

## Annual Elder Tea Party returns to BIA House



Him Dak staff and elders enjoyed the intimate gathering for the Elder Tea Party at the Historic BIA House on February 8.

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

On February 8th, the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum hosted their annual Elder Valentine's Tea Party at the Historic BIA House, where eight elders were able to gather in the BIA House dining room for an elegant tea party.

Museum staff offered a choice of caffeinated Earl Grey or Green tea. For caffeine-free options they had wild berry, peach passion and honey vanilla chamomile teas as well as lemonade and coffee.

Elders sipped on their tea while they enjoyed a lunch of mini croissants with tuna, egg or chicken salad. Side dishes included pasta salad, veggie and fruit trays and for dessert they had a mini assortment cupcakes and sugar-free cookies.

While sipping their tea they played a few games that were set up by Museum staff members.

For the first game they had to guess how many mints were in the cute Valentine jar, the closest to 44 and winner was Elvera Stephens.

The second game was a brainstorming activity, where they had to make up as many words as possible in one-minute from the words "Valentine's Day". The winner was Jeanette Peters with a whopping 21 words.

The third game was a spin on the game hot potato or the

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## Ak-Chin participates in 85th Annual Tohono O'odham Rodeo & Fair



Above, Ak-Chin Council along with members of Arizona Indian Gaming Association, walk along the parade route at Tohono O'odham Nation Wapkial Ha-Tas Rodeo & Fair parade on Saturday, February 3.

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

As we end the year with our Annual Masik Tas (Birthday) Celebration, the Tohono O'odham Nation begins the new year with their Rodeo and Fair.

February 1-4, 2024, Tohono O'odham Nation welcomed everyone to their 85th Annual Tohono O'odham Nation Wapkial Ha-Tas Rodeo & Fair, held at Eugene P. Tashquith Sr. Livestock Complex, Sells, Az.

There were many things to see and do over the weekend in the Nation, as they hosted a parade, rodeo, pow-wow, traditional games, carnival, musical entertainment and delicious O'odham food.

Ak-Chin had several participants out on Friday, February 2nd to participate in the All-Indian Jr. Rodeo.

Ak-Chin Council participated in the parade on Saturday, while many members entered events for the All-Indian Rodeo and Wild Horse Race.

Ak-Chin Toka teams, S-kubjuv Ju:dam and Al Ha'ascu Jujudam also participated in the 2-day tournament, Saturday and Sunday. It was also shared that a few entered the dance contest.

Some enjoyed themselves so much that they drove to and from Sells, all weekend to take in all that the 85th Annual Rodeo and Fair had to offer.

Chairman Robert Miguel also went multiple days making that 4-hour round trip at least twice.

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## Ak-Chin students finish strong with MHS Girls Varsity Basketball

Story by Raychel Peters, photos by Runner Staff

Over the past basketball season, the Runner has gone out to cover five community students who just finished their season with Maricopa High School Varsity Lady Rams Basketball.

On February 1, Maricopa held their Senior Night, where they decorated the gym with school colors, red and black and recognized all seniors. Ak-Chin members Taylor Santiago and Mylauni Antone were among those celebrated alongside their family, peers and teammates.

Santiago played shooting guard for MHS. She has played varsity for 3 years. In her first game of the season, she scored 12 points, had 6 assists, and 4 rebounds.

Mom, Veronica Santiago says, "My baby Taylor has always been a hard-working student athlete since preschool; she is so amazing and is the second oldest of four with two baby brothers and an older sister...I could go on and on how awesome she is but I'll stop here...We're all so proud of her!"

After graduation, Taylor will be attending the University of Oregon, majoring in human physiology.

Mylauni "Mulan" Antone, played for Maricopa her sophomore and senior years. She has worked hard this season, by putting more effort

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## Ak-Chin Preschool enjoys Valentine Dance Party



Queen Paislee White and King Daniel Lozano, Jr. were crowned at the Valentine Day Dance Party, February 13.

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

Music, balloons and laughter filled the air at the Ak-Chin Preschool Valentine Dance on February 13th. The staff and children started the day with a party and Valentine's Day card exchange in their individual classrooms.

At around 10:30 all the classes came together for the dance party with DJ Mr. Richard. When the preschoolers weren't dancing, they were playing monster ball toss, ring toss, plink drop game or they could be seen decorating cookies,

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## Love is in the air at the Ak-Chin Elder Center



Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

The fog that filled the sky the morning of February 9, didn't stop these ladies from coming to the Ak-Chin Elder Center for a little afternoon crafting fun.

The ladies used lace, ribbon, foam heart shaped sheets and hot glue guns to attach decorations to their brown paper bags.

The ladies decorated

their Valentine's Day bags in preparation for the Valentine's Day luncheon held at the Elder Center on Wednesday February 14th.



*On Wednesday February 14th the Elders gathered for a Valentine's Day lunch that included games and fun. They had chicken alfredo with broccoli, spring salad, bread sticks and for dessert they had strawberry cake.*



*Glenna Francisco and Virginia Zepeda  
enjoy the Elder Valentine Lunch.*



*Malinda Pete posing in her heart glasses and headband.*



the Left-Right game.

As Staff member, Dannon Peters told a story everyone listened attentively and every time she said the word “left” or “right” they would pass a pin cushion in that direction to the person next to them.

At the end of the story, Jeannette Peters was the last one to hold the pin cushion at one table, she gifted her prize to her mom Evelina and Jeannie Stephens was the winner at the other table.

The fourth game was “Name that Song”, where each participant received 1 point for every song title correctly guessed and 1 point if they could name the artist.

Everyone was very

excited about this game, as they were already singing and guessing to the music even before the game started.

Staff member, Autumn Manuel, played about 10 seconds of the song and then allowed time for everyone to jot down their answers before playing the next song.

In the end Jeannette Peters and Elvera Stephens were able to identify the most songs correctly.

The fifth and final game really put their memory to the test. A tray was placed in front of elders with 11 items on it.

Everyone was given a minute to look at the tray and try to remember what

they saw. Afterwards, everyone had one minute to write down all the items they could remember.

Jeannette also won this game, but decided to give it to the next winners, who were all tied; Carmen Narcia, Florinda Peters and Raychel Peters. At the other table Connie Santiago and Elvera Stephens tied for second but Elvera decided to let Connie have the prize.

The grand prize raffle basket filled with goodies went to Evelina Lopez.

As a thank you for attending the Elder Valentine's Tea Party all ladies received a small bouquet of flowers, a tea towel and flower seed mix.



# ELDER FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1769</i></p> <p><i>* Breakfast Served from 7AM to 8:30AM</i></p> <p><i>* Lunch Served from 12NOON to 1PM</i></p>			<p>15 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Turnover</p> <p>Beef Tacos, Shredded Green Leaf, Tomato, Cheese, Black Beans, Zucchini, Oranges</p>	<p>16 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit</p> <p><i>Elder Gym Time 9am – 11am</i></p> <p>Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Vegetable Soup &amp; Turkey Sandwich, Peas, Grapes</p>
<p>19 <i>Center Closed - President's Day</i></p> 	<p>20 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Apple Sauce</p> <p>Pozole w. Hominy, Shredded Cabbage, Diced Onion, Lime, Asparagus, Wheat or white roll, Apple</p> <p><i>Goodwill Shopping Day</i></p>	<p>21 Veggie Omelet, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit &amp; Yogurt</p> <p>Philly Cheese Steak, Stuffed Red Pepper, Normandy Vegetables, Lima Beans, Plums</p> <p><i>Erin Kariuki Angel Home Health Care 12pm – 1pm Presentation on scams</i></p>	<p>22 Chorizo &amp; Eggs, Beans, Tortilla, Grapes</p> <p>Crusted Tilapia or Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Rice, Pineapples</p>	<p>23 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Bean or Chicken Tostadas, Broccoli, Corn, Peaches w. Cottage Cheese</p> <p><i>Elder Gym Time 9am – 11am</i></p>
<p>26 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit</p> <p>Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Romain Salad, Sweet Potato or Potato, Wheat or White Rolls, Cantaloupe</p> <p><i>Elder Gym Time 9am – 11am</i></p>	<p>27 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa, Fruit w. Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail</p> <p><i>Bingo 1pm</i></p> 	<p>28 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Tuna or Chicken Patties over Romain Salad, Avocado, Plums, Strawberry filled Crepes</p>	<p>29 29 Egg Sandwich, Hash Browns, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Cabbage Stew, Brown Rice, Carrots, Biscuits, Banana</p>	





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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

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Preschool Dance continued from Front



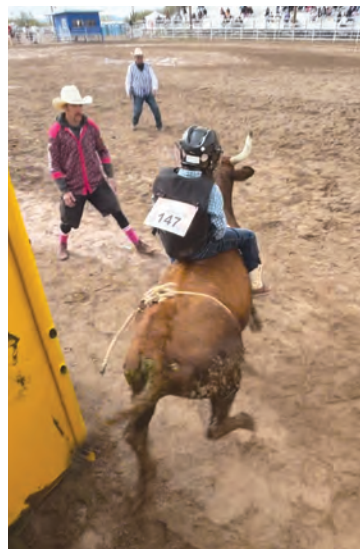
taking pictures at the photo  
booth and coloring at the craft  
table.

a crown and a rose as their  
classmates clapped.

Before the festivities ended,  
Daniel Lozano, Jr. and Paislee  
White were crowned Valentine  
King and Queen, they received

The event wrapped up with a  
ball drop. The students enjoyed  
tossing the confetti filled  
balloons around before they  
returned to their classrooms.

Tobono O'odham Rodeo & Fair continued from Front



*Emma Enos (left) and Johnathan Enos (right) participate in  
the Tohono O'odham Nation Jr. Rodeo, February 2.*  
*Photos submitted by Elaina Enos*

celebration as they highlighted their traditional and cultural history  
with a number of events and activities. As one of the Four Sister  
Tribes along with Tohono O'odham, Salt River, and Gila River, it's  
always great to showcase our unity during these great celebrations."

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convenience to avoid the following penalties:

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the following:**

- You may come and make a payment  
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- You may come to the court and dispute the  
matter and request a hearing.

## Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing  
regarding the following case at 6 p.m. on Tuesday  
February 27, 2024, at the Justice Center Conference  
Room.**

#### Case: SD-01-24 Data Center and Warehouse:

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

The project consists of:

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

#### Case: PS-01-24 Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Self-Parking/ Valet Parking Remodel

Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and  
Surveillance, April Stovall is requesting Preliminary Site  
Plan Approval for Self-Parking/Valet Parking Lot remodel.  
The project consists of:

- Demolishing/re-pavement of existing lot; and
- New lighting with bird deterrent; and
- Shade structures with lighting for three parking rows;  
and
- Parking lot remodel increasing parking spaces from 259  
to 354; and
- Relocating existing drainage structures; and
- Relocating west parking lot access for better ingress and  
egress; and
- New pedestrian crosswalk from parking lot to North  
entrance; and
- New landscaping within parking lot and perimeter; and
- Signage Package.

## SAVE THE DATE

### FRIDAY

### APRIL 26, 2024

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- ❖ Lunch







Teagan and Mylauni are tough on defense.

into practices and games. She shared a highlight, “hitting a three pointer during one of our last games.” Her plans after high school are to be an esthetician and make-up artist.

Mom, Melanie Antone shared, “So proud of her dedication to not only her team but to her family, friends, youth council (she currently holds the seat as secretary) and last but very not least her passion for dance.

With all that she has on her plate she still manages to lighten the mood anywhere she goes with her goofy personality and humor. I couldn’t ask for a better kid and can’t wait to see what she brings to the world in the years come! Congratulations kid, Class of 2024!!!! We love You.”

Rounding out the Ak-Chin players for this season, we were able to also see Teagan Delma, Alana Oliver and Kylie Gardner.

Teagan, who has been a tenacious point guard this season, feels her defense has been onpoint.

“I would say my highlight is when we played Tolleson for the second time, I played pretty good in the game, (creating) turnovers and my defense was pretty good as well.”

Alana Oliver played small forward. This was her first year playing basketball for Maricopa. One of the moms shared that she worked hard, playing with the other girls on the NABI team to earn a spot on the varsity this year. Alana said she liked, “having



Taylor sinks a 3, during the Senior Night game.

MHS continued from Front a good practice and everyone making jokes” this season.

Kylie is a sophomore and two-year varsity player for MHS. She played power forward and contributed her fair share of rebounds, blocked shots and scoring drives. She was a little discouraged at the end of their season, but she was happy to be able to play with her community and NABI team players this season.



Kylie wins the jump.

For the senior night game, they played against West Point high school and won 48 to 27.

# Ak-Chin students attend RECHARGE Conference



Story and photos submitted by Ak-Chin Education

On Friday, February 2nd, American Indian middle and high school students had the opportunity to participate in Arizona State University (ASU) RECHARGE Conference.

The annual conference is hosted by ASU Office of American Indian Initiatives and Access ASU at the Tempe campus. The conference includes engaging activities and inspiring presentations on culture and identity, college readiness, financial aid, majors, and campus resources.

This year, Ak-Chin

Education staff transported and chaperoned seven Ak-Chin high school students from Maricopa High School and out of district high schools to the conference. During this event, keynote speaker Charley Hogan, 16 and a junior in high school who starred in her first Netflix movie “Frybread Face and Me” shared her experience and journey in being a part of the movie.

Speakers included Dr. Quinton Boyce, professor at ASU and staff from Phoenix Indian Center both speaking on the importance of post-

secondary education. After the morning speakers, students attended two morning sessions and picked two topics of their choice which included eight different breakout sessions. Next was lunch and the resource fair where different programs from ASU spoke about their programs, Phoenix Indian Center, Tohono O’odham College, etc.

The day ended with session three and closing remarks. Students who participated enjoyed the conference and learned a lot about the ASU colleges.



## Valentine Craft at Him-Dak Museun

Story by Tyaun Marshburn photos by Runner staff

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum invited members and residents to get their creative juices flowing by doing Valentine themed crafts on February 7th at the

Ak-Chin Art building.

The crowd was small so it was easy for everyone to get the one-on-one attention they needed to create their masterpieces.



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Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

The rain showers that started Friday night into Saturday morning did not stop the show for the 2024 Valentine’s Day 5k & 2k on February 10th, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

The route had to be changed due to the weather but I’m sure all 74 participants were happy they didn’t have to run through the mud.

The winners of the 5k run are as follows: overall

male 1st place; Antonio Rodriguez2nd place; Albertino Santiago and 3rd place; Rayford Vavages. Overall female 1st place; Flora Howerton, 2nd place; Gwen Pilone and 3rd place; Elexis Lopez.

For ages 14 & younger 1st place; Antonio Rodriguez, Logan Vavages. The winner for age group 15-19 was Kaleb Vavages. For ages 27-35 Elexis Lopez

(female) & Alexander Lopez (male).

For ages 36-45 Albertino Santiago (male). For ages 46-54 Gwen Pilone (female) And for ages 55+ Flora Howerton (female).

Once the walkers and runners were done, they enjoyed a balanced breakfast provided by Vekol Market. The breakfast consisted of a burrito (sausage, chorizo

or potato), fresh fruit and yogurt.

Since the Valentine’s Day 5k & 2k was held on the same weekend as the Superbowl, participants were encouraged to dress in their favorite NFL team apparel. On the registration form, participants were also asked a few questions, one being who would win the Superbowl. 54% of all our registrants selected Kansas City Chiefs, while 46% selected San Francisco 49ers.

February is also Heart Health Month. There was a scavenger hunt with important questions and fill in the blanks surrounding the topic of heart health. One of the fill-in-the blanks that shocked me was “Every hour per day spent watchingTV is associated with an increased risk of dying from?” the answer was Heart Attack, Stroke, Cancer.

Ak-Chin Health Education department would like to thank


Ak-Chin Farms, Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works, Ak-Chin Police Department and Security, Ak-Chin Fire Department, GIS Department, Vekol Market, Runner Staff, and Waylon Antone.

“Thank you for all your help to help us prepare and to host this event. A special thank you to all the participants. We are glad you were able to join us on a rainy Saturday morning. We appreciate all of you! Thank you!”

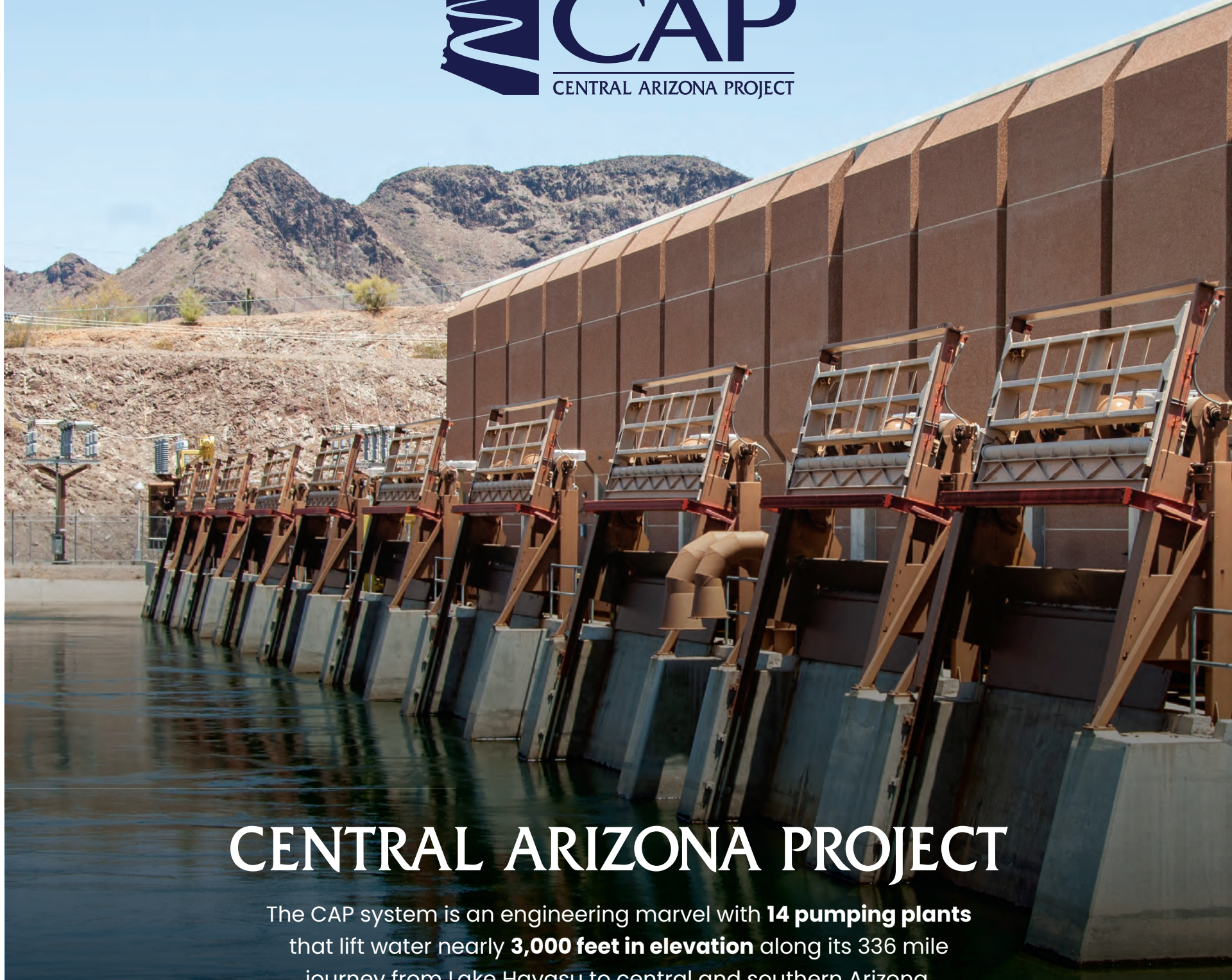


1	What is a common warning sign of a Heart Attack?	Shortness of Breat'h, Nausea/Vomiting, Back /Jaw Pain POSTER: FAST
2	COMPLETE THE SENTENCE: Every hour per day spent watching TV is associated with an increased risk of dying from _____ or _____	Heart Attack Stroke Cancer POSTER: 101 HEART HEALTHY FACTS
3	Your heart beats about how many times per day?	100,000 POSTER: BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH
4	What are common Causes of Heart Failure? POSTER:FAST	Heart Attacks, High Blood Pressure, Viral Infections Poster: HEART DISEASE
5	When Blood Pressure is elevated, the heart must work harder to pump blood through the arteries. This can cause thickening of the heart muscle. What is that called?	Arteriosclerosis POSTER: HEART CONDITIONS
6	What is a common warning sign of a Stroke?	Numbness/Weakness of face arm or leg. Confusion, Trouble Seeing, Trouble Walking, dizzy, balance, Severe Headache POSTER: FAST





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Gila River Indian Community WIC Program



# 2024 HIM-DAK SPRING ART PROGRAM

March 04 - March 15

K-12th Grade  
(For Members and Residents)

We will be having one Art Program Session  
from March 4th - March 15th (2 weeks)

Registration is limited to the first 15 kids  
signed up per grade group/session.

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grade Groups: K-1st, 2nd-4th, 5th-8th, 9th -12th

We will have a morning and afternoon snacks and lunch.

No Transportation Provided

For kid/s drop off and pick up,  
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**ATTENTION:** For any child/ren attending the "Water is Life" 2024 Spring Program  
at the gymnasium after the Him-Dak Art Program, a registration form  
would still need to be completed to attend the "Water is Life" Spring Program.

For any questions call:  
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Email Waylon at: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us

## FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

**1-Feb**  
Anthony Giovanni, Fire & Safety  
Christopher Cypriano,  
Maintenance

**4-Feb**  
Francine Sanchez, Early Childhood

**6-Feb**  
Caleb Gilbert, Fire & Safety

**7-Feb**  
Matthew Tess, Education  
Roman Orona,  
Environmental Protection

**8-Feb**  
Concepcion Miguel, PRC  
Jade Rodriguez, Law & Order

**10-Feb**  
Julia Dickerson, Education

**11-Feb**  
Kain Marrietta, Law & Order  
Jeannette Peters,  
Him Dak Museum  
Kyle Chavez, Law & Order  
Salinda Lopez, Human Resources  
Mary Diaz, TGA

**12-Feb**  
Grace Pablo, Housing Department

**13-Feb**  
Griselda Fonseca Saldana,  
Maintenance  
Justin Burke, Fire & Safety

**15-Feb**  
Diana Velazquez, Education

**19-Feb**  
Debbie Soliz, IS  
Lisa Garcia, Council

**20-Feb**  
Aaron Apodaca, Retail

**21-Feb**  
Randon Quasula, Maintenance

**23-Feb**  
Shanya Hutcheson, Retail

**25-Feb**  
Alexander Lopez,  
Parks & Recreation

**27-Feb**  
Terry Zicafoose, Early Childhood

**28-Feb**  
Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, Finance  
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Rebecca Alvarez, IS

## Wishes

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jose, Junior and  
Alexander and my granddaughters Jane and Kylie  
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Jose  
Love, Goddaddy and Family

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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**2/01**

Ian Narcia  
Christopher Cypriano  
Angelina Arellanes-Burgos  
Chyenne Anderson  
Adam Bowman

**2/02**

Preciousrose Warren  
Jonah Dickerson  
David Manuel Jr.

**2/03**

Elizabeth Antone

**2/04**

Latasha White

**2/05**

Dominique Nosie-Romo  
Charles Carlyle

**2/06**

Stella Miguel  
Audrina Antone

**2/07**

Bercco Thompson Jr.  
Eugene Peters Jr.

**2/08**

Deana Quinonez  
Elizabeth Baptisto  
Geneva Antone  
Marcos Olivas Jr.

**2/09**

Aiyana Campbell

**2/10**

Alexandra Carlyle  
Isaiah Osife  
Draven Soliz  
Julia Dickerson

**2/11**

Marlon Peters  
Kyle Chavez  
Mary Diaz  
Jeanette Peters

**2/12**

Destiney Delowe  
Erin Pete  
Grace Pablo  
Caleb Ugalde

**2/13**

Koren Marrietta  
Karin Smith

**2/14**

Valentina Narcia  
Michaela Peters  
Lewis DeliAnna  
Justin Perillo  
Johnny Stephens

**2/15**

Terry Aguilla Jr.  
Carole Lopez  
Aleena Antone  
Cheyenne Vallejos

**2/16**

Lanita Lopez  
Gianna Garcia

**2/17**

Jose Lopez  
Mara Delores

**2/18**

Edward Martinez  
Annalise Manuel

**2/19**

Tyra Williams  
Jane Lopez  
Marcos Santiago  
Kerrin Miguel  
Jonas Miguel  
Philbert Narcia Jr.  
Lisa Garcia

**2/20**

Unique Santiago  
Maria Narcia  
Rechanda Manuel

**2/21**

Calvin Van Sickle

**2/22**

Perris-Jade White

**2/23**

Joseph Narcia  
Octaviana Ormsby  
Victor Ortega  
Ryleigh Delores  
Joshua Dominguez

**2/24**

Junior Peters  
Keira Attakai  
Kylie Gardner

**2/25**

Corianna Nevarez Vallejos  
Alexander Lopez

**2/26**

Christian Castro  
Havier Stephens Jr.

**2/27**

Woodrow Marsh  
Shyla Thomas

**2/28**

Raymond Miguel  
Rebecca Alvarez  
Robert Narcia

**2/29**

Traci Thomas  
Cody Miguel



Chris Young to Perform at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino



(MARICOPA, Ariz.– Jan. 26, 2024)–Chris Young, a pillar in the country genre with his distinctive baritone and memorable storytelling, is coming to The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. The multi-platinum artist, one of Billboard's top country artists of the decade, has amassed over five billion career streams and 13 No. 1 hits, eleven as a songwriter.

Capping 2021 as Billboard's Country Airplay Song of the year, Young's "Famous Friends" took home Collaborative Video of the Year at the 2021 CMT Music Awards and earned 3 Country Music Association Awards nominations, 7 Academy of Country Music Awards nominations and his first American Music Awards and iHeart Radio Music Awards nods.

Chris Young will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. Tickets start at \$59.50.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024  
Doors: 7:00PM  
Show Time: 8:00PM  
Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino  
Tickets: \$99.50; \$69.50; \$59.50  
Ages: All Ages

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino:

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<p>4</p> <p>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BURRO LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</p>	<p>7</p> <p>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SHOW SOME LOVE WITH VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS FROM THE SPA!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>CANTINA NIGHTS</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CANTINA NIGHTS</p>
<p>11</p> <p>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS SUPER BOWL LVIII PARTY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>DUNKIN'</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BURRO LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</p>	<p>14</p> <p>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CANTINA NIGHTS PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CANTINA NIGHTS PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>
<p>18</p> <p>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BURRO LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</p>	<p>21</p> <p>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>THIRSTY THURSDAY #NATIONALMARGARITADAY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CANTINA NIGHTS WIN YOUR WHEELS EARNING GARY ALLAN CONCERT</p>	<p>24</p> <p>WIN YOUR WHEELS!</p>
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