

Meti earns second win, Burke takes first at 2nd Annual Ak-Chin Smash in the Sun



Story and photo by R. Peters

The grid was open for play at Ak-Chin Circle, April 12-16, for the 2nd Annual Ak-Chin Smash in the Sun World Long Drive Qualifier. Kicking off the 2019 WLD Tour, Ak-Chin was the first event on the schedule, and the first to be televised as well, with a live telecast airing Tuesday, April 16, 4 pm ET on GOLF Channel.

Not only was Ak-Chin ready for another action-packed weekend, the 500-yard grid was also primed for the event, receiving positive nods for its lush green appearance. Ak-Chin Southern Dunes crew worked tirelessly after last year's WLD, putting in a new irrigation system and growing fresh new Bermuda grass to ensure the grid was at its absolute best.

On Friday, April 12 Andrew Herbert, Scott Kalamar and Dan McIntosh earned top honors at the Ak-Chin Qualifier. Herbert had the most cumulative points in the final qualifying round. All three

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Harrah's celebrates 25th Anniversary and Grand Opening of The Events Center

Story and photo by R. Peters



From left: Brandon Peters, Community Treasurer, Lisa Garcia Council member, Robert Miguel, Chairman, Louis Manuel, Gabriel Lopez, Vice -Chair and Council member Octavio Machado during The Event Center ribbon cutting ceremony at Harrah's.

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Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation long awaited basketball courts finally open

Story and photos by A. Santiago



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Staff pictured with Ak-Chin Tribal Council on the new and improved basketball courts, located north of the recreation gymnasium.

April 4, 2019 Ak-Chin Recreation had an opening of the newly installed basketball courts North of the gymnasium.

Language Department staff Lerline Peters and Lusan Enos sent out a prayer following a ceremony song for everyone. Chairman Robert Miguel spoke on his memory of Ak-Chin Men's basketball team of 5 team mates Norbert Peters, Cecil

Peters, David Peters Sr., Stanley Atone, and himself playing in 10 tournaments in Tonoho O'odham and being only the 5 players, they won 8 out of the 10 games. Council woman Lisa Garcia gave out a motivational speech being said the recreation is not only about sports it holds family events, community events, and elderly events then to end wanted to thank everyone who help in participation of the

Recreation from Martin Antone all the way down to current employees. Council man Octavio also shared a memory of his youth age on how he learned how to get up in the morning and get ready which taught him to use that for work and the military or any job he took. The concern for health issues also plays a good part for the recreation at any age. Keeping anyone active and enjoying a time of fun and laughter.

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JDRF Foundation raises over 1 Million in annual event

Story and photos by J. Peters

The JDRF Walk One has led a strong journey to raise money to help find a cure to end T1D for 29 years, and on April 6th the JDRF Arizona Chapter held their annual walk to bring awareness and support to the millions that are affected by type one diabetes.

Hundreds of people headed to Sloan Park, the Spring Training site for the Chicago Cubs in Tempe, for the 5k race that started at 9am. Ak-Chin Health Education set up the Ak-Chin Indian Community booth alongside other donators to show their support and provide a staging area for community participants.

Raising over 1 million dollars with over 16,000 in attendance the event has brought them so much closer to finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes (type one diabetes), a disease that has been diagnosed in over 200,000 cases in the United States yearly.

The Ak-Chin community has been a sponsor for this JDRF foundation for many years now, and has always had a strong showing of support at this event with many walkers, as well as runners.



Arizonan/Baltimore Ravens Tight End Mark Andrews speaks at the 2019 JDRF One Walk. Andrews was diagnosed with T1D at the age of 9.

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Him-Dak celebrates its 28th Anniversary

Story and photos by K. Lopez

April 2, 2019 the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco-Museum celebrated their 28th annual event beginning with their Melin Melin, 5K color run and walk, followed by a day filled with cultural entertainment and an assortment of vendors.

The 5k was coordinated by Ak-Chin Health Education, who laid out the course for both walkers and runners, beginning at the old fire department to the museum. Runners were giving white shirts upon registration to wear during their run, while walker received a colored version, which most likely received colorful powder thrown towards them at some point in the route. Once everyone made their way to the museum a light breakfast

was provided.

Opening the celebration and MC of the event was none other than Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel along with Him-Dak Director, Elaine Peters.

2019 Melin Melin 5k run winners were: Garrett Burnett, (all the way from L.A.) placing first; Crystal Hoeh placed second, and Alyssa Dickerson who placed third.

Traditional Demonstrations took place in the art room. Russell Blackwater from the Gila River Indian Community displayed art wood burnings, as did Lynn Liston from the Tohono O'odham Nation, along with gourds and jewelry.



A Kualia group from Tohono O'odham Nation performs a ribbon dance during the Him-Dak Celebration.

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Easter preparations begin with elder egg coloring

Story by K. Morago, photos by Candace Allcott

In preparation for the Ak-Chin Elder Easter Party, Ak-Chin elders spent Wednesday morning coloring Easter eggs for the scheduled egg hunt outside the Ak-Chin Elder Center.

Normally a fun gathering of dipping boiled eggs in different cups of food coloring, this year the Ak-Chin elders decided to try making Ukrainian Easter eggs.

The process required drawing on the egg with wax and dipping the egg in various color dips to create the final design. It was a new process for the elders and the eggs came out beautiful with the different designs. Ak-Chin Elder Caregiver Supervisor, Candace Allcott helped organize the egg coloring session.

Ak-Chin elders and their guests will be hunting for eggs on Thursday, April 18.

Easter eggs with Ukrainian wraps..

Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles play in D-4 tournament



Phyllis Lewis hits the ball across the net during the D-4 Chair Volleyball tournament held in Casa Blanca.

The farthest chair volleyball team came from Needles, CA and all came to play, including Ak-Chin's Mighty Turtle team. Since the new gym was not ready, the District #4 Chair Volleyball tournament was actually held at the District #5 Casa Blanca gym on Thursday, April 11.

The Ak-Chin Mighty Turtles had fun in the tournament, playing

against Gila River teams from District #2 and District #1. The Mighty Turtles were able to win some games, but also lost some in the double elimination tournament.

All the Ak-Chin elder chair volleyball teams will be preparing to hit the road, heading to Quechan Indian reservation for their Senior Games next month. Good luck!

Ak-Chin Boys basketball asks for your support!!

Thomas Carlyle and the AKC Boys basketball team are doing a fundraiser t-shirt sale. Proceeds will go towards tournament and traveling fees. Please text your

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Gathering topic is language

Story and photo by K. Morago

It was all about language at the March Community Gathering and Ak-Chin member Jeremy Johns provided great insight to the status of the O'odham language in the Community.

Held at the Him-Dak Art building, the museum staff hosted an evening of a great traditional meal, presentation and discussion of O'odham.

After an introduction and welcome by Holly Antone, Jeremy asked in O'odham how everyone was. Not everyone answered, so he asked again which made for a quick icebreaker.

Next, he asked the audience if they could read "Hascu a:gc d si haiku g t- ñeo'okĩ?" on the screen. Translated to English, "Why is our language important?"

For the next hour, the Community Gathering audience learned a lot about the O'odham language in a fun informative way.

Jeremy has successfully studied linguistics, which is the scientific study of human language. An instructor at Tohono O'odham Community College, he teaches the on-line O'odham language course. He also is an O'odham instructor at the Tucson Indian Center.

He also shared that he serves as a Teaching and Research Assistant at the University of Arizona and was recently hired as a consultant for Ak-Chin, which was met with applause. Adding there are "really good plans and things in the works," he said.

His presentation was much like what he has studied, sociolinguistics. How language is used in social situations, how people think of their own



Community Gathering speaker Jeremy Johns talks about language preservation on Thursday, March 28. A member if Ak-Chin he shared his experiences working with other O'odham tribes.

language and what happens when two languages come into contact in a colonial situation. How does it affect communities?

He described one of the projects he has first year O'odham language students do, picture books. He presented a page of one of his student's drawing of a horse, with accompanying language. Jeremy mentioned that TOCC offers the O'odham language college class for free to enrolled members of the four O'odham tribes, Ak-Chin, Gila River, Salt River and Tohono O'odham Nation with proof of membership.

Jeremy spoke briefly on syntax and grammar. Explaining the "trees" that help make-up the syntax, the trees show how sentences are formed. "Every time you speak, you are putting sentences together," he said.

He also shared several resources available, such as O'odham

language dictionaries which were put together by outside researchers. He mentioned that those in linguistics today have a different approach where they look to ethical considerations of transforming what they are doing to "what resources does your Community need?" or "How can we transform that into something you need?"

Those questions were important to raise as revitalizing and maintaining the language became discussion and focus of the gathering. The audience shared that Ak-Chin is a small community with a unique dialect and felt it was extremely important to maintain the language, agreeing that it helps maintain cultural identity.

Jeremy asked the group, "What are our goals? What can we do to create speakers?" He gave an example of the Cherokee tribe that have a goal to create fluent speakers in a set period of time.

He then mentioned, "We don't have enough young speakers. Raise your hand if you know someone under the age of 18 that speaks O'odham?" No one raised their hands. Jeremy's presentation gave examples of why the younger generation does not speak. The boarding school and relocation eras, the need for English spoken at work and in school, and no place in mainstream culture. He asked how many shows can you watch in O'odham on Netflix? That was met with laughs.

It seemed that many at the gathering thought the language was at a crucial point of being lost and what that could bring. Jeremy gave several examples of world languages facing similar situations and coming back. The first was the Hebrew language. Having no fluent speakers, the language was still

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ACES April Update

Submitted by Ed Gerak, ACES Consultant

On March 27th, 2019, the Ak-Chin Energy Services Board was visited by representatives from Western Area Power Administration. Because the Community has allocations from both the Boulder Canyon Project (Hoover Dam) and Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP), employees from both the Desert Southwest Region (DSW) and CRSP Region were present.

We were joined by Lyle Johnson and Parker Wicks from the CRSP office. The Community recently renewed their CRSP contract, extending its power contract to 2057. Lyle shared that there are 53 tribes that are CRSP customers, of which he has visited them all. He credited David Lester, with the Council of Tribal

Utilities, for having the foresight to ensure Native American Tribes had access to this Federal Hydropower Resource through benefit crediting arrangements. Of those 53, there are only six that have Tribal Utilities.

Jim Kendrick, Vice-President of Power Marketing gave an overview of WAPA-DSW, what has been going with the Drought Contingency Plan and his background. He also spoke at the Arizona Tribal Energy Association in January. He was joined by Scott Lund, DSW Project Manager and Linda Marianito, Tribal Energy Liaison.

Linda shared that she is Navajo, and gave us an overview of her

background. The Tribal Energy Liaison position is a recently created position, and Linda is making introductions to the tribes in the DSW region. She shared what services WAPA provides Ak-Chin and offered to present a WAPA 101 to the Board or the Council. The Board seemed in favor of taking WAPA to the Council for a meet and greet and possibly a quick WAPA 101 overview. Linda shared that they can also assist us in the Resource Conservation Plan with info, handouts and displays at Community events.

I know that I am pleased that DSW created the Tribal Energy Liaison position and I look forward to working with Linda in the future.

Elder Menu

Friday April 19
ELDER CENTER CLOSED
Good Friday

Monday April 22
Beef spaghetti, salad
zucchini, garlic bread,
peaches

Tuesday April 23
Bean or chicken
tostadas, corn,
broccoli, zucchini
bread, plums

Wednesday April 24
Cabbage Stew, carrots,
green beans
biscuits, Jell-O, apples

Thursday April 25
Tuna fish or chicken
salad sandwich, wax
bean, cauliflower,

potato wedges
grapes

Friday April 26
Breakfast Buffet
Eggs, potatoes, bacon,
sausage, biscuit
gravy, fresh fruit
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Monday April 29
Chef salad, wheat roll,
yogurt w/berries

Tuesday April 30
Red chili stew,
Normandy vegetables,
peas, wheat tortillas,
tropical fruit

A sandwich can be provided for those who may not like a menu item.



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MARRIAGE CELEBRATION DANCE FOR
KIMBERLI & NIKOLAI

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019
49033 W FARRELL ROAD
8PM - MIDNIGHT

MUSIC BY:
AK-CHIN MUMSIGO & TWO RIVERS

Him-Dak continued from Front

Town Hall with Tom O'halleran

Photo and story by R. Peters

April 6, Congressman Tom O'Halleran, representing Arizona's 1st congressional district was in the Community for a Town Hall session at Ak-Chin Service Center.

During his visit, he attended the Him Dak celebration, met with Tribal Council and the Town Hall. Various issues discussed that day included: healthcare services, broadband, social security, the proposed Border Wall, veteran's issues, education, and the economy.

At the end of the Town Hall, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel thanked Congressman O'Halleran for coming out to meet with the membership to discuss issues.

"It means a lot to us to come into



Congressman O'Halleran meets with Brenley Hackney.

our community and see how we prosper." Chairman Miguel shared.

"It means a lot to me too, I love being here" replied the Congressman.



Ak-Chin Ba'ban Kehina dancers perform during the celebration.



Kyra Antone performs the Fancy Dance.



Tohono O'odham Nation artist Lynn Liston creates a wood burning portrait.

Ak-Chin Him-Dak EcoMuseum gets a special visit from old friend Rene Rivard

Photo and story by J. Peters



L – R: Daniel, Johnny Lopez, Wendy Wagner, Marielle & Rene Rivard, Elaine Peters, Teresa Valisto & Michel. The original museum group was happy to visit with long time friend Rene Rivard along with some of his guests at the Him-Dak Eco Museum on April 9.

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Ak-Chin Indian Community Earth Day

Saturday April 27, 2019

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Milton Paul Antone Memorial Park

Come learn about:

- Recycling & Composting
- Mosquitoes & Pest Management
- Indoor Air Quality
- Water Cycle & Water Resources
- Birds of Prey
- And Much More!

Winners of the Earth Day T-Shirt Contest and the Recycled Art Contest will be announced!

Lunch will be provided to the first 250 attendees!

Make Every Day Earth Day
"Nadodas Ves Tas eg Jeved-Kacim Tas"

For questions, contact Ross Stimac, Environmental Technician at (520) 568-1140 or rstimac@ak-chin.nsn.us

Sally Antone who was representing our Ak-Chin community showcased her art with traditional basket weaving. Lastly, John Reno also from the Tohono O'odham Nation, provided his artwork in the form of wire baskets. Delicious food was also being sold at the celebration. Among the food vendors were El Hefe Dog's selling yummy hot dogs of all kinds. Luis & Mercedes Garcia Memorial sold frybread with all the fixings and Alexis Estrada sold burritos. Our community elders were selling baked goods and there was this one woman selling cemaït (tortillas).

Arts and crafts vendors were set up outside of the museum, items sold included beaded necklaces and earrings, handbags with O'odham designs and even baby bassinets, hats, pillows and kitchen accessories.

Information booths set up included; HDS (Harrah's Casino) giving out sunglasses and snacks, Ultra-Star Multi-tainment Center played a similar game to "spin the wheel" while giving out coupons for free popcorn, laser tag and more.

Community departments were also set up; EPD was showing the people how to recycle and better our environment, Ak-Chin Preschool was giving out information on enrollment for the upcoming school year and Ak-Chin Library let children play with their awesome bubble guns and bubble machine.

To kick off the traditional entertainment portion of the celebration a Kualia group from our sister tribe Tohono O'odham Nation provided introductions and shared what part of the nation they were from as well as blessing everyone with a prayer before beginning their performance, which was a dance similar to a Maypole dance. The dancers each held different colored ribbons that were fastened to the top of a pole and as they begin to dance in a circle, the ribbons would intertwine and eventually become braided.

Afterwards the group thanked the Him-Dak staff and the



Jonni Flores, Iliana Perryman, Stella Miguel, and Tayana Rodriguez show off their sunglasses provided by Harrah's HDS at the celebration.

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!

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BOUWLING

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April 28, 2019

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

Any material submitted after the

APRIL 26TH DEADLINE

Cannot be guaranteed placement.

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



Congratulations to Ak-Chin's newest National Honors Society Inductees

Photos submitted by Y. Miranda

"Congratulations to Nicholas Anderson, Annalise Manuel and Alyssa Wind for getting inducted to the Honor Society. Great Job!!!"- Yolanda Miranda Ak-Chin Education Department



Nicholas Anderson, 10th Grade Chandler High School.



Annalise Manuel, 11th Grade Ray High School Kearney.



Alyssa Wind, 11th Grade Shawnee High School.

Education Department Celebrates 1st GED Graduate of 2019

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

On Thursday, March 28th, James Compton attempted and passed his final GED exam section, mathematics. James is the first Ak-Chin GED graduate of 2019 and the 48th GED graduate since 2013. James focused on one subject at a time, and with consistency, hard work, and diligence, he met his goal.

James seemed determined to complete his final two subjects in early 2019. James worked in class

as well as at home to prepare for language arts, passing that section in early March 2019. He then turned all his attention towards math.

James worked from home and in class, noting any algebra topics with which he needed further assistance. With instruction and review from GED Instructor, Desiree Guarino, James was able to quickly pick up the various math topics within only a few short weeks.

On March 28th, James traveled to Rio Salado College with his Instructor, and passed his final section, math, earning his GED.

Like James, everyone's GED journey is unique. Whether it takes a few weeks, months, or years, with hard work and determination, each student will eventually have their day, as long as they never give up.

Where will your GED journey take you? Come on into the Education



James Compton, displaying his diploma.

Department to find out! For more information, stop by the GED office Monday through Friday, and get started on your GED journey!

Current GED Class Days/Times:
Mon-Fri: 10A-12P
M, T, TH, F: 2P-5P
Wed: 4:30P-6:30P
GED Office: 520-568-1284



James, checking into the test site, on the day he earned his GED.

Him-Dak Art Building hosts Easter Craft Nights



Below: Aurora Peters and L: Mateo Rodriguez show their cute and colorful eggs made during the Easter craft night.



L: Brittany Justin's adorable ceramic bunny she even glued little colored eggs, flowers and a carrot on top of pedestal.



Ceramic Bunnies and Easter Egg Ornaments were the main focus at the Easter craft art session on April 16th. Art Building staff set up a tables worth of supplies for the morning and afternoon sessions.

Grabbing all the tools, paints and picking what they wanted, members happily painted the little Easter crafts.

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

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2019 San Juan Church Feast

Saturday, June 22, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission
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Ak-Chin Indian Community

APRIL 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon

Fr. Benedict Mary Lieb

April 21 – Easter Sunday

Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

April 28 – Fr. Chris Fraser

Holy Week

April 19 – Good Friday

7pm – Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

April 20 – Holy Saturday

8pm – Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt

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

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

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 2019

FOOD • DRINKS • GAMES & MORE!

MILTON ANTONE PARK

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

AGE DIVISIONS:

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

SPECIAL GUEST

DON'T FORGET YOUR EASTER BASKET

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Egg Decorating

April 19, 2019

12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Lunch will be provided!

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Children under age 8 Must be Accompanied by an Adult.

Old clothes and shoes recommended

For more information please email: recreation@ak-chin.usn.us or call 520-568-1740.

Native American Settlement Fund



Penny Harris, Ak-Chin H&HS Adult Case Mgr. and Chrissy Hawn with ADVS meet with veterans at Ak-Chin Service center. Chrissy will be back in Ak-Chin on May 24, at Ak-Chin Elder Center, 1230p-130p.

On April 9, Ak-Chin Him Dak received a visitor from their longtime friend of the Great White North, Mr. Rene Rivard, FCMA, senior museologist, consultant, museum planner and heritage programmer, along with his wife Marielle and their friends Daniel and Michel.

Rene works as an expert -consultant for museums, for the interpretation and enhancement of heritage sites and in cultural development. He has 40 years of experience in the fields of museums and heritage related sites.

He and his guests made the visit to Ak-Chin from Montreal, Quebec Canada, to see how the museum was doing and visit the Community. Once word was received of his visit, a notice was sent to the original museum crew members. Teresa Valisto, Jonny Lopez, Charlie Carlyle, Wendy Wagner and Elaine Peters; all part of the original staff members; were in attendance

to meet and visit with Rene. During Rene's visit, museum staff provided a tour through the current exhibits, walking them through all the changes the museum has been through since its initial opening to its most recent additions. Afterwards, everyone was invited to Southern Dunes for lunch and more time to chat with Rene before his departure.

Back in the mid 80's the then Ak-Chin Council was wanting to build a museum in the community to showcase the community's history and provide a glimpse into what life is currently like for the Ak-Chin tribe today. Through the community's attorney in Washington D.C., the late Forrest Gerrard, he assisted in the new planning developments by contacting Nancy Fuller who had worked with the Smithsonian Institution.

While working with Ak-Chin, Ms. Fuller presented the eco-museum concept to

On Friday April 5, Ak-Chin Health and Human Services set a meeting with Chrissy Hawn, Division Training and Information Manager with the Arizona Department of Veterans Services at 10am-12pm to assist any eligible community members to apply for the Native American Income Tax Settlement Fund.

On November 22, 2000, the United States Justice Department issued a memo declaring that the taxation and

withholding of state income taxes from active duty military pay of Native Americans domiciled on their reservation was impermissible.

The Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund (NASF) was established on July 1, 2016 to refund Arizona income tax erroneously withheld from Native Americans who served in the military while claiming tribal land as their domicile.

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the Council. The project was well received and she began working with Council to develop a plan and schedule various tours, which included a visit to Quebec, Canada to learn more about eco-museums.

During their visit to Canada, they met Rene, who introduced the group to eco-museums and helped them understand the concepts. He worked alongside Nancy to provide tours and presentations from various museums in Quebec.

Mr. Rivard was brought in as consultant for the

Him-Dak Eco Museum project to provide trainings and influences during the project, giving more than enough support to the staff throughout the course of the museum planning phase.

Rene has been involved with Ak-Chin since the Canada visit and has frequently presented on our Eco-Museum project, as well as visiting Ak-Chin, this being his third visit to the community. His last visit was back in 2015, to participate in the 25th anniversary celebration and also the grand opening of the then new art building.

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FRIDAY
APRIL 26th

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AND THE PINAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
PRESENTS
APRIL 20th, 2019

VS

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DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
BOUT STARTS AT 7PM

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KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE

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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

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



EDUCATION

APRIL 19TH

Spring Holiday/Good Friday
No School

APRIL 22ND

Spring Holiday Leading Edge Academy
AzMerit testing MHS

APRIL 22ND-23RD

AzMerit Math II DWMS
AzMerit testing Match MES
AzMerit Make Ups Reading MWMS

APRIL 25TH

Ak-Chin Community Gathering Him-Dak Museum

APRIL 26TH

Progress Reports go out SBE

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



REQUEST FOR JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATIONS FROM THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ('Owner') is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the preparation and submittal to the Los Angeles District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers ('District') of the necessary documentation for the District to make Jurisdictional Determinations and guidance for maintenance agreements for the Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Smith, and Vekol Washes located within the Community.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scope of the project Proposal shall include all necessary data gathering, mapping, aerial photography, field work, meetings/coordination with the Owner and District, submittal preparation, and submittal to the District for a Request for Corps Jurisdictional Determination for the referenced waterways. The Proposal shall also include any subsequent modifications to the initial submittal and additional submittals as requested by the District until

such time that the Owner receives an Approved Jurisdictional Determination for each of the subject waterways from the District. The next level is submit applications for maintenance allowances to remove overgrown vegetation and repair erosion.

Geographic delineation of the aquatic resources within the waterways shall be in accordance with established regulatory standards, guidance and protocol, including the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, the most current regional supplements to the 1987 manual, and other applicable standards and manuals. Submittals of the delineations are to be based on the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Aquatic Resources Delineation Reports" prepared by the District and dated March 2017 (or as subsequently amended).

Firms submitting proposals shall provide a Statement of Qualifications showing evidence of experience in

delineating jurisdictional aquatic resources under the United States Clean Water Act or Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899. Individual resumes of key personnel that would be performing the work along with their relevant experience shall also be submitted with the proposals.

Separate proposals shall be submitted for the preparation and submittal to the District for a Request for a Jurisdictional Determination and Maintenance Agreements for each of the four waterways in the event the Owner elects to submit a Jurisdictional Determination or Maintenance Agreement request for each of the waterways individually. An additional proposal shall be submitted for the preparation and submittal for a Request for a Jurisdictional Determination and Maintenance Agreement to the District for all four waterways in a single submittal. Therefore, a total of five separate proposals are to be submitted to the Owner. With each proposal, a schedule of the of fees

to be charged by the firm and the estimated reimbursable expenses for the work shall be provided, including a schedule of hourly rates for any additional work the Owner requests outside of the agreed upon scope for the project. In addition, a preliminary timeline shall be submitted showing the estimated schedule for the preparation of the submittal for each Jurisdictional Determination and Maintenance Agreement, the anticipated review period by the District, and any subsequent revisions, resubmittals, and review periods.

II. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (MST) on Friday, May 3, 2019 at Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Building Conference Room located at 46200 West Ralph Street, Maricopa, Arizona 85139. Consultants are encouraged to attend. Full RFP CD will be available to each firm in attendance.

III. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Full RFP CD is available at the Ak-Chin Purchasing Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa Arizona 85138. No RFP will be available by email, fax or mailing. A signature is required when picking up a RFP CD.

The response should include a statement regarding the firm's approach to the preparation and submittal to the Los Angeles District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers ('District') of the necessary documentation for the District to make Jurisdictional Determinations and guidance for maintenance agreements. Provide details of the firm's experience and identify the proposed project staff and their experience. Staff identified in the proposal must continue to work on the project for the duration of the project. Any changes in personnel are subject to approval from the Community's Project Team.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Ak-Chin Indian Community Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update



The Ak-Chin Indian Community is seeking professional planning services to update the Ak-Chin Circle Commercial Master Plan. The Project Area totals approximately 290 acres and is located west of the State Route 347 and Farrell Road intersection. The Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update will include a location analysis for convenience store truck stop, hotel, business district, shopping district, and the graphic representation of the optimal conceptual Development Master Plan.

and studies, incorporate recent development activity, develop alternative development options and generate an optimal Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update for presentation to the Community Council.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The selected consultant team will be expected to complete the following minimum Scope of Work:

- Public Involvement Plan:** The consultant team will present proposal on their approach to the following:
 - The consultant team will evaluate the 2012 Ak-Chin Entertainment & Mixed Use Center Sticky Branding.
 - The consultant team will work with a core group in reevaluating and identify modification of the current Master Plan.
- Project Coordination:** The consultant team will need to coordinate the conceptual Fairgrounds and Arena Design Project prepared by architect/engineer with the overall Development Master Plan.
- Preliminary Site Analysis:** The consultant team will analyze existing conditions, planned and proposed economic development projects of the following: Pinal County, City of Casa Grande and the City of Maricopa plans.
- Demographics Report** – The consultant team research and gather demographics of the regional area to illustrate population characteristics

such as age, income, education attainment; housing; and marital status to obtain a sense of working behaviors and future growth

- Economic and Workforce Development Report** – The consultant will gather regional workforce data; determine potential business attraction and expansion sites to Ak-Chin Circle.
- Conceptual Land Use Plan** - Circulation Plan: The consultant team will prepare at least two (2) distinct conceptual land use – circulation plans in narrative and graphic form that depict proposed land use, lot layout, land coverage ratios, building orientations and land use relationships designed to maximize the efficient utilization and synergy of the Project Area, including the provision of land conservation areas needed for drainage retention basins and/or open space to add aesthetic and economic value to the Project Area.
- Following selection of the preferred alternative,** the consultant team will prepare the final Public Use and Commercial Area Development Master Plan Update to include the items listed in D. above, as well as a master drainage plan and a recommended phasing plan for street and utility extensions.

III. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (MST) on Thursday May 2, 2019 at Ak-Chin Circle Central Plant Conference Room located at 15960 West Narica Road, Maricopa Arizona 85139. Consultants are encouraged to attend. RFP CD will be available to each firm in attendance.

IV. REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Community is seeking a proposal and a formal statement of qualifications from professional planning services firms interested in being considered and evaluated for the project. RFP CD is available on April 18, 2019 at the Ak-Chin Purchasing Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa Arizona 85138. No RFP will be available by email, fax or mailing. A signature is required when picking up a RFP CD.

The response should include a statement regarding the firm's approach to update the Ak-Chin Circle Commercial Master Plan. Provide details of the firm's experience and identify the proposed project staff and their experience in Commercial Master Planning. Staff identified in the proposal must continue to work on the project for the duration of the project. Any changes in personnel are subject to approval from the Community's Project Team.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
ONE (1) VACANCY 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 one (1) vacancy on the Ak-Chin Energy Services, must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Administration Office.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AK-CHIN ENERGY SERVICES:

- Regulates and oversees all areas of power and electric utility sources and services of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- To acquire, maintain and expand electric utility services within the community.
- 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:

- Must have the ability and willingness to learn and understand the Electric Power Industry.
- Experience working in a business environment and the ability to learn and understand business practices is preferred, but not required.
- Must have sufficient education and/or experience to make sound judgments.
- Must be able to attend board meetings and functions at various scheduled times and at least on a quarterly basis.
- All community members who apply must provide written authorization from their immediate Supervisors allowing them to serve on the board.
- 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, May 3, 2019 at 5:00pm

Hearing Notice

Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6 p.m. on Tuesday April 23, 2019, at the Library Multi-Purpose Room.

CASE: SD-07-18: Cultural and Language Modular Project - Parking Lot Light Poles:
Community Project Manager, Max Heeres, is providing the Commission with a change/modification in the Cultural and Language Modular plans. Specifically, the change is to add two light poles to the parking lot for security purposes.

CASE: ZA-01-19: Elder Center Lot:
Project Applicant/Elder Programs Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, is requesting approval to rezone .05 acres of Preserved Sensitive land to Public Use. The purpose of the rezoning request is to refine the boundary of the Elder Center lot. The zoning will remain public use with one minor change. The Zoning Amendment will extend the north and west boundaries of lot 70 to back of curb, which the current lot falls short of. This cleanup is needed in order to proceed with the expansion of the Elders' Facility.

CASE: PS-02-19: Surface Water Treatment Plant Well Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Interim/Temporary Infrastructure:
Project Applicant/Environmental Protection Department Director, Brenda Ball, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval for the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) Well Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Interim Infrastructure.

The project consists of:

- Developing a secondary backup water supply source to serve the SWTP

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 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:

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

Children's backpacks will be provided!!!

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

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.

Eddie Money and Starship Featuring Mickey Thomas Bring Hits to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Memorial Day weekend



Starship featuring Mickey Thomas (left) and Eddie Money (right) will perform for one show Sunday, May 26 at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.



Tickets: Starting at \$44.50
Ages: All

Upcoming shows at The Events Center at Harraah's Ak-Chin include: **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.

JUST ADDED!!! Creedence Clearwater Revisited – Saturday, June 15, 2019. Show starts at 8:00 pm.

The Mavericks and Los Lobos – Friday, July 5, 2019. Show starts at 8:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com or Harrah's Box office.

(Maricopa, Ariz – April 15, 2019) – Eddie Money and Starship, featuring Mickey Thomas, will be bringing their iconic sounds to the Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino for one can't-miss event on Sunday, May 26, 2019. The Events Center, which opened in early 2019, seats 2,000 people and is part of the Casino's multi-million dollar renovation.

Eddie Money has been dominating the music scene for four decades, with hits such as "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise" connecting with fans of all ages. His talents have earned him spots on multiple lists, including the Billboard Top 100

for "Take Me Home Tonight", the Top 40 for "Walk on Water" and Top 10 for "I'll Get By" in addition to winning him multiple platinum awards. Money's award-winning combination of rock and pop is made possible by his ability to play multiple instruments, including the saxophone, harmonica, keyboard and guitar.

Starship, featuring Mickey Thomas, has been entertaining fans for more than two decades with their electrifying sound. The rockers are best known for various number one hits, including "We Built This City" and "Sara." Although the band has

switched out multiple members over the years, they have maintained their iconic sound, which has won them spots on the Billboard Hot 100 in addition to platinum awards. With Mickey Thomas, the band has continued to release singles in recent years, including "Get Out Again" and "My Woman."

Eddie Money & Starship Feat. Mickey Thomas – Live in Concert

Date: Sunday, May 26, 2019

Doors: 5 PM

Show Time: 6 PM

Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Gathering continued from page 2

used for religious purposes. It "took a long time to come back," he said. He also described a similar situation with the Maori tribe.

It also got the group to think about how the language can be preserved and maintained and why they should care. He had the group think about, what is our situation? What are our goals? What do we need to do this? What will get in the way? What is our plan?

To the fluent speakers at the gathering, he encouraged them to "speak O'odham

whenever you can." To those that are learning, he said, "ask questions."

Everyone at the gathering not only left with a door prize, they left motivated to take steps to keep the language going. It will take not only those who attended the gathering to work toward that goal, but the entire Ak-Chin Community.

The next Community Gathering is Thursday, April 25, 2019 when John Reno will share O'odham Wire basketry and jewelry at the Him-Dak Art building beginning at 6pm.

2019

CONCERT LISTINGS

AK-CHIN PAVILION

2019 Concert Schedule

May 2 – Slayer
May 31 – Brad Paisley w/ Special Guests 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 w/ 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 w/ The Interrupters, Dreamers, and Bikini Trill
August 16 – Chris Young & Chris Janson
August 28 – Heart with Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, with 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 Canaan Smith

In partnership with ASU Gammage the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community presents

NATIVE NATIONS

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 | Two Waters Courtyard
Salt River Indian Community
3:00 – 10:00PM**

Native Nations is a play written by Larissa Fasthorse (Lakota) and directed by Michael John Garcés. This is an Indigenous theatrical experience for the whole family with a majority of the cast from Arizona tribes portraying stories developed through a series of visits by the play writer. Over 40 actors/chorus participants including four SRPMC members: Maria Chavez, Teya Johnson-Tiger, Bryce McGerrit and Kennise McGerrit.

About the Artwork:
The original artwork "Abundance" by Paul Molina-Akimel O'odham, Pee-posh, Quechan, Paumotu, and Hixianic from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).

-PROGRAM-

3:00-10:00pm

- Native Arts Market
 - Handmade crafts, silver jewelry, beadwork, traditional dresses, horsehair baskets, gourds, and more
- Artist Demonstrators
 - Ron Carlos-Pilpaash Pottery
 - Alice Manuel-O'odham Basket Weaving
 - Raeann Brown-O'odham Basket Weaving
 - Gabriel Martinez-Leather Crafting

3:00-8:00pm

- Informational Tables in the Round House

3:00-4:00pm

- Dance Group Performances
 - Bird Singing & Dancing by the River
 - Ak-Chin Keina Ba'ban Dancers
 - Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam

4:00-5:30pm **NATIVE NATIONS – Set 1**

5:30-7:30pm

- Feast for 500 – Round House Café
 - Beef Tips, Pork Shoulder, Chicken, Squash, Beans, Macaroni Salad. *Menu subject to change
- Gerty & the TO Boyz

Program Cont.

7:00-8:00pm

- SRPMC Traditional Dancers
- Apache Crown Dancers
- Salt River Senior Steppers

8:00-9:15pm **NATIVE NATIONS – Set 2**

9:20pm Closing Comments

9:45pm **O'odham Social Dance –closing**

10:00pm End

For information, contact Community Relations
P: 480.362.7740
E: Events@srpmc-nsn.gov
FB: facebook.com/srpmc

Raffle!

Ak-Chin Police Department 2019 Special Olympic Raffles

3 Different raffles many prizes to win!

\$50/50 RAFFLE

\$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		
For information Contact:		
Michelle Granados email: mgranados@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: 520-568-1215		
Gregory Perry email: gperry@ak-chin.nsn.us Phone: 520-568-1206		
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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 & 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	7:50 AM	Farrell at Church	5:27 PM	
Barley at Pecan EB	7:51 AM	Farrell at Carlyle WB	5:28 PM	
Farm at Peters & Nall WB	7:52 AM	Farrell at Elderly WB	5:29 PM	

Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 8:15am to 4:45pm.*
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7th Annual Special Olympics BOWLING Tournament

April 28, 2019

For Information Contact:
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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

ULTRA STAR MULTI-TAINMENT CENTER

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

How Abusive Partners Use Sexual Assault as a Form of Control

By Mallory Black, Diné, Communications Manager of the StrongHearts Native Helpline

Sexual violence can be difficult to talk about. Some people feel uncomfortable when the subject comes up, which – intentionally or not – sends a message to survivors of sexual abuse and sexual assault that they won’t be believed if they come forward.

Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity or contact that you do not consent to. In an abusive relationship, some partners might sexually assault their partner or force them into unwanted sexual activity as a means of control. This type of violence can be one of the most traumatic forms of relationship abuse.

Across the nation, more than half of Native American women (56 percent) and about one-third of Native men (28 percent) have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, according to a recent report. The report also found that Native women – our mothers, grandmothers, daughters and sisters – face nearly two times the risk of sexual violence when compared to non-Hispanic white women.

Sexual abuse in a relationship

There is a strong connection between colonialism and sexual violence. As Native people, we know any form of violence such as sexual assault and sexual abuse is unnatural and goes against our traditional ways. Sexual violence was introduced into our communities through colonization, as Native women were often violently targeted, humiliated, degraded and terrorized as a way to undermine the very foundation of Native communities.

As a form of domestic violence, sexual abuse is used to assert power and control in the relationship. The behaviors can range from:

- Calling you degrading sexual names
- Fondling, grabbing or pinching the sexual parts of your body

- Constantly pressuring you to have sex when you don’t want to have sex
- Becoming angry or violent when refused sex
- Demanding or normalizing demands for sex by saying things like, “I need it, I’m a man”
- Drugging or restricting you to where you are unable to consent to sexual activity
- Forcing you to have sex or engage in unwanted sexual activity (ex. rape, anal rape, forced masturbation or forced oral sex)
- Using weapons or other objects to hurt the sexual parts of your body
- Records or photographs you in a sexual way without your consent
- Intentionally tries to pass on a sexually transmitted disease to you
- Threatening to hurt you or your children if you do not have sex
- Demanding you to dress in a sexual way
- Forcing you to watch pornography

Lasting effects of sexual violence

Sexual assault can affect your spirit in many ways, including feelings of depression, fear or anxiety, difficulty sleeping, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Some survivors may experience flashbacks of the attack or may disassociate from what happened entirely to cope with the trauma. When there is ongoing sexual abuse in a relationship, trauma and other negative impacts can worsen.

Some survivors may become very sensitive to touch or struggle with intimacy in their relationships. It’s

important to recognize not all survivors will react the same way and often report a range of feelings about the experience.

After a sexual attack, you may feel alone, ashamed or believe you did something to provoke the attack or that you somehow ‘deserved it.’ You may also feel that your community is not a safe place anymore. However, **you are never to blame for rape, sexual assault or any form of abuse that happens to you.**

Finding hope and healing

Recovering from sexual assault or sexual abuse is a process and one in which you decide every step of the way. There is no timeline for healing; it is entirely up to you.

It is important to know that in the aftermath of sexual assault or abuse, you

do not have to face your healing journey alone. When you are ready, there are people available to help you if you have been sexually assaulted or are being sexually abused by a current or former intimate partner.

Advocates at StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-762-8483, available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT) can offer emotional support and a connection to culturally-appropriate resources and legal options where available. It is always anonymous and confidential when you call. You can also [find sexual assault service providers here](#).

While your healing journey may be painful, remember you were born with the inherent strength and courage of your ancestors to survive. We believe you. We are here for you every step of the way.



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Harrah's 5k Poker Run a morning of fun, fast paces



TOP LEFT: Runners leave the starting line. TOP RIGHT: The first runner in heads to finish line.



Ak-Chin Youth Council Vice-president Doria Garcia and Coordinator Antonio Davis sing before the Poker Run start.

Participants in the Harrah's 5K Poker Run head south on Saturday, April 13.



Runners as they head toward the finish line. The run route was south of Harrah's around the Ak-Chin fields.

—Basketball Courts continued from Front



L to R: The community gathers to witness the ceremony and listen to all presenters during at the re-opening of the northern basketball courts.

Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Jeffrey Manuel shares a few words about the revamped portion of the park.

Chairman Robert Miguel, along with Recreation Program Assistants Wesley Gonzalez and Julia Dickerson, test out the new courts.



Men's BASKETBALL League

Starting July 16th, 2019
Tuesday Nights
League Tournament:
Saturday, August 24, 2019
Entry Fee: \$125.00
Deadline: July 2nd @ 5:00 pm

If you have any questions please contact the Recreation Department at 520-568-1740 or email us at recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation ROAD TO N.A.B.I. GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

June 7-9, 2019

FEES & REQUIREMENTS
Fee: \$125 (No Personal Checks); Deadline: May 23, 2019 by 5 p.m.
Players Must Be Native American with proof of C.I.B. (Certification of Indian Blood) or Tribal Membership to include: Proof of age and copy of photo ID
Players must be enrolled and/or graduated high school. Graduating seniors are eligible. Graduating seniors' means: Only seniors who graduated in the 2018-2019 school year, are eligible to compete. Graduating 8th graders are not eligible.
Teams must consist of minimum 8 players/Maximum 10 players; 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach (optional)
Teams DO NOT have to be a registered team of NABI to compete, only to qualify for the "Road to NABI" Championship prize of NABI National Tournament team fees waived (\$800), teams must pre-register in the NABI National Tournament. Winning teams of "Road to NABI" tournaments will have their NABI National Tournament team registration fees reimbursed.
Winning Teams are responsible for all travel to the NABI National Tournament and must abide by all NABI National Tournament requirements, rules & deadlines.
Team Awards: 1st-3rd Place Team T-Shirts
Individual Awards: MVP & All-Tourneys
Register your team at: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
For more information please email: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or call the Recreation at 520-568-1740.

Ak-Chin take Championship in 12-15 Boys Basketball League Tournament

Photos submitted Ak-Chin Recreation



1st Place: Ak-Chin



2nd Place: San Lucy



3rd Place: Casa Blanca

April 7, was a busy Sunday morning for student athletes, as eight teams dashed to Ak-Chin Recreation gymnasium for the 12-15 Boys Basketball League Tournament. Teams Casa Blanca, Rez Boys, San Lucy, Team Wumbo, Gila River, Copa Force and Ak-Chin; with two teams in the tournament; played from 8 am to 1 pm, enroute to the league championship.

the 3rd place spot with Casa Blanca taking the win. In the championship round, Team Ak-Chin found themselves playing against San Lucy. After three-shots, numerous lay-ups and dishing assists, Team Ak-Chin dribbled away with the championship, earning ultimate respect and support from all league teams and family members in attendance. All players-teams who placed received shirts for their respective placements.

When it came down to who would take the top three in the bracket, Casa Blanca and Copa Force played it out in a separate bracket to gain

Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation ROAD TO N.A.B.I. BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

June 7-9, 2019

FEES & REQUIREMENTS
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WLD continued from front

along with Saturday's qualifiers which included Andrew Eigner, Press Labrie and James Tait were all rewarded with an exemption into the Volvik World Long Drive Championship in September at Thackerville, OK.

Saturday showcased the Smash in the Sun Masters Division, where Kevin "Iceman" Blenkhorn, blasted it for 393 yards, outscoring the reigning 2018 World Long Drive champion Eddie Fernandes' 363-yard drive. Kevin earned the title and \$7,000.

Sunday through Monday, 54 men and 14 women worked their drivers through the preliminary rounds to make the quarterfinals list, and by Tuesday afternoon, the list had gone from 16 men and 14 women to 8 men and 4 women and then down to 2 apiece for the finals.

Phyllis Meti, three-time Volvik World Long Driver champion and World No. 1 competitor won back to back Smash in the Sun titles, as well as her share of the \$25,000 purse, surpassing a 337-yard drive from runner-up Alexis Belton.

Meti smashed a 413-yard drive, besting her previous record of 406 yards in the Colorado Mile High Showdown. Meti's new record is the longest drive ever recorded in the Women's Division at a World Long Drive competition.

Tim Burke, a two-time Volvik

World Long Drive champion won the 2019 Open Division Ak-Chin Smash in the Sun with an impressive 474-yard drive that skipped along the left grid line, right on the edge with his eighth and final shot. The longest shot of the tournament and new record for Burke was more than enough to put Kyle Berkshire out of the title.

At the end of the championship round, comments were shared by both winners. Phyllis was honored and amazed at the thought of driving not one but two balls over 400 yards. She also shared how all the players support one another on the tour. "We always respect each other and we always want the best for each other... we're always going to support each other, that's what I love about the family of Long Drive."

Before closing Phyllis also spoke highly of the support from Ak-Chin, "Having an event here with the Ak-Chin Community is a huge honor... to have an Indian community come in and support our event, support us as long drivers and host an event just like this on a piece of grass that's not even a golf course or anything... it's amazing."

Burke also thanked Ak-Chin for the hospitality, "thank you for everything that you guys did for all of us hitters, it was a great time." He also shared his thoughts about the tour. "The golf center is putting together the tour with so

many new events, I think every month. It is a true tour now."

Burke knows that he will need to stay hot in order to keep winning his way to the Volvik WLD Championship. "It's great to start off hot, but anyone of these guys could win, so I just gotta keep moving."

Both winners and all WLD qualifiers were invited to attend a private event at Harrah's Oak and Fork from 5pm to 7pm. Select Ak-Chin members were also invited to mingle with the golfers and see a recorded version of the Ak-Chin Smash in the Sun WLD finals.

"We thank the World Long Drive for the opportunity to support this year's event, it was very successful and it was great to see a full house." Shared Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel via email after the event.

"The entire personnel from NBC were very professional and first class as far as producing a great event. Watching the recording following the event was exciting as we were able to see how much Ak-Chin was exposed to a television audience worldwide. I personally received phone calls from constituents and associates who are familiar with the community, they each expressed their excitement of seeing the community exposed in a positive way." Added Chairman Miguel.



Clockwise from top: Ak-Chin Council and Royalty take photo with 2019 Ak-Chin Smash in the Sun winners, Phyllis Meti and Tom Burke. Terilynne Kisto hangs out with WLD No. 1 Phyllis Meti on Sunday. Troy Mullins gladly signs items for her fans at the WLD Community event at Oak and Fork. A beautiful double-rainbow brightened up the Tuesday evening skies after the Smash in the Sun event. Volunteers working hard on Friday afternoon. Stella Miguel, Joseph Justin and Ralph Gomez enjoy the WLD Experience on Monday evening. Kevin Blenkhorn wins the Master's Division on Saturday (photo by Devin Lowe).

JDRF continued from front



JDRF Team Ak-Chin is ready to roll out and support the cause. Bottom left: Ak-Chin Health Education's booth is full of promotional goodies. Bottom right: Young Jaxson Justin carefully holds on to his loaf of bread and toys as he heads home to make a healthy sandwich.



Event Center continued from front

Thursday, April 4, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and the Ak-Chin Indian Community enjoyed a celebration to kick off Harrah's 25th anniversary and the completion of the multi-million-dollar casino expansion project.

The evening began with a 5p registration at the Oak and Fork restaurant, where invited guests were treated to an assortment of appetizers and drinks. Shortly after 6p, a ribbon cutting ceremony with Harrah's and Ak-Chin officials was staged just inside The Event Center doors, followed by tours of the new multi-purpose event center.

The 2,000 plus seating capacity at The Event Center featured two sold-out Dave Chappelle performances on April 5-6, as well as an A-List performance schedule with upcoming shows such as Dwight Yoakam, and Los Lonely Boys, as part of the Grand Opening Celebration.

To begin the celebration reception, Robert Livingston, general manager of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino shared his joy at the completion, "It's been a long journey, three and a half years buddy, and we have much to celebrate this evening."

Livingston continued as he thanked everyone for coming, recognizing all dignitaries present. Afterwards a short video was shared depicting the early history of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, including its opening, improvements and most recent renovation.

Livingston then invited Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel up to say a few words. He began "It's safe to say that we are today, through both our efforts, the number one entertainment facility in Pinal county."

Chairman also expressed his gratitude to former leadership, specifically the leaders from 25 years ago "it was those leaders 25

years ago and membership, we can't forget them, that gave us the drive, gave us the vision, gave us the direction to move and how we've moved to prosper."

He then recognized former tribal leaders Terry Enos and Louis Manuel, "thank you guys for continuing that trend in moving that foundation forward in what we have become today."

Chairman Miguel also recognized all the efforts from Harrah's to ensure the casino's success and thanked all parties involved that moved us in this direction, "years from now, we as a community envision ourselves we will be the number one facility in Arizona."

Livingston also invited representatives from the architectural and construction teams assigned to the renovation project to share a few words.

Nick Schoenfeldt, vice-president for Thalden-Boyd-Emerly Architects, first acknowledged their Native American owned business and how "we actually are committed to the Native American Country and to the tribes that we serve."

He then thanked his team and all those they worked with, including the Art and Design Committee for all their ideas and creativity.

Rob Kobierowski spoke on behalf of Sundt-Yates construction team. After providing some stats on the construction materials utilized for the project he too offered words of thanks to the different groups that helped ensure the twenty-two turnovers went smoothly, "it's really really more difficult to keep all 1100 slot machines working just about the entire time, that was the hardest part of this job."

Rob concluded by giving thanks to Ak-Chin Council "for giving us this opportunity to build this great fantastic building."



Kim Vincent shows off her new keepsake from the Harrah's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

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APRIL

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7 Nicole Coester	8 Jeffrey Ruelas Cayla Thomas	9 Leandro Antone Garin Cuatt Nathus 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
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APRIL EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS



4/19
William Antone, Him Dak
Museum

Karen Gardner, Library
Lerline Peters, Cultural

4/21
Glenn Boothe,
Fire & Safety
Lourdes Smith,
Law & Order

4/28
Jesus Balderrama,
Sanitation
Deborha Salmons, Finance

4/26
Lorenzo Batopis, Courts
Alyssa Bullis,
Early Childhood

4/30
Michelle Granados,
Law & Order
Amanda Roninger, Events

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April 25, 2019

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are always thought of on your birthday by
me. I wish you all the best, and I hope and
pray that you enjoy your special day.
Always know that I love and miss you
always. You take care and behave out there
for your mom, ok. I love you always!
Happy 12th Birthday to my Lil Jay Cee!
Love always your daddy,
Johnny Cat

Happy Birthday to our Grandson,
Steven Sam,
Wishing you the best.
Your Grandpa and Grandma

Happy Birthday to my daughters
Karen and Marlene
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my
great-granddaughter Angelita
and my great-grandson Antonio
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Marilyn & Jacqueline
Hope you both had a wonderful day.
Love you Debbie B.

Happy Easter to all my family
Hope you all have a very nice
Easter and have fun.
Rose

Happy Birthday
to my daughter Antonia Baptisto,
You are God's gift to me and your Dad.
Love you, your Mom Debbie B.

Happy Easter to my son Allan Narcia
Hope everything is okay.
Wishing you were here.
Love Mom

Here's wishing a
Happy Birthday to Jesus Balderrama
Hope you'll have fun on your Birthday.
Enjoy.

Happy Easter to our two favorite Easter
Grammies - Grandma and YooYoo
Love, Cecil, Raychel and the kids

From Grandma Alverna F.

Easter Blessings to all our
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Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin

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- Always wearing a seat belt even when the car or truck has air bags.
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- Never using a seat belt to buckle more than one person at a time.

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- Cultural Resources Specialist - Open to enrolled community members and Current Community Employees. Open until filled.
- Art Technician - Open to Enrolled Community Members and Current Community Employees. Open until filled.
- Police Lieutenant
- Community Planner
- Assistant Diesel Mechanic
- Community Planner
- Irrigation Technician
- Police Officer - Certified
- Security Guard (4)

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EMPLOYEE UPDATE



Carmelo Gonzales
Driver
Elder Program



Francisco Viezcas
Diesel Mechanic
Sanitation



Juanita Balderrama
Driver
Elder Program



Sabrina Peters
Driver
Elder Program



Sandiin Mitchell
Librarian
Library



Hector Soliz
Laborer
Public Works
Sanitation

Event Center continued from page 10

Before the grand finale, general manager Livingston provided some formal comments, “This celebration is a culmination of three and a half years of efforts, working closely with the Ak-Chin Community Council” shared Livingston as he listed off numerous community departments, “with all these folks working together we were able to bring the vision of the hotel and casino to life.”

The vision for the renovation and expansion, started back in 2015, when the Community Council decided to fund an architectural study and master plan for the project. “The ultimate goal was to create an experience that would provide our guests and visitors with high quality hospitality, amenities and entertainment that would elevate the property to a full-service resort casino, before we had a hotel, but we were pretty much a place for our casino guests... we’ve evolved this property to something much, much more.”

“Harrah’s is proud to be the management partner for Ak-Chin Indian Community for the past 25 years... our executive team and more than 900 members are proud to be a part of the Ak-Chin Indian

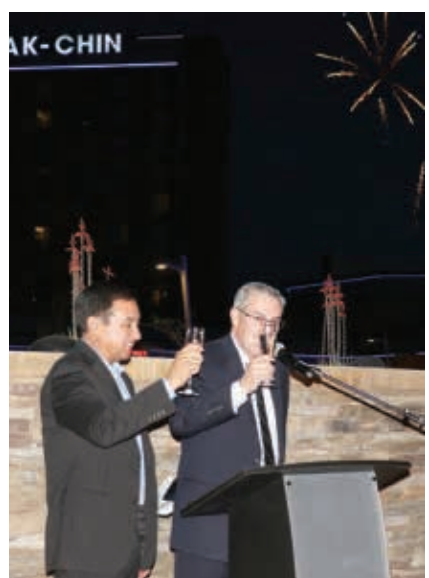
community.” Said Livingston.

Afterwards, Livingston asked Chairman Miguel to come up with his glass of champagne, and then he asked everyone to raise their glasses in a toast.

Tribal Gaming Agency executive director, Charles McCarty was also in attendance for the event. When asked about TGA’s role he shared, “I commend the entire staff at TGA; Capital Projects; Fire and Police Departments who without the dedication of the line and staff employees of these agencies the renovation would not have occurred within the specified timelines. The selfless service displayed by employees of these respective departments reflects highly on their dedication to the community and desire to be professionals.”

The Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and Resort expansion includes a new lobby, a 12-story, 229-guestroom tower, spa, expanded gaming space, new restaurants, a multi-purpose event center, parking garage, a new Bingo hall and a new renamed Laurel Lounge for Caesars Rewards members.

In addition, enhancements are being made to pool-side rooms that overlook a newly renovated pool area with swim-up bar.



Above: Chairman Miguel and GM Livingston toast the casino expansion completion.

Top right: Councilmember Octavio Machado, Community Treasurer Brandon Peters and Director of Marketing and Operations Michael Kintner, tour The Event Center.

Bottom right: Councilmember Lisa Garcia and Slot Compliance Administrator Leslie Lewis-Manuel are relaxing in one of the new poolside cabanas.



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Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 6:00, 10:15	Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:00 PM
Avengers: Endgame 3D (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; 3D Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Thu: 7:30 PM	Avengers: Endgame 3D (PG-13) Special Engagement; Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies; Special Engagement; D-BOX Upcharge Applies; No Passes Allowed Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00 Sun - Wed: 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Thu : 11:00 AM, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
Breakthrough (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Wed: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25	Breakthrough (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25 Sun - Wed: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 Thu: 10:25 AM, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
Penguins (G) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Wed: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20	Penguins (G) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun - Wed: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 Thu: 10:20 AM, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
After (PG-13) 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, 7:10, 10:10	After (PG-13) 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, 7:10, 10:10
Hellboy (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun - Wed: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35 Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35	Hellboy (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun - Wed: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35 Thu: 10:35 AM, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

Little (PG-13) 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, 7:40, 10:40	Missing Link (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun - Wed: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 Thu: 10:15 AM, 1:15, 4:15
Pet Sematary (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45	Pet Sematary (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Wed: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 Thu: 10:45 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
Shazam! (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:20 Sun - Wed: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45 Thu: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:20	Shazam! (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:20 Sun - Wed: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45 Thu: 12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:20
Dumbo (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Wed: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05 Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05	Dumbo (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun - Wed: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05 Thu: 10:05 AM, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
Us (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15 Sun - Wed: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:15	Us (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15 Sun - Wed: 11:15 AM, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 Thu: 11:15 AM, 2:15
Captain Marvel (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30	Captain Marvel (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies Fri & Sat: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun - Wed: 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 Thu: 10:30 AM, 1:30

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