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Janic e Miguel proudly stands with her daughter Jennifer Zepeda and grandchildren Jose Balderrama and Celeste Gloria during their graduation celebration.

Story and photos by A. Santiago

2023 Graduation Celebration

On May 19, 2023 the Ak-Chin Education Department hosted a Recognition Night for Ak-Chin members have or soon will be graduating from high school, college and vocational programs.

The welcoming ceremony was address by Dr. Darlene Smith-Raibon, Director of Ak-Chin Education Department, followed by a prayer and song from the Ak-Chin Language Department.

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Keynote speaker for the evening was Jennifer Boehm-King, recent graduate from Arizona State University who gave an inspiring message to the future and current graduates.

Jennifer reflected on the theme of the evening, "If we wonder often, the gift of knowledge will come" saying what that meant to her, "For me it means that if I continue to seek understanding, if I continue to

ask "why?" and if I continue to be curious about the things I encounter in life- I will learn, I will find the answers, I will know better so that I can do better."

She also highlighted graduation statistics Indigenous students, then comparing the stats to Ak-Chin. "Based on the national data this means out of 100 Ak-Chin youth in high school, only 72 will graduate, out of that

Rebecca Alvarez earns Masters at ASU

Submitted by Rebecca Alvarez



Rebecca Alvarez, during American Indian Convocation held on May 12, 2023.

Congratulations to Chin Community member, Rebecca Alvarez who recently graduated Arizona State University.

Rebecca is the daughter of Cruz Alvarez and the late Mabel Alvarez (badt), and currently employed with the Information Systems Department as a Software Specialist.

Rebecca has been attending ASU since the fall of 2018. She received her Bachelor of Science in Internet and Web Development in Spring 2020.

"I graduated Summa Cum Laude. I began my Master's degree in Spring 2021, and graduated this May 2023 with a Master of Science Graphic Information

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Community boasts record number graduates from all levels

Story and photos by Runner Staff



As the school year 2023 begins to wind down for summer, there were many interesting and fascinating events that took place. All the graduation and promotion ceremonies were definitely highlights for the year.

We at the Runner were right in the mix of most of them, trying to make sure we had every ceremony covered and every student had a picture taken for the newspaper. Ak-Chin Education staff and the Runner worked hand in hand over the past month making sure we were all on the same page so to speak, with all the end of year ceremonies for promotion and graduation.

We were just as happy as the families in the audience to see our little graduates strut down the aisles to get their certificates or diplomas. And we were awestruck to hear that there were so many promoting from 5th grade and 8th grade.

Our high school seniors also had very impressive numbers graduating, which was an awesome sight to see as well. Although we don't hear too much about all our higher education achievers, we are grateful for the opportunity to attend their ceremonies or receive their information afterwards.

To count them all was truly amazing and to capture

Ak-Chin shows strong support for **Special Olympics**



Bowlers - AKC Boys take the big trophy and championship for this year's annual Bowling Fundraiser. (LR): Delroy Clark, Johnny Perkins, Sammy Justin and Chizzum Justin.

Story and photo by R. Peters

Ak-Chin Indian Community has been working hard to bring back programs and events that were once restricted.

It's been so nice to see more and more members and employees participate in many events that have been brought back, such as the Special Olympics Torch Run.

On May 5, a handful of runners and bikers met at Ak-Chin Police Department for a safety briefing before transportation loaded up the van to take the participants to the intersection of SR347 and Louis Johnson

Runners and bikers braved the traffic and heat to run/bike the

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StrongHearts Raises **Elder Abuse Awareness**

(EAGAN, MN. June 1, 2023) - Despite the horror of being physically hurt, and having their money or medication stolen, elders who are abused or neglected often endure the abuse without calling for help. As lifelong caregivers and protectors, many elders suffer in silence to maintain the well-being of their family and that may include their abuser.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) - a day to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse. It's a day to reflect on what it's like to become an Elder and the many challenges they are facing such as: losing strength, muscle, and bone mass. Mental clarity can deteriorate and lead to memory loss. inevitable vulnerabilities leave our elders at risk of being abused.

According National Council Aging, most abuse occurs in the home and at the hands of family members.

silently suffer abuse can include: elders abuse and neglect at the hands of those who should be protecting them," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

"Many elders refuse to report their abusers because they are closely related and want to protect their family, but there are so many more reasons that most people can't imagine."

- Despite the • Love: abuse or neglect, victims continue to • Cultural and spiritual their abusive
- partner or relative. • Fear: Elders may fear Learn The Signs of retaliation if
- report the abuse.
- do to make matters worse • Lack of Resources: reasons. However, if you
- fixed incomes and may depend on their abuser for shelter.
- Accessibility: Elders say that they are being

1 Sausage & Potatoes,

Casserole Scrambled

Eggs, English Muffin,

Stir Fry, W/ Stir Fry

Vegetables, Brown

Rice, Lima Beans,

Jell-O-Fresh Fruit

2 Egg Salad Toast,

Grapes with Cottage

Indian Taco, Lettuce,

Tomato, Cheese, Corn

on Cob, Watermelon

Cheese, Muffin | 2

Avocado Slices,

Fruit Salad | Tofu



report if they do not have access to cell phones, internet and/or include: transportation.

Polyvictimization and Normalization: For generations, Native people have endured multiple types abuse at the hands of • Not having necessary non-Natives - so much so that abuse seems normal - an everyday part of life.

Types of Abuse

Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. The abuser can be a family member, caretaker or another person that the "It's unacceptable when elder trusts. Types of

- Emotional abuse causes mental pain, fear and/or distress
- Physical abuse the use of force to cause pain, injury, etc
- Financial abuse improper use of an elders money, property • Bringing or assets
- Caregiver neglect a failure to meet basic medical care)
- Sexual abuse forced or unwanted sexual interactions of any kind
- abuse

Abuse

The signs of elder abuse • Embarrassment: may be difficult to spot Worrying about what as they could sometimes others might think or be the result of disease, side effects from medications or similar Many elders live on suspect that an Elder is being abused, be patient, talk and listen to them. Be aware that they may

than abused. Other signs of abuse may

- Unexplained bruising
- Changes in behavior
- Lack of interest in family or social events of • Loss of weight

or injury

medical aids (glasses, walkers, teeth, etc) or adequate food, water, shelter

How can you help?

Education is always the first step. Understand the warning signs of elder abuse and pay attention to the elders in your life. Ensuring that our elders are properly cared for can include:

- Offering help those in your family that might be feeling burdened with the care of a loved one.
- Spending time with an elder and planning a rotating schedule if you have multiple caregivers.
- them nutritional foods like baked goods or even better fry bread.
- needs (food, water, Talking and listening to their stories because elders have a lot of wisdom to share and appreciate.
 - Every state has an Adult Protective Services division for those wishing to report abuse at
 - www.napsa-now.org/ help-in-your-area.

StrongHearts can help. Advocates are available 24/7 to provide support advocacy, make referrals Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. We are here 24/7/365.



2023 Tribal Environmental **Health Forum**

Photo by R. Peters

Article submitted by: Brandy Nelson, Ak-Chin Environmental Specialist

After 6 months of planning, the 2023 Tribal Environmental Health Forum was held at Harrah's Ak-Chin on Tuesday May 16, 2023 and Wednesday May 17, 2023.

This Forum brought over 150 participants from various universities, colleges, tribal communities and federal agencies throughout the United States.

The 2023 Tribal Environmental Health Forum Theme was, "Elevating Traditional Knowledge to Achieve Environmental Health Justice in Indigenous Communities."

The Forum through this theme, encouraged the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and insights on topics that elevated traditional knowledge to achieve environmental justice communities.

elevation

The

traditional knowledge centered around discussions to promote stimulating experiences; engaging through thought provoking presentations, networking, discussions.

The Forum provided an opportunity for the participants to explore new ways to collaborate, grow new and existing partnerships and gather resource opportunities to further projects in native communities.

Welcoming remarks from Ak-Chin Chairman

Robert Miguel followed by a blessing from Lerline Peters and Felicia Vincent opened the first day of the Forum.

The opening remarks were done by Levi Esquerra, Vice President for Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement at the University of Arizona and Dr. Karletta Chief, Director of the University of Arizona's Indigenous Resilience Center and Professor Associate in the Department of Environmental Science.

The opening keynote speaker was Ms. Ann Marie Chischilly, Vice President for the Office Native American Initiatives at Northern Arizona University.

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Starting May 16th,2023

Time: 10:00 am-11:00am When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS FOR ELDERS

let's Be Stronger,as We get Older



Join us!

For Questions or Transportation email or call TDelacruz@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1087



San Juan Church Feast

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

9:00 am - Rosary (Lerline/Dean)

10:00 am - Church Procession

11:00 am - Traditional **Baptismal**

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

1:00 pm - Pap:kola Dancers

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

9:00 pm - Procession & Fireworks Display

5 Egg & Ham Sandwich, Hashbrown,

Cantaloupe, Cottage Cheese | 5 Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Spinach Salad, Ambrosia Salad

6 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Toast, Hashbrown Casserole,

ELDER JUNE MENU Breakfast-Lunch Yogurt Fruit | Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Romain Salad, Peaches

> 7 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Baked Fish or Chicken, Broccoli, Carrots, Tropical Fruit

8 Menudo, Rolls, Fruit Salad | Red Chili, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Churros 9 Breakfast Tostadas, Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Scone | Chicken Tortilla Soup, Cheese Quesadilla, Apples/

Oranges 12 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Cantaloupe | Split Peas w/ Ham, Chicken

& Dumpling, Sweet

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Potato-Potato (D), Mixed Vegetables, Pop Over, Pineapples

13 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pineapple Beef Stew, Carrots, Lima Beans, Biscuits, Jell-O

14 Biscuit Ham &

Cheese, Sandwich Boiled Eggs, Avocado Slices, Oranges Granola Bar | Ground Beef, Stuffed Acorn, Black Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges

15 Ricotta & Fruit Toast, Boiled Eggs, Oatmeal Cup, Breakfast Cookie Tuna or Chicken Patties, Over Romain Salad, Tomato w/ Cottage Cheese, Pears

Everyone Welcome

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

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have aggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

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Ak-Chin Indian Community **NEXT DEADLINE**

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the June 16 - July 6, 2023 issue is due by FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc.

no later than **FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH** Material submitted after the

JUNE 9TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate

and relevant, it will be

included in the next issue.

Recycle Update

As some of you might have heard, we had a small hiccup in our recycling program.

Our vendor, United Fibers, discontinued taking recyclable material and moved

Recycle bottles,

cans, paper and

I do audits to keep

loads of recyclables

to the landfill. You

will never be in

sent

from having

rejected and

cardboard.

only accepting cardboard.

Thanks to the hard work of our Sanitation Department **Environmental Programs** we have found a new vendor who most might

be familiar with and we very excited to team up with, Waste Management. As far as for you, there are no changes needed. Please keep following these 3 easy rules:



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.

to share more of or

get better information

out in the community

as a partner of this

beautiful community.

Audits can be a scary word to anyone but NO FEAR,



June 2 - 15, 2023

No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

it is just me, your community friendly Environmental Specialist peeking into the blue bins.



trouble with email Please These audits allow with any questions at me to know what BNelson@ak-chin. information I need nsn.us Are you interested in what it takes to be a firefighter?



firefighting with hands-on training taught by Ak-Chin Fire Department Firefighters. The ACFD Cadet Program is designed for aspiring firefighters from 14 to 20 years of age

TEAM Building Confidence Personal Growth Discipline eadership Qualitie

This opportunity is available to ALL youths interested. Preference for Ak-Chin Members

This youth program is affiliated with the Arizona Learning for Life Explorer program.

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Topics throughout the Forum were on Water Quality and access, Climate Change (Dr. Selso Villegas), Future Indigenous Stewards, and lots of structured networking activities with the guidance of Tinhorn from Tinhorn Consulting. The participants were also taken on a tour of the Him-Dak Museum, BIA House, and Ak-Chin Farms.

Thank you to April Stovall and her team at Harrah's Ak-Chin for allowing each participant create a "Clean the World" donation kit.

This Forum is held every 2 years and in native communities, but it was such a success that the participants have suggested to have it

A huge thank you to the Ak-Chin Community Council, Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum, Ak-Chin Language Department, Ak-Chin Transportation Department, Ak-Chin Recreation Department, Harrah's Ak-Chin, Ak-Chin Runner, Ak-Chin Farms, and Ak-Chin **Environmental Programs** for all your assistance in making the 2023 Tribal Environmental Health

Forum a huge success.

Sponsors and partners for the event were the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, O'odham Tohono Nation's Environmental Office. Protection Native FEWS Alliance, University of Arizona's Indigenous Resilience Center, University of Arizona's Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center/College of Pharmacy, University of Arizona's Office of the Provost, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Water Safety

Every year there are over 4,000 unintentional fatal drownings in the United States, averaging eleven people per day.

For every child 14 years and younger who dies from drowning, five receive emergency department care for non-fatal submersion injuries. More than half of these children were hospitalized or transferred to another facility for treatment.

Non-fatal drownings can cause brain damage that result in long-term disabilities ranging from memory problems and learning disabilities to the permanent loss of basic functioning (i.e., permanent vegetative state).

Here are some ways that you can prevent an accidental drowning in your home:

- Designate a responsible adult to watch young children while in the bath and all children swimming or playing in or around the water. Adults should not be involved in any other distracting activity (such as reading, playing cards, talking on the phone, or mowing the lawn) while supervising children.
- Always swim with a buddy. Whenever possible, select swimming sites that have lifeguards.
- Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating, or waterskiing. Avoid drinking alcohol while supervising children.
- Learn to swim. Be aware that the American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend swimming classes as the primary means of drowning prevention for children younger than four years of age. Constant vigilant supervision and barriers such as pool fencing are still necessary even when children have completed classes.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Because of the time it might take for paramedics to arrive, your CPR skills can make a difference in someone's life. CPR performed by bystanders has been shown to improve outcomes in drowning victims.
- With young children, do not use air-filled or foam toys, such as "water wings," "noodles," or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets (personal flotation devices). These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

If you have a swimming pool at your home:

- Install a four-sided, isolation pool fence that totally separates the house and yard from the pool area. The fence should be at least four feet high and should completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard. Use self-closing and self-latching gates that open outward and have latches that are out of a child's reach. Consider additional barriers such as automatic door locks or alarms to prevent or notify you regarding access to the yard or pool.
- Toys should be removed from the pool immediately after use. Floats, balls and other toys might encourage children to enter the pool area or lean over the pool and potentially fall in the water.

If in or around natural bodies of water: • Know the local weather conditions and

- forecast before swimming or boating. Strong winds and thunderstorms with lightning strikes are dangerous. • Use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets
- when boating, regardless of distance to be traveled, size of boat, or swimming ability of boaters. Heed colored beach warning flags.
- Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip
- currents (e.g. water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris). If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore; once free of the current, swim toward • Make sure that everyone has a safe and happy
- summer by remembering all of the fun and happy times shared with family members, not with a memory of another tragic death of a child in water.

If you have any other questions, please call Fire

Marshal Jon at 520-568-1316.

Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community

Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing

regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street. CASE: PS-02-23: Southern Dunes Golf Course New Well:

Project Applicant/Water Operations Manager, Carlton Carlyle, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct a new irrigation well for Southern

Dunes Golf Course. The project consists of: Drilling a pilot hole and test water quality;

utilities and site fence; and An access road retention basin will be constructed east of the new well

CASE: PS-04-23: Ak-Chin Circle Business Suites Complex: Project Applicant/Airport Manager, Tim Costello, is requesting Preliminary Site

New hole will be drilled and provided with a casing, well pump, electrical

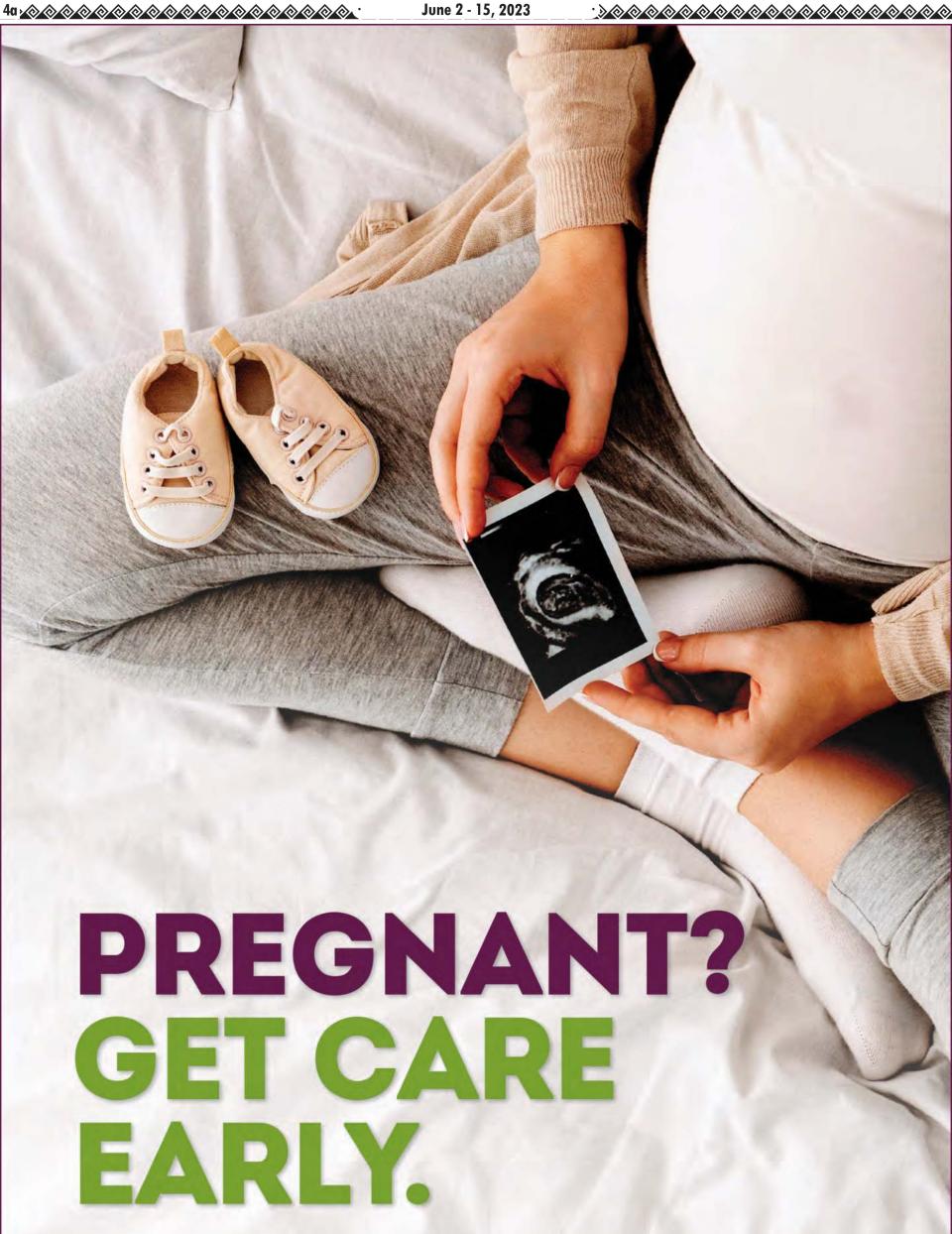
approximately 1.89 acres next to the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Complex. The project consists of:

Plan approval for a new 16,000 sq. ft. retail shell building and site development on

Walking paths, slope and drainage work, utilities, landscaping; and

Eighty-three (83) parking spaces, including double the required handicap accessible parking spaces in Phase 1.

7,520 SF for a new dialysis center and 8,480 SF for 3 retail suites;



Your baby is the future of your Tribal community.

Take care of yourself and your baby during pregnancy.

GET EARLY PRENATAL CARE.

Prenatal care visits help reduce problems during birth and give you a way to learn more about what to expect during pregnancy.

GO TO APPOINTMENTS REGULARLY.

You will have many check-ups during your pregnancy. Try not to miss any — they are all important.

Make an appointment with your healthcare provider if you are or think you may be pregnant.

For more information about the ITCA Maternal Health Innovation Program, scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/ITCAMHI.



















72, only 12 will continue on to higher education. Out of those 12 in higher education, only 5 will succeed in graduating, and less than 1 will obtain a Master's degree or above. I do not bring the numbers up to discourage our people, but only to encourage you to continue against

the odds."

Jennifer ended thanking the higher education staff, tribal elders leaders, and families for their support and congratulated all graduates, "we honor you and we are proud of Ak-Chin High School Counselor, Savannah Boyd recognized all high school seniors on their graduation, or soon to be graduation from high school.

Chin Higher Education Enrollment Advisor recognized all higher education students in attendance.

Lenny Dempsey, Ak-

All students were awarded certificates and gifts.

Closing remarks were provided by Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, as he recognized

the families who have been providing support to these students and playing a key role in their success. He also praised the students for continuing on their educational paths and being productive individuals.

Dinner was catered by Ak-Chin Elements **Events** Center, consisted of ribs, potato salad, corn bread, beans, corn on cob and a baked potato.

The entertainment for the night was the one and only DJ Clayton Antone.

Ariel Lopez sings at talent show

Submitted Brianna Peters On Tuesday May 23rd Sequoia Pathway held a talent show.

8 year-old, 2nd grader Ariel Lopez performed one of her favorite songs, "Beautiful Crazy" by Luke Combs.

Although Ariel was nervous, she still delivered great performance.

There were no winners, the talent show was just for fun, something the teachers put together for kids. They audition and then perform in front their classmates





On May 21, over twenty teams signed up to participate in the Annual Bowling Fundraiser at TenPins Down at Ak-Chin Circle.

Two

offered, session one started at 1pm and session two started at 3pm.

sessions

were

At the end of the last session winners of the

bowling tournament were announced.

First place winners -AKC Boys, second place - Donut Demons and third place - Strada Strikes. All placing teams were awarded trophies.

A raffle was also held for numerous prizes, including a 50/50 raffle and (64) bales of hay raffle.



the first leg of the Torch

Run's 6.0-miles, to

Ak-Chin Circle, where

walkers awaited to take

their turn for the second

The 2.5-mile stretch

put walkers right in the

middle of Milton Paul"

Antone Memorial Park,

where Chief Garcia and

the PD staff awaited with

lunch in hand for the

hungry participants.

leg of the event.











Ak-Chin Child Development Accepting applications for

Preschool 2023-2024 5Y Deadline is July 28th, 2023

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:

- Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indi an Community
- Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Communi-
- Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Com-munity boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Communi-
- Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. 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@akchin.nsn.us

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community Pick up a 2023-2024 Enrollment

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

Fire Safety Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Fire Department)

*Field Trips/Fun activities throughout

Health and Safety Protocols in Place

Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment Completed Application

Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development.

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

returning students only need the current Im-munization 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.















The COVID-19 Testing Location at Hu Hu Kam Memorial **Hospital Has** Changed



Starting Monday, June 5, 2023 Drive-Thru testing will close and

Walk-Up testing will be available.



Emergency Department COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Is Now Walk-Up Testing

QUESTIONS?

Call the Emergency Department: (520) 562-3321 EXT. 1215 OR (602) 528-1215

COVID-19 drive-up testing also available at:

KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER

Drive Up Testing (520) 550-6060 Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) HEALTH CENTER

Drive Up Testing (520) 796-2697 Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Visit the grhc.org/hub to view our upcoming health events.







FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE UNIT JUNE CALENDAR



JUNE AWARENESS **ELDER ABUSE** MONTH





LIFE CENTER DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS

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

CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023









- Accountant
- Applications Software Technician
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Economic Development Analyst
- Firefighter-Medic
- General Worker
- Head Lifeguard
- Librarian
- Lifeguard
- Police Officer (Certified and Non-Certified)
- Project Manager
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist

Please visit our website at www. ak-chin.nsn.us, for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply. If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.





Cruz Machado, Jr.

6/02 Astraya Warren

6/03

Kiandra Smith

6/04 Joseph Zabawa Jr.

6/05 Alyssa Wind Haedin De Paola Jessica White Mario Luz

6/06 Uriayzz Antone Marie Thomas Ramona Kaniatobe

6/07 Marco Thompson Marissa Antone Zylen Silas-Antone

6/08 Mylauni Antone Xadrian Miguel

6/09 Jason J.C Smith

Consuelo Alvarez 6/10 Marvin Lewis Ashley Vincent

Holly Kaniatobe

Benjamin King Alex Bowman Joseph Zabawa, III

Jeremy Carra Richard Villegas Samuel Justin 6/14

6/13

Amorie Narcia Ralph Martinez Brenley Hackney

6/15 Saul Ruelas Cecil Miguel, Jr. 6/16

Manuel Ortega Lupe Kaniatobe Daniel Antone 6/17

Clorenda Humeyumptewa Raul Ruelas Kali Wind Mauktho Sehongva' Jose Anelia Jacuinde 6/18

> Myles Peters Shanna Narcia

Kellen Hoffman Josefa Lewis Michelle Smith

6/20 Juanita Balderrama Julianna Smith Sayra Montero-Zamudio Justin Zabawa

> 6/21 Tanya Enos Bridget Carlyle Linda Sue Jose Sedra Dean Curtis Dean Andreas Antone

> > 6/22

Davidson Ugalde, Jr. Baya Olivas Bija Talkalai Genisys Sandoval Pamela Vincent Pablo Alejandro, Jr. 6/23

Lillian Shade Charity Vincent 6/24 Salvatore Johnson, Jr.

Autum Manuel

Nicole Narcia

Adela Zabawa

Kevin Ormsby

6/25 Anthony Antone Johnny Lopez

6/26

Delores Rodrigues Rufus White Tylen Zepeda Savanna Gonzalez 6/27

Gabriel Narcia Joseph Narcia Esperanza Valentin-Kaniatobe Sheila Bandin Aiyana Narcia 6/28

Makaylia Allison 6/29

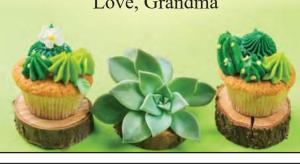
> Susan Guerin John White Janelle White 6/30

Esmeralda Santiago Ionni Flores John Zabawa Martin Antone, Sr.



Happy Birthday to my grandsons Joseph Jr., Xadrian and Joseph III

Love, Grandma





Pamela Dallas, **Contracts and Grants** Virginia Zepeda, Maintenance 4-Jun Tyaun Marshburn,

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2-Jun

Runner 7-Jun

Kashmir Miller, Law & Order Marissa Antone, **Elderly** 8-Jun

Hermalinda Mavis,

10-Jun

Thomas Hoetzlein, Fire & Safety

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> 12-Jun Jesus Espinoza,

Maintenance 13-Jun John McCullouch,

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Ak-Chin Southern Dunes hosts first National Golf Invitational

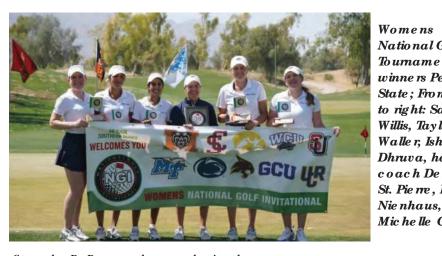
May, Golfweek and Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club teamed up to host the National inaugural Golf Invitational, that featured men's and women's teams from colleges throughout the country for a postseason championship tournament.

Brady Wilson, Southern Dunes General Manager, shared, "This is the NIT of college golf, where the best of the teams that didn't make the national tournament come here, and it's a really great college event... we're the Madison Square Garden, and we're always going to host it... It's just something

During the month of that continues with our legacy of hosting high level championship events."

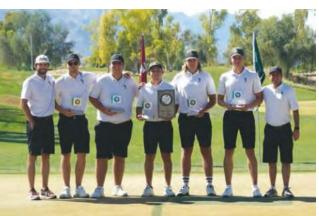
Ten teams were selected for the women's tournament, held May 11-14 and thirteen teams were selected for the men's tournament, held May 18-21, competing in a 54-hole stroke play tournament.

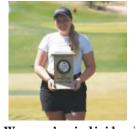
Future plans for the NGI is to invite the next 15 teams according to average ranking of the teams that did not get invited to the NCAA Regionals, with three selections reserved for possible committee picks.



Story by R. Peters, photos submitted

Mens National Golf To umament winners Texas State; From left to right: Assistant Coach Logan Davis, Tom Roed Karlsen, Jack Burke, Marcelo Garza, Sakke Siltala, Kasper Nyland, Head Coach Shane Howell







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Community Graduates continued from Front

humble honor that we strive to accomplish.

All in all, we had over 20 graduate, preschoolers close to 10 kindergartners graduate, over a dozen 5th grade promotes and almost 40 8th grade promotes, 20 upon us during this time. It's high school seniors graduate great to have people who and several higher education students receive their diplomas or certificates.

We thank the Education staff for teaming up with us to ensure we covered graduation every and promotion ceremony our students participated in and for making sure we took

their special moments was a We also thank the parents for allowing us to share in your students' special moments.

> We also thank one another for working as a team to get the job done and understanding the stressful work week that is thrust can relate to what you are going through and willing to lend a hand when needed.

Lastly, we thank and congratulate every single graduate and promote who strutted down the aisle, walked across that stage and allowed us to capture that special moment!

Distinction (4.0 GPA)."

Rebecca shared a few of her significant moments while at ASU.

"ASU highlights include winning a prestigious Engineering Fellowship Award from the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering. In addition, I was asked by a former professor to be a Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate class, Professional Portfolio Design & Presentation. I was a TA for three semesters, starting in the Fall of 2021 until I graduated."

"The hardest subjects I encountered throughout my time in the master's program

Technology. I graduated with were Color Metrology, which dealt with the science behind color theory, as well as working with color reproduction systems in a print and graphics industry. Also. another challenging class was Cross-Media Design Solutions. This class required the mastery of web design, app creation, 3D applications, and graphic design. In addition, hard, and have faith in yourself the course examined universal design theory and case study approaches to various products

> Rebecca's word of Advice to fellow students, "Focus on what is the best course of study in the long run, instead of what feels the easiest. Challenge yourself you'll be surprised at what you can accomplish when you put

in creative industries."

Rebecca continued from Front

your mind to it. And always, start assignments and homework early. This is especially helpful if you realize you're going to need to seek out additional help or clarification

She also shared advice to future students, "Stay positive, work because your community has faith in you!"

from a professor."

Lastly, Rebecca gave thanks to the Community for their support. "Thank you to each member of Council and the Education Department for having a scholarship program in place, and for investing in higher education for membership."



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