

University of Arizona’s Land Acknowledgement Football Game



“Running Song” performed by O’odham tribes during University of Arizona vs. Northern Arizona University. Photo by Rebecca Sasnett / Arizona Athletics

Story by Alexa Key

The University of Arizona (UofA) and Northern Arizona University (NAU) opened their college football season with a game dedicated to the land acknowledgement agreement on September 2.

The University of Arizona designated this home game as the “Land Acknowledgment Game”. On the University’s about page, you can read “We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of

Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O’odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.”

In late July, Ak-Chin Youth Council received an invitation

from Christina Andrews, the Executive Director for the University of Arizona, Wassaja Carlos Montezuma Center for Native American Health. She was helping to organize this “Land Acknowledgment” for the UofA Football game in September.

The organizers requested that O’odham Youth Councils, Royalty, and Tribal Leaders be present to be acknowledged during the halftime show.

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City of Maricopa disregards Federal Order and disrespects Ak-Chin Indian Community as city road crew Trespasses on Tribal Land



Construction at intersection of SR347 and Ak-Chin Parkway, that enters to tribal land.

Story by Matthew Benson, Photo by Alexa Key

Thursday morning, the City of Maricopa violated Tribal sovereignty and a federal order as a road crew working at the City’s apparent direction began construction on a portion of Desert Sonoran Parkway that sits on Reservation land, adjacent to Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center. The work crew dispersed and left the scene at the instruction of Ak-Chin officials.

At issue is the City of Maricopa’s lack of legal right-of-way necessary to conduct work along a strip of Desert Sonoran Parkway adjacent to the Entertainment Center.

The City’s action Thursday is

in blatant disregard of multiple “cease-and-desist” orders issued by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has authority over Tribal land.

As recently as Sept.1, 2023, the BIA issued a letter to the City of Maricopa, Arizona Department of Transportation and the Ak-Chin Indian Community that stated: “The BIA requires ADOT and the City of Maricopa cease and desist any proposed roadway construction, traffic rerouting, traffic signal work or related activities ongoing or scheduled” until the city complies with federal requirements for the assignment of right-of-way.

“For decades the Ak-Chin

Indian Community has been a good neighbor to the City of Maricopa, so it is deeply disappointing City officials have chosen a path of confrontation instead of cooperation when it comes to roadwork on Desert Sonoran Parkway” said Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel.

“The Bureau of Indian Affairs could not have been clearer: the City must obtain proper right-of-way assignment and federal approval before proceeding with this project on Reservation land. On behalf of the Ak-Chin people, we will pursue all remedies at our disposal to defend our sovereignty and ensure the law is properly followed.”



Dorissa Garcia and Vanessa Soliz photographed out of the enrollment office.

Department Profile: Enrollment

Story and photo by Tyaun Marsburn

The Ak-Chin Enrollment office is located at 16472 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139 (Corner of SR 347 & Farrell Rd). The department is run by Dorissa Garcia, Enrollment Coordinator and Vanessa Soliz, Enrollment Technician.

Garcia has worked in the community for about 25 years and in the enrollment department for 10 years.

Soliz has worked with the community for a total of 21 years and has been with enrollment for the last 5 years.

They are responsible for processing applications, helping community members with Tribal resources like birth certificates, state ID, probates and DNA testing.

They both agree one of the most rewarding highlights of working in the enrollment office is conducting the ancestry history process with the members.

“It brings me joy to see the look on member faces when they find out who they are related to,” Garcia said.

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The Community celebrated 30 years of dedicated service with Marilyn Thompson, on September 8, 2023.

Marilyn Thompson’s 30th Workiversary

Story by Raychel Peters, photo by Mercedes Rivera

Ak-Chin Indian Community recently celebrated a very special moment, as our favorite receptionist, Marilyn Thompson reached a 30-year milestone.

A community-wide email was sent out on Friday, September 8, wishing Marilyn a Happy Anniversary for 30 YEARS – 360 MONTHS – 10,950 DAYS – OVER 62,400 HOURS – 3,744,000 MINUTES – HUNDREDS OF PROBLEMS SOLVED and COUNTLESS MEETINGS ATTENDED.

Community employees responded with emails to Marilyn, thanking her for her dedicated service.

She emailed in return, “Thank You for your heartwarming wishes and gifts on my 30 years here at the Government Office.”

Marilyn also shared some special moments while working with the Community.

If I’m correct Bill Clinton was President on September 8,

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Ak-Chin Preschoolers visit Elders for Grandparents' Day

Story by Tyaun Marshburn, photos submitted

Grandparents' Day is celebrated the first Sunday in September in the United States.

The purpose of Grandparents' Day is to celebrate the bond between generations.

On Friday September 8th,

the Ak-Chin Preschool students stopped by the Ak-Chin Elder Center to present their grandparents with gifts.

The gifts consisted of pot holders that were decorated by the students along with a note that read, "Grandparents are

the best gift, they come wrapped in hugs and tied with heartstrings. Happy Grandparents Day."

Thank you to the elder center staff and the preschool staff for all you do working with our community elders and youth.



At left, Sadie Wren shares a sign and a smile with her grandfather Stanley Antone. At right, Lorenzo Machado offers his thanks to Malinda Pete.



Ak-Chin O'odham Ñeok Ki Presents

O'ODHAM BINGO

Thursday September 21, 2023

5:00 PM-5:30 PM
LIGHT DINNER
5:30-7:30 PM: BINGO

Hot Dogs, Chips & Water

Location: Ak-Chin Service Center

ELDER MENU SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH

9/15 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit & Yogurt / Green Chili Tamales, Rice, Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

9/18 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit / Swedish Meatballs, Green Beans, Mashed Potato, Lemon Cake Brownies

9/19 Veggie Quesadilla, Scrambled Eggs, Avocado Slices, Fruit, Salsa, Sour Cream / Red Chili Stew, Carrots, Broccoli, Chumuth, Mandarin Oranges

9/20 Bread Pudding, Boiled Eggs, Bacon, Mix Berries / Split Peas, Chicken Dumpling, Yellow Squash, Carrots, Grapes

9/21 Breakfast Tostadas, Salsa & Sour Cream, Bacon, Peaches / Hamburger, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Peach Cobbler w/ Ice-Cream

9/22 (CLOSED)

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

9/25 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit / Tuna or Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Chips, Apple/Orange

9/26 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Pears / Ground Beef Tacos, Zucchini & Corn, Brown Rice, Tropical Fruit

9/27 Chorizo & Eggs, Tortilla, Scone, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese / Pork Chops, Carrots & Peas, Mashed Potato, Pineapple

9/28 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fried Apples / Black Eyed Peas, Cordon Bleu Chicken, Normandy Vegetable, Butternut Squash, Plums

9/29 Grilled Cheese, Boiled Eggs, Fruit w/ Yogurt, Granola Bar / Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Peach Cobbler w/ Ice-Cream

10/2 Ham & Eggs,

Toast Fruit, Granola Bar / Butternut Squash Soup, 1/2 Turkey Sandwich, Green Leaf/Tomato, Apple Vanilla/ Chocolate Poke Cake

10/3 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Cantaloupe / Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Romain Salad, Wheat Roll, Fresh Cut Fruit

10/4 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffin, Pineapple, Granola Bar / White Beans w/ Sausage & Spinach Carrots, Moon Bread, Plums

10/5 Chicken Fried Stake, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Fruit Salad / Squash Casserole, Brown Rice, Spring Salad, Whole Wheat/White Roll, Jell-O/Banana

6 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Muffin Banana / Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Corn, Tropical Fruit

HISTORY OF ENROLLMENT

ENROLLED MEMBER IS NOW

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Soliz said, "As a community member, I strongly believe in being an asset to my community, but my favorite thing about working here in the Enrollment office is the friendly atmosphere and the math. I love math, so that played a part in this position of blood quantum breakdowns of

the new enrollees."

Blood quantum is the amount of Ak-Chin blood an individual must have to be considered for tribal enrollment.

A person is required to have a minimum of 1/4 (25%) Ak-Chin Tribal blood quantum and be a direct descendant of a

1940s base member to be enrolled.

For more information about the enrollment process and the history of enrollment, the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum has a great exhibit that highlights base enrollment and the history of Ak-Chin.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HIM-DAK

N.A.R.D.

NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY

"Keeping our Ak-Chin i:mik Strong"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

AT MILTON "PAUL" ANTONE MEMORIAL PARK
8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

- FUN RUN/WALK (START & END ON SMITH RD. WEST OF GYM, SIGN UPS AT 7:30AM START AT 8AM) PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1ST/2ND/3RD PLACE RUNNERS
- DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCES
- ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS
- INFORMATION BOOTHS
- FOOD VENDORS
- ARTS & CRAFT VENDORS
- BOUNCY HOUSE
- FACE PAINTING

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



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announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

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and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

New Education Division Director Jeff Thornburg



Greetings Ak-Chin Indian Community,

My name is Jeff Thornburg. On
Wednesday September 6th, I joined the
Ak-Chin Education Division as Director.

I have been in the field of education for
30 years with 20 of those years within
the Gila River Indian Community as
teacher, curriculum specialist, K-12/
JOM Manager, Academic Coach,
Assistant Principal, Principal and
Assistant Director of Tribal Education.

I began my teaching career on the
Navajo Nation as an elementary teacher.
I have taught elementary, gifted, middle
and high school math and college.

During my time as K-12/JOM Manager
our program received the 2013 National
Johnson O'Malley Exemplary Program
Award. I wrote and taught courses for
K-12 gifted students at the ASU Center
for Academic Precocity and wrote and

taught online courses for gifted teacher
certification for the University of Texas.

I am nearing completion of my doctoral
degree in education leadership; my
dissertation topic is 'Indigenous
Decolonizing School Leadership.' My
education philosophy has long been
'Student Centered/Data Driven.' My
leadership style is Servant Leadership,
seeking to serve students and staff.

I aspire to achieve Transformational
Leadership, achieving more than what
was thought possible.

As director I will strive to achieve the
Community's education goals as a
humble servant of the Ak-Chin Indian
Community. I look forward to the
possibilities, excited about what we can
(and will) achieve.

Education Division Director,
Jeff Thornburg

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY PHX FEST RETURNS TO "INDIGENIZE THE VALLEY" WITH A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF ART, MUSIC, FILM & FOOD

*The celebration is free, family-
friendly, and open to the public*

Cahokia PHX announced its second annual Indigenous
Peoples' Day Phx Fest to take place on Monday, October
9, 2023 at the Margaret T. Hance Park located at 67 W
Culver Street. The Indigenous-led, Indigenous-owned art
and entrepreneur space will expand festival activities to
include an official Launch Party on Wednesday, October
4, at the Phoenix Art Museum and other signature events
with valley partners the Heard Museum, and the Burton
Barr Central Library.

The Gila River Indian Community and Becker Boards join
as title sponsors for this year's celebration.

In April of this year, Mayor Kate Gallego and the Phoenix
City Council voted to designate the second Monday
of October each year as a city holiday in observance of
Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Organizers hope this year's festival theme "Indigenize
the Valley" will catch on to other metropolitan areas
and increase the awareness of Indigenous contributions
and ingenuity prior to Arizona's statehood, since time
immemorial.

Festival go-ers will be treated to Indigenous film screenings
presented by Cahokia Phx and Indie Film Fest on Saturday,
October 7, with the award-winning documentary
"Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American
Mascoting" selected as the feature film among other
shorts and documentaries.

This year's celebration also includes an inaugural bike ride,
musical performances on the RezFest stage and unique
arts, crafts, and experiences from Indigenous creatives.



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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 45525 West Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ 85136 Phone (520) 568-1395 Fax (520) 568-1386	
In the Matter of the Adoption of:	CASE NO.: CV-2023-00020-VIL
J.P. D.O.B: 08/09/2008	CIVIL SUMMONS
THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:	
Bouleah Terry Acosta	
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.	
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER in the said matter within a period of 20 days if you are served within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community; 30 days if you are served outside the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community at the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee; further you must send a copy of your written answer to:	
Susan M Peters & Kyle Peters 44949 W. Vincent Ave. Maricopa AZ 85139	
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IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUMMONS a judgment by default will be entered against you and the opposing party shall be awarded the relief demanded in this matter.	
GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 23rd day of August, 2023.	
DEANNA JUSTIN, Court Administrator of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court	

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Submitted by Ak-Chin Health & Human Services

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and Ak-Chin Health
and Human Services Department would like to share in the effort to spread
helpful information to the community about such an important issue. It's a
sad truth that people in pain often don't see a way out.

While the overall rates of suicide increased 2.6% from 2021 to 2022, it is
encouraging to share that there was a decrease among American Indians
and Alaska Native people (down 6.1%) and suicide rates in younger people,
(ages 10-24) is down 8.4%, according to the Center for Disease Control and
Prevention.

There is hope for improvement when efforts are made to reach out and make
people aware of the problem and offer support. What is important to know
is that oftentimes teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.

Here are some of the signs to look for:

- Talking about not wanting to live
- Talking about looking for ways to die, like trying to get pills or a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- Talking about feeling trapped or being in horrible pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Abusing drugs or alcohol
- Acting very nervous or on edge
- Doing dangerous things
- Sleeping a lot more than before or very little
- Not wanting to be around other people
- Changing quickly from one strong mood to another
- Doing some type of self-injury, like cutting
- Acting full of rage or talking about getting revenge
- Giving away favorite things

Often siblings or friends are more likely to recognize when another young
person or family member is hurting, long before a parent or guardian does.
Teens ask themselves "How can I help a friend who has suicidal thoughts?"

- If you think a friend is in immediate danger from suicide call 911 and do
not leave him or her alone
- If a friend seems suicidal, ask the person to talk to you about what's going
on. Listening shows you care. Remember, though, that you cannot help
the person on your own.
- Encourage your friend to contact a suicide hotline.
- Suggest that your friend talk to an adult, and possibly offer to go with him
or her.

If you are the one who is hurting and frustrated with life, if you are thinking
about suicide? You may be feeling awful, you may think that suicide is the
only answer — **but it's not!** Don't let suicide be the ending of your story.

There are people who want to help, and you can feel better. If you are
thinking about suicide, please reach out for help right away.

- Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department has behavioral health
therapists on staff who can assist individuals who are struggling with
suicidal thoughts. They can be reached at **520-568-1090**
- You can contact the Lifeline helpline by chat, or call **800-273-TALK**
(8255)
- You can also **Text 741-741 "Are You There?"** For help, to talk to
someone any time of the day, if you are in need. The people there can talk
with you about your problems and help you plan to stay safe.
- If you are in immediate danger of hurting yourself, call **911**. You also can
go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation attend APRA Conference

Submitted by Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation



Monica Rubio and Ann Marie Antone

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation attend APRA Conference

Story and photos submitted by Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation staff

The Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation staff attended the annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference August 22nd through the 24th.

The conference started with Roundtable discussions with an assortment of topics to choose from. Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Director, Ann Marie Antone along with previous director, Monica Rubio, hosted a roundtable discussion regarding the Tribal aspects of Parks and Recreation.

“I was humbled to be asked to take part in the roundtable discussion, along with longtime friend and former director, Monica Rubio, who works for Phoenix Parks and Recreation.” Antone shared. “The highlight having us both speak, was to have my staff meet her, especially the parks team, who connected with her because of her extensive experience in parks maintenance.”

Some of the classes offered throughout the conference focused on leadership, recreation inclusivity and diversity, park and facility maintenance, and Technology uses in Parks and Recreation.

This is what some of the staff who attended had to say about the conference.

“This year was my first year attending APRA. I enjoyed every session of different variety of topics relevant to all facets of the Parks and Recreation industry. There were many dynamic speakers.” – Manuel Chavez, Park Groundskeeper

“I’ve learned a lot at APRA especially about playground safety and the history of playground and the innovation of our playgrounds today. It was also cool to learn about leadership skills.” – Alexander Lopez, Park Groundskeeper

“This was my first time going to the APRA, it was interesting. I never knew how much work goes into the artificial turf. I met new people, but no O’odham.” – Jordan Lopez, Park Maintenance Technician

Jordan Gusse, a Recreation Coordinator said “What I enjoyed most about the APRA conference was connecting with different cities and sharing ideas



and getting feedback for similar issues that they have faced. This conference really let us pick the brain of not only the presenters, but also colleagues from different entities. I learned that we all share similar issues even though we all come from different communities. I really enjoyed this year’s conference and hope to be back next year to learn from new presenters and gather new ideas to bring back to my current role.”

“With this being my first experience at APRA, I really enjoyed the seminars that discussed on different topics that I feel will help me not only in Recreation but also in life.” – Kathleen Miguel, Recreation Coordinator Assistant

Estrella Reyes-Helpling, Administrative Technician said, “Attending the APRA conference was an opportunity to experience leadership classes, to meet and network with people who have similar interests. I am thankful to be able to have the opportunity to expand my knowledge base of recreational administration and I’m excited to bring some new ideas to our department.”

Golden Ticket Winner



Congratulations to Stephanie Vincent. She is the Issue #17 Golden Ticket Winner. Vincent picked a Starbucks gift card for her prize. Be on the lookout for our next Golden Ticket in Issue #19.

Ak-Chin Education Department Presents...

FALL COLLEGE FAIR

OCTOBER 12, 2023

• 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

• AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER

An opportunity to meet and ask questions with college representatives

We'll have Raffle Prizes and Food

Contact: Education Office: (520) 568-1280
Savannah Boyd, sboyd@ak-chin.nsn.us
Lenny Dempsey, ldempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us

COME JOIN US!!!



Marilyn Thompson continued from Front page



Marilyn shows the shirt gifted to her from Mercedes Rivera. The shirt/artwork was created by Miss Geraldine “Pickle” Looper, Mercedes and Collette Susunkewa.

1993, when I started working for Ak-Chin.

I’ve worked with the Community for many years, starting with the Elderly Department, then the Police Department and Truant Officer before I started here at the Government Office.

I worked as a receptionist with Ak-Chin Farms here at the office.

We didn’t have good furniture back then and the men who were here gave me a chair with a long back and hardly any cushion to help support

my back when I was expecting in 1995.

I only changed my desk once in the 30 years I’ve been here, but my chairs didn’t last too long. (My weight, I was sssshh girl).

Butch Cannon was the Farm Manager when I first started and I was all scared of him, but later I found him to be a very loveable person.

Steve Coester came after Butch Cannon. I have a granddaughter who started to call Steve Grandpa before he retired. She was too young when

her Grandfather Bercco went home.

Leona Kakar was here and I felt safe with her, we always talked O’odham and she helped me with the scale when I weighed some of the crops such as wheat, alfalfa, etc. Back then we didn’t have computers. Leona did a lot of farm records by hand and she showed me how. I couldn’t wait to get to work every day, I loved everyone I worked with.

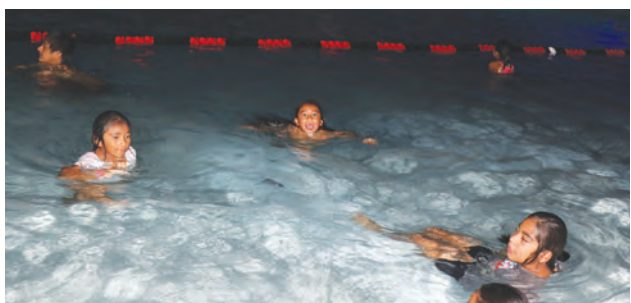
Damien Murietta is Farm Manager at the moment. I feel I’m still with the Farms, this is their office

and everyone I work with is like family, I love them all!

I eventually moved to work for the Community, but I am still here at my same desk and now I’m Switchboard Operator. The most important people I worked with was all the Council Members during their terms.

There is so much that happens here, the parties, all the good food when we celebrate the Holidays or the Birthdays. I’m going to miss working after my 30 years here when I do retire.

Dive in Movie at Ak-Chin Park and Recreation



Story and photos by Armonda Santiago

On August 26, 2023 Ak-Chin Recreation Center hosted a Dive-In Movie featuring The Super Mario Bros.

Over 15 people came out for an evening swim and splashing good time. Hotdogs and chips with cold drinks cured all taste buds and hunger for the children.

The windy weather almost interrupted the movie for everyone, but fortunately the wind settled down and the movie continued.

Children enjoyed floating in the water while watching the computer-animated adventure comedy.



16th Annual Kids Day Maricopa

Free Fun Kids Event – Mark Your Calendar

Date: Sat 9/16/23
Time: 10am – 4pm
Maricopa Wells Middle School, 45725 W. Honeycutt Maricopa, AZ 85139

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

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Rain or Shine

UofA continued from Front

During the pre-game, the UofA shared a statement video of the land acknowledgment. The Tohono O'odham Nation Color Guard was

featured and the singing of the national anthem by Shania Little Feather Manuel.

During the second quarter

the four O'odham Nation Flags were displayed on the North End Zone and the tribal leaders were recognized.

Arizona Tribal leaders are recognized as they enter field (Chairman Robert Miguel far left), photo by Marison Bilagody / Arizona Athletics



The Four O'odham Nation Flags representing Salt River Pima-Maricopa, Ak-Chin (held by Councilmember Gabriel Lopez), Gila River and Tohono O'odham Nations are proudly displayed during halftime.

Photo by Catherine Regan / Arizona Athletics.

During Halftime all four O'odham Tribes joined together on the field for the singing of a song in unity. The Young River People's Council (Salt River), Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council (Gila River), Tohono O'odham Nation Youth Council, and Ak-Chin Youth Council all came together during halftime and shared "The Running Song".

"I was honored to be

able to participate in this special event by the University of Arizona in honoring the O'odham Tribes, Ak-Chin, Tohono O'odham Nation, Salt River and Gila River," said Gabriel Lopez, Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Member. Council Member Lopez added, "Representing in Unity with our Leadership and Youth Councils and singing a Traditional O'odham Song was pretty special."

"It was an awesome experience for us, and it felt good to be present and to be acknowledged during such a big event," said Joseph Davis, Ak-Chin Youth Council Coordinator. Davis added, "The Ak-Chin Youth Council would like to thank all the organizers and the University of Arizona Football Program for including all of us for this event."



Ak-Chin Youth Council at UofA practice facility, before the UofA-NAU game.

Pictured L to R: Mylauni Antone, Celeste Gloria, Auciana Miguel, Haedin De Paola, Zaida Soliz, Nyaila Miguel, Draven Soliz, and Daria Garcia.

Photo submitted by Joseph Davis, Ak-Chin Youth Council Coordinator

Ceramics Sessions



At left participants work on pouring and cleaning their selected ceramic molds. Bottom left, a mold is set. Bottom right, Ms. Evelina Lopez meticulously paints her ceramic turtle.



Story and photos by Raychel Peters

Ak-Chin Him-Dak Art Program has been busy with several arts and crafts sessions. The Ceramics evening session has had a steady flow of participants coming in.

The sessions started August 15, encouraged to learn and create a ceramic piece from start to finish.

Although, Ceramic sessions end on

September 21, the Art Program still offers Crepe Paper Flower Making and just started the Basic Beading sessions. Schedule is at right. For questions, call 520-568-1350.

Food Handlers Training Class



Story and Photos by Alexa Key

Ak-Chin Indian Community offers Food Handlers Training for employees and community members.

By taking this class, you have the opportunity to leave with a Food Handlers Card that can benefit you in many ways. It provides opportunity to work in the food service industry within the community, volunteer work and overall help prevent the spread of foodborne illnesses.

By obtaining this card, it is recognized only on tribal communities.

"This is a class we offer to ensure that Ak-Chin Community Members/ Residents and Employees can safely handle food items in a safe and healthy manner," said Marilyn Velasco, Ak-Chin Health Education Program Assistant.

Wednesday, August 26, was the last Food Handlers Training of

the year for Ak-Chin. However, these classes are offered once every quarter, meaning classes will be offered again next year. If you're interested in attending the next in person class, reach out to Ak-Chin Health Education at (520) 568-1080.

For more immediate reasons that you may be needing this class, please visit ihs.gov/foodhandler/ for online class availability.

Library Pumpkin Patch

Photo by Alexa Key



Ak-Chin Indian Community Library working towards fall festivities with their new pumpkin patch! Reading enrichment students planted the pumpkin seeds in August and Library staff have been keeping up with watering and aftercare. We are all hoping to see some pumpkins as fall season is approaching.

Sorry, No Transportation Provided

SEPT. 25TH - OCT. 06TH

2023 Him-Dak Fall Art Program

(For Members and Residents)

Location: Art Building
(Please drop off kids north entrance of Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Mon.- Fr.)

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members & Residents)

*Registration is also available at the Him-Dak Museum

*Will have breakfast snack and afternoon snack

The Him-Dak Summer Art Program is broken down into four grade groups:

Grades K - 1st, 2nd - 4th, 5th - 8th, 9th - 12th

(Accepting the first 15 kids signed up per grade group)

For any questions call:
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum at 520-568-1350 or
Email Waylon at: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



HEALTH EDUCATION

SUPER HERO RUN*
Saturday Sept. 16
7:00 AM
@ Service Center

WIC
Tuesday, Oct. 3th
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
@Service Center



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HEALING FROM

GRIEF GROUP

Thursday
Sept. 27
5:30 - 7:00 PM
@Service Center*
*If you have any questions, please contact Behavioral Health at 520-568-1090; Lynnette Houston-Volden at 520-568-1086 or Pam Thompson at 520-568-1092



HIM-DAK

BASIC BEADING SESSION*
Wednesdays
Sept. 13th - Oct. 4th
4:30 - 7:00 PM
@Him-Dak Art Building
*Open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community Members & Residents

CREPE PAPER FLOWER CLASS & WREATH MAKING*

Tuesdays Aug. 1st - Oct. 17
4:30 - 7:00 PM
@Him-Dak Art Building
*Open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents



RECREATION

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE GAMES
GAMES BEGINS: Sept. 9th
9:00 - 10:30 AM
*For more information, please contact Kathleen at (520) 568-1744

FALL INTERSESSION
BEGINS: Sept. 25th
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
*For more information: 520-568-1740

Ak-Chin S-kubjuv Ju:dam participate in 2023 Kaij Mek Toka Tournament

Story and photos by Delila Villegas



September 2nd, S-kubjuv Ju:dam toka team made their way to the 2023 Kaij Mek Toka Tournament “Under the Lights” at Santa Rosa Village on the Tohono O’odham Nation.

There were ten women’s teams coming from all around the nations-villages, along with Ak-Chin and Gila River to

play against each other, including four 12-under girls’ teams. This year’s theme was “Honoring Our Front-Line Workers Fight The Covid-19 Pandemic” making it the village’s first tournament since 2018.

Teams showed up to the Kaij Mek O:las Ki field a little before 5pm

to prepare for playing, meanwhile vendors had began setting up and preparing their goods for the long evening ahead.

S-kubjuv Ju:dam was the third team to play, playing best 3 out of 5. Although Ak-Chin’s ladies played their hardest, with a few playing for the first time, they fell short of moving up the bracket.



The Downtown Showdown Skateboard competition returns along with the 4th Annual RISE Art Installation featuring the Uncontained Mural and PVC geodesic dome.

Organizers anticipate around 5,000 people in attendance and encourage use of light rail, carpooling, or ride-sharing to enjoy the festival events happening both at Margaret T. Hance Park and the Heard Museum on Monday, October 9.

We are pleased to present the 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day Phx Fest Official Schedule of Events.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

- **Launch Party and Gallery Event** with Local Matriarch and the Phoenix Art Museum from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Art Museum located at 1625 N. Central Avenue.

Saturday, October 7, 2023

- **Indigenous Film Screenings** presented by Cahokia PHX and Indie Film Fest from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Burton Barr Central Library located at 1221 N. Central Avenue.

Monday, October 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at Margaret T. Hance Park

- ****Inaugural Sacred Cycle of Life Bike Tour** hosted by RVSQ + Heavy Pedal Phoenix from 8:00 a.m. to NOON, pre-registration required.
- **Downtown Showdown Skateboard Competition** hosted by Seven Layer

Army Skateboards.

- **Indigenous Pop-up Market** featuring over 120 Indigenous Artisans and Food vendors.
- **Rez Fest** includes two curated stages with local bands, musicians, and cultural performances.
- **Community Zone** featuring valley partners the Phoenix SUNS and more.
- **RISE Art Installation**, Uncontained mural and PVC geodesic dome installation with Indige Design Collab.

Concurrently, on Monday, October 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Growing for the Future** (Plants, Indigenous Foods) and musical guests presented by the Heard Museum located at 2301 N. Central Avenue.

The festival prides itself on building community and amplifying the collaborative efforts of nearly 100 individuals representing Indigenous-owned businesses, organizations, and non-Indigenous valley partners and supporters helping to plan the multi-day celebrations. Let’s come together to celebrate, to learn, and to create an environment where the richness of Indigenous culture can truly shine. Join us as we “Indigenize the Valley” and celebrate the collective spirit of Indigenous Peoples’ Day!

Tickets are free but we encourage you to RSVP with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/686680388527?aff=oddtcreator>.

For more information, please visit the event website at www.ipdphx.com



A Homeowner’s Guide to Healthy Habits for Clean Water

Submitted by: Ross Stimac, Water Quality Specialist, Ak-Chin Environmental Programs



Stormwater

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland, or retention basin. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated. Polluted runoff is the nation’s greatest threat to clean water.

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

Vehicle and Garaging

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body. Use a hose nozzle and bucket to avoid water running into the street.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand and don’t rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations or hazardous waste collection centers. Don’t dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

use the chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local storm drain.

- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas.
- Compost or Recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don’t over water your lawn. Water between 3:00am and 9:00am April – September and don’t let water run off into a storm drain. Make sure sprinklers are aligned and not hitting driveways or sidewalks. Cycle your irrigation with breaks between to let water soak in. If water is running into the street, cut back irrigation time.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local storm drains. Use

plants, rock or other mulch to prevent soil erosion.

Home Repair and Improvement

- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as mortar and concrete.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste at a hazardous waste collection facility. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use non-toxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and re-use paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program or donate unused paints to local organization.

Pet Care

- Clean up after your pet! When walking your pet use a bag to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into storm drains and eventually

into local retention basins and water bodies.

In the Yard

- When landscaping has all rock, dirt, sand, and mulch delivered and dumped on private property, not in the street or gutter line. Covering stockpiled landscaping materials before a storm will also prevent sediment from running into the streets and storm drains.
- After mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, or pulling weeds, sweep all sediment and debris from the street gutter line. Do not wash the debris into a storm drain or into the street.
- To reduce soil erosion and stormwater run-off use semi-permeable surfaces rather than paved areas. Also increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto trees to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.



Ak-Chin Circle's 2nd Job Fair in 2023



Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center Management Team during Job Fair, September 2

On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, Ak-Chin Circle held its 2nd Job Fair of 2023 for a few open positions.

The Job fair attracted a large group of candidates that spanned

Story by Henry Garcia, Ak-Chin Circle HR Coordinator, photo by Raychel Peters

The Center was looking for Food & Beverage/IT positions that were needed to supplement the current work staff and also to build up staff for other areas of the Center that were closed due to the Covid pandemic.

the entirety of jobs skills needed to be a part of several departments within the center. Although Ak-Chin Circle was targeting specific roles, we did end up with good prospects for other departments who might need help in the near future.

Please visit our website, <https://ak-chincircle.com/>, for the current movie showings, restaurant & bar specials and latest event/entertainment happening at the Center!



AK-CHIN FARMS
42507 W. PETERS & NALL ROAD
MARICOPA, ARIZONA 85138
(520) 568-1000

AK-CHIN FARMS HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR A AT LARGE FARM BOARD MEMBER/CONSULTANT

Qualification Requirements

- 1.) Must be able to regularly attend Farm Board Meeting, once a month, on the last Tuesday of the month, special or any executive meetings. The appointed term shall be for 5 years.
- 2.) Must familiarize yourself to the Farm Plan of Operations which govern and spell out the duties of a Regular/At Large Farm Board Member.
- 3.) The Farm Board consist of (3) Regular Farm Board Members and (2) At-Large Members, who do receive a monthly stipend, making a total of (5) Board Members.
- 4.) At-Large Member. The At-Large Member shall be persons having not less than ten years of experience in agriculture or business management of substantial character, at least one of such persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of agricultural businesses. The At-Large Members shall serve under a written agreement.

All interested parties who desire to serve on the At Large Ak-Chin Farm Board must submit a letter of interest detailing why they are interested in serving on the Ak-Chin Farm Board and your agricultural or management experience.

All letters of interest may be mailed to:
Ak-Chin Farm Board
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline for letters of interest: September 22, 2023 by 5pm.

Maricopa Fundraiser to Support Young Artisans & Artworks

September 8, 2023, Maricopa, AZ - Susan Cameron, President of Maricopa Friends of the Arts (MFOTA) is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Taste the Arts event Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Global Water Resources, 22590 N. Powers Parkway, Maricopa, AZ. Advance sale tickets for this fundraiser are \$50 per person. Tickets are available from any MFOTA board member or by contacting pjchoa@msn.com.

MFOTA seeks continued community involvement to reach its 2023 goal of \$10,000 for art enhancement grants to be awarded to art programs of all forms throughout Maricopa's middle and high schools. Proceeds from the fundraising event will provide funds for community art grants for all forms of art and artisans of all ages.

This year's Taste the Arts theme is "The Art of...", with a Young Artisan Showcase and Sale. The public is encouraged to come out and meet creative and talented young people, the future of art in all forms, as well as support them by purchasing a variety of art pieces.

In keeping with the theme, "The Art of... Abundant Acquisitions" will offer a variety of items for auction and lucky number drawings. Be the high bidder or purchase tickets to win! You can also win a unique tabletop centerpiece created by Maricopa artisans.

There will also be "The art of... Culinary Creations" (finger foods and hors d'oeuvres), "Delectable Delights" (desserts), wine sampling, and "Noteworthy Niches" to entertain.

Multiple sponsorship opportunities and levels are available at the following rates: Platinum \$500+; Gold \$350-\$499; Silver \$200-\$349; Bronze \$50-\$199. Cash or Gift-in-Kind is accepted at (Market value).

The deadline for the submission of sponsorship payment, artwork, or items must be received no later than 8/31/23. All payments mailed should be forwarded to: MFOTA, 43356 W. Courtney Dr., Maricopa, AZ 85138. All (color and B&W logo/art only) as .JPEG or .PNG Email to: Chrystal O'Jon: chrystalallenonjon@aol.com.

For more information check out <https://www.maricopafriendsofthearts.com/>. Follow facebook and instagram for future updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/maricopafoa>.

JOB OPENINGS

- Administrative Support Assistant - Housing
- Central Plant Technician
- Communications Officer
- Community Events Manager
- Compensation Analyst
- Deli Clerk

- Detention Officer - Certified
- Detention Officer - Non-Certified
- Homemaker (2)
- Maintenance Technician (4)
- Police Officer- Certified and Non Certified

- Shift Supervisor- Vekol




www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


Happy Birthday to my son Eugene, Sr.
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Stephanie, Danel, Cecily, Amy and my grandsons Elijah, Oliver, Adrian Jr., and Tyson
Love, Grandma



Happy Birthday Chairman!
We'll be seeing you around the

Happy Birthday Cecily and Oliver
Love your Family!



Elder Center
From the Staff at the Runner

Photo by: Alexa Key

BIRTHDAYS SEPT. 15 - OCT. 5

9/15

Stacie Antone
Krislyn Pablo

9/16

Fernando Smith, Jr.
Angela Manuel
Angelo Manuel
Graham Smith

9/17

Josiah Thomas
Frederick Antone
Rosalie Perry
Stephanie Smallcanyon

9/18

Danel Peters
Isaiah Miguel
Marin Lopez
Rebecca Ruiz

9/19

Andres Hernandez
Sonia Narcia
Robert Miguel
Joycelyn Kaniatobe

9/20

Riley Wilson
Kyren Antone
Elijah Peters

9/21

Monica Noriega
Dani White
Ulanii Johnson

9/22

Shannen Smith
Evangelyn Romo
Gabriel Santiago
Iris Smith

9/23

Cleo Pablo
Aurelia Dominguez
Salmino Santiago
Cecily Peters
Jacob Dickerson, Jr.
Tracey Tallabas
Nicholas Anderson

9/24

Nevaeh Jensen

9/25

Nakeasha White

9/26

Lindsay Antone

9/27

Adrian Garcia, Jr.
Alyssa Garcia
Irene Arredondo

9/28

Jason Kaniatobe

9/29

Lily Garcia

9/30

Veronica Santiago
Kaleb Rivers
Bryson Hazen
Dominic Romo
Elvia Castro
Tyson Lopez

OCTOBER

10/01

Joseph Antone
Maynard James
William Martinez
Eugene Peters Sr.
Damien Smith

10/02

Elizabeth Valles
Martin Castro
Tanya Lewis
Jeaney Narcia
Stella Makil White
Noemi Hernandez
Nikkol Martinez
Alison Miguel

10/03

Elva Alarcon
Justine Lopez
Victoria Smith
Earl Justin, Jr.

10/04

Neveah Antone
Amy Rodriguez
Gabriel Manuel
Malcolm Johnson

10/05

Douglas Pablo
Dyon Aguilla
Celia Medina



Be on the lookout for the GOLDEN TICKET in Issue # 19

Employee Birthdays

9/15 - 10/5/2023

15-Sep
Theodore Puetz,
Environmental Protection

17-Sep
Michael Dudzinski,
Fire & Safety

18-Sep
Tamarita Ned,
Human Resources

19-Sep
Robert Miguel,
Chairman

20-Sep
Clifford Myers, **Safety**
Matt Shepard,
Fire & Safety

22-Sep
Barbra Munoz,
Law & Order
Evagenlyn Romo,
Maintenance
Iris Smith, **Elderly**
Monica Hall, **TGA**

23-Sep
Cleo Pablo, **Courts**
Brena Brosemann,
Law & Order

Jacob Dickerson,
Fire & Safety

27-Sep
David Sye, **TGA**

30-Sep
Veronica Santiago,
Retail

OCTOBER

1-Oct
Susan Peters, **Courts**

2-Oct
Delores Hernandez,
Maintenance
Nikkol Martinez, **TGA**

3-Oct
Diana Perez,
Law & Order
Victoria Smith,
Community Government
Earl Justin, **Sanitation**
Justine Lopez,
Maintenance

4-Oct
Amy Rodriguez,
Housing Department
Patrick Garcia, **Courts**
Loc Nguyen,
Law & Order

5-Oct
Corinna Velasco, **Retail**

The All-New Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is Coming to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, December 8



(MARICOPA, Ariz.–July 26, 2023)–TCG Entertainment, producer of one of the top Cirque-style shows in the industry, has announced the Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland—a must-see holiday event to usher in the magic of the season. Igniting joy and wonder to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Friday, December 8, "Holiday Wonderland" is an all-new musical journey that will transport audiences to a magical land far away for a fun-filled, unforgettable holiday-themed show experience.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming the talented performers and artists of Cirque Musica," says Director of Marketing and Hotel Operations Samantha Gulick. "This holiday-themed extravaganza and musical enchantment will be the perfect way to wrap up the 2023 year at Harrah's Ak-Chin."

Featuring the talented cast of Cirque Musica, spectators will be dazzled by the acrobats, aerialists, hilarious hijinks, and holiday cheer. The show

blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today's greatest circus performers with a musical mix of timeless seasonal favorites.

"Our holiday-themed Cirque Musica productions have quickly become a season tradition for families across the country and we are excited to continue this tradition with our 'Holiday Wonderland,'" says Stephen Cook, President of TCG Entertainment, Producer of Cirque Musica. "We expect fans of cirque-shows to be enchanted with our latest production and hope it will create a wonderful memory for all to share."

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is an unforgettable experience for the entire family to enjoy a world-class circus experience infused with the holiday classics we all love. Treat your family and create memories you will cherish forever at Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland!

Tickets go on sale Friday, July 21 at 10 a.m. with prices ranging from \$54.50 to \$89.50 and can be purchased at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/19005EDCD4B53475> or visit www.CirqueMusica.com for more information.

About Harrah's Ak-Chin

Casino:

For nearly 30 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 1937.

In addition to craps, 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 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with a swim-up bar.

For more information about

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, visit www.harrahsakchin.com. Must be 21 or older to gamble. Know When To Stop Before You Start.® Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2023 Caesars License Company, LLC.

About Cirque Musica
Cirque Musica is one of the top cirque-style shows in the industry. Since its inception in 2010, the world-renowned cast has performed feats of grace, skill, and strength to audience members worldwide. The visually stunning masterpiece of artistic interpretations combines mesmerizing acrobats, aerialists and daredevil athleticism with the greatest music of all time. With its multiple productions, including Rhapsody, Crescendo, Heroes and Villains, Symphonic, and

Holiday Wonderland, Cirque Musica is a ground-breaking production guaranteed to thrill and captivate audiences of all ages. For more information visit, www.CirqueMusica.com

About TCG Entertainment
TCG Entertainment is a leading producer of creative content for live entertainment properties and touring productions. Owning multiple intellectual properties, and partnering with top IP holders and studios, TCG has generated decades worth of live family fun and entertainment. With a laundry list of productions enjoyed by millions of audience members around the globe, TCG is the leading authority in providing brands a visionary, one-stop source for live touring and experiences. www.TCGEnt.com

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LIVE



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80'S HAIR METAL TRIBUTE

PERFORMING LIVE IN THE

LUXE LOUNGE

Friday, September 15

Doors Open at 6PM Show Starts at 8PM

*THE LUXE LOUNGE IS A 21 AND OVER VENUE

 Ak-Chin Circle
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

AkChinCircle.com




16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa AZ 85139



Harrah's
AK-CHIN CASINO

September 2023

CAESARS
REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
<div>WIN A YEAR OF HOUSE PAYMENTS WITH CAESARS REWARDS</div> <div>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</div> <div></div>	<div>PLAY YOUR WAY TO \$100K WITH CAESARS REWARDS</div> <div>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 EVENTS CENTER · 1PM – 7:45PM</div> <div>WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$100,000!</div>	<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>TAKE YOUR FAVORITE GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!</div>	<div>3</div> <div></div> <div>POOL PARTY BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS VERY SPECIAL INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div> <div>WIN HOUSE PAYMENTS FOR A YEAR! LABOR DAY</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>CLASSIC BEDDING SET GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>6</div> <div></div> <div>CLASSIC BEDDING SET GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR A GETAWAY... COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT! COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT!</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS</div>	<div>9</div> <div></div> <div>RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY!</div>
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