

Stella Miguel, first Ak-Chin member to recite Pledge at Capital

Story and photo by T. Marshburn



Above, Stella Miguel (red shirt) leads the assembly at Arizona Capital in the Pledge of Allegiance, Monday, June 12.

On Monday June 12th, Stella Miguel made history by being the first member from the Ak-Chin Indian Community to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the Arizona State Capital.

For the past year members of the Arizona House of Representatives, in particular, Senator Teresa Martinez and Senator David Cook have extended an

invitation for Stella to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the State Capital.

Stella not only made history, she also received a lesson in history, courtesy of Senator Teresa Martinez.

Senator Martinez, who is the first Hispanic woman senator in Arizona's history gave Stella a tour of the different offices at the

Capital.

Stella was shocked to learn that of all the portraits on the walls there was only one woman. Stella says that she is honored to have had this opportunity.

Stella is the daughter of Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and Connie Miguel and granddaughter of Ms. Janice Miguel.



Above, Omarion White (Flores) hustles and safely slides home, while playing with his Young Natives team on Monday June 5.

23rd Annual D-backs Inter-Tribal Tournament

June 2023, marked the 23rd year of play for the D-Backs Inter-Tribal Tournament.

Games were played at Salt River Indian Community Recreation Fields, as well as Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

Ak-Chin members had the opportunity to play with the Lil Natives in the Single A baseball pool play. The Young Natives played in the Double A baseball pool play. Both teams played well,

sporting 1-1-1 records respectively.

On Monday, June 5th, the Young Natives played Windtalkers Baseball at 5pm at Salt River Fields.

The game was pretty intense, as both teams held each other to five runs or less per inning. Each teammate played hard and finished strong.

Young Natives were the visiting team and were down in the top of the last inning, with strong bats the team managed to catch up and tie the

game. Windtalkers tried to earn one run to pull ahead but they were shut down by a strong Young Natives defense.

At 9 A.M on Tuesday June 6th, the Lil Natives played at Salt River, against the Chinle Jayhawks.

While watching the Lil Natives play, we seen them get some good hits, score runs and play good defense.

At last inning, the Lil Natives were rallying one another to tie the

D-Backs Tournament continues to page 4



Story and photo by R. Peters

Farewell and best wishes Devin Lowe

On Friday May 26th, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club held a farewell luncheon for Devin Lowe at the Gathering Place to share a meal and well wishes for Devin as he starts a new chapter with Troon.

Devin will become the Assistant Manager for

The Club at Porto Cima.

Located at The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri, the Club at Porto Cima is a private facility that features an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Design, a 17,000 square-foot clubhouse and Yacht Club.

Council was on hand along with many friends and family to wish Devin all the best. Chairman Robert Miguel gifted Devin a pillow with the Ak-Chin Community seal, an O'odham Basket and a container of dirt from the community.

Chairman told Devin, "You're gonna take a piece of Southern Dunes and Ak-Chin with you wherever you go and there will always be a piece of you here."

Councilmember Gabriel Lopez gave Devin and his family Prayer Ribbons for a safe journey, guidance and protection on this new adventure. Gabe also shared, "There isn't a word for goodbye, it's always we'll see you later. So that's what we'll do, we'll see you later."

Devin has been working towards this new position for some time and although he is sad to leave, he said he's looking forward to the new challenge. "Our plan was to stay in Arizona, but at some point, I need to gain experience."

Devin began working as the sales and marketing manager with Ak-Chin Southern Dunes in July 2014, and worked his

Ak-Chin PD hosts End of Year Luau for community students

Story and photos by A. Santiago



Above, everyone is enjoying a cool dip in the pool for the 14th Annual End of School Year celebration, June 1, at Ak-Chin Recreation.

The Ak-Chin Police department hosted their 14th Annual Luau at Ak-Chin Recreation's pool on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

The sun was shining bright for the kiddos as they were able to enjoy the pool and spend the rest of the day having fun with friends and family.

Goggles and floaties

could be found just about everywhere in sight, along with sun-screen being added to tiny noses.

While children enjoyed their pool time, Ak-Chin PD prepared a noon lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers with

chips and a cold drink. The luau is an annual student celebration for completing another year of school.

More pictures can be found on page 5.

Chairman Miguel speaks Colorado Law Conference on Natural Resources

Submitted by Chairman Miguel



On June 8th Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman Robert Miguel was one of thirteen Tribal Leaders invited to address attendees, government staff and organizers in the importance of having tribes at the table as conversations continue during what is deemed a water drought in the Southwestern United States at this time.

The conference was held at the University of Colorado. Leaders were able to share their stories, history and thoughts of what water has meant for their respective tribes.

"The Ak-Chin Indian Community is the first tribe to have a Congressional confirmed water settlement." Chairman Miguel stated.

Our settlement dates back to the 1970's and my ancestors and our tribal elders fought hard for decades to secure this settlement."

"Water is extremely precious to us, it gives us opportunity in many ways and it's who we are as Ak-Chin people. Without water, we lose our identity as Ak-Chin."

Chairman shared that although Ak-Chin does have a casino and the enterprise provides financial opportunity for services and means for the community, Ak-Chin is and always will be a farming community as they operate a 16,000+ acreage farm.

"More than half of our community is farmed,

therefore the need and importance of water is vital."

"We have been recognized as a successful Native American farming community not only in the State, but throughout the country."

Chairman Miguel ended his comments by stating, "Tribes have been on the sidelines for far too long while others have made decisions about their water, that needs to end now!"

All tribes stressed the importance of having tribes at the table as the government continues to mitigate and discuss various ways of dealing with the drought.



Story By T. De La Cruz Photos by T. Marshburn

Functional fitness back at Ak-Chin Service Center

On Tuesday, May 16th Fall Prevention for Elders provided by the Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program resumed their Functional Fitness for Elders class.

The new series of functional fitness is held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 – 11 am at Ak-Chin Service Center.

This is the first Functional Fitness class to be held at the service center in 3 years.

The class was excited to get back to working out after a small break and the new location.

The focus of this class is to prevent falls and injuries in our older adults. With this, Christy Burnette the Yoga Instructor, works on the area of the body that you would need in case of a fall.

You need these areas to be strong and flexible to prevent injuries. When

these parts of the body are getting circulation, injury is less severe or detrimental.

In the class, you will work with bands, yoga straps, light weights, and movement to improve balance and mobility.

If you have an older adult in your family or would like to come yourself, contact Teri De La Cruz for questions or transportation.

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by the Injury Prevention Program

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**We got our first winner for issue #9!
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Be on the lookout for a physical golden ticket in the next issue!

ELDER JUNE – JULY Breakfast-Lunch Menu

16 Overnight Oatmeal w/ Fruit, Boiled Eggs, Toast & Cottage Cheese | Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, German Chocolate Cake

19 CLOSED – HOLIDAY

20 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Diced Potatoes, Raisin Bread & Fruit | Turkey Avocado Wrap, Pasta Salad, Zucchini, Grapes

21 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mix Berry Smoothie | Hot Dog w/ Chili Beans, Corn on Cob, Sweet Potato Fries, Ice-Cream

22 Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana, Oatmeal Cookie | Chicken Casserole, Wild Rice, Broccoli, Cut Fresh Fruit

23 Tex Mex Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Tortilla Salsa, Fruit | Lasagna, Zucchini & Yellow Squash, Carrots, Salad, Plums

26 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit w/ Cottage Cheese | Baked Chicken, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Rolls, Watergate Salad

27 Scrambled Eggs w/ Vegetables, Toast, Bacon, Yogurt & Fruit | Bar-B-Que

Ribs, Plain Rib, Baked Potato, Salad, Jell-O

28 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit | Chili Beans, Chili Meat, Butternut Squash, Normandy Vegetable, Fruit Cocktail

29 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Apple/Orange

30 Sausage & Eggs Burrito, Salsa, Granola Bar, Fruit | Nacho Bar Beef, Chicken, Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Jalapeno, Salsa, Cake

3 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Sausage, Yogurt & Fruit | Shredded Bar-B-Que Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Apple Pie Ala Mode

4 CLOSED - HOLIDAY

5 Chorizo & Egg Burrito, Peaches w/ Cottage Cheese, Granola Bar | Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Cordon Blu, Broccoli, Carrots, Peaches

6 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fried Apples | Ground Beef Tacos, Zucchini, Rice, Tropical Fruit

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Runner summer workers visit with elders

Story and photos by A. Miguel and T. Delma



Mildred Narcia enjoys coloring.



Evelina Lopez works on a puzzle.

"On Tuesday June, 13th, Teagan and I stopped by the (Ak-Chin) Elderly Center in the morning around 8:30 A.M. We introduced ourselves to the elders to let them know our names, and we said our parents' names to them." Auciana Miguel shared.

"They were sitting in the craft room doing puzzles, coloring and watching the news. We talked to them for a little while and looked at all their crafts that they did. They were smiling, laughing, and making jokes here and there." Teagan Delma shared.

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The Ak-Chin O'dham
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FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

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no later than
FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

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This youth program is affiliated with the Arizona Learning for Life Explorer program.
This opportunity is available to ALL youths interested. Preference for Ak-Chin Members.

July 15th & 22nd Saturday , 10AM
Location: Ak-Chin Fire Station
45401 W Farrell RD, Maricopa, AZ

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 27, 2023, at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: PS-05-23 Data Center and Warehouse:
Project Applicants Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton, Chief of Police, Manuel Garcia, Information Systems Director, Keith Franklin, and Acting Fire Chief, Jon Spezzacatena are requesting Preliminary Site Plan Approval for a new 15,294 sq. ft. Data Center and Warehouse on approximately 7.2 acres of land in the Public Use Zone. The site will be located South of the Ak-Chin Police Department. The project consists of:

- 6,000 square feet set aside for future expansion; and
- Paved drives, as well as loading/unloading area; and
- Thirty-one (31) parking spaces including two handicap accessible parking spaces; and
- Walkways, site walls, dumpster pad, stormwater control, and underground utilities.

CASE: PS-06-23: Mainline Waterline Enhancement:
Project Applicants Airport Manager, Tim Costello and Water Operations Manager, Carlton Carlyle are requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval for a new 16-inch waterline to be installed at the Ak-Chin Regional Airport. The project consists of:

- The installation of the new 16-inch waterline; and
- Installation of fire hydrants.

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PETERS MEMORIAL
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• JULY 21-22, 2023 •
All Native Tournament

Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Tournament
Registration: \$300

**Games played at
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**Shirts given out to
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Modified U-Trip Rules

*** Deadline to enter: July 17th by 5:00 p.m.**

Contact:
Susie at 602-930-8458 or Jennifer at 520-483-8250

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 19, 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 TBD
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 ; PThompson@ak-chin.nsn.us

REMINDER

Due to the Juneteenth holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, June 19, 2023.

Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works

Understanding and Healing from Grief and Loss

It's our continued goal at Ak-Chin Health & Human Services to provide the Ak-Chin Indian Community and its employees with support and services to improve and help heal their emotional and mental well-being. We are continuing that journey and our conversation about Understanding and Healing from Grief and Loss.

As the facilitator of the group, it has been an honor to meet with some of you in the groups that were previously held and to provide the groups in the Ak-Chin Detention Center while they begin their journey as well. The groups have helped me on my own personal process towards healing and dealing with ongoing loss.

Our next meeting will be held on **June 21, 2023 in the Ak-Chin service Center.** This group will be another Art-based group and we wanted to share about the project.

For centuries memory boxes have been used to store treasured objects that hold special memories in our lives. Memory boxes protect and hold memories, secrets, stories, and sometimes even our emotions. Looking back through those memories can increase your gratitude, recognize achievements that have happened, special occasions, and bring feelings of comfort and sometimes even joy.

Memory Boxes can come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and materials. They can be painted, decorated, collaged, covered in fabric, buttons, jewels, pictures, or drawn upon. Whomever is creating it can choose to use the inside for more hidden and intimate content while the outside can be about safety and protection, (keeping precious memories safely stored inside.)

Lately many counselors have worked with people to create Bereavement Memory Boxes, or "Healing Memory Boxes" that help create a special place for each of us to hold on to special memories of what we have lost. It can help people to process their feelings of loss, and make a new special place for those memories by having some place special to keep them.

This art project helps healing in many ways. It provides us with:

- A physical way of holding onto some of the precious memories of your loved one;
- A way of feeling closer to the deceased
- It can be used to honor those who have passed and celebrate their life
- Creating the memory box can help to process feelings of loss and the painful feelings we carry with us
- If we chose to, the memory box can be a way to share our memories of our loved ones with others in the future.
- Having the box near can be a source of comfort for some people.

In your "Healing Memory Box" you are able to include anything

that you feel best represents the loved one or the relationship that you have lost.

Some things you may want to bring for the project are:

- Photographs, clothing, and jewelry of your loved one;
- Letters, postcards, or a printout of emails;
- Music that reminds you of the person – CD cover, memory stick, album cover;
- Tickets from holidays, theatre trips, or concerts;
- Tourist leaflets or places you've visited;
- Sporting certificates of medals of events;
- Objects from special occasions e.g., wedding/civil partnerships, graduation, a party;
- Memorial items e.g., funeral service program.

There is no limit on what you can put into the box, (only on what can fit.) Sometimes, you will need to make multiple boxes. After you are done creating the box, the next step is figuring out where to keep it so that you honor your creation and the relationship. Some people prefer to display the box so they can see it and others can see and ask questions (start a conversation).

Other people, prefer to keep their Healing Memory Box in a private place because it is only for their personal use. Then there are some that only take it out on special occasions and hide it away other than that. There is no correct way, it's grief and as we have talked about, grief is a unique experience. It's personal and cannot be defined or explained in simple words.

The loss of a loved one, a job, a pet, a home, or anything that holds value in your life can impact each person differently. Grief is not something that happens at once and then is resolved.

We can often feel loss in "waves" or cycles. Healing from loss is not easy and it may take some time before you can look through the box, and feel the way you would like to feel. Don't be surprised if you feel overwhelmed, and some days it feels harder than others, that is the natural process of healing.

We hope to see you there, Wednesday June 21, 2023. **Everyone is welcome**, please call us in advance to make sure all the materials will be there and available, 520-568-1090 / 520-568-1086.

If you or someone you know are currently in need of counseling or support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at **Ak-Chin Health and Human Services Department** at **520-568-1090** (48227 W. Farrell Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139)

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Fun and Sun at Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

Story By T.Marshburn, photos by Runner Staff

Monday- Friday between 1pm -5pm during the summer, Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation is hosting their summer program.

Different departments come on different days to spend time with the children and do activities that in some way connects to their career.

Ak-Chin’s EPD presentation started by watching videos from Clean the World Foundation to explain what the organization is and how it helps people.

The kids then created little care kits that

included soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, body wash and a hand written note. One of the notes read “I hope this helps”.

Other departments such as Fire, Police, Health Education and even Ak-Chin Councilmembers all took time out of their busy day to stop by and spend time with the kids.

Council spent time introducing themselves and explaining their roles as councilmembers. They also pointed out the meaning of artwork on the tribal seal while, kids decorated their seals.

The Police department taught the kids the importance of knowing their personal information such as phone number, address and parent’s name.

They also talked about stranger danger, what to do when you encounter a stranger and how to know the difference between stranger danger and a person, you’re just unfamiliar with.

Now that the weather is heating up the pool is open so the kids partake in water activities a few times a week.



July 4th Celebration

Saturday, July 1, 2023

at Milton Antone Park

Schedule of Events

1pm-7pm: Ak-Chin Pool Hours

6pm-9pm: ****Free****- Hamburgers/Hot dogs (while supplies last), DJ Music, Face Painting

7pm: Watermelon Eating Contest *Registration*

7:30pm: Watermelon Eating Contest begins

8pm: Department Hot dog Eating Contest begins

8:30pm: Fireworks

Bring the whole family to enjoy great food, music, and fireworks!



Lil Natives, l-r: Jordan Ruiz, King Peters, Narin Lopez, Eleazar Velasco, Caleb Ugalde, Abraham Jose, Yaniah Peters, Keenan Burnette, Yamiah Peters, Rope Justin, Edward Martinez.



Young Natives, l-r: Adriano Jose, Elijah Peters, Omarion White (Flores), Jacoby Mathis, Owen Santiago, Zachary Valles-Garcia, Horacio Corella, Draven Soliz, Valerian Joaquin, Myles Peters, Edward Rocha, Jaxon Hale.

game, as they were the home team and allowed to finish out the last inning.

The Lil Natives did good and played their best out on the field in the heat, but unfortunately,

they came up short and lost 6-9.

Although the Lil Natives lost the game, we had fun and enjoyed watching them play.

Both games we attended had a great turn

out of supportive family and fans to cheer them on.

Coach Tony wants to thank the players, parents and family for coming out and supporting the kids.

WIOA Orientation



James Tree of Gila River lead the WIOA program orientation at Ak-Chin Library on June 8th. The program had about 14 attendees ages 16 and up. The goals of the program is to prepare young adults for job readiness such as interviewing and dos and don'ts on the job.



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* Participants must be signed up for program to attend. Call 520-568-1675 for more information.

**Elder Programs held at Elder Center

AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

Father's DAY CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS & RESIDENTS ONLY

Crafts & Swimming for the whole family, Pampering for Dads

STARTS @ 11 A.M. AND LUNCH BEGINS @ 1 P.M.

MUST R.S.V.P. by Friday 6/16 for a gift

For more information, call Recreation at (520)568-1740 or email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us



The temperature was in the 90s on June 1, fortunately community members were able to cool down in Ak-Chin's Community pool during the 14th annual Luau hosted by Ak-Chin Police department.



Mr. Rubber Ducky, test tester at the Luau looks like he is in full approval of the hotdogs and hamburgers being cooked up by chef Chief Garcia for the P.D. Luau. Menu also included chips and drinks.



Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for
Preschool 2023-2024 SY
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:

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.

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

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.

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

Ak-Chin Indian Community

WATERMELON Eating Contest

7:30pm

Saturday July 1st

Sign up at Antone Park at 6:45pm!

Age Divisions:

▶ 10 & under ▶ 11-17 ▶ 18 & over

1st Place prizes awarded for each age division

Watermelon provided by Martori Farm

AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION

Phone: (520) 568-1740 or Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

SUMMER POOL

OPEN

Friday, June 2, 2023

HOURS

CLOSED

OPEN WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

PRIVATE PARTIES AVAILABLE
(MUST BE AN AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBER OR AN COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT)

MONDAY & TUESDAY

1 P.M. - 7 P.M.

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

FEATURING

DIVE IN MOVIE:

JUNE 24TH

JULY 22ND

AUGUST 26TH

HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PENDING COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Calling all warriors!

It's time for selfcare. Fathers, uncles, grandfathers, sons, and nephews all deserve a chance to be at their best to protect their loved ones.



For more information, visit
go.cms.gov/menshealthchecklist





PREGNANT? GET CARE EARLY.

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.





Autumn Gonzalez
Criminal Investigator
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Brianna Rodarte
Cashier Stocker
VEKOL



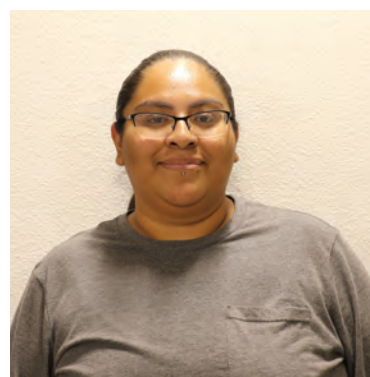
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Communication Officer
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hector Medrano
Groundskeeper
SANITATION PUBLIC WORKS



Julie Campbell
Accounting
FINANCE



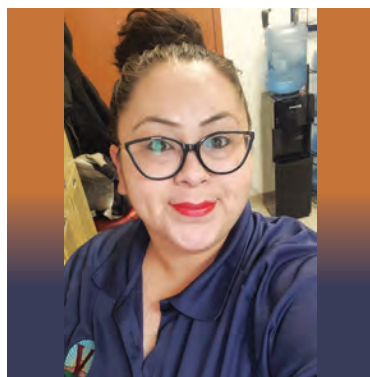
Mary Narcia
Teacher's Aide
EARLY CHILDHOOD



Mayra Bandin
Preschool Teacher
EARLY CHILDHOOD



Nolbertto Medina
Detention Officer Certified
DETENTION



Veronica Santiago
Cashier Stocker
VEKOL



Angel Antone
Lifeguard
PARKS AND RECREATION



Daniel Flores- Gutierrez
Lifeguard
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Dustin Whitman
Lifeguard
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Isaiah Rees
Lifeguard
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ZUMBA & YOGA CLASSES

**CLASSES BEGIN
JUNE 6TH, 2023
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER**

**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**



JOB OPENINGS

- Accountant (2)
- Community Events Manager
- 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

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.

Wishes

Happy Birthday to my daughters Adella and Flora
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Myles, Justin, Gabriel, John and my granddaughter Susan
Love, Grandma



Employee Birthdays

16-Jun Daniel Antone, <i>Law & Order</i>	21-Jun Sarah Zabawa, <i>TGA</i>	27-Jun Sheila Pablo-Bandin, <i>Education</i>	3-Jul Rayford Vavages, <i>Maintenance</i>
19-Jun Lynnette Houston-Volden, <i>Social & Health Services</i>	22-Jun Bridget Carlyle, <i>PRC</i>	28-Jun Bija Gozhone Talkalai, <i>Law & Order</i>	4-Jul Sierra Paddock, <i>Finance</i>
20-Jun Juanita Balderrama, <i>Elderly</i>	25-Jun Guillermo Ruiz, <i>Sanitation</i>	29-Jun Amanda Maldonado, <i>PRC</i>	6-Jul James Fortier, <i>IS</i> Mathilda Miguel, <i>Courts</i>
Mayra Bandin, <i>Early Childhood</i>	26-Jun Gino Williams, <i>TGA</i>	2-Jul Susan Guerin, <i>Retail</i>	Flora Howerton, <i>Finance</i>
	Rufus White, <i>Sanitation</i>	Dalena Crawford, <i>Maintenance</i>	
		Tristan Garcia, <i>Law & Order</i>	

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays June 16 - July 6

6/16 Manuel Ortega Lupe Kaniatobe Daniel Antone	Josefa Lewis Michelle Smith 6/20 Juanita Balderrama Julianna Smith Sayra Montero-Zamudio Justin Zabawa	Bija Talkalai Genisys Sandoval Pamela Vincent Pablo Alejandro, Jr. 6/23 Lillian Shade Charity Vincent	6/27 Gabriel Narcia Joseph Narcia Esperanza Valentin-Kaniatobe Sheila Bandin Aiyana Narcia	7/03 Fernanda Acunia-Pablo Sierra Paddock Valecita Enos
6/17 Clorenda Humeyumptewa Raul Ruelas Kali Wind Mauktho Sehongva' Jose Anelia Jacuinde	6/21 Tanya Enos Bridget Carlyle Linda Sue Jose Sedra Dean Curtis Dean Andreas Antone	6/24 Salvatore Johnson, Jr. Kevin Ormsby Autum Manuel Nicole Narcia Adela Zabawa	6/28 Makaylia Allison	7/04 Mathilda Miguel Dalia Antone Yessenia Santiago Elisia Ugalde
6/18 Myles Peters Shanna Narcia	6/22 Davidson Ugalde, Jr. Baya Olivas	6/25 Anthony Antone Johnny Lopez	6/29 Susan Guerin John White Janelle White	7/05 Amanda Kaniatobe Jilayne Miguel
6/19 Kellen Hoffman		6/26 Delores Rodrigues Rufus White Tylen Zepeda Savanna Gonzalez	6/30 Esmeralda Santiago Ionni Flores John Zabawa Martin Antone, Sr.	7/06 Erno Lopez Flora Howerton
		7/01 Kalene Santiago	7/02 Daniel Batopis Angel Warren Abrianna Machado	

Happy Birthday!

Devin continued from Front

way up to Director of Operations. He and the team at Southern Dunes were instrumental in turning around the golf course and making it profitable as well as sought after.

“It’s so busy here...everyone around the globe I think is starting to know what Ak-Chin is and hopefully what the community is... makes me proud that hopefully more people know about the area, the club and the community.”

Vivid memories of his time here include his first week at Southern Dunes, when heavy rains caused major flooding at the course, that damaged improvements to the sand traps. He said the interstates

were flooded as well. He had no idea Arizona had so much flooding.

“The most unique one was when we had that catastrophic flooding and the Ak-Chin Fire department came and kind of I call it saved us, because they took us in the fire truck through the water and we felt the fire engine move. I’m going to remember that day for the rest of my life, easily, because I’ve never seen that much water in my life.”

When asked what he will miss the most, Devin says the people he’s worked with at Southern Dunes and in the Community.

“I’m going to miss the people and the support from

the community... it’s just the pride, you always felt responsible and obligated to kind of fight for Ak-Chin and put them on the map or get what they want... I’ve worked as hard as I possibly could for nine years, for the community; hopefully made everybody proud and I’m definitely going to miss this place.”

It was good to hear Devin speak so highly of Ak-Chin Southern Dunes. He’s really worked hard to get Ak-Chin Southern Dunes out and seen, from marketing the course at the concerts and Waste Management to sporting the logo everywhere he goes.

“I encourage everybody to wear our logo, it helps us help

the golf course more than people think, even t-shirts or hats, you’ll be surprised at how many people know about this place, from 10 years ago.”

Brady Wilson, Southern Dunes General Manager says “I’m going to miss my buddy... Devin’s been a very valuable asset to the property... you always want to see them advance and their careers better and see them succeed, but sometimes that comes as a sacrifice... he’s my friend and I’m going to miss him.

Devin is hopeful that he will return to work for Ak-Chin in the future. He’s also excited for the future of Southern Dunes, “The future growth is there, the demand is there,



Devin with wife Jaclyn and sons Colton and Walker.

now its ready to go for sure. So hopefully, when I come back and something is brand new, I can say there it is, that’s what I was thinking of.”

“I love it here. I’m going to leave this place, but it’s going to be part of me for the rest of my life... Definitely a special place.”

PLAYING THIS WEEKEND

Tickets available online:
ak-chincircle.com/theater

THE FLASH

THE BLACKENING

ELEMENTAL

THE BOOGEYMAN

TRANSFORMERS: RISE OF THE BEASTS

THE LITTLE MERMAID

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3

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MONTE BENJAMIN

SATURDAY JUNE 24

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Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

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TICKETS \$20

DOORS OPEN 8PM | SHOW STARTS 9PM • TICKETS AT AK-CHINCIRCLE.COM

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

June 2023

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MID YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION</div> <div>PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER WITH TIER CREDIT FINALE</div> <div>5 DAYS OF MULTIPLIERS!</div> <div>FRIDAY, JUNE 30 – TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023</div>						
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