

## Ak-Chin Recreation Mother's Day event creates Amazing Experience

Story by R. Peters, photo by Richard Lopez

On Saturday, May 13 the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation staff went all out to provide an amazing experience for community moms who may not otherwise be able to take advantage of a day of pampering.

The Parks and Recreation department wanted to do something a little different for Mother's Day this year.

"Our focus was to think outside the box and not always look for sports-related events," Ann Marie Antone, Ak-Chin Recreation Director shared.

"We wanted to provide a unique opportunity for moms who may not be able to experience something like a spa treatment.

We also wanted to utilize our amazing members in the community who went to school for these services and provide them an opportunity to give back to their community, share their expertise and showcase their talent... it was a win-win all around."

"We liked the idea of pampering the hard-working moms in the community," Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine, Recreation Assistant, expressed.

"In order to make this day happen, we reached out to people within the community to see if they would be willing to donate their time."



Above, Community moms gather together for a photo after receiving an amazing pampering experience at Ak-Chin Recreation's Mother's Day event, on Saturday, May 13.

Recreation was excited that they had a few people eager to volunteer for hair styling. That sparked their excitement to move forward with their idea.

Soon they were connected with two massage therapists and then thought of making body scrubs to go along with the massage. They were fortunate to come across someone in the community who knew about essential oils and scrubs.

Staff then began to look for ways to transform the gymnasium into a relaxing environment to provide hair styling, make essential scrubs and offer massages. "We looked on Pinterest for inspirational ideas."

Over twenty women signed up for the Mother's Day event and their amazing experience started the moment they walked through the gym doors. Decorative

balloons were strung up throughout the gymnasium, with stations intimately set up for pampering the busy moms.

The gym was set up with a photo booth area, complete with a backdrop and balloons, as well as a crafting area for the kiddos to enjoy making crafts for mom, like photo handprints in a flower pot and a canvas heart painting.

The game room was transformed into a tranquil area with flowers, string lights, tulle and balloons.

A pleasant aroma of essential oils lingered in the air as moms made their choice of either body or facial scrubs. Dr. Yolanda Rodriguez provided a great presentation on the benefits of scrubs and oils.

Curtains were set up towards the back of the game room for those

who wanted to get a massage, from massage therapists Lourdes Lopez and Lanie R. Sahagan.

Meanwhile, the break room became a beauty parlor with more balloons, blingy mirrors and flower decorations for three hair stylist stations and two nail polish tables.

Stylists Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Lyndsey Peters and Tyaun Marshburn worked their magical skills providing cuts and styles of glamour. Many were amazed with their before and after styles.

To finish off their new hairdos, moms were also offered nail services compliments of their children. Miss Victoria also volunteered to do nails, and was grateful for all the mothers who allowed her to paint them.

Everyone who attended also received a goody bag from Recreation

## Arizona Indian Gaming \$2 Billion Milestone



Above, Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman, Robert Miguel speaks about the impact and success that tribal gaming has had on the state of Arizona.

Photo by T. Marshburn

On May 9 the Arizona Indian Gaming Association held a press conference at the State Capitol to recognize the contributions made by Arizona tribes to the state through the Arizona Benefits Fund.

The state is expecting to reach \$2 billion in contributions by the second quarter of 2023

The \$2 billion in con-

tributions for the first quarter of fiscal 2023 brought the total amount of tribal contributions to more than \$1.98 billion since 2009

The Arizona Benefits Fund helps to support instructional improvement in schools, trauma and emergency care, tourism, and wildlife conservation throughout the state.

## Construction on-going at SR347 and Ak-Chin Parkway



Photo by R. Peters

The City of Maricopa has implemented temporary control changes at the intersection of SR347 (John Wayne Parkway) and Ak-Chin Parkway.

The temporary control changes are expected to last until late summer or early fall.

North and south bound lanes will remain open on SR347

Left turns northbound onto SR347 from Ak-Chin Parkway will be closed as well as left turns into Ak-Chin Parkway from SR347. Right lanes in and out of Ak-Chin Parkway will be open.

During this temporary construction drivers are reminded to be cautious and alert when driving through construction zones along John Wayne Parkway.

Community traffic is expected to increase at Farrell Road and SR347 during the construction.

This intersection will be the detour route to travel back onto northbound SR347

Additional traffic enforcement measures will be in place, including an increased police presence, and violations in the construction zone may result in fines being doubled.

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## St. Francis celebrates Sacraments



On April 30, students celebrated their Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist with Bishop Thomas Olmsted at St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Ak-Chin.

Story and photos submitted by Flower Ruelas

In April, two beautiful works of the Holy Spirit were celebrated with Bishop Olmsted and Father Tvrdy, at St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Maricopa. On April 30, 2023, students who

Ak-Chin, as twenty-two students received their sacraments.

On Easter Vigil, April 8, 2023, students who

completed their Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and fully initiated, receiving their Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

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We also celebrated a

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# Elders enjoy Tea Party and Bingo at Him Dak

Story and photos by A. Santiago



Ak-Chin Him Dak hosted a Mother's Day Tea Party at the museum on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Elders were asked to bring their own tea cups to enjoy a nice cup of coffee or tea. Along with their drinks, Community elders were given their choice of bite-

sized egg sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, tuna sandwiches and fruit that were elegantly served on a silver tower platter. Museum staff offered games of bingo for the elders to enjoy with a chance to win prizes, to end the party.



## Sip-N-Paint event at Ak-Chin Elder Center



Story and photos by A. Santiago

The Ak-Chin Elder Center held a Mother's Day Sip N Paint event for the elders on Friday, May 12.

Marissa Antone, Ak-

Chin Elder Caregiver was the instructor for the group.

She explained step by step instructions to the Elders to create a

painting of a Pinkish Sky with cacti.

Fruity non-alcoholic mimosas were served with fruit and sandwiches.



special occasion for one student who was baptized Christian and brought into full communion with the catholic church.

Young students dedicated two years to their religious education classes, while adults dedicated one year.

St. Francis of Assisi-Ak-Chin would like to congratulate each student and their families for dedicating their time and faith to receive their sacraments.

"I would also like to thank my religious education teachers Mr. John and Ms. Michelle. Special thanks to Father Tvrdy and Bishop Olmsted for helping us celebrate the sacraments.

It is so beautiful and full of grace to see all the students grow in their faith, especially in the world right now. I pray the students continue their faith and love of the Lord, to continue their



Above is the RCIA class that received their sacraments on Easter Vigil, April 8, at St. Francis of Assisi - Ak-Chin.

practice every Sunday at Mass.

I always tell the students it doesn't matter what Catholic Church you go to every Sunday just as long as you go and give thanks and praise to the Lord for what we do have and to become a community of prayer warriors for those that are lost sheep and for those in purgatory."

If anyone has questions or wants more information, please see Sunday after

church. I will be more than happy to answer them.

Lots of Love and Blessings, Mrs. Flower St. Francis-Ak-Chin Parish Chief and Catechist



At left, Bishop Olmsted gives his blessing to parishioners after celebrating mass on Sunday, April 30. At right, Father Tvrdy blesses Holy Water during the Easter Vigil Sacrament celebration.

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by the Injury Prevention Program

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## ELDER MAY MENU

### Breakfast-Lunch

|  |  |
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| 19 Scrambled Eggs, Diced Potatoes, Sausage, Fruit Salad   Tuna Fish or Chicken Sandwich, 3 Bean Salad, Corn, Ice-Cream                 | 25 Quinoa Breakfast Bowl, Raisin Bread, Orange Slices   Ground Beef Tacos, Lettuce/ Tomato/Cheese, Brown Rice, Zucchini, Mexican Cookies |
| 22 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Watermelon   Salad Bar, Potato Soup, Rolls, Fruit Cocktail                            | 26 Scrambled Eggs w/ Vegetables, Toast, Scone Banana   Blacked Eyed Peas, Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Carrots, Grapes                       |
| 23 Egg Casserole, Toast, Apple Salad   Chicken Enchilada Casserole w/ Pinto Beans, Corn & Red Bell Peppers, Spanish Rice, Jell-O/Plums | 29 Center Closed   |
| 24 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit   Ham Sandwich, Green Leaf & Tomato, Peas, Wax Beans, Apple/Oranges              | 30 Rice Pudding, Boiled Eggs, Bacon, Toast Fruit   White Beans, Sweet Potato-Potato, Sauteed Spinich, Pears                              |
|  | 31 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Yogurt, Granola Bar   Grilled Steak over Cesar Salad, Beets, Wheat Rolls/Plums, Cantaloupe          |

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

## Healing From Grief Group

HHS Behavioral Health is now offering a group designed to help find a new path to normal.

Groups will help people express emotions, develop new coping skills, find comfort and support with others.

Art can help us express what words cannot.  
Sharing with others can help us feel connected again.

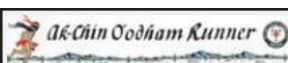
- + June 21, 2023 - Art Based Group
- + July 12, 2023 - Support Group Meeting
- + August 9, 2023 - Family Support Group Meeting
- + August 23, 2023 - Art Based Group
- + September 13, 2023 - Support Group Meeting
- + September 27, 2023 - Art Based Group

Groups will be held at the **Ak-Chin Community Service Center**  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

\*Reservations are needed for Art Based Groups to verify supplies are available for all attendees.

For questions or more information please contact HHS Behavioral Health Team at: 520-568-1090 or LHouston-Volden@ak-chin.nsn.us ; PTompson@ak-chin.nsn.us





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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes  
may be phoned in, faxed  
or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'dham  
Runner is a Community  
Newspaper and encourages  
Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos,  
poems or a great story that  
you would like to share,  
please contact us so we  
can include it in "YOUR"  
newspaper. Also, if you have  
suggestions or comments  
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let the Runner Staff know  
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All submitted letters MUST  
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#### NEXT DEADLINE

Don't forget the  
DEADLINE for the  
**June 2 - 15, 2023**  
issue is due by  
**FRIDAY, MAY 26TH**

Please submit all  
announcements, wishes, etc.  
no later than  
**FRIDAY, MAY 26TH**

Material submitted after the  
**MAY 26TH DEADLINE**  
cannot be guaranteed  
placement. If appropriate  
and relevant, it will be  
included in the next issue.

# Preschoolers, Pizza and Presents with Mom

On Friday, May 12th the  
Ak-Chin Preschool hosted a  
Mother's Day luncheon.

The kids had pizza,  
salad and made ice  
cream sundaes with their  
mothers.

The mothers also received  
gift boxes and homemade  
art from the children. In  
the gift boxes were a cup,

a candle, hand cream and  
hydrating lip mask.

There was photo booth  
with different Mother's  
Day theme props to  
capture fun memories with  
mom and child.

At the end there was a  
raffle to give out donated  
center pieces.



**Mom, Lexy Lopez admires gifts made by daughters Alexandra and Andrea.**



**Brenna Antone enjoys mom time with son Kaleb and daughter Sadie at the Preschool luncheon.**

## Legacy Traditional's Annual Muffins with Mom

Photos Submitted



**Jeannifer Boehm-King and her sons Antonio, Mateo, Isaac and Benji, are all smiles at the Muffins with Mom event.**



**Diana Carlyle enjoys Muffins with Mom event with her daughter Kylee.**



### AK-CIN TAM O'ODHAM KAKKE TAPIAL AK-CHIN LANGUAGE SURVEY

The Ak-Chin Language Department will be  
conducting a language survey to assess language use  
and knowledge in the community. Community  
members of all ages are welcome to take the survey!

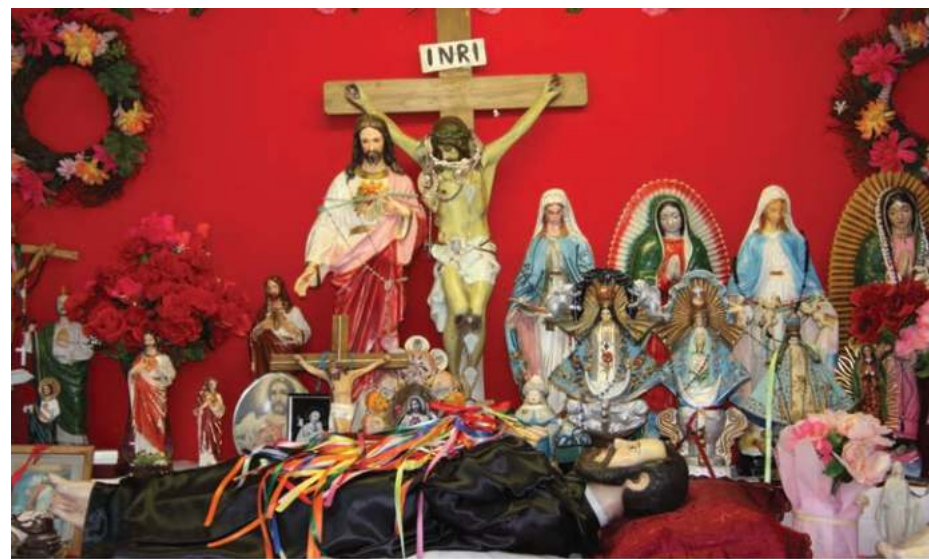
**All participants will receive a free t-shirt for  
their participation and will be entered into a  
raffle for an iPad Air!**

Please call contact Felicia Vincent at 520-568-1338 for  
more information, to schedule a survey or to request  
a link to take the survey online.

Story and photos  
by T. Marshburn



**Top row and left photos: Beautiful centerpieces donated by community departments adorned lunch tables. Above right: Brenda Arrellanes and daughter Evelyn enjoy a selfie at the photo booth.**



## San Juan Church Feast

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**Ben Miguel Residence**  
**47431 W. Farrell Road**  
**Maricopa, Arizona 85139**

**12:00 pm - Traditional Lunch**  
(chili stew, beans, potato  
salad, bone soup, tortillas,  
yeast buns)

**9:00 am - Rosary**  
(Lerline/Dean)

**1:00 pm - Pap:kola Dancers**

**10:00 am - Church**  
**Procession**

**6:00 pm - 12 am**  
**Chicken Scratch Dance**  
**Music By Friends**

**11:00 am - Traditional**  
**Baptismal**

**9:00 pm - Procession**  
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Every Wednesday  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**\*Plus 5 hours a week of homework**

#### WHERE?

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Accepting applications for  
Preschool 2023-2024 SY  
Deadline is July 28th, 2023

**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\*
- Health and Safety Protocols in Place

**Our office is open**  
**8am-5pm**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**Register now!**  
**First day of Preschool is**  
**August 14th, 8:30am-2:00pm**

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

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

**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**

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

**Pick up a 2023-2024 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.



# Finding the Force on the Fourth

Story and photos by A. Santiago

Ak-Chin Health Education held their annual May 4th Walk, starting at the Ak-Chin Recreation at 5:00 pm. There was a good turn out of participants for the 2-mile walk.

Once participants signed in they were given raffle tickets for a chance to win Star Wars or sport themed items and selected gift cards.

Martina Peters, Health Educator handed out light dinner boxes of turkey or ham

sandwiches to participants upon completion of their walk.



*Recreation Mother's Day continues from Front*



with more pampering items, like lip balms and scrubs, facial luxuries and lotions.

When asked what they thought of the set-up, many responded, "it was beautiful and amazing.... the lights and flowers were nice."

Most of the moms were able to enjoy all the stations that were set up. Their comments were overwhelmingly positive, and everyone enjoyed the event.

"I loved learning about the scrub and getting a massage... my favorite part of the Mother's Day event was all the treatments, we got to enjoy ourselves, which is rare...

also the haircuts looked great... the massage was great... before and after... we mothers sometimes let ourselves go, but always come back even more beautiful!"

The kids also had an amazing time creating all the cute crafts for their moms and being able to polish nails.

Moms were very thankful to the Recreation for doing

such a wonderful job on the Mother's Day event, and to the ladies who gave their time for hairstyles, massage and making scrubs.

Ak-Chin Recreation was also thankful to all those who helped make this event so successful.

"We would like to thank all of our volunteers for donating their time and effort to our event. Leslie Carlyle- Burnett, Tyaun Marshburn, Lyndsey Peters, Lourdes Lopez, Lanie R. Sahagan, and Yolanda Rodriguez, we honestly could not have had a successful event without your help.

We would also like to thank Jessica Batopis for providing cupcakes for our participants, the Runner for setting up the photo booth and Richard Lopez for helping with the photos.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the beautiful mothers who came out and participated in our event."



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# Class of 2023



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Ruelas



Celeste  
Gloria



Daimon  
Ugalde



Haylee  
Delma



Jesus  
Corella



Jonathan  
Peters



Jose  
Balderrama



Maria  
Peters



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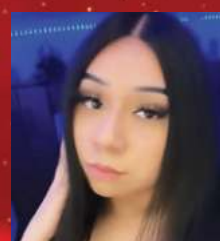
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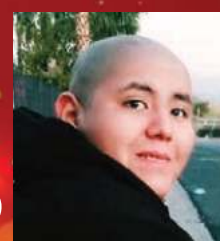
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Desert Pines High School



Alison  
Miguel  
Betty H. Fairfax HS



Kali  
Wind  
Shawnee High School



Michaela  
Peters  
Sequoia Pathway Academy



Zylén  
Silas-Antone  
Sherman Indian HS

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Class of  
2027



Aleah  
Oliver



Aliana  
Arellanes



Andi  
Santiago



Andrew  
Pinheiro



Arnulfo  
Arellanes



Audrina  
Peters



Brenley  
Hackney



Doyleen  
Pablo



Draven  
Soliz



Fredrick  
Antone



Genisys  
Sandoval



Horacio  
Corella



Ilina  
Perryman



Ionni  
Flores



Jayden  
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Juan  
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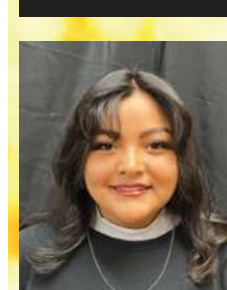
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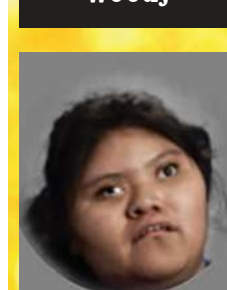
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Homer



Jalia  
Carra-Ponce  
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**CLASSES BEGIN  
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**ZUMBA FITNESS W/ JOSIE -  
TUESDAY EVENINGS  
DATES: JUNE 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH  
TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**RESTORATIVE YOGA W/ VICKIE -  
THURSDAY EVENINGS  
DATES: JUNE 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, & 29TH  
TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

\*\*Classes open to Ak-Chin Members, their families, Residents, and Employees & their families.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT  
(520) 568-1080 or mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us**

# WIC

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9am-11am  
Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - 9am-11am**

**WIC Services held at Ak-Chin Service Center**

Do you qualify for WIC?

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit s & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs!

Question? Need to make an Appt?  
Call: (520) 562-9698  
Gila River Indian Community WIC Program  
66 W. Pima, Sacaton, Arizona

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**June 08<sup>th</sup> 2023  
(Thursday)\***

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- Communications Officer
- Court Security Guard
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Economic Development Analyst
- General Worker
- Head Lifeguard
- Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant Operations and Maintenance (O & M) Technician
- Police Officer (Certified and Non-Certified)
- Project Manager
- Ranger
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist

## EMPLOYEE UPDATES

**Nawal Bakheit-Apura**  
*Contracts and Grants FINANCE*

**Isaac Carlyle**  
*Motor Pool Tech MAINTENANCE*

**Sergio Romero**  
*Maintenance Technician MAINTENANCE*

## "What the Hay" 64 Alfalfa bales Raffle

**TICKET TICKET TICKET TICKET TICKET TICKET TICKET**

**KEEP THIS COUPON**

**Alfalfa Bales donated by Ak-Chin Farm Board**

**\$20.00 for 1 ticket  
\$100.00 for 6 tickets**

**Last day to purchase and Raffle Date/Time  
May 21st, 2023 @ 4 P.M.**

**Send screenshot to email addresses as proof of Purchase when using QR Code.**

**Special Olympics Arizona**

**All Funds raised go to Special Olympics Arizona**

## Wishes

*Happy Birthday to my daughter Elaine  
Love, Mom*

*Happy Birthday to my granddaughters, Lorelei, Ariaiah and Jolie and my grandsons Oscar, Henry, Daniel, Jr. and Aaron, Jr.  
Love, Grandma*

*Happy Birthday Ryan  
Love, your family*

*Congrats to Delila and family for the arrival of your beautiful baby girl, Lorelei!  
From Runner Staff*

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 5/19-6/1

**9 May**  
**Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, E Iderly**

**9 May**  
**Darrian Justin, Sanitation**

**2 May**  
**Brian Schaublin, Fire & Safety**

**3 May**  
**Tera Thornton, Education**

**4 May**  
**Victor Harer**  
**Environmental Protection**  
**Deidra Carlyle, Planning**

**8 May**  
**Edith Munoz, Finance**

**7 May**  
**Brian Manuel, TGA**  
**Maria Tavares, Social & Health Services**  
**Colleen Mike, Transit**

**9 May**  
**Marla Antone, HR**  
**Nickalus Acosta, Law & Order**  
**Elaine Peters, Him Dak Museum**

**3 May**  
**Christopher Hayes, Fire & Safety**

**1 June**  
**Tristin Martin, Law & Order**

## May 19<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>

**MAY 19**  
Johnnie Ormsby Jr.  
Leslie Burnett

**MAY 20**  
Darrian Justin  
Ariaiah Thompson

**MAY 21**  
Lisa Alejandro

**MAY 22**  
Christian Thomas  
Oscar Blackwater-Peters

**MAY 23**  
Cecelia Norris

**MAY 24**  
Deidra Carlyle

**MAY 25**  
Desiree Carra  
Delia Carlyle

**MAY 26**  
Makenna Sope  
Zoe Susunkewa

**MAY 27**  
Brian Manuel Jr.  
Mason Bowman  
Colleen Norris  
Maria Thomas  
Jayden Antone

**MAY 28**  
Lorenzo Mejia  
Janice Anderson  
Henry Garcia  
Mikelle Sope

**MAY 29**  
Frederick Antone  
Elaine Peters  
David Stephens  
Carmen DeLeon  
Yvette Oliver  
Daniel Lozano Jr.  
Marla Antone

**MAY 30**  
John Deloney Jr.  
Jeycee Zepeda  
Samantha Green  
Jolie Peters  
Isabella Antone

**MAY 31**  
Ryan Justin  
Santos Aguilla  
Aaron Peters Jr.

**JUNE 1**  
Cruz Machado, Jr.

**Happy Birthday!**



# Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Employees Participate in Eleventh Annual Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Event



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Employees at its Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Event

(MARICOPA, Ariz.—April 26, 2023) For the 11th year in a row, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino employees participated in an Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup event. The initiative took place on April 21 with employees focusing their efforts on the two-mile stretch of Highway 4 in front of Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

This CodeGreen event is one of the many ways Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and its employees give back to the Maricopa community. CodeGreen is an organization-wide strategy to drive environmental awareness and engagement, as well as performance across the business.

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino:

For nearly 8 years in Maricopa, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner. Harrah's Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

Harrah's Ak-Chin also boasts one of the two Bingo halls within the Caesars portfolio, continuing the proud heritage of William F. Harrah, who opened his first Bingo hall in Reno

in 19. In addition to Craps, Roulette, sports betting, slot machines, video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives and blackjack, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant and Dunkin'®.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino features 39 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with swim-up bar.

Harrah's Ak-Chin has been named a Most

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

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**Monday - Thursday:**  
11:00am, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00  
**Friday:**  
3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00  
**Saturday:**  
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00  
**Sunday:**  
11:00am, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00

**HYPNOTIC**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
11:00am, 1:15 & 3:30  
**Friday:**  
8:30 & 10:45  
**Saturday:**  
5:30, 7:45 & 10:00  
**Sunday:**  
5:30 & 7:45

**BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30  
**Friday:**  
8:30 & 10:45  
**Saturday:**  
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 & 10:15  
**Sunday:**  
12:00, 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30

**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
11:00am, 12:00, 2:15, 3:15, 5:30 & 6:30  
**Friday:**  
3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
11:00am, 2:15, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30  
**Sunday:**  
11:00am, 12:00, 2:15, 3:15, 5:30 & 6:30

**GUY RITCHIE'S THE COVENANT**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
5:30 & 8:15  
**Friday:**  
3:00 & 5:45  
**Saturday:**  
12:00 & 2:45  
**Sunday:**  
12:00 & 2:45

**EVIL DEAD RISE**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
12:30, 2:45, 5:00 & 7:15  
**Friday:**  
3:00, 5:20, 7:45 & 10:00  
**Saturday:**  
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15 & 9:30  
**Sunday:**  
12:30, 2:45, 5:00 & 7:15

**THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE\***  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
12:00, 3:30 & 7:00  
**Friday:**  
4:00, 6:15, 8:30 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00 & 9:15  
**Sunday:**  
12:00, 2:15, 4:30 & 7:00

**JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
12:00, 3:30 & 7:00  
**Friday:**  
3:30, 7:00 & 10:30  
**Saturday:**  
12:00, 3:30, 7:00 & 10:30  
**Sunday:**  
12:00, 3:30 & 7:00



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**MAY. 29**

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**May 2023**

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY                                | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|   | 1<br><br>IT'S LIKE REGULAR MAIL, BUT FASTER. SHARE YOUR EMAIL AND YOU WON'T MISS A THING! | 2<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY  | 3<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY  | 4<br><br>HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY!                                | 5<br><br>BONUS REWARD CREDITS   | 6<br><br>HATS READY, THE RACE IS ON!                             |
| 7<br><br>DOUBLE ENTRY DAY FOR THE ALASKA CRUISE DRAWING. BONUS REWARD CREDITS | 8<br><br>THE SPA. SPA, POOL, REPEAT!  | 9<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY  | 10<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 11<br><br>ROLL INTO THE WEEKEND!                            | 12<br><br>BONUS REWARD CREDITS  | 13<br><br>MAJOR JACKPOT WON! \$28409.25. WINNER, WINNER, WINNER! |
| 14<br><br>BONUS REWARD CREDITS  | 15<br><br>DOWNLOAD APP. SEE OFFERS. HAVE FUN! CAESARS REWARDS                             | 16<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 17<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 18<br><br>LET'S BE FRIENDS!                                 | 19<br><br>BONUS REWARD CREDITS  | 20<br><br>ARMED FORCES DAY                                       |
| 21<br><br>BONUS REWARD CREDITS  | 22<br><br>WE'VE GOT ROOM FOR FIDO, TOO  | 23<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 24<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 25<br><br>FLOAT INTO SUMMER                                 | 26<br><br>2X PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER. BONUS REWARD CREDITS | 27<br><br>DUNKIN' HAS YOUR ICE, ICE, BABY!                       |
| 28<br><br>3X PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER. BONUS REWARD CREDITS         | 29<br><br>5X PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER. \$50,000 SWEEPSTAKES                     | 30<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | 31<br><br>NINE WEST GIFT SERIES GIVEAWAY | <p><b>\$50,000 SWEEPSTAKES</b><br/>MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023</p> |   |  |

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