

Ak-Chin Celebrates Native American Recognition Day



Ak-Chin Ba:ban Kehina Traditional Dancers perform at 2023 NARD event.

Story and Photos by Alexa Key
Saturday, September 30, Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco Museum hosted a celebration for Native American Recognition Day (NARD). Ak-Chin Indian Community gathered at Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park for the celebration.

The 2023 NARD celebration provided many activities for guests to enjoy. These activities consisted of: fun run/walk, dance

group performances, artist demonstrations, information booths, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, bouncy houses and face painting!

The celebration began at 7:30 a.m. where participants looking to join the fun run/walk began signing up.

The first, second and third place winners received awards for their accomplishments.

Other prizes were given to the first 100 people to attend the event!

Later, guests were able to enjoy the other activities and vendors all put together by the Him-Dak Eco Museum staff.

The prep work for this event began in July of 2023, where staff began searching for vendors and demonstrators that would be able to attend.



Central Plant staff pictured L to R: Tommy Jensen, Micky Moull and Johnny Ramirez.

Department Profile: Central Plant

Story and Photos by Alexa Key

Ak-Chin’s Central Plant is led by Central Plant Facilities Manager, Micky Moull. On staff with Moull is Central Plant Operator, Johnny Ramirez and Central Plant Technician, Tommy Jensen.

Located on 15960 Narcia Street, near Harrah’s Casino and directly next to Ak-Chin Security is where you can find Central Plant. Created in 2012, Central Plant remains a vital role in Ak-Chin’s community operations.

Central Plant maintains the chillers, cooling towers and air handling equipment for several

locations in the community such as: Central Plant, Justice Center and Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center. Central Plant also supplies chilled water for Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and Ak-Chin Circle to ensure that both facilities can maintain proper cooling. On top of supplying chilled water, Central Plant also maintains boilers that are used for hot water at Ak-Chin Circle and Justice Center.

As far as community engagement, Central Plant does like to collaborate with other departments within Ak-Chin.

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Community gathers to wish Marlene Garcia a Happy Retirement



Marlene Garcia cuts cake at her retirement celebration.

Story and Photos by Alexa Key
Wednesday, September 20, Ak-Chin Indian Community members and employees gathered to wish Marlene Garcia a happy retirement and celebrate all of her accomplishments during her 32 years of work.

Marlene Garcia has served as the Director of Housing for Ak-Chin Indian Community for 22 years. She first began her career under the HUD program for 10 years before moving into the position of Director.

During her time as Director, Garcia has been part of many projects including – housing development, refurbishing

homes, creating handicap restrooms in existing homes and extending the housing development throughout the community.

These homes include houses and apartments. Her experiences have allowed her to create work that she and the community are proud of, like creating a growing community.

“I can’t name one moment that I didn’t like while working here, I’ve really liked working here,” said Garcia.

Garcia gave thanks to her previous Director, Burl Corbin, for all that he did to prepare her for her career as a

director.

“I didn’t know at the time why he was having me attend so many trainings and extra job assignments, but after he resigned, he referred me to the housing board to become the next director,” said Garcia. “I realized after that he had been training me to become a director.”

Because Garcia had the positive experiences with her previous Director, she has continued to implement those same lessons to her employees now.

“I send my employees to attend trainings where they



Newly elected Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose and Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson share a congratulatory moment after being sworn in.

Tohono O’odham Nation Celebrate 2023 Inauguration

Story and Photos by Raychel Peters

Saturday, September 21, the Tohono O’odham Nation, along with tribal and state dignitaries in and out of state, as well as special guests gathered at the Tohono O’odham High School to celebrate the Inauguration

Ceremony for newly elected Chairman Verlon Jose and Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson.

Representing the Ak-Chin Community at the Inauguration were, Chairman Robert

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16th Annual Maricopa Kids Day at MWMS

Story and photos by Armonda Santiago

Maricopa Wells Middle School hosted the 16th Annual Maricopa Kids Day event on Saturday September 16th, from 10am to 4pm.

Chairman Robert "Bob" Miguel spoke to the families on how exciting it is to help provide for the students each year.

It was a very full cafeteria for all the students. Families went to each vendor and received a free incentive from cotton candy, popcorn, stickers, and helpful

information on each vendor, if the child had an interest or questions.

Ak-Chin Circle was also set up, and gave away free bowling coupons for each family who visited their vendor location.

Stella Miguel, daughter of Chairman and Connie Miguel performed with Desert Stars Performing Arts dance group at the event.

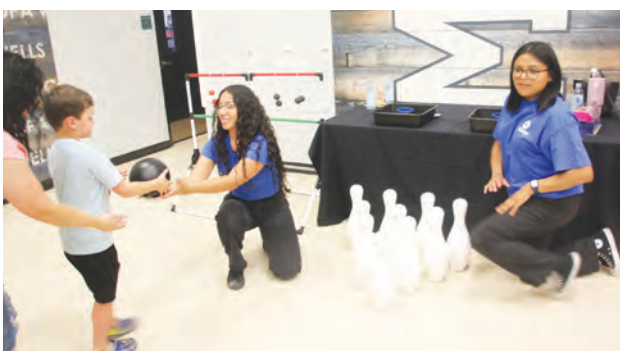
Ak-Chin has been a long time sponsor of Maricopa Kids Day.



Stella Miguel with Desert Stars Dance Team



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel




Ak-Chin Circle bowling station



Jaxson Justin with Power Rangers



Smokey Bear giving a hug to one of the students.



Capital Projects Presentation

**Thursday
October 26, 2023
12 noon**

**Location:
Ak-Chin Elder Center
Dining Room**

**If you have any questions,
call the Elder Center at
520-568-1760**

Ak-Chin Elders Celebrate Quarterly Birthdays

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn



Connie Santiago and Bernadette White

Ak-Chin Elder Center held their quarterly birthday celebration on Friday September 29th, in the Elder Center dining room.

were celebrated.

For lunch they had cheeseburgers, french-fries, coleslaw and peach cobbler with ice-cream.

and Bernadette White (9/2). Both ladies were given personal cakes with a candle to blow out and make a birthday wish.

During the months of July, August and September 30 birthdays

Two people were selected as honored guests, Connie Santiago (7/24)

The next Elder Quarterly Birthday Celebration will be held in December.

ELDER MENU OCTOBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH

6 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Muffin Banana Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Corn, Tropical Fruit	13 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Smothered Pork Chop, Sauteed Spinach, Wild Rice, Lima Beans, Apple Spice Cookies, Orange
9 Sausage, Potato, Eggs Scrambled, Toast, Peaches Pinto Beans, Chicken Tacos, Butternut Squash, Asparagus, Corn Bread, Fruit Cocktail	16 Egg & Ham Sandwich, Hashbrown, Fruit, Yogurt Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit
10 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup & Turkey Sandwich, Peas/ Peaches, Cherry Crisp	17 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Raisin Bread, Mix Berries Bar-B-Que Ribs, Sweet Potato, Peas, Plain Rib/ Potato, Romain Salad, Jell-O/ Apple
11 Veggie Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Scone Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Biscuits, Grapes	18 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Cup Black Eyed Peas, Chicken Dumpling, Yellow Squash, Pineapple
12 Chorizo & Eggs, Beans, Tortilla, Fruit & Yogurt Beef Tacos, Shredded Green Leaf, Tomato, Cheese, Black Bean, Zucchini, Watermelon	19 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Potato Soup, Chef Salad, Wheat/ White Rolls, Apricots

Menu subject to change without notice

ELDER PICTURE DAY!

Come in with your Sunday best on and get your picture taken!

**Thursday
October 26, 2023
10 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Location
Elder Center**



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Oct. 20 - Nov. 2, 2023
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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OCTOBER 13TH DEADLINE
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and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

Marlene's Retirement continued from Front

can receive certifications
and I have taught them
everything that I've
learned," said Garcia.

Due to these teaching
moments, Garcia
feels confident that
the Ak-Chin Housing
Department will be
in good hands under
the leadership of Amy
Rodriguez, a current
employee of the housing
department.

Though Garcia hadn't
planned on retiring this
early, she knows that this
is the best decision for
her health. "I didn't plan
on this, but I want to take
the time to worry about
myself and my health,"
said Garcia.

Garcia is excited to
relax and spend time
with her family after her
retirement. "I'm looking

forward to being home
and spending time with
my grandchildren," said
Garcia. "Some of them
are older and younger
and I want to spend as
much time with them as
possible."

"Congratulations
on your retirement
(Marlene). Thank you
for your dedication to
our community and the
endurance over the past
30 years. Enjoy a much
needed rest to refresh
and strengthen you. You
will be missed," said
Bartholomew Smith,
Community Manager
for Ak-Chin Indian
Community.

Chairman Robert
Miguel also shared a few
comments, "Marlene
held one of the toughest
positions of employment

here in our community.
Although she endured
plenty, she did her job
first rate and to the best
of her ability,"

Chairman Miguel adds,
"During my travels
and meeting with other
leaders, when the topic
of Housing came up,
Marlene's name was
always referenced. The
Community cannot thank
her enough for all that
she's done. She will be
missed, but her decision
to retire and spend time
with family, especially
her grandchildren, is
well respected. She
deserves to enjoy the rest
of her time resting and
relaxing.

"Thank you so much
Marlene, it'll be hard to
replace you!"



Chairman Miguel
and Marlene Garcia
pose together with
traditional basket
gifted to Marlene by
Ak-Chin Council.

Below:
Community enjoys
food and refreshments
at Marlene Garcia's
retirement celebration.



"We generally will
combine with Safety
and do the summer and
winter program for the
kids in the community,"
said Micky Moull,
Central Plant Facilities
Manager. Moull added,
"We have also for the last
couple years combined
with safety and
environmental programs
to do the Christmas tree
decorating at the park."

Micky Moull shared
that the team at Central
Plant get along very well
and like to keep a light
atmosphere. "We like to
joke around with each
other. I always like to
get some kind of trophy
when we participate in
events such as employee
challenges, even if we
don't come in first, we
still win."

Some breaking news that
occurred most recently

Central Plant continued from Front

at Central Plant was the
discovery of a nearby
flying friend.

Beginning the week of
September 18, Central
Plant Facilities Manager,
Micky Moull, had noticed
a roaming hawk near
the facilities. Despite
numerous efforts, the
hawk would continue
to run away once they
got close. It was found
to have suffered from a
broken wing.

On September 21,
landscapers and Central
Plant staff were able
to secure the bird and
called Ross Stimac and
Brandy Nelson from
Ak-Chin Environmental
Programs. From there,
they discovered that
the bird was injured
and transported it to
Liberty Wildlife for
rehabilitation.



For further information
or assistance from
Central Plant, please
contact the department

by emailing MMoull@
ak-chin.nsn.us or call
520.568.1639.

Governor Hobbs Co-Hosts First State Tribal Summit with Focus on Economic Development



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel with Governor
Katie Hobbs, at the Grand Canyon, Sept. 12.

On Tuesday, September
12, Arizona Tribal leaders
and Arizona Governor
Katie Hobbs convened
to discuss how to create
jobs, build businesses,
and grow the economy.
The goal was to address
mutual interests and
explore opportunities for
responsible tourism and
other initiatives that benefit
Tribal communities and
the state.

"Building strong
relationships with the
22 tribal nations and
communities in Arizona
is a top priority of my
administration," said

Governor Katie Hobbs.
"I am working with tribal
governments to address
problems that affect their
communities and our
state to ensure they have
the infrastructure – like
roads, utilities, and access
to affordable internet and
housing – necessary for
economic development."

"In hosting Arizona's
leadership at the
convening, we
strengthen our Tribal
and State partnerships
and build a shared vision
for responsible and
sustainable economic
development and
tourism," said **Grand**

Story and photo submitted
**Canyon National Park
Superintendent Ed
Keable.**

"It is wonderful to see so
many leaders focused on
how best to preserve and
protect our state while
sharing all that Arizona
has to offer with visitors."

At the convening,
participants heard from
representatives of the
National Park Service
and Grand Canyon
Conservancy about their
initiatives to preserve
cultural heritage at the
Grand Canyon. Tribal
leaders shared their top
priorities and projects.

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Four Sister Tribes meeting at Talking Stick Resort

Story and photo submitted



For a number of years,
the Four Sister Tribes of
Arizona, which includes
the Ak-Chin Indian
Community, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian
Community, Gila River
Indian Community and
Tohono O'dham Nation
attempted to re-establish
their yearly meetings, but
to no avail.

But that changed in
early September as the
Four Sister Tribes finally
met for the first time at
Talking Stick Resort.

Together, tribal leaders
and staff were able
to share information
and give updates of
their respective tribes
which included; events,
projects, programs and
overall being of their

people.

"Since it had been quite
some time since we last
met, it seemed more like
a family reunion," Ak-
Chin Chairman Robert
Miguel said.

"It was great to see
leadership from the
Sister Tribes and to hear
how each Tribe was
providing services and
opportunities for their
people."

A big thank you goes
out to the Salt River
Community and Council
for their efforts in
coordinating and hosting
the meeting.

Another Four Tribes
Meeting is slated for
later this year.

The celebration was appreciated by community members since this is the first NARD celebration

after the COVID-19 pandemic. For 2022, the Him-Dak Eco Museum was able to host a fun run/walk but due to

the lingering effects of COVID-19 they were not able to have vendors and activities.



5k Fun Run/Walk Medalists pictured L to R: Amber Antone, Antonio Rodriguez and Sarah Zabawa.



Womens 5k Winners L to R: Delaine Carlston 3rd Place, Amber Antone 1st Place and Sarah Zabawa 2nd Place.



Mens 5k Winners L to R: Antonio Rodriguez 2nd Place, Justin Perrilo 1st Place.

Native American Recognition Day is celebrated in September and holds great importance. "I think it's important because it's a way to celebrate our

community and also spread awareness and information to people who may not be familiar with our tribe," said Waylon Antone, Him-Dak Eco Museum Art

Program Coordinator. Antone added, "It's also a way to recognize our tribe and sister tribes of Ak-Chin."



Cha'Bii'Tu Apache Crown Dance Group (White Mountain Apache Tribe) performing at 2023 NARD.

Ak-Chin Child Development Presents the 2023 Fall Festival

Wednesday, November 1st 11am to 1pm
48251 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139

Information Booths
For Children Birth – 5 years old

Games & Prizes

Crafts
Games
Lunch
Music

This event is FREE and open to all Ak-Chin Community Families and Students

O'odham Bingo Night at Serive Center



Players laugh and cheer as they realize they have a "BINGO".

Story and Photos by Alexa Key

Thursday, September 21, Ak-Chin Indian Community members gathered at the Ak-Chin Service Center to enjoy a game of O'odham Bingo and a light dinner.

If you're wondering what O'odham Bingo is, I'll explain. You take the ordinary game of Bingo and the rules that follow, and combine

Ak-Chin's cultural language to create this awesome game! Instead of calling out B12 to participants, the letters and numbers are called out in O'odham. Once a participant has covered five spaces in a row, instead of shouting "Bingo", the O'odham word "Ha Ge:g And" is shouted! Which means, "I won".

"Anything that the language program does with the community we will always try to incorporate the language, whether it's a game or storytelling," said Velacita Lopez, Language Technician for Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Lopez added, "Learning the language is very



Children show their prizes won from O'odham Bingo night.

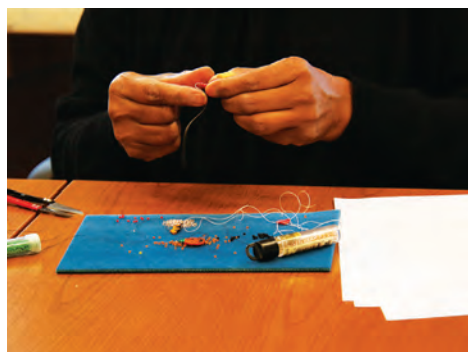
important because it helps to identify who we are and where we come from."

Alongside Bingo, there were other games for both youth and adults to

play before the Bingo began. These games also allowed the winners to receive prizes like barbies, led lights, makeup, toasters and much more!

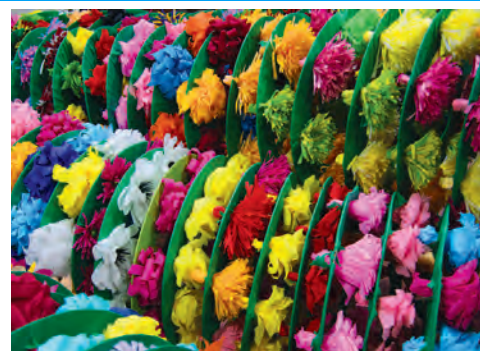
The next O'odham Bingo Night will be held in 2024, hosted by the Ak-Chin Language department.

Beading Class



Ak-Chin's Him-Dak Art building and staff held basic beading class sessions for members and residents to attend. Participators were able to learn the craft of bead weaving where they could create bracelets and rings.

Paper Flower Wreaths



Update: All Souls Day is in the near future (Nov. 2) and many Paper Flower Wreaths are ready to be displayed!

IPM Integrated Pest Management IPM Pests, Pest Control and Pesticides

Submitted by Theodore Putz, Ak-Chin Pesticide Control Specialist - Environmental Programs

Plants, Insects, molds, mildew, microbes and weeds are a natural part of the environment and can benefit the Community in many ways. But they can also be pests that can do harm to our health and wellbeing.

A pest to humans can be referred to as, “an organism out of place” and can be a host or vector for harmful pathogens such as viruses and bacteria that can be a hazard to you, your family and your pets.

Thus, we want to protect our homes by excluding pests like scorpions,

cockroaches, fleas, ants, termites, mildew and molds from entering our homes.

Outside our homes, weeds, insects and rodents are high on our pest list, and we want to control these pests in the best and safest way possible.

Certified Pest Control Professionals take this very seriously, and go through rigorous training to earn certifications and permitting to make safe and targeted pesticide applications in our Community.

Reducing or eliminating pesticide use and improving control has

been a model for pest control for many years in the Agricultural setting



through the use of IPM or Integrated Pest Management.

This has been demonstrated as the most effective strategy for controlling pests and it is substantiable. Can this eliminate the use of pesticides completely? No. However, IPM in our homes uses strategies including proper

identification, exclusion barriers (screens), eliminating food and shelter (for the pest) and tick management (tick collars). This combined with proper timing of the “limited and effective” use of pesticides is the goal. It’s all about utilizing all the tools in the ‘Tool Box’.



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IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
46525 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1388

In the Matter of the Adoption of: CASE NO.: CV-2023-06020-VIL

J.P. CIVIL SUMMONS
D.O.B: 08/09/2008

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
Boulah Terry Accosta

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

After you have been served and the written answer period has lapsed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing of this matter, and you will be notified of the time and date that you will be required to appear.

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

Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: PS-10-23: Industrial Park Septic System:

Project Applicants/Water Operations Manager, Carlton Carlyle, and Airport Manager, Tim Costello, are seeking approval for a new septic system and leach field located at the north west corner of Murphy Rd and Carlyle Rd that would service the Ak-Chin Industrial Park:

The project consists of:

- Installation of a 12,000-gallon septic tank; and
- Ten (10) leach field trenches to drain the septic tank.

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 INDIAN COMMUNITY

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Ak-Chin Indian Community Request for Proposal for Stock Contractor Services for Masik Tas Roping Events

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) is seeking services of a qualified and licensed stock contractor to provide animals for roping events for the Community’s Masik Tas Event scheduled on December 17, 2023. Contractor must provide stockmen that are knowledgeable and experienced in care, preparation, and retrieval of livestock throughout the event competitions and must understand roping rules and how those affect/apply to the roping contestants.

The Community is located 35 miles south of Phoenix in the northwestern part of Pinal County. The City of Maricopa is a neighbor to the Community. Roping events will take place at Ak-Chin Circle Outdoor Arena located off of Narcia Road and Ak-Chin Parkway behind Ak-Chin Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle next to Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino Resort.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Full Proposal Requests will be available September 29, 2023. RFP may be picked up at the Purchasing Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138; or via email request to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager, at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Please email questions and clarity of the RFP by 4 p.m. on October 9, 2023. Response to questions and clarity will be sent out to all that requested a RFP within 24 hours of business day.

SUBMISSION

Deadline for submitting proposals is October 31, 2023 at 2 p.m. MST. Please submit Five (5) bound copies and one (1) unbound copy of your proposal labeled “Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas”. Proposals can be mailed or dropped off at the address listed below:

“Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas”
Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Proposals will be privately reviewed by Owner. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and irregularities and to accept any proposal considered advantageous to Owner.

The Community’s Selection Committee will review and rate all submissions, and consult with the Community Council on the final selection. The Community’s Selection Committee may select applicants for interviews. All candidates will be notified.

Proposals will be disqualified if instructions and content requirements are not followed.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Request for Proposal for Stock Contractor Services for Masik Tas Rodeo Events

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) is seeking services of a qualified and licensed stock contractor to provide animals for rough stock and roping events for the Community’s Masik Tas Event scheduled on December 15 – 17, 2023. Contractor must provide stockmen that are knowledgeable and experienced in care, preparation, and retrieval of a variety of livestock throughout the event competitions and must understand rodeo rules and how those affect/apply to the rodeo contestants.

The Community is located 35 miles south of Phoenix in the northwestern part of Pinal County. The City of Maricopa is a neighbor to the Community. Rodeo events will take place at Ak-Chin Circle Outdoor Arena located off of Narcia Road and Ak-Chin Parkway behind Ak-Chin Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle next to Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino Resort.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Full Proposal Requests will be available September 21, 2023. RFP may be picked up at the Purchasing Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138; or via email request to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager, at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Please email questions and clarity of the RFP by 4 p.m. on September 29, 2023. Response to questions and clarity will be sent out to all that requested a RFP within 24 hours of business day.

SUBMISSION

Deadline for submitting proposals is October 23, 2023 at 2 p.m. MST. Please submit Five (5) bound copies and one (1) unbound copy of your proposal labeled “Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas”. Proposals can be mailed or dropped off at the address listed below:

“Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas”
Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138

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The Community’s Selection Committee will review and rate all submissions, and consult with the Community Council on the final selection. The Community’s Selection Committee may select applicants for interviews. All candidates will be notified.

Proposals will be disqualified if instructions and content requirements are not followed.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Request for Proposal for Carnival Midway Buyout Services for Masik Tas Celebration

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) has an annual event known as “Masik Tas” (Birthday) Celebration during the first part of December. There are a number of activities that are a part of the annual event from a rodeo, parade, concerts, and carnival which draws thousands of spectators to the Community. These activities take place at Ak-Chin Circle and other designated areas throughout the Community.

The Community will go into a contract for Carnival Midway Services for a multi-term of three (3) years. The dates of the Celebration this year are Thursday, December 14th through Sunday, December 17th, 2023. This RFP is for one (1) year with the option to extend and lock in for two (2) additional years making it a three (3) year partnership.

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Education rewards students with trip to Skateland



Story and photo by Armonda Santiago

Tuesday September 26, Ak-Chin Education Department took middle and high school students to Skateland in Chandler, as an incentive for grades.

Students who had grades Cs or above were chosen to attend the trip with their fellow classmates. Education Advisors,

Julia Dickerson, Matt Tess, and Savannah Boyd attended as chaperones. They helped kids put their skates on and led some of the students as they learned to glide across the skating arena.

The group had the arena all to themselves for a couple of hours. Most of the students used a skate

walker for help and also not to fall. For lunch the kids ate pizza with a cold drink.

Congratulations to all the students who were selected to participate. Keep up the good grades!

Tribal Leaders Summit continued from Page 3

Grand Canyon. Tribal leaders shared their top priorities and projects. Attendees toured the Desert View Inter-tribal Cultural Heritage Site, the first of its kind located at a national park. At the site, 11 tribes traditionally associated with the Grand Canyon region raise awareness and appreciation of the history and

diverse cultures of the area.

At the convening, a blessing was offered by Diana Sue Uqualla (Havasupai Tribe). In addition to Governor Hobbs and Superintendent Keable, speakers included Jason Chavez, director of Tribal Affairs; Theresa McMullan, CEO of Grand Canyon

Conservancy; Lisa Urias, director of the Arizona Office of Tourism; and Jackie Johnson, director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. Jason Coochwyetewa, Grand Canyon Conservancy board member, provided a welcome statement and introduction of Tribal leaders and guests.

Tobono O'odham Inauguration continued from Front

Miguel, Councilmembers Cecil Peters and Gabriel Lopez, Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Director Ann Marie Antone, and myself.

The Inauguration began with a round of traditional singing, followed by the Posting of Colors from Tohono O'odham Nation Veterans, the National Anthem, performed in O'odham by Shania Manuel and the Invocation by Miss Tohono O'odham Nation, Eleni Cachora.

The Honorable Edward Manuel, Sr, Pisinemo District Legislative Representative and former Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation provided the Welcome.

Guest Speakers included the Honorable Regina Romero, Mayor of Tucson, Arizona and the Honorable Chairman Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Both Romero and Miguel expressed their gratitude for being invited to the prestigious event as they shared the history, culture and relationships with the Tohono O'odham leadership and people.

“On behalf of myself, my family and the city of Tucson, my deepest congratulations to Chairman Verlon Jose and Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson,” Romero shared. “I am looking forward to working with you and am so excited to be here.”

Chairman Miguel shared many insights on the relationship between Ak-Chin and the Tohono O'odham Nation, as well as his personal friendship with Chairman Jose.

“The Nation means so much to the Ak-Chin Community” Chairman Miguel began. “The Ak-Chin Community has a relationship with the

Nation; our community our membership, our ancestors; we originated from the Tohono O'odham Nation. For those who don't know from the Hickiwan District, there was a small village there, I believe it is not there at this time, but that's where we originated from.”

Robert talked about the first time he met Verlon and how they shared conversations as tribal leaders over the years, also sharing personal conversations that strengthened their relationship.

“I could always reach out to him and discuss certain things... and he was teaching me in a way to become a leader.” Miguel shared. “It led to constituents as leaders to where it became more personal and then it became a brotherhood, because I consider Verlon my brother.”

Verlon also taught him to, “always, always, always, be there as much as you can. As a tribal leader we feel like we never give enough to our people. We always want to do more.”

Miguel said that was evident with Verlon when he left office and began working with the O'odham membership in Mexico. “He never stopped, he kept going, he kept doing

his work, and that was again what he taught me and what he continued to do. I wanted him to take a rest, take a break, but he wouldn't do it, he kept wanting to provide for the people whether it was his community or others and I thank him for that.”

Chairman Miguel also shared how he knew Vice Chairman Carla Johnson in her capacity at Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming and as former director of Arizona Indian Gaming Association. He also talked about her moving on to further her education and better herself, for her family and her Nation. “I respected her for that.”

Chairman Miguel continued to praise the newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairwoman. “He is a great leader and together with newly elected Vice-Chairwoman Carla Johnson, I know that they'll work tirelessly to bring opportunities, a bright future, direction and a better way of life for their people... Tohono O'odham Nation, you know with this administration, you're in good hands, continue to move forward.”

After the Inauguration Ceremony ended, a traditional lunch was served and musical entertainment was provided outside by Gertie and the T.O. Boyz and Carl & Buddies.



April Stovall Recognized by Caesars Entertainment with Trailblazer Award

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Director of Facilities and Surveillance April Stovall was awarded *Caesars Trailblazer in Leadership Award*. Recognizing exemplary company leaders whose extraordinary efforts contribute to the success of their Team Members and to Caesars Entertainment as a whole.



“Winning the Trailblazer award brings a profound sense of pride and accomplishment. It's a reminder that perseverance, resilience, and creativity can lead to success in even the most challenging endeavors. Knowing that my contributions have been recognized and appreciated by Caesars Entertainment, an industry leader, is a source of immense pride.

Winning this award also feels like an opportunity and a responsibility. It's an opportunity to inspire others to pursue their own innovative ideas and to continue pushing the envelope. It's a responsibility to be a role model, to mentor and support those who are just beginning their journey, and to continue striving for excellence in everything I do.

knows how to work hard and crush obstacles. Her motto? “If you're not falling down, you're not trying hard enough.”

While roller derby is known for powerful women, April's start as a security officer in the hospitality industry 23 years ago was just the opposite. In a field dominated by men, April conquered new responsibilities moving quickly up the ranks. Her actions led to surveillance supervisory roles and eventually adding facilities, technology, construction and environmental services to her charge.

Furthermore, it's a reminder of the importance of collaboration and teamwork. No trailblazer achieves success in isolation. Winning this award is a reflection of the support and collaboration of colleagues, mentors, and partners who have contributed to the journey. It reinforces the idea that we achieve greatness not as individuals, but as part of a larger community.

After the property completed the three-year \$180 million expansion project with positive economic impacts on the community, April was promoted to director in December 2021. Leader of CodeGreen, April champions efforts to reduce the property's carbon footprint, and has been recognized by global gaming leader Caesars Entertainment for her efforts. Award acknowledgments include Chairman's Award for Internal Service, Western Division Chairman's Award for Internal Service and Caesars Award of Excellence for Leadership.

In essence, winning the Caesars Entertainment Trailblazer award is a complex mix of emotions—validation, pride, opportunity, responsibility, and gratitude. It's a recognition of the past and a call to continue innovating and making a positive impact in the future.” -April Stovall

April's 100+ team members appreciate her dedication, work ethic and ability to inspire others. She walks the talk and leads by example. An excellent communicator, she has great relationships with her team, working alongside them, blowing up obstacles in their way. They respect her for it.

“April always demonstrates her ‘can-do’ attitude and is willing to take on new responsibilities, always rising to the challenge,” said Senior Vice President and General Manager Michael Kintner.

“Her dedication and commitment to Harrah's Ak-Chin have led her to supervisory roles in our surveillance department, eventually adding facilities, technology, construction and environmental services to her areas of responsibility. She's a valuable member of our team.”

April is an active leader and volunteer on our HERO committee, an employee group that donates time, expertise and compassion to make noteworthy contributions to the community.

Stovall is also leader of Harrah's Ak-Chin's CodeGreen program and is consistently championing efforts to reduce the property's carbon footprint.

April has held most every position that reports to her, so she has a strong sense of how to support and encourage her team. Her approach to lead by example is infectious. Periodically, April will put on a uniform and work side-by-side with front-of-house employees, inspiring other leaders to do the same.

Many efforts were inspired by the Ak-Chin Indian Community's deep roots in farming, agriculture and their passion for protecting and sustaining land, air and water.

April has saved the property \$400K associated to capital projects (2021/2022). Her Code Green and sustainability initiatives have saved the property more than \$500K (2022).

Added Kintner, “No one deserves this award more than April. Her 100+ Team Members appreciate her dedication, work ethic and ability to inspire others. She walks the talk and leads by example. An excellent communicator, she has great relationships with her team, working alongside them, overcoming obstacles; they truly respect her.”

April was an integral part of the team that oversaw our multi-million-dollar expansion project resulting in a 12% revenue increase.

April has personally mentored dozens of individuals, encouraging opportunities to help them meet and exceed their goals.

April Stovall is director of Facilities and Surveillance for Maricopa-based Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. A self-described Marine Corps brat and pioneer member of the Casa Grande Roller Derby league, April

April pushes but she also listens. She recognizes the importance of making people feel seen in order to help develop talent.

Fall Program Fun at Ak-Chin Recreation

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn



The Ak-Chin Community Government held the 2023 Fall Program at the Ak-Chin Recreation Center from September 25-29, between the hours of 8 am to 2:30 pm.

During this time departments dedicated time out of their work day to do fun activities with the students.

9/25 Monday

Ak-Chin Central Plant/Safety Operations played football with the kids and passed out footballs for the kids to take home.

Community Government decorated skeleton masks and haunted houses.

Ak-Chin Purchased/Referred Care helped the kids cool down with tasty ice cream sundaes. The kids had the option of chocolate or vanilla ice cream for the base of their sundae and then added toppings of their choice.

9/26 Tuesday

Ak-Chin Police Department decorated wooden porch signs. The signs were pumpkin themed and there were

5 different types of pumpkins so the kids had multiple opportunities to display their creativity. They used paint, ribbon, fake spiders and spider webs to design their signs.

The adults were not left out of the fun, Norma Vincent an Ak-Chin temp made her sign KISS themed. Everyone was impressed with her detailed artwork. Once they were done, they played a few rounds of the game heads up 7 up.

Ak-Chin Youth council helped the kids get active with a game of played kick ball.

9/27 Wednesday

Ak-Chin Fire Department started with a race to see who could put on their full uniforms the fastest. Three fire fighters competed as the kids cheered for who they wanted to win. After getting a closer look at the fire fighters' uniforms everyone enjoyed a game of dodge ball.

Ak-Chin Health Education warmed the kids up by walking

around Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park before playing duck duck goose. While waiting for lunch which was pizza this day, they broke down the ingredients on pizzas and placed them in the proper food groups.

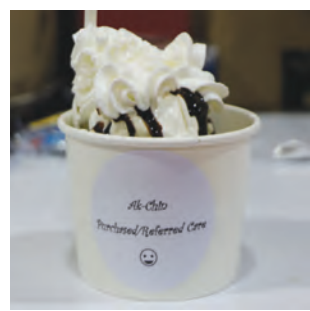
9/28 Thursday

Harrah's Development Systems (HDS) played dodge ball and musical chairs. Afterwards, Community Government let the kids enjoy the weather by going for a swim; the weather was perfect.

9/29 Friday

Ak-Chin Planning played BINGO with a Halloween themed board. They played until every kid was a winner. They had fun prize bags that included light up rings which were very popular among the crowd.

As the last day celebration kids took a trip with Community Government to Ak-Chin circle and enjoyed lunch and the Paw Patrol movie.



Fort Lewis College rep visits Ak-Chin

Story and Photos by Tyaun Marshburn



Admissions Counselor Savanna Benally talks to students Ak-Chin students over lunch

On September 20th, Ak-Chin Education Department invited community high school juniors and seniors to attend a presentation that talked about the benefits of going to Fort Lewis College.

The presentation was conducted by admission counselor, Savanna Benally. The meeting lasted for about an hour and a half. During that

time Benally talked about her personal experience moving from Arizona to Durango Colorado, where Fort Lewis College is located.

Fort Lewis College has more than 55 majors, 48 minors, 23 certificates and is voted one of the top 200 colleges for Indigenous students. In fact, Fort Lewis College student body is 41% Native American and

Alaska Native.

One Maricopa High school senior, Haedin De Paola was accepted on the spot. Congratulations Haedin De Paola!

For any questions about enrollment at Fort Lewis College, the admissions department can be reached at 970-247-7184 or by email at admission@fortlewis.edu



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- October 03, 2023
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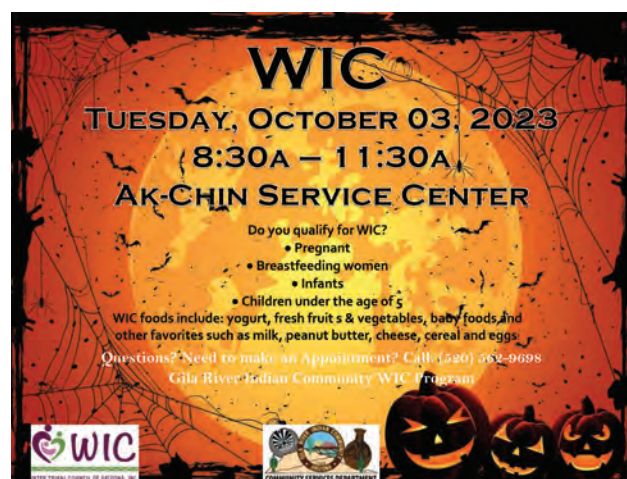


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From the staff at the Runner

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Love, Grandma

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Curtis Main
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October Birthdays

10/01 Joseph Antone Maynard James William Martinez Eugene Peters Sr. Damien Smith	10/08 Evelyn Garcia Lee Smith Jr. Angel Antone Brittany Paddock Maria Maldonado	10/16 Michael Latino Santiago Angelina Soliz Charity Lewis Jalia Carra-Ponce Emily Peters	10/24 Amerrah Mike Yolanda Narcia Miranda
10/02 Elizabeth Valles Martin Castro Tanya Lewis Jeaney Narcia Stella Makil White Noemi Hernandez Nikkol Martinez Alison Miguel	10/09 Ann Antone Jacob Trenado	10/17 Francisco Miguel Armonda Santiago Isaiah Peters Jesus Corella Jr. Noah Brown	10/25 Hunter Louis Adrian Garcia Madalina Delores
10/03 Elva Alarcon Justine Lopez Victoria Smith Earl Justin Jr.	10/10 Berdina Arellanes-Burgos	10/18 Feather Jim Carrieanna Villarreal	10/27 Harlee Jose Orenda Ortiz Hope Vallejos
10/04 Neveah Antone Amy Rodriguez Gabriel Manuel Malcolm Johnson	10/11 Andrea Peters Marco Jensen	10/20 Koda Osborne Joseph Vallejos Jr. Julian Lewis Sarah Delma	10/28 Jeremiah Talkalai Nicole Allison Jenika Justin Jarred Antone Sophia Matuz Ramiero Andaverde Ariel Lopez
10/05 Douglas Pablo Dyon Aguilla Celia Medina	10/12 Xzalius Homer Shanna Narcia Delayna Antone Zachary Valles	10/21 A'Miyah Deloney Aubree Perez Della White Crystal Tow Ethan Manuel Dennis Antone	10/29 Willow Nosie Zataray Ulloa Kylee Machado Alvin Antone
10/06 Ariana Bandin	10/13 Blessing Antone	10/22 Maynard Pablo Sr. Carol Enos Claudia Antone Janet Narcia	10/30 Kaelyn Miller Patricia Medina
10/07 Matthew Villarreal Fernando Arellanes-Burgos Alyssa Pablo	10/14 Joe Jerry Erin Martinez-Yarberry Ambria Valles Rosa Lewis Eliza Santiago Sharon Carlyle	10/23 Adaisha Pablo Ame Stephens	10/31 Liliana Rascon Jonella Lopez

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Employee Birthdays

Oct. 6 - 19

8-Oct

Jon Spezzacatena
Fire & Safety
Diana Carlyle
Runner

9-Oct

Ann Antone
Parks & Recreation

10-Oct

Adam Finken
TGA

11-Oct

Andrea Peters
Elderly

12-Oct

Kathy Shoemaker
Finance

13-Oct

Clifford Fullam-Kenealy
TGA

14-Oct

Olesya Nelson
Finance
Ambria Valles
Social & Health Services

15-Oct

James Boehm
Fire & Safety
Steven Ruelas
Maintenance

16-Oct

Angelina Soliz
Environmental Protection

17-Oct

Courtney Bagsby
Fire & Safety

19-Oct

Ninfa Wells
Elderly

SALUTE Business Impact Group at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Donates \$1,000 to The Veterans in Need Project

Submitted



(MARICOPA, Ariz.—Sept. 22, 2023)—The SALUTE Business Impact Group at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino donated \$1,000 to the Veterans in Need Project. The nonprofit organization will use the funds to aid veterans with essential needs, covering

costs for critical items such as fuel for commuting to work, baby essentials like diapers or formula, assistance with small bill payments, and other immediate necessities that can significantly impact day-to-day life.

who have selflessly served our nation," said Director of Marketing and Hotel Operations Samantha Gulick. "Veterans have dedicated their lives to protecting

our freedoms, and it is our privilege to stand by them in their time of need. Through this donation, we aim to express our gratitude and inspire others in our community to join us in making a positive impact in the lives of our veterans."

The Veterans in Need Project emerged from the empathetic vision of a group of high school students who recognized an urgent need within their local veterans' community in Pinal County and the City of Maricopa. With a mission to make immediate and tangible differences, the organization offers micro-grant assistance, quickly channeling vital resources to veterans in critical situations.

"The Veterans in Need Project is honored to partner with Harrah's Ak-Chin," said VINP

President Justin Price. "The funds will be used to support local veterans by providing much needed relief through micro-grants. We are fortunate to have a community partner like Harrah's Ak-Chin who are so supportive of local nonprofit organizations."

The SALUTE Business Impact Group at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino actively seeks to bring together team members who are veterans and veteran allies who embrace the core values of duty, honor and selfless service. The purpose is to cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture through grassroots efforts to assist veterans in various ways, including fundraisers, donation drives and volunteer opportunities.

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10/06 Hocus Pocus - 30th Anniversary
10/13 Taylor Swift - The Eras Tour
10/20 Killers of the Flower Moon
10/20 The Nightmare Before Christmas 30th Anniversary
10/27 Five Nights at Freddy's
10/27 Freeland

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October 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DUNKIN' NATIONAL PUMPKIN SPIKE LATTE DAY BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	2 f i t FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER!	3 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	4 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	5 USA TODAY READERS' CHOICE #1 BY USA TODAY CAESARS REWARDS LOYALTY PROGRAM	6 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	7 CHOOSE YOUR MULTIPLIER
8 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	9 HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!	10 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	11 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	12 WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR A GETAWAY... COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT! COMP IT LIKE IT'S HOT!	13 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	14 RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY!
15 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	16 NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CAESARS SPORTSBOOK	17 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	18 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	19 THE SPA-AHHHH!	20 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	21 STAY. PLAY. VACAY.
22 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	23 SLOTS OF FUN!	24 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	25 NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	26 T-APP INTO THE FUN! DOWNLOAD THE CAESARS REWARDS APP	27 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS FOREVER YOUNG FRIDAYS KIOSK GAME	28 FALL GIFT GIVEAWAY HOWLING HOT SEATS
29 BONUS COMP DOLLAR DAYS INDUSTRY NIGHTS KIOSK GAME	30 GAME ON!	31 Happy Halloween NiZONi TRANQUIL COLLECTION GIFT GIVEAWAY	<div><h2>LET'S ROLL</h2><p>Join us Saturday, October 28 and receive a First Class 20" UPRIGHT ROLLING CARRY-ON!</p></div>			

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