
- July 31 - Third Eye Blind & Jimmy Eat World**
- August 3 - Rascal Flatts with special guests**
- August 4 - KNOTFEST: Slipknot, Volbeat, Gojira and Behemoth**
- August 10 - 311 with The Interrupters, Dreamers, and Bikini Trill**
- August 16 - Chris Young & Chris Janson**
- August 28 - Heart with Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, Elle King**
- August 31 - Korn & Alice in Chains**
- September 13 - Dave Matthews Band**
- September 15 - Breaking Benjamin, with special guest Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Dorothy and Diamante**
- September 19 - Florida Georgia Line with special guests Dan + Shay, Morgan Wallen, and Cannaan Smith**

## Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 2019

**FOOD • DRINKS • GAMES & MORE!**

**MILTON ANTONIO PARK**

**10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

**0-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16+**

**SPECIAL GUEST**

*DON'T FORGET YOUR EASTER BASKET!*

# Raffle!

Ak-Chin Police Department 2019 Special Olympic Raffles

3 Different raffles many prizes to win!

**\$1.00 RAFFLE**

**\$5.00 RAFFLE**

Drawings for all items will be April 28th during the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. You do not have to be present to win.

50/50 RAFFLE \$1.00 RAFFLE \$5.00 RAFFLE

The buyer will get half of the earnings and the other half will go to the Special Olympics Organization.

Tickets:  
\$1.00—1 Ticket  
\$5.00—6 Tickets  
\$10.00—13 Tickets

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Benefiting Special Olympics Arizona

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

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW  
1901 ARIZONA

**Monday Through Friday Fixed-Route Schedule.\***

\*Although we'll make every effort to maintain this schedule, unforeseen factors may cause slight changes to the pick-up and drop-off times. Please arrive early at your bus stop to accommodate for potential deviations. You may call ahead to check the status of your bus and pick up location.

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	Ultrastar EB	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 & Nail 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 & Nail 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 & Nail at Milo EB	7:47 AM	Farrell at Antone Park WB	5:26 PM	
Ak-Chin HQ/Farms EB	7:50 AM	Farrell at Church	5:27 PM	
Barley at Pecan EB	7:51 AM	Farrell at Carlyle WB	5:28 PM	
Farm at Peters & Nail 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.

# 4TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S 5K

On March 16th, the Community gathered for the 4th Annual St. Patrick's 5K, with Ak-Chin Health Education.

**Ak-Chin Police Department**  
**Ak-Chin Fire Department**  
**Ak-Chin Security**  
**Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works Department**  
**Ak-Chin CSM Nicole Carlyle-Coester**  
**Ak-Chin Royalty and Pageant Committee**  
**Ak-Chin Farms**  
**Ak-Chin GIS**  
**Vekol Market Catering**  
*We would also like to thank all the participants for attending our third event of 2019! You "SHAM-ROCK!" Please save the date for our next event, Melin Melin Color Run scheduled for April 6th, 2019.*

Starting at 8 am, it was a sea of green as runners, walkers and everyone in between were in the spirit of the "green" holiday wearing specs of the colors on their persons, ready to start the 3.1 mile course. With the nice weather on their side it made the journey that much easier to complete.

*The Health Education Staff would like to thank the following individuals and departments for their help in making the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day 5K a successful event.*

**Thank You,**  
**Ak-Chin Health Education**

**NOT PICTURED**

- 0-12 Combined**  
1. Alexander Rickert  
2. Ian Byers  
3. Myles Peters

*Story and photos by J. Peters*



**13-19 Combined: 1st place Jacob Diaz, 2nd place Christiano Bustos and 3rd place Emily Peters.**



**20-34 Females: 1st place Alyssa Dickerson and 2nd place Cecily Peters.**



**35-44 Females: Burritto Lewis, 2nd place Adeline Koyayseva and 3rd place Kristy Hoeh.**



**45-54 Females: 1st place Gale Whitson, 2nd place Julene Narcia and 3rd place Danielle Byers/Grace Johns.**



**55+ Females: 1st place Nicole Carlyle-Coester, 2nd place Dora Hernandez and 3rd place Virginia Zepeda.**



**20-34 Males: 1st place Steve Campbell (not pictured) 2nd place Jacob Dickerson and 3rd place Alex Bowman.**



**35-44 Males: 1st place Joshua Hoeh. (Not pictured) 2nd place Brandon Peters and 3rd place Steve Volden.**



**45-54 Males: 2nd place Lorenzo Holcomb, 1st place Rob Byers and 3rd place Timothy Hutchinson.**



**55+ Males: 2nd place Kevin Johns (not pictured), 1st place- Erwin Thomas and 3rd place Leonard Allen.**

*Tiny Tots continued from Front*

multipurpose field carrying handmade torches, created by volunteers. Families and friends cheered as one by one the athletes lined up at the starting point, getting ready for their moment to shine.

With a "ready-set-go!" the tiny tots flooded the field, sailing through the course with nonstop energy. The volunteers and staff helped the event run as smoothly as possible, guiding the tiny tots through the obstacles one by one. As the event was wrapping up, each athlete earned a medal for their outstanding hard work, a commemorative Polaroid

from the Recreation staff and also got to select a special toy to take home and enjoy while they were recovering from their exhausting day of events.

With the fantastic turn out of this event, there is no doubt that it will become an annual activity for the Community. So, coaches get your little ones ready to compete in the 2020 Tiny Tots Olympics.

Ak-Chin Language group sang and gave a prayer for the tiny tots shortly before the games began and wishing them the best of luck was Ak-Chin Council member Delia Carlyle.



**Melin Melin!**  
**5K Color Run**

April 6, 2019  
Registration Begins - 7:30 AM at Youth Council Bldg. (Old Fire Station)  
Race Start - 8:00 AM  
Race Finish at Him-Dak Museum

- ★ Start 5K
- Mile Marker
- Color Station
- Water
- ★ Finish
- 5K Race Route

Questions? Please contact Him-Dak Museum office at: 520-568-1350

**38th Annual Him-Dak Celebration**  
Sustaining our Culture Through our Community

April 6, 2019

**Melin Melin!**  
**5K Color Run**

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Starting at the Youth Council Bldg (Old Fire Station)

Questions? Please contact: Museum Staff at (520) 568-1350 or Health Education at (520) 568-1085, Email: MGuy@ak-chin.nsn.us

**WARNING**  
We will be using powdered chalk throughout the route.





# Provide Your Input!

## I-11 DRAFT TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARY SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION (DRAFT TIER 1 EIS), Nogales to Wickenburg

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Department of Transportation is conducting an environmental study to identify a potential 280-mile corridor for I-11 between Nogales and Wickenburg. The Tier 1 environmental review process considers a wide range of Build Corridor Alternatives and the No-Build (do-nothing) Alternative.

### DRAFT TIER 1 EIS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

On April 5, 2019, the Arizona Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, released the Draft Tier 1 EIS for the I-11 Corridor, Nogales to Wickenburg, for public review and comment.

### ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings on the Draft Tier 1 EIS will provide information on the Recommended Corridor Alternative and accept formal public comments via the comment form (hardcopy or online), verbally to a court reporter, and through three-minute verbal comments in front of a panel of study team members. The same information and opportunity for comment will be available at each public hearing.

**The hearings will take place on the dates and locations listed below. Information will be continuously presented; attend any time during the hours listed.**

- Monday, 4/29/19 | 5–8 p.m.**  
Palo Verde Energy Education Center 600 N. Airport Road, Buckeye
- Tuesday, 4/30/19 | 4–7 p.m.**  
Wickenburg Community Center 155 N. Tegner Street, Wickenburg
- Wednesday, 5/1/19 | 5–8 p.m.**  
Holiday Inn 777 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande
- Tuesday, 5/7/19 | 4–7 p.m.**  
Quality Hotel Americana 639 N. Grand Avenue, Nogales
- Wednesday, 5/8/19 | 3–8 p.m.**  
Tucson Convention Center Ballrooms/Lobby 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson
- Saturday 5/11/19 | 11 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Marana High School Cafeteria 12000 W. Emigh Road, Marana

### REVIEW THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS DOCUMENT

The Draft Tier 1 EIS is available for review on the study website at [i11study.com/Arizona](http://i11study.com/Arizona). Hard copies of the Draft Tier 1 EIS are also available for review during business hours at the following repository locations:

- Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Town Hall, 155 N. Tegner Street, Ste. A
- Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Public Library, 164 E. Apache Street
- Buckeye** – Buckeye Public Library/ Coyote Branch, 21699 W. Yuma Road, Ste. 116
- Buckeye** – Buckeye Public Library/ Downtown Branch, 310 N. 6th Street
- Buckeye** – Buckeye City Hall, 530 E. Monroe Avenue
- Rainbow Valley** – Buckeye Fire District Station 326, 19937 W. Arlington Road
- Surprise** – Northwest Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Avenue
- Phoenix** – Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue
- Goodyear** – Goodyear Library, 14455 W. Van Buren Street, C-101
- Hidden Valley/Maricopa** – Thunderbird Fire Station, 12356 N. Ralston Road
- Maricopa** – Maricopa Public Library (Pinal County Library District), 41600 W. Smith-Enke Road, Bldg. 10
- Casa Grande** – Main Library, 449 N. Drylake Street
- Gila Bend** – Gila Bend Library, 202 N. Euclid Avenue
- Eloy** – Eloy Santa Cruz Library, 1000 N. Main Street
- Marana** – Picture Rocks Fire District, Station 121, 7341 N. Sandario Road
- Marana** – Town of Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W. Civic Center Drive
- Tucson** – Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road
- Tucson** – Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue
- Tucson** – Mission Public Library, 3770 S. Mission Road
- Green Valley** – Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 N. La Cañada Drive
- Sahuarita** – Sahuarita Library, 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita
- Nogales** – Nogales-Rochlin Library, 518 N. Grand Avenue

#### Hard copy versions of the Draft Tier 1 EIS are available for purchase at:

- Wickenburg** – Wickenburg Kwikprint, 10 S. Kerkes Street, #3 | 928.684.7229
- Buckeye** – To The Limit Printing Solutions, Inc., 108 N. 4th Street | 623.374.4303
- Phoenix** – AlphaGraphics, 2120 E. Camelback Road | 602.263.0122\*
- Maricopa** – Impressive Imaging, 44480 W. Honeycutt Road, Ste. 102 | 520.568.3098\*
- Casa Grande** – International Minute Press, 973 E Cottonwood Lane, Ste. 105 | 520.208.2516\*
- Marana** – FedEx, 8150 N. Cortaro Road | 520.572.8345\*
- Tucson** – FedEx, 2607 E. Speedway Boulevard | 520.795.7796\*
- Nogales** – Unicom Graftix, Inc., 869 N. Grand Avenue | 520.287.9434

\* Offers delivery to your location. Contact the vendor for details.



Public hearing speaker pre-registration is available (**MARANA AND TUCSON PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS ONLY**). Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/i11study> or call 1.844.544.8049 (bilingüe) for more information.

### COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TIER 1 EIS

Submit your comments on the I-11 Draft Tier 1 EIS during the public review and comment period: **April 5, 2019 through May 31, 2019**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-11 Final Tier 1 EIS.

**All comment methods are considered equal.**

Submit your comments:

- At a public hearing
- Online: [i11study.com/Arizona](http://i11study.com/Arizona)
- Phone: 1.844.544.8049 (bilingüe)
- Email: [I-11ADOTStudy@hdrinc.com](mailto:I-11ADOTStudy@hdrinc.com)
- Mail: I-11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team  
c/o ADOT Communications  
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