

Ak-Chin Youth Council swears in new officers for 2019-2020

Story and photos by Runner Staff



2019-2020 Officers and Members took their Oath during the Ak-Chin Youth Council Inauguration on Aug 23, 2019.

The Ak-Chin Youth Council held an Inauguration on Friday August 23, 2019 at the Ak-Chin Service Center for incoming members and newly elected officers for the 2019-2020 year.

First to welcome everyone was 2019-2020 Ak-Chin Youth Council Vice-President, Kateri Lopez, with an opening prayer; followed by Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, who is also Kateri's dad, Councilwoman Lisa Garcia, and Councilwoman Delia Carlyle who gave the youth their Oath of Office.

2019-2020 Officers and Members who took their Oath that evening included; President—Doria Garcia, Vice President – Kateri Lopez, Secretary – Noahli Antone, Treasurer – Calvin Antone, High School Representative Jose Miguel Jr., Middle School Representative Jedidiah Smith and Myluani Antone; At-Large-Members; Dyami Jackson, Alison Miguel, Bradley Miguel, Drevyn Antone, Xendryk Antone, Zylon Antone, Haiden DePaola, and Eliza Santiago.

Newly elected President of Ak-Chin Youth Council,

Doria Garcia gave a warming speech, "It's a really exciting position to hold and I hope and pray that I represent you all very well and will continue with our traditions and our culture."

Ak-Chin Councilmember Lisa Garcia provided closing remarks to the youth and parents, and Ak-Chin Mumsigo band played wonderfully for the crowd.

Ak-Chin Youth Council sent out their appreciation and thanks:

Thank you to Council members Vice-Chair Gabriel

Lopez, Councilman Delia Carlyle and Councilman Lisa Garcia for your attendance and help in administrating the oath of office to the newly elected youth council members and sharing your words of encouragement; Sareya Taylor; President of the F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council for being a part of our program to recite your beautiful poem; Gila River Youth Council along with Antonio "Go:hk" Davis and Joe Davis for sharing traditional songs; and Delbert White for coordinating to have Ak-Chin Mumsigo as our entertainment for the night.

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Chairman Miguel meets House Speaker Pelosi



Chairman Robert Miguel and Speaker Nancy Pelosi at a reception at the home of the Speaker.

Story by Runner Staff, photos submitted

On, Friday August 16, 2019, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was one of select Tribal Leaders to attend the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Speakers Cabinet in Napa Valley, California.

Chairman Miguel, along with Gila River Indian Community Governor, Stephen Roe Lewis attended a reception at the home of Speaker Nancy and Paul Pelosi, Friday evening. While there they met Pelosi and listened to remarks from

Gavin Newsom, Governor of California.

Chairman Miguel was excited to meet Speaker Pelosi, sharing, "She realizes how important the Native vote is for the 2020 Presidential Election."

On Saturday, Chairman Miguel attended the DCCC Napa Valley Conference and Political Update, with welcome remarks given by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, followed by a morning of

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Tip-a-Cop delivers for Special Olympics

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo



Patrol Ofc. Solis greets patrons of Luxe Lounge with a smile during the Tip-a-Cop event at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center. Law enforcement were also at 347Grill.

On Thursday, August 15, Ak-Chin Indian Community Police and Security came together for a Tip-a-Cop event to benefit Special Olympics Arizona at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center. This was the inaugural event for the Ak-Chin Community in the state and nationwide program.

"Tip-a-Cop is when we get with a restaurant or establishment and ask them, 'Hey, can we come in and serve the guests, sit them down, wait on them, serve them drinks, clean their tables, and all we ask is if they're willing to donate to Special Olympics if they

can.' It's all up to them, we don't push them. Anything helps," said Ak-Chin Patrol Sgt. Garcia.

Officers took turns bartending, hosting and taking orders at the 347 Grill and the upstairs Luxe Lounge.

The Special Olympics of Arizona's mission is "to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy & participate in the sharing of gifts, skills & friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the Community."

Tip-a-Cop is a branch of other law enforcement activities benefiting Special Olympics causes around the world. One of the most popular programs is the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which the ACIC has participated in, and is represented in all 50 U.S. states, Canadian provinces and 46 nations around the world. Other fundraising platforms include Polar Plunges and Plane Pulls. Ak-Chin holds a Bowling Tournament as well.

The 10 volunteers who

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Strategies for drainage at Ak-Chin Airport

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

As the Community waits patiently for just enough rainfall to keep up with the averages, which according to the National Weather Service's Phoenix office is 7.92 inches per year in Maricopa, the land surrounding and including Ak-Chin Regional Airport has been analyzed by the Pinal County Flood Control District.

The county is paying the full cost of the study, which was put together in the "Russell Road Drainage Improvements Design Concept Report," and the analysis of the existing conditions is complete.

The airport occasionally becomes flooded by sheet flow, in which mud and debris gets on the runway and taxiways after heavy rain storms. The County contracted with Dibble Engineering to come up with a model of how large rain storms flow out of

the mountains and across the airport. Using LiDAR instruments, a pulsed laser, they were able to pick up a very detailed aerial survey of the airport and industrial park. A rain event in 2017 confirmed the engineers' model, according to Ak-Chin Airport manager Tim Costello.

"Currently, the major airport facilities, the runway and taxiway can be flooded by larger storm events. Any development would desire to have drainage in control so that buildings stay dry and damage is minimal from runoff. This study is the most detailed look at drainage in this part of the Community," he said.

According to the report, the runoff is from 12 square miles of vacant land to the east of the airport, including a portion of the Sacaton Mountains. The drainage

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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the September 12 - 19, 2019 issue is due by

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Any material submitted after the **AUGUST 30 DEADLINE**

Cannot be guaranteed placement.

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

August Community Meeting

Story and photos by Runner Staff

On Monday, August 26, membership and presenters made their way to Ak-Chin's Service Center for the monthly Community Meeting.

After opening remarks and a blessing, the floor was turned over to Community Operations Manager, Bart Smith who provided his Community update.

Next to present was Brenda Ball, Ak-Chin EPD Director and Bridgette Pena, Water Quality Specialist. Brenda provided information on the Community's Pesticide Control Ordinance Chapter 4, which was adopted October 2010. She provided its purpose and also discussed a draft that was to be reviewed by department stakeholders and Ak-Chin Farms, before seeking Council approval.

Bridgette shared her PowerPoint on Ak-Chin's Water Quality Protection Standards and Ordinance, also in draft form, it was set for review and comments. She created a map visual of Waters of the Ak-Chin Indian Community that included wetlands, ponds, and reservoirs and also discussed what revisions had been made since its original Ordinance in March 2004. Her last slide discussed the benefits of the Water Quality Ordinance.

Karen Fierro, Ak-Chin Self-Governance Director was on the agenda to provide an update on the Self-Governance program. She explained what Self-Governance is not a grant, it's an agreement with the U.S. to provide funding for Programs, Functions, Services and Activities (PSFAs), the funds do not expire, although they are in perpetuity or eternity.

Currently, Ak-Chin has two Compacts operating through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services. BIA/BIE funding is utilized for these community programs; courts, criminal investigations/police services, education, enrollment, Johnson O'Malley, road maintenance, social services, Indian Child Welfare Assistance, Welfare Assistance, and detention.

She also shared future compact possibilities with the U.S. Department of Transportation and discussed Self-Governance with IHS-Ak-Chin, where Ak-Chin is in a Compact with the U.S. and the Gila River Indian Community for services through Gila River Health Care Corporation. She also explained how Ak-Chin is now considered a Self-Governance Tribe under Indian Health Services

as of January 1, 2019, and how it provides the Community certain protections under the Indian Self-Determination Education and Assistance Act. It is beneficial to the Community in that if/when the Community decides to assume other programs under ISDEAA, it will be a seamless process since the Compact is in place, so the PSFAs would be added to the Funding Agreement.

Karen also talked about Purchased Referred Care Feasibility Study which could possibly expand IHS programs for Ak-Chin and assess the anticipated benefits and challenges of PRC program.

She then moved on to the Tribal Insurance Sponsorship Feasibility Study which was completed and consisted of opportunities and options under Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Indian Health Care Improvement (IHCIA) for the Community to purchase health insurance coverage on behalf of non-insured Community Members.

Karen wrapped up her presentation after discussion on the Self-Governance Advisory Committee, which Councilmember Delia Carlyle is on and represents the Western Region on SGAC, as



Brenda Ball, Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Director.

well as the 2019 Self-Governance Professionals Workshop and Strategy Session and the annual mini-conference for Tribes across the nation, which will be held here September 9-12 at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort.

Sandra Shade, Ak-Chin Planning Director was the final presenter of the evening, along with Derek Scheerer, Senior Planner. The duo provided a handout on the Roadway Design Manual which was granted funding through the Long-Range Transportation Plan approved in 2016. The purpose is to provide

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2nd Annual Glow brings back some 80's flare

Story and photos by J. Peters



Ak-Chin Health Education provided the Community with their second installment of Light the Night Glow Run. Last year, this totally tubular event struck popularity with the community and this year's Glow Run has done it again, with 214 people attending on Thursday, August 22nd.

The radical 80's themed run brought an assembly of leg warmers, headbands, side pony's and of course a neon glow that could be seen down Farrell Road. Onsite registration began at 6pm, and many people were already signed in, received their complimentary Glow Run shirt and also got better acquainted with the route by

the 7pm start time.

Along the course Ak-Chin Youth Council were set up at glow stations, bumping righteous 80's tunes surrounded by dazzling lights and phosphorescent paints, to liven and encourage participants.

Francis of Assisi church where they would be met by the second glow station and from there they would turn west for the home stretch back to the service center. Waiting at the center was a light sub dinner to be shared with all who came out to the event.

Closing the event was Ak-Chin Youth Council who recognized select winners of the 80's dress up contest. The Zabawa family of Adella, Sarah, John and Jessica Zabawa were named the top winners of the 80's dress contest.

The Health Education Staff would like to thank the following individuals and departments for their help in

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Left: The Zabawa family takes home best dressed honors from the Glow Run.



Noahli Antone shows off her dance moves and bright smile.



Community enjoys walking together at the evening event.

Intermission Show
With Chairman Robert Miguel

EXTREME MIDGET WRESTLING!
BADDEST LIL SHOW!

Coming To UltraStar
SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
8PM - 10PM

Purchase Tickets Online at UltraStarAZ.com or Box Office

Ak-Chin Library hosts Family Game Night

Story and Photos by J. Peters

Everyone knows that the Ak-Chin Library is a host to many of the community's family events, bringing everyone together to have an evening of flat out fun and valuable time with one another, and on the night of August 23rd, it was no different.

Family Game Night was maxed out as many

families signed up to take part in playing board games for the evening. Family time is critical for children and parents alike, as it's a special time for everyone to connect more with the ones they love. Games like Sorry to strategies games were available for anyone to choose to play during the hours of fun.

A dinner of pizza and beverages were served by library staff and of course it wouldn't be dinner without dessert; where heaps of Oreo cookies were placed on the dinner table for everyone to indulge in.

Laughter and smiles could be heard and seen around the room as families enjoyed their evening of

fun. Towards the end of night, library staff raffled off games for the families to take home and continue their playing games together for nights to come.

Be sure to look for the next Family Event from the Library.



A child and Student Advisor Matthew Tess battle each other in a card game.



Mark Pablo sets up Monopoly for the team of children waiting to play during the Family Game Night.

—Youth Council continued from Front



Left: Dyami Jackson and Jose Salas-Vargas have fun performing with Ak-Chin's Mumsigo Band.



Right: Mylauni Antone is being sworn in by Vice-Chairman Lopez.



All gather together to join the social dance during the Youth Council Inauguration celebration.

Ak-Chin Youth Council attends F.I.N.A.L. Inauguration

Submitted by Marla Antone, Ak-Chin Youth Council Coordinator



Youth Council Vice President Kateri Lopez and newly elected President Sareya Taylor of the F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council.

The Ak-Chin Youth Council attended the Future Inspired Native American Leaders Youth Council Inauguration on Thursday August 15, 2019 at the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center in Phoenix. Kateri Lopez, Ak-Chin Youth Council Vice-President presented Sareya Taylor newly elected President of the F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council with a gift for their youth council. We wish the F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council great success with their terms in office.

12th Annual Kids Day Maricopa

Free Fun Kids Event – Mark Your Calendar

Date: Sat 9/21/19
Time: 10am – 4pm
Maricopa Wells Middle School, 45725 W. Honeycutt Maricopa, AZ 85139

Coordinated by: Dr John A. Donohue, D.C. A-1 Health & Wellness

Sponsor Team

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 - Maricopa PD SWAT & Motorcycle Demos
 - Water Safety w/ Copper Sky/City Of Maricopa
 - Maricopa CAT MPD
 - Fire Safety w/ Maricopa Fire Dept.
 - Car Seats Safety w/ Ak-Chin Fire
 - Drug awareness w/ Pinal County Attorney Office
 - Demo w/ Maricopa PD K-9 Unit & Border Patrol
 - Petting Zoo w/ The 4-H Club
 - Kids Karate w/ ATA Karate & Maricopa Brothers
 - "Anthony Blakes Buckets" former Globetrotter
 - Ak-Chin Native Dancers And much, much more...
- FREE Health Screenings w/ Sun Life Health
- Meet The "Phoenix Suns" Street Team
- Meet "Smokey Bear" 75th Birthday, Rattlers "Stryker" & "Sidewinders", AZ Card's. "Big Red" & AZ Diamondback's "Baxter"
- FREE prize drawings all day. (Toys, Bicycles, etc.)
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- ✓ Explore a Sheriff's Helicopter
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- ✓ Kids learn about Recycling w/ Recycle Today
- ✓ Read Out Loud w/Library

Explore a Real Fire Truck!

GRAND PRIZES FROM 3-4pm

Free Food

For more information call 520-494-7788

Rain or Shine

Mysterious libraries have been spotted around community

Story and Photo by J. Peters

The community has noticed small wooden box cabinets full of wonderful books for all ages. These little libraries were placed around public facilities such as the Ak-Chin Clinic, Preschool, Elder Center and Runner by Library staff as they are a part of a program called "Little Free Library".



Here is a picture of the Runner's little library.

The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire the love of reading while sparking creativity. With these libraries set out in public areas, the program's "take a book, return a book" gives everyone equal opportunity to have access to books.

The exchange program works like this, once you've visited a little library at any designated area and find a book that you would like to read, you can than take that book for reading and in exchange for that book you bring one of your own favorite books and put it in replace of the book you just "checked out".

The book exchange works like a sea saw if you will, it won't work if one person gets off the

sea saw. The Ak-Chin library hopes to inspire more reading and wants to see readers share their favorite books with one another.

Having access to books is very critical especially for children. As research shows children who grow up in homes without books are on average three years behind academically compared to children who have books in the home.

These libraries were purchased late into 2018 and made their first appearance in the community's frequently visited places. If any Ak-Chin departments would like a Little Free Library in their lobby please contact the Ak-Chin library!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

After-School Enrichment Reception for Families

Meet your After-School Tutoring Staff!

Date: September 20, 2019
Time: 5:30 P.M.— 7:30 PM
Place: Ak-Chin Education Department

Families with Children from 3rd- 12th grade.

Food... Raffle... Prizes Looking Forward to Meeting you

JOIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR COFFEE TALK

1st Topic of Coffee Talk Series, "Parent involvement at the school"

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2019
WHERE: LIBRARY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
TIME: 9:00AM-10:00AM

NEXT TALK OCTOBER 11TH, 2019

Open to all K-12th Parents & Guardians of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Members & Residents

a uniform manual for development throughout the roadway and right-of-way Community, a prescriptive

guide for consultants and Community departments when installing new roadways and rights-of-way or repairing existing ones and ensure consistent, safe and efficient transportation facilities.

The Planning team discussed information on the Community's roadways and the project team. They also went over the different roadway classifications in the Community and establishing a design process for the Manual, followed by the project schedule which started in last quarter of 2018, with the final review draft set for September-October of

2019.

After all presentations were completed the meeting was opened for Community Members only to discuss community issues and council updates. Time for snacks was also allowed during this time.

Wrapping up the August Community meeting Councilmembers began to share their August updates, which included; attending various work sessions/ meetings, water monitoring, unmanned devices on tribal lands/ drone ordinances, Magdalena Cultural Preservation Committee,

Youth Council Inauguration, budgets, speaking at ASU, attending funerals of past Arizona tribal leaders, street lighting problem around the community (if a light is not working please report it), recycling, and attending the golf clinic with PGA Pro, Notah Begay.

All topics were discussed with the membership and of course various questions were asked by those who attended, to which Council did answer.

Shortly after the Council updates the Housing department and Housing Board were present to answer

any questions the members had, as they were requested at a previous meeting.

Questions asked included; the housing list, drugs within the homes, pet control, maintenance, and the tenant policies, which were handed out to the members at the beginning of Housing's part of the meeting.

Once all updates and questions had concluded, Council Secretary Vicki Smith announced raffle winners. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 30, 6pm, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

SAVE the DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2019

N.A.R.D.

Native American Recognition Day

"Si Has E'lid Eg O'odham Ñeo'ok"

(Celebrating O'odham Language)

Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

• Fun Run/Walk

(start at Youth Council/Enrollment Bldg. (Old Fire Station), sign ups at 7:30am start at 8am)

• Dance Group Performances • Artist Demonstrations

• Information Booths • Food Vendors • Arts & Craft Vendors

• Watermelon Contest • Bouncy House • Face Painting

Information Booth and Food Vendors NEEDED!

Please contact the

Him-Dak Museum Office at: 520-568-1350

For more information please contact the Him-Dak Museum Office at 520-568-1350

ATTENTION:

ENROLLED AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOM YET TO ENROLL THEIR CHILD(REN)

New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

What you need:

☐ Complete Enrollment Application

☐ Certified Birth Certificate

☐ Social Security Card

☐ Marriage License (If applicable)

☐ Notarized Affidavit (If applicable)

All forms can be picked up at the Enrollment Office.

Please keep contact information updated.

IE: Change of Name, Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address & Contact Numbers.

Please bring any supporting documents.

IE: Court Documents

REMINDER: \$5.00 Fee for ID replacement.

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

AK-CHIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

(520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074

Mailing Address:

42507 W. Peters & Nall Road

Maricopa, Az. 85138

Physical Address:

16472 North Maricopa Road

Maricopa, Az. 85139

(Corner of Farrell & SR 347 (Old Fire Station))



Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director.



Derek Scheerer, Senior Planner.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 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 Colorful-Takes place at the Elder Center

Japan Pop – Transportation to and from library is required. You must be 10 years or older to participate.

Baby Time! – every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00am. Children 0-5 ONLY.

OVERDRIVE TRUCK – No signup required, Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday – 8AM-6PM

Saturday-12PM-4PM

Sunday-Closed

RECREATION INFORMATION

For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @ 520-568-1740

Calendar Subject to Change

EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 9th

MHS- Parent/Teacher Conferences 5pm-7pm

SEPTEMBER 13th

Coffee Talk 9am to 10am

Library Multi-Purpose Room

SEPTEMBER 20th

After-School Enrichment Reception 5:30pm to 7:00pm; Education offices

GED Class times:

Monday-Friday 10am to 12pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2pm to 5pm

Wednesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm

ELDER CENTER

SEPTEMBER 6th

Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 9th

Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 11th

Movie Day

SEPTEMBER 12th

San Xavier New Senior Services Building Grand Opening Leaving @ 6:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 13th

Craft w/ The Library

Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 16th

Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 19th

Movie Day

SEPTEMBER 20th

Elder Check Day

Elder Shopping & Errands 1 PM

LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 6th

Elder Crafts 11:00am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 7th

Movie Club* 9:30am – 4:00pm

Library Closed

SEPTEMBER 10th

Elder Coloring 9:00am-10:00am

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 11th

Lego Robots! 4:15pm

KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm

Healthy Snacks 3:00-4:00pm

SEPTEMBER 12th

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 14th

Japan Pop 12:00pm-2:00pm

SEPTEMBER 17th

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 18th

Lego Robots! 4:15pm

KRAFTZ 2:30pm-4:30pm

SEPTEMBER 19th

Preschool Storytime 11:00am-12:00pm

SEPTEMBER 20th

Elder Crafts 11:00am-12:00pm

PARKS & REC

SEPTEMBER 7th

Open Gym 11 am – 3pm

SEPTEMBER 8th

Open Gym 11 am – 3pm

SEPTEMBER 9th

Elder Chair Volleyball 8am to 12pm

Open Gym 12pm to 9pm

SEPTEMBER 10th

Open Gym 8am to 5pm

Youth Volleyball Practice 5:30 to 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 11th

Elder Chair Volleyball 8am to 12pm

Open Gym 12pm-5pm

Elder Chair Volleyball 5pm to 7pm

SEPTEMBER 12th

Open Gym

8am to 5pm

Youth Volleyball Practice 5:30 to 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 14th

Tribal Council Basketball Tournament

CAC Co-ed Softball Fundraiser Tournament

SEPTEMBER 15th

Open Gym 11 am – 3pm

CAC Co-ed Softball Fundraiser Tournament

SEPTEMBER 16th

Elder Chair Volleyball 8am to 12pm

Open Gym 12pm to 9pm

SEPTEMBER 17th

Open Gym 8am to 5pm

Youth Volleyball Practice 5:30 to 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 18th

Elder Chair Volleyball 8am to 12pm

Open Gym 12pm-5pm

Elder Chair Volleyball 5pm to 7pm

SEPTEMBER 19th

Open Gym 8am to 5pm

Youth Volleyball Practice 5:30 to 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 20th

Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament

Free household hazardous waste (HHW) collection day

Article submitted by Ross Stimac, Ak-Chin EPD



FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Here are some examples of items that can be collected at the HHW event: leftover or unused household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive material that can pose a threat to human health and the environment.

Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, a **FREE** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event will be open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community Members and Residents.

The HHW drop-off site is located at the EPD-Water Reclamation Facility 46200 W. Ralph Street.

Throughout the year, many of us generate and store hazardous materials that should NOT be disposed of in the regular trash or the recycling bin.

It is important to dispose of these hazardous materials in a responsible manner to protect Sanitation workers and the environment.

A few examples of common household hazardous waste items that will be accepted during the event include antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, automotive products, fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent lights (CFL), mercury containing items, paint, paint thinners, solvents, electronic waste, batteries, pesticides, lawn and garden products, household cleaners, red sharps containers, and cleaning products.

Items that WILL NOT be accepted include ammunition, loose needles, commercial chemicals, biological and radioactive waste, or appliances.

For everyone's safety, please remember these tips:

- Don't mix products
- Keep products in original containers when possible
- Label products not in original containers
- Secure products so they won't tip over or leak

For questions contact Ross Stimac, Environmental Technician at (520) 568-1176 or cell number (520) 858-4923. If you are unable to drop off your materials on Saturday, September 28th, contact Ross Stimac to arrange dropping off your materials in advance.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
Purchasing

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WEEKLY WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AT AK-CHIN CIRCLE

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community"), Maricopa, Arizona is seeking proposals for weekly maintenance for the *Splash Pad* and *Water Wall* features located at The Family Entertainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle on the Ak-Chin Community. Maintenance will include all chemical adjustments, sand and cartridge filter cleaning, strainer baskets emptying, vacuuming or brushing as determined by the Owner. Four draining and power washing per year, billed and approved separately.

Proposals are due on or before 10:00AM MST on Wednesday, September, 25th, 2019.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1:00pm MST on Friday, September 13th, 2019. Location will be Ak-Chin Capital Projects Conference room, 45710 W. Farrell Road, on the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ. A site visit will follow immediately after the meetings conclusion.

It is anticipated that the Owner will make an award or reject all proposals received

in response to this request at a regular Ak-Chin Indian Community Council meeting. However, Owner at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Community Council designates.

It is anticipated that the contract will be effective January 01, 2020. The contract shall be for a period ending December, 31, 2020 and shall be renewable upon mutual agreement of Owner and Maintenance Company. The contract arising from a proposal accepted and approved by Owner may be terminated with a sixty (60) day notice by either party.

Bid Packages will be available after the Pre-Bid meeting.

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

MISS INDIAN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Miss Indian Arizona (MIA) Scholarship Program will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ.

The continued success and driving factor of the program is that it promotes a positive symbol of Indian womanhood. The Miss Indian Arizona Association (MIAA) and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona invites you to come out and support our young Indian women as they proudly display their talent, poise, grace and speaking ability and most importantly their tribal traditions on stage.

Miss Indian Arizona 2018-19, Niagara Rockbridge, will crown one of the following

- Kiara Goseyun - San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Teya Johnson-Tiger - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Audriana Mitchell - Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Ki-Ana Reina - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Amy Spotted Wolf - Tohono O'odham Nation

This year's program is being dedicated to Marie Nelson Scott, Miss Indian Arizona 1965-66 and Karla Starr, Miss Indian Arizona 1991-92. Both women were members of the Colorado Indian Tribes and passed away the later part of 2018.

Come out and support these beautiful young women who are proudly representing the Tribes and State of Arizona. It is one of the most colorful, traditional, entertaining and educational events held in Arizona.

Tickets can be purchased electronically at www.chandlercenter.org. Cost of admission is \$17.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. For more information about the Miss Indian Arizona Program, volunteering, or donations to the MIAA please visit our website at www.missindianarizona.com.

young women who will carry on the 58th year of a fine tradition on behalf of the Indian people of Arizona.

- Autumn Cooper - Gila River Indian Community

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

**September 30th
at 6pm
Ak-Chin
Service Center**



NEW LIFE Ak-Chin Church

Where the full gospel is preached

Schedule of Services

Sunday School for adults and children
10:00 a.m.
Morning and evening church service is at
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
in the Ak-Chin Service Center Complex

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2019 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon
September 8- Fr. Richard Felt
September 15 - Fr. Richard Felt
September 22- Fr. Richard Felt
September 29- Fr. Peter Teresa McConnell

ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 21, 10am
CCOE Meeting- St. Anne- Santan

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.

2019

COMMUNITY GATHERING

October 24, 2019

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

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

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

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

Presented by the Cultural Resource Program Staff

Ak-Chin Indian Community Free Spay and Neuter Clinic

"AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY"



Please fill out the information below and return to Animal Control at the Justice Complex by October 7th 2019. The Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday October 22nd 2019, at the Fire Department. The veterinarian will be contacting you by phone the week prior, to schedule times to drop off your animals.

Members Name			
Address			
Phone	() -		
Member ID #			
Animal Type	Dog or Cat	(circle one)	
Breed / Age	/		
Sex	Male or Female	(circle one)	

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

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.

Pelosi continued from front

panel sessions that focused on; Political Update, The Economy, Innovation, and Gun Violence Prevention.

At the conclusion of the conference everyone was invited for a luncheon at the home of Shari and Garen Staglin, co-founders of One Mind (formerly the International Mental Health Research Organization). During lunch, featured remarks were given by Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Chairman attended an evening dinner event at the home of former U.S. Ambassador to Austria Kathryn and Craig Hall.

The dinner featured a conversation with author Michael Lewis, who wrote *The Blind Side* and *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game*.

While at the dinner, Chairman Miguel also had the opportunity to meet with Kansas Congresswoman, Sharice Davids, who is the U.S. Representative from Kansas's 3rd congressional district. Davids is one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress, along with Deb Haaland of New Mexico.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is the Democratic Hill committee for the



Chairman Robert Miguel poses for a photo with Congresswoman Sharice Davids.

United States House of Representatives, working to elect Democrats to that body. The DCCC recruits candidates, raises funds, and

organizes races in districts that are expected to yield politically notable or close elections.

Damage, Inc. and Noise Pollution pay tribute at UltraStar

Story by Runner Staff and photos by A. Santiago



Damage, Inc. (above) and Noise Pollution (below) take turns rocking the stage at UltraStar.



Noise Pollution, The AC/DC Experience, performed live at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle on Saturday, August 17th, along with Damage Inc, Southern California's Tribute to Metallica.

The weather may have been a bit warm, but everyone who attended had a hot time, as both bands rocked the crowds for hours. Noise Pollution, based in San Diego and hailed as one of the greatest AC/DC tribute bands performed an impressive cover set list, including, "T.N.T.," "Back In Black," "You Shook Me All Night Long" and of course "For Those About To Rock."

Damage Inc, Southern California's Tribute to

Metallica, also known as the greatest Metallica tribute band in the United States, has been performing Metallica's music for over a decade. They captivated the all-ages crowd at UltraStar's amphitheater with a fantastic live version of Metallica's many great ones, such as, "Enter Sandman," "Master Of Puppets," "For Whom The Bell Tolls" and "Wherever I May Roam."

After the show, Noise Pollution AC/DC Tribute posted up on their FB page, "Thank you (Maricopa) AZ for packing it out last night we had a blast. Thanks to Damage Inc for killing it as usual...Until the next time FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK WE SALUTE YOU."

Tip-a-Cop continued from front

donated their time were Patrol Sgt. Garcia, Patrol Ofc. Lerch, Patrol Ofc. Perry, Patrol Ofc. Solis, Detention Sgt. Holcomb, Detention Ofc. Grothe, Evidence Tech Granados, Communications Ofc. Chee, Security Ofc. Aguirre and Security Ofc. Narcia.

numerous years and I'd just like to thank the Community and the area for the continued support with the events we put on to help Special Olympics of Arizona," said Garcia.

Altogether, the team raised \$1,339.75 in kind donations for the cause.

"I've been involved for



Patrol Ofc. Lerch places a tip in the jar for Sp. Olympics.

National Day of Service at VA Cemeteries on 9/11 with Carry The Load

On Wednesday, September 11, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the National Cemetery Administration and *Carry The Load* will partner on a national day of service with headstone and marker cleaning and grounds beautification at 40 national cemeteries

across the country.

Honor our men and women buried in VA national cemeteries and commemorate the heroism of September 11, 2001. Consider joining *Carry the Load* in volunteering on this National Day of Service.



Staying safe during a storm

Submitted by Clifford Myers, Ak-Chin Safety Director- TOSHA

- Follow your safety preparedness plan as well as the tips for preparing for an outage.
- Minimize driving in an outage area, if possible. If you must drive through an outage area, be careful at all intersections. Treat intersections with inoperable traffic signals as a four-way stop, and proceed with extra care.
- Stop at all railroad crossings, as the barriers may not be working. Proceed only when you are sure the tracks are clear.

What to do if you see a downed power line

- **DO NOT** touch downed power lines or try to move them.
- Stay at least 100 feet away from downed lines, as electricity can travel through the ground.
- Call 911 to report the locations of downed power lines. SRP, along with area police and fire departments, will respond with urgency to these situations.
- Should a line fall on your car, stay inside the car until professional help arrives. If your vehicle catches fire, avoid making contact with the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Jump from the vehicle, landing with both feet together; this stance will improve the odds of electricity traveling through one foot and out the other instead of running throughout the rest of your body. Hop away until you are 100 feet from the vehicle. This is a safe distance from the downed power line.

LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS FOR INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

Following tips and safety guidelines, provided by the American Meteorological Society and the National Lightning Safety Institution, can greatly reduce the risk of injury or death from lightning strikes.

Safe places

No place is absolutely safe from a lightning threat; however, some places are safer than others:

- During a lightning storm, immediately find shelter in a substantial building or a motor vehicle (windows closed).
- Large enclosed structures (substantially constructed buildings) tend to be much safer than smaller or open structures.
- When indoors, avoid use of the telephone, taking a shower, washing your hands, doing dishes, or any contact with conductive surfaces with exposure to the outside such as metal door or window frames, electrical wiring, telephone wiring, cable TV wiring, plumbing, etc.
- Fully enclosed metal vehicles such as cars, trucks, buses, vans or other fully enclosed vehicles provide good

- shelter from lightning when the windows are rolled up. Avoid contact with metal or conducting surfaces outside or inside the vehicle.
 - Avoid being in or near high places and open fields, isolated trees, unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, communications towers, flagpoles, light poles, bleachers (metal or wood), metal fences, convertibles, golf carts, water (ocean, lakes, swimming pools, rivers, etc.).
 - If you are caught outside in a lightning storm, stay clear of trees or canopies. Crouch down, put your feet together and cover your ears to limit possible hearing damage. Keep at least 15 feet away from other people.
 - Stay away from windows.
 - Stay off the phone unless you need to make an emergency phone call.
 - Don't shower during a monsoon storm - lightning can pass through metal pipes.

Lightning safety rules and guidelines

- Generally speaking, if you can see lightning and/or hear thunder, you are already at risk.
- Suspend outdoor activities whenever you see lightning or hear thunder. Avoid water, high ground, open spaces and all metal objects.
- Louder or more frequent thunder indicates that lightning is approaching, thus increasing the risk for lightning injury or death.
- If you hear thunder, seek shelter indoors immediately.
 - High winds, rainfall, and cloud cover often act as precursors to actual cloud-to-ground strikes notifying individuals to take action.
 - Many lightning casualties occur as a storm approaches, because people ignore these precursors. Also, many lightning casualties occur after the perceived threat has passed.
 - Wait at least 30 minutes after a lightning storm has passed to resume outdoor activities.

Generally, the lightning threat diminishes with time after the last sound of thunder, but may persist for more than 30 minutes. When thunderstorms are in the area but not overhead, the lightning threat can exist even when it is sunny and not raining.

When available, pay attention to weather warning devices such as weather radio and/or credible lightning detection systems, especially if you are a school teacher, camp counselor, coach, lifeguard or otherwise responsible for the safety of others. Evacuation times are longer for groups.

Embroidery Class with Raul Julian Alvarez

(Pascua Yaqui Tribe)



Space Is Limited
First 25 ppl to sign up

Sept. 7, 2019 - Oct. 12, 2019
9:00am-12:00 pm
Classes will be held Every Saturday
At the Language Building
16090 North Smith Rd
Maricopa Az 85139

Open to all Community Members

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

O'ODHAM BINGO

Family Fun Night

Friday Oct 18, 2019
6:00 pm-8:00pm
At Ak-Chin Service Center

Enjoy delicious dinner with family & friends

Save The Date

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

N.A.R.D. 2019

YOUR INFORMATION BOOTH WANTED

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

Food/Arts & Craft Vendors Needed for the Native American Recognition Day Celebration

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Milton Antone Memorial Park
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

If interested, please contact the Him-Dak Museum at (520) 568-1350

Get your information out to the community, come to the NARD celebration.

CALL (520) 568 1350

Glow Run continued from page 3

making the 2nd Annual Glow Run a wonderful event!

Ak-Chin Youth Council
Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works Department
Ak-Chin Fire Department
Ak-Chin Emergency Management
Ak-Chin GIS
Ak-Chin Police Department
Ak-Chin Security
Ak-Chin Royalty and Pageant Committee

Irene I. Arredondo and Mary Narcia
We would also like to thank all the participants for attending our first Fall event of 2019! Especially those individuals who were rockin' the 80's looks! Please save the date for our next event, Super Hero 5K scheduled for September 21st, 2019.

Thank You,
Ak-Chin Health Education



Ak-Chin Youth Council would like to thank the Health Education for asking us to participate with the glow run again this year. We had fund coming up with a theme and would like to thank everyone who came out and participated with their 80's attire, you all looked Totally Awesome! Congratulations to our best dressed winners of the night; Sarah, Jessica, Adella, John and Justin!

Co-Ed Volleyball Fundraiser has great turnout

The annual Ak-Chin preschool trip was postponed earlier this summer due to lack of funds.

In order to make sure Ak-Chin's youngest graduates were able to enjoy their summer getaway, many helping hands joined in to get the needed funding. Thus, leading to many fundraising efforts, including the Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Charity Fundraiser.

Helpers included everyone from Ak-Chin Recreation who volunteered during the event, as well as all of the parent committee who donated items and took shifts throughout 14-hour day event.

"We received 14 teams and we're so thankful for such an amazing turn out. We didn't expect the amount we received." Shared parent committee president, Savanna Gonzales.

After all was said and done, the group was able to raise \$5,768, in as little as 2

months, including the funds raised from the tournament. So, the trip is back on and scheduled for September 29-October 1, with plans to go to the beach, Legoland and dinner at Dave and Busters for the group of 16 children and 16 parents.

The class of 2019 would like to appreciate and acknowledge the following: Hickman's Farms, Ak-Chin Recreation Center, Vekol Market, Ak-Chin Police Department, UltraStar, Great Western Bank, all of Ak-Chin community for rallying with us and supporting every single fundraiser, everyone who put in a team for the volleyball tournament, Lisa W. from Planning, Flora Howerton, Kathy Cardenas, Autumn Gonzalez, and Savanna Gonzalez for taking on the role as President and helping us reach our goal to make our trip possible. We are truly thankful and grateful for everyone's support.

Thank you all, from the Children of class of 2019.



Co-Ed Champions: Color Blind



Co-Rec Champions: Smack That

Historic BIA Agent House celebrates 7th Anniversary

Story and photos by J. Peters

Friday August 30th, the Historic BIA House celebrated its 7th anniversary of its renovation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs agent house has become a place where the public can get a glimpse of this historic building and learn the significance of the BIA and the Ak-Chin Community's relationship during the heyday of the house's operation, in 1925 is when it was first built by Rufus W Hamilton (engineer, farmer) for Farmers (BIA Agency) who were stationed in the community for work, before being built they would just camp outside, with weather getting harsh so they built the house which was a good idea for now they had a stable place to stay. Years after the BIA agency was stationed back in Gila River and between 1940

and 1980's the house was then a place for community families to stay. In 1965-1968 is when it became the first preschool for Ak Chin. The celebration day brought many employees who were very intrigued with the tiny home. Some who were first time visitors and had no idea this house was a museum of sorts; many new faces who entered the building were amazed to step into Ak-Chin's past.

Most notably, the BIA house operated as the community's first preschool. Inside visitors can see various significant pictures of youthful members, as well as many spoken memories laid throughout the interior.

Every square inch of the house is decorated with objects that were timely



These very cute house shaped stress reducers were set out for anyone to take during the celebration.

with the era during its BIA operations. With input from the membership the house was given that special touch of decoration, provided from their recollection of how the house looked when they were young ones in the facility.

Mini guided tours with the

Him-Dak staff were offered, or those who wished could do a self-guided tour through the house, asking questions along the way. The Him-Dak staff provided a lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages, desserts and BIA House memorabilia for all to enjoy.

Carrieanna Villareal staying on top of her game - softball

Submitted G. Martinez



Monsoon Madness 12U Champions.

Ak-Chin Community member, Carrieanna Villareal is dominating the field with her Casa Grande Heat 12U travel softball team, as they recently took championship at the Monsoon Madness Prescott Tournament, July 27-28.

She and her team also "snagged the record for most points in a tournament," boasted mom Gloria Martinez, when the second game they played on the 27th was a win with a score of 14-0. They also qualified for another tournament in Bakersfield, Ca. by

winning this tournament and record.

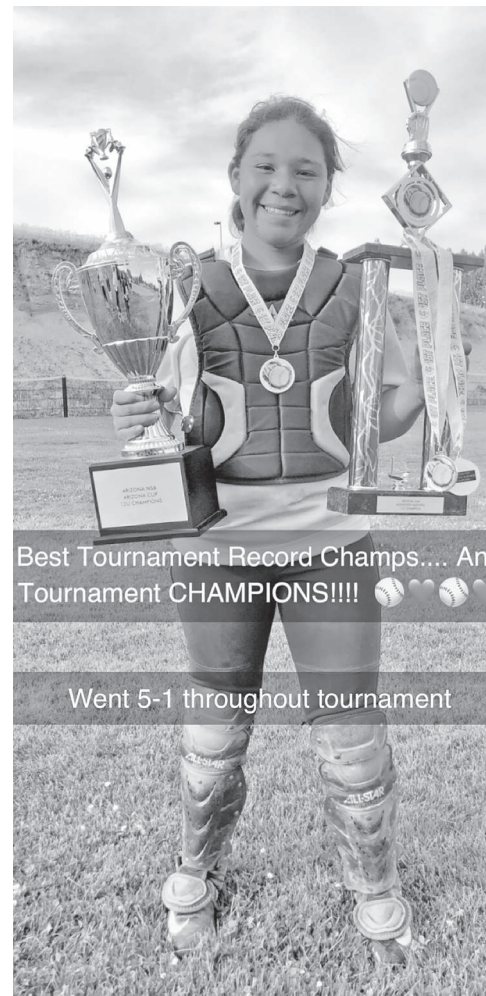
"She's the only catcher for the club team and caught all 7 games of the tournament in some nice but yet still scorching heat!" mom added.

Carrieanna is a sixth grader at Maricopa Wells middle school and plans to play on their girls' basketball and softball teams. She is also playing in a 13-17 coed volleyball league and baseball in her spare time. She is pretty busy right now with softball practices twice a week and volleyball practice

once a week.

She and her team traveled to Payson for another tournament, August 30-September 2, and have also planned an out-of-state tournament in Las Vegas, NV in November.

Mom Gloria is extremely proud of Carrieanna and is being 100% supportive. "We're looking forward to more fundraisers with upcoming tournaments that are out of state."



Best Tournament Record Champs.... And Tournament CHAMPIONS!!!!
Went 5-1 throughout tournament

Carrieanna Villareal holds up the hard earned trophies from the championship game. Playing nonstop during the tournament, catching for her team.

3RD ANNUAL

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

SUPER HERO 5K

9.21.19

7:00 AM

AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER

TIME: REGISTRATION @7:00AM
5K WALK/RUN BEGINS @ 7:30 AM
LOCATION: AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER
DETAILS: T-SHIRTS FOR FIRST 150 REGISTRANTS
EARLY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE, PLEASE INQUIRE. BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AFTER WALK/RUN!
SUPER HERO APPAREL HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!
EVENT OPEN TO ALL!

RAFFLE PRIZES

MEDALS 4 Top RUNNERS!

FAMILY FUN!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARTINA PETERS @ (520)568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



GRHC Department Highlights

OPTOMETRY DEPARTMENT



See Our Providers For:

- Dry eyes, pink eye, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma
- On-site retina and glaucoma sub specialty care
- Referrals to off-site specialists to include: cataracts, oculoplastics, cornea and pediatric



Emergency Services:

- Available for patients experiencing symptoms
- ranging from itchy and red eyes to eye pain or vision loss
- If required, same day referrals to outside specialists
- can be arranged if determined necessary

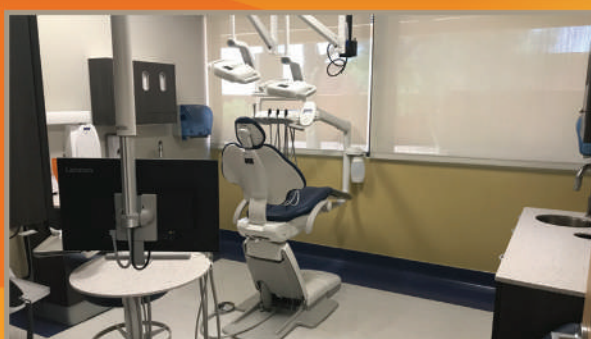


Optical Services:

- Available at all GRHC locations
- Men's, women's and children frame availability are consistent across all three locations.

Service Information:

Walk-ins available for emergent care everyday at all locations. For more information, please call Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-3321 ext. 7365



**NEWLY EXPANDED
HHKMH DENTAL CLINIC
OPENING 9/6/2019!**



Dr. Darreika Dick

*Thank you!
Dr. Darreika Dick and
Dr. Kendra Wilson,
for all of your dedicated work
over the years!*



Dr. Kendra Wilson

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

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

CLOSED FRIDAY: 9/20/2019 - SATURDAY CLINIC CLOSED: 9/21/2019

LIFE CENTER

DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS

What Are Diabetes Self Care Behaviors?

Last month we discussed how diabetes, if not Diabetes is a complex and serious disease, and managing it every day can be challenging. To help you we have developed seven key areas to focus on.

1 Healthy Eating

Eat regular meals, think about the amount you eat and make food choices to help control your diabetes better and prevent other health problems.

2 Being Active

Eat regular meals, think about the amount you eat and make food choices to help control your diabetes better and prevent other health problems.

SIMPLE WAYS TO BE MORE ACTIVE:

AT HOME

Walk your dog and play fetch
Work in your garden
Clean your house
Lift weights, march in place or walk around the room while watching TV



AT WORK

Walk at lunch
Exercise in your chair
Take the stairs
Stand while on the phone, reading or eating
Talk face-to-face with your coworkers



WHEN YOU'RE OUT

Go dancing
Do tai chi
Take a walk after dinner
Park far away from the door
Wear a pedometer



3 Monitoring

Monitoring blood sugar helps you know when your levels are on target and it helps you make food and activity adjustments so that your body can perform at its best.

Let's Ask Dr. Roopa

4 Taking Medications

There are several types of medications that are often recommended for people with diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

It may seem overwhelming, but you need the help of medicines to improve your health as you keep up your lifestyle changes

5 Problem Solving

You can't plan for every situation you may face. However, there are some problem-solving skills that can help you prepare for the unexpected

6 Reducing Risks

If you understand the risks, you can take steps now to lower your chance of diabetes-related complications.

7 Healthy Coping

Diabetes can affect your physically and emotionally. It's natural to have mixed feelings about your diabetes management and experience highs and lows. The important thing is to recognize these emotions as normal. Take steps to reduce the negative impact they can have on your self-care

Call Gila River Health Care Life Center (520) 562-7940 to schedule an appointment, Or send your questions to: ASKDRROOPA@GRHC.ORG

2019 Fall Program

Sept. 30 - Oct. 11, 2019

OUR ACTIVITIES

Field Trips (Urban Air, Crayola Experience, Castles & Coasters), Dept. Activities, Games, Arts & Crafts, Basketball Clinic hosted by Dominic Tiger Cortes!

**Transportation from Him-Dak Art Program provided for all children attending both programs.*

Lunch & Snacks Provided Daily

For more information, contact the Community Events at (520) 568-1045. Registration coming soon!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Ak-Chin Indian Community



10:00 a.m. MASS

11:00 a.m. Opening Procession

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

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

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

9:00 p.m. SAN JUAN CHILDREN DANCE GROUP

6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. DANCE

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

EMPLOYEE UPDATE



Clarence Enos
Driver
Elder Program



Jaclyn Sarnowski
Community Planner
Planning



Protect Our FUTURE

Use child safety seats on every ride.

The Facts

- Among children aged 0-12, American Indian and Alaska Native children have the highest traffic death rate of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States.¹
- More than half of car seats and booster seats are not used correctly. If the seat isn't installed the right way, or you're using the wrong type of seat for your child's age, height, or weight, your child is not as safe as he or she could be.²
- Using age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, and seat belts significantly reduce the risk of injury and death among children in a crash.

Help Keep Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe

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

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



- Getting help installing a car or booster seat from a certified child passenger safety technician.
- Properly buckling children aged 12 and under in the back seat. The back seat is safest for children.
- Never placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag. Airbags can injure or kill small children riding in the front seat.
- Not using traditional baby carriers (such as cradleboards) in place of a car seat. Traditional carriers do not keep children safe in cars or trucks.
- Always wearing a seat belt when pregnant. Be sure to wear the lap belt below your belly. Place the shoulder belt across your chest—never behind the back, under the arm, or across the stomach.³

If someone told you that **your baby's chances of dying** are **40 TIMES GREATER** when sleeping in an adult bed rather than a crib, where would you put your baby to sleep tonight?



Practice The ABCs of Safe Sleep:

- A** Alone
- B** Back
- C** Crib

Baby sleeps safest **ALONE**, on their **BACK**, and in a **CRIB**.
For more information: <https://dcs.az.gov/services/office-prevention>



Like Us On **facebook**

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

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Environmental Protection Department
(Water Operations)



OUTDOOR WASTEWATER/SEWER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6999

OUTDOOR WATER
EMERGENCIES CALL
520-858-6061



AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Archaeologist
- Photo Journalist
- Transit Manager
- Police Officer – Certified
- Substance Abuse Counselor

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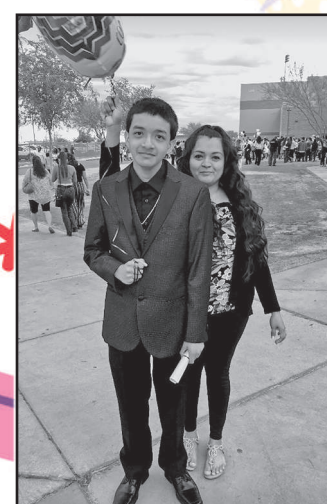
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Happy Birthday to all my nieces and nephews and all my grandkids. Hope you all have a wonderful day.
Love Rose

To my daughter Shamari Dean Here's wishing you a very Happy Birthday, Mom loves you. God Bless.
Love Mom Alverna F.

Happy Birthday to my grandsons; Justin, Jr., and Elijah and to my granddaughter Stephanie Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Rope (Vijina) Love your family!!

Happy 15th Birthday Robert Santos Jr. Anything you ask for I will retrieve it for you! You deserve it for being respectful, honest, and sweet to me. Enjoy your day Junior. Love Mom and brothers

Happy Birthday Josiah Thomas and Dyami Jackson Love your Grandmas, Debbie Baptisto and Euphrasia Mike

Happy Birthday to two very special people in our lives, Patricia T. and Dawson A. Wishing you both a Happy Birthday and many more to come. We love you both. From your Sister and Grandma

Happy Birthday "Bob" Hope you will enjoy your Birthday. Have fun! Your Auntie (Alverna)

Happy Birthday Chairman Bob, We hope you have a great birthday, with no agenda other than a fun-filled day with family! From your team at the Runner



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Bell Biv Devoe visit Harrah's Ak-Chin

Story by C. Picciuolo, photos by A. Santiago



Bell Biv Devoe takes the stage at Harrah's Ak-Chin to entertain a pumped up crowd of old and new fans.

Iconic 1990s R&B group Bell Biv Devoe brought their classic sound to Harrah's Ak-Chin's Event Center and gave the Community a chance to let loose on Friday, August 30.

Bell Biv Devoe is made up of Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe, former members of the 1980s supergroup New Edition.

The group just finished the U.S. leg of a tour as RBRM (Ronnie, Bobby, Ricky & Mike) with Bobby Brown, who was also in New Edition, and will pick that tour back up again in October in Japan and Australia. For now, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Maricopa audience can experience the original trio and dance the night away.

Ricky Bell spoke to The Runner before the show about what the Community can expect from Bell Biv Devoe. "What you can expect is a high energy show. We play a lot of dance and club songs from our material. We like to dance, we like to party. We present the show in a way as if you were at a party and you're just hearing all your favorite songs and it just makes you want to get up and dance," he said.

And Bell Biv Devoe didn't disappoint. The trio's performance showed that

they seemed exactly the same as they were when they started and look like they haven't aged a bit. The show started with a DJ to hype up the crowd, and was followed by three back up dancers on stage. Then, Bell Biv Devoe entered one by one and displayed their memorable dance moves. The sound system's bass was thumping across the venue, as many new and old fans noted how loud the group was as they played their hits "Do Me!" and "Poison."

Bell still gets excited when the group plays those songs. "It feels like it's 1990 all over again when it drops. The energy is so amazing still when those songs come on. You can just feel the nostalgia and just taking anyone back to that time when they first heard it."

"Man, it's interesting because I think for our audience, the fans that have been following this whole New Edition generation, I mean, the family is like- and especially since the movie came out on BET- it's almost like there has been a sort of resurgence of Bell Biv Devoe and New Edition. We're actually seeing a lot of younger kids in our audience. I think the parents are bringing their kids and grandkids, it's like a family affair so to speak," said Bell.

Lucky Lady! Community member Gracie Pablo takes the pic and the opportunity to meet Bell Biv Devoe at Harrah's Ak-Chin, Aug. 30.



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Ak-Chin Mumsigo opens show for Michael Salgado at UltraStar

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Ak-Chin Mumsigo enjoy M&G with Michael Salgado; backrow, l-r: Blaine Peters, Delbert White, Michael Salgado, Dyami Jackson, Cecil Lewis. Front row, l-r: Nikolai White, Dominique "Patcho" White, James Leroy, Kevin Galaz, Kevin Woody, Jose Salas-Vargas.

August 31, 2019, UltraStar Multi-tainment Center opened its Amphitheater gates for a spectacular show Tejano and local communities had been highly anticipating.

With their very first big gig, the Ak-Chin Mumsigo band opened up the show for Tejano stars David Lee Garza Y Los Musicales and Michael Salgado. Ak-Chin Mumsigo took the stage at 6pm and then played chicken scratch pretty much nonstop for an hour.

Many of their fans set up lawn chairs in front so they could listen, as Mumsigo played some good ole wailas (polkas), chotes (two-steps) and cumbias.

The band was asked by Chairman Robert Miguel to open up the event. "They have been playing together for about a year and have been receiving requests for local gigs, which has given them that much more experience under their belts," Delbert White shared.

"The boys were very excited to play and get firsthand experience to see what life is like for some of the big names in Tejano music... the sound check was exciting to experience then the actual performance was the best experience." White added.

He then thanked all those who helped get Mumsigo ready for the night and on stage, including Chairman Miguel, family and friends, "UltraStar and DT... Ryan Jenkins who was the sound system go to person, Collette Susunkewa for making the band t-shirts last minute... and thanks for all the support and kind words received throughout the night."

After Ak-Chin Mumsigo finished, Phoenix based Grupo El Regreso had the crowd even more ready for the night with their energetic latino music setlist. They played a good mix of their top songs, including "El Jabali", "Huapango San Luis", "Los Toritos"

and "Yo Me Muero Por Ti".

Next up was Tejano sensation David Lee Garza Y Los Musicales who played some of his old and new Tex-Mex hits, "Con El Tiempo", "Cuatro Caminos", "Tonta" and "Te Quiero Te Amo" and even mixed it up with a George Strait classic.

David Lee Garza has been in the music business for over 30 years, earning a couple of Latin GRAMMYS along the way for Best Tejano Album. Born and raised in Poteet, TX; also birthplace of George Strait; he has worked with many musicians like Jimmy Gonzales and Bobby Pulido, and helped jump-start careers of some of the most talented artists in the industry, such as, Ramiro "Ram" Herrera and Emilio Navaira.

With just a little break in between, Tex-Mex singer Michael Salgado grabbed his accordion and set off to the stage to finish out this mini-Tejano jam. Salgado had the crowd dancing all over UltraStar with songs like; "Palomita Blanca", "Mi Chatita", "Sin Ella" and "Cruz de Madera". After asking fans what they wanted to hear, he ended with "Honky Tonks & Cantinas".

Michael's norteno music has been linked to the sounds of Ramon Ayala. He has won two Latin GRAMMYS for Best Tejano Album (2016) and Best Norteno Album (2007).

Community member and former Councilmember Ann Antone was very excited to finally see Salgado. Ann was instrumental in building a relationship with Michael and his daughter Katrina to bring him to Maricopa. "I waited two years to have him come to Ak-Chin Indian Community to perform."

After the show, many spectators hustled over to the multi-tainment center, some to get relief from the warm evening, most to the after-party being held

upstairs at Luxe Lounge.

Adam Saks, UltraStar President was on hand the evening to enjoy the show. When asked about how the overall event went, he shared, "our venue has been very well received, the music acts that we have brought in seemed to respond very well to the acoustics and the way it is laid out."

He also said they received many positive nods on the variety of entertainment they have brought to the community, and it showed that night as they had about 1000 guests in attendance.

"We received positive feedback from both Michael, David Lee Garza band as well as Ak-Chin Mumsigo as they all enjoyed the day very much." Saks added, "everyone who came has really had a great time, commenting on 'authentic music and food'. We had both Yolanda Melero-Moroyoqui as well as Erica Manuel offering frybread with all the fixins."

Saks shared that a portion of the bar sales from that night will be donated to FOR Maricopa. "Working (with) Crescent Crown distributorship, we identified FOR Maricopa as A5013C that we could support and in doing so all beer product for the evening was donated. We are looking forward to finalizing our numbers and a check presentation to the food bank."

Adam also commented on how well overall sales have been at UltraStar this year, as well as the success with after party shows at Luxe.

"Our music acts seemed to really enjoy the ability to go upstairs and spend some time with their fans as well as enjoying themselves... We are hoping to make ourselves an official after party for any entertainment happening at Ak-Chin Circle on either side of the bridge."



David Lee Garza Y Los Musicales get the crowd moving at UltraStar's outdoor amphitheater, while Grupo El Regreso's singer-accordionist gets everyone ready for a night of musica!



Above, dedicated fan, Marilyn Thomas poses with her favorite band photos, David Lee Garza Y Los Musicales when they first came to Ak-Chin. At right, the three MC's; from left is Manic Hispanic from 104.3 FM, Comedian Big Rob, and Chairman Robert Miguel; they all helped provide introductions throughout the show.



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