



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation celebrate Gym Reopening

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent



Ak-Chin gym sports a brand new floor design and tribal color scheme.

On Friday, September 13th, the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation held a soft opening for their newly renovated gym, inviting everyone to come out and take a look at the new indoor basketball court design and newly painted gymnasium.

The floor was designed by Ak-Chin's very own

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Eliza Santiago of the Ak-Chin Runner.

Recreation offered light refreshments in the game room from noon to 6 p.m., and had their first open gym on the new floor that evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The bleachers and court were put to the test by enthusiastic guests and

players.

The renovation has been a long time coming. During the Back-to-School Bash in July, everyone that attended was able to provide input on what floor design they liked best. There were six different layout designs to choose from, and the design with the most



Above, Ak-Chin member Isabella and husband Joseph Connis are decked out in Super Hero attire and ready for this year's Super Hero 5k.

Health Education 2024 Super Hero 5k Walk/Run

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

Saturday, September 14th, the Ak-Chin Health Education Department held their annual Super Hero 5k or 2 mile Run/Walk.

There was quite a turn out for this early morning run; many dressed up in their favorite super hero clothing; those who chose to run had a distance of 5k and those who walked had a

distance of 2 miles. Although the weather initially was perfect, all the participants ran into a big hurdle as the pecan trees along the route did no justice in providing any kind of airflow.

Everyone got an extra little workout with the heat that kicked in, but nonetheless they all powered through and managed to cross the

finish line undoubtedly with the help of the Health Ed department who made sure everyone stayed hydrated by providing water stations along the route.

After completing the walk everyone was able to cool off inside the service center where a catered breakfast was provided. During this time the department

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Thinking Ahead: Fall College Fair

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Higher Education representatives showcase their institution's academic programs and meet with students during Ak-Chin's Fall College Fair.

Thursday evening, September 12, Ak-Chin Education Department arranged a fall college fair of nine schools and potential career alternatives for the youth at Ak-Chin, held at Ak-Chin Circle Elements Event Center.

With schools like Central Arizona College, South Mountain Community College, Grand Canyon University, University of Arizona, Tohono O'odham Community College, Fort Lewis College and Pima Community College; students and aspiring scholars were shown a

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variety of avenues of education.

Trade schools like UAT (University of Advancing Technology) and AAI (Arizona Automotive Institute) were in attendance as well, which are traditional schools that focus on a specific career.

If you were not interested in continuing school or were interested in the workforce, they included the career routes; those that attended were Arizona Department of Corrections, Gila River Health Care and Enhancing Early

Childhood.

Along with high school students and others seeking higher education, receiving an invite to the college night, the education staff took the opportunity to bring middle school students.

Savannah Boyd, Ak-Chin's High School Advisor of the education department commented, "Inviting middle school students to attend the college fair helps them to strengthen their resolve to finish high school and to excite them in attending college or planning a technical



Photo by Ashley Vincent, story by Raychel Peters

9th Anniversary for Historic St. Francis Mission School

On Monday, September 9, 2024, Ak-Chin Him Dak EcoMuseum invited everyone to come out and celebrate the 9th Anniversary of the Historic St. Francis Mission School.

Those who attended were treated to appetizers and gifts to commemorate the special occasion.

The St. Francis Mission School was built in the 1930's by Ak-Chin Labor force and served as an elementary school for 1st - 3rd grades, run by the Franciscan Ministry.

It was also utilized as a meeting place for the Community.

In 2003, Tribal Council asked the Community for input as to what they would like to see done with the Mission School and Bureau of Indian Affairs Agent House.

An assessment was conducted and a survey was sent out to the membership.

From the results of the survey the membership recommended to have the Mission School

remodeled after the original 20's style house, with the adobe building surrounded by the enclosed porch.

The Mission School was renovated in 2014 and is now under the Him Dak EcoMuseum, along with the BIA Agent House.

Both are set up as a museum with historical photographs and artifacts from early time periods.

Both buildings are considered historical landmarks in the Community.

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Home Safety for Elders

Presented by Ak-Chin Elder Center

Home safety for elders is crucial for maintaining their independence and reducing the risk of accidents, especially falls, which are a leading cause of injury among older adults. Here are key areas of concern and actionable steps to enhance safety in a senior's home:

1. Preventing Falls

Falls are one of the most common causes of injuries among older adults. To reduce the risk of falls:

- **Clear Pathways:** Keep walkways free of clutter, loose rugs, and electrical cords. Ensure that frequently used items are easily accessible.
- **Install Grab Bars and Handrails:** Place grab bars in bathrooms, next to the toilet, and in the shower or bathtub. Ensure there are sturdy handrails on both sides of staircases.
- **Non-Slip Flooring:** Use non-slip mats in the bathroom and kitchen, and replace any loose or slippery flooring with non-slip alternatives.
- **Proper Lighting:** Ensure hallways, stairs, and entryways are well-lit. Nightlights are useful in bedrooms and bathrooms to guide seniors if they wake up at night.

2. Bathroom Safety

The bathroom is a high-risk area for slips and falls. To make it safer:

- **Shower Seats and Hand-Held Showers:** A shower seat provides stability, and a hand-held showerhead allows easier bathing without needing to stand.
- **Raised Toilet Seats:** A raised toilet seat reduces the need to bend down, easing pressure on joints.
- **Temperature Control:** Install anti-scald devices on faucets and showers to prevent burns from hot water.

3. Fire Safety

Older adults may be more vulnerable to fire hazards. To minimize these risks:

- **Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Install smoke alarms in every room and test them monthly. Consider interconnected alarms that sound off throughout the house when one is triggered. Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas and in the kitchen.
- **Easy Access to Exits:** Ensure there is clear access to all exits in case of an emergency. For wheelchair-bound seniors, install ramps if needed.
- **Fire Extinguishers:** Keep fire extinguishers easily accessible, especially in the kitchen. Make sure the elder knows how to use it properly.

4. Medication Management

To avoid confusion with medications:

- **Medication Organizers:** Use pill organizers to help keep track of daily medication.
- **Clear Labels:** Make sure prescription labels are easy to read, and store medications in a well-lit area.

5. Home Security

Ensure elders feel safe from external threats:

- **Locks and Peepholes:** Install deadbolt locks on doors and a peephole or video doorbell for identifying visitors without opening the door.
- **Emergency Call Systems:** Consider wearable medical alert devices that allow seniors to call for help with the push of a button. These systems can also detect falls and automatically alert emergency services.

6. Kitchen Safety

To prevent burns or accidents in the kitchen:

- **Automatic Shut-Off Appliances:** Use appliances with an automatic shut-off feature, especially for ovens, stoves, and irons.
- **Easy-to-Reach Items:** Store frequently used kitchen tools and food within easy reach, avoiding the need for stools or ladders.

7. Vision and Cognitive Decline Considerations

For those with declining vision or cognitive issues:

- **Contrasting Colors:** Use contrasting colors on the edges of stairs, doorways, and countertops to make it easier for seniors to distinguish these areas.
- **Simple Instructions and Reminders:** Label drawers or rooms and use clear instructions for using appliances to help those with cognitive decline.

8. Assistive Technology

Technology can help monitor and improve the safety of seniors:

- **Smart Home Devices:** Voice-activated smart home systems can control lights, thermostats, and door locks, reducing the need to move around unnecessarily.
- **Motion Sensors:** Install motion sensor lights in key areas to automatically light up when a person enters a room or hallway.
- **Monitored Systems:** Home monitoring systems allow family members to check in on seniors and ensure they are safe.

9. Furniture and Layout

- **Sturdy Furniture:** Ensure that chairs and tables are sturdy and do not wobble.
- **Furniture Layout:** Arrange furniture to create clear paths without tight spaces, making it easy for seniors to move around, especially if they use mobility aids like walkers.

10. Emergency Preparedness

Make sure seniors are prepared in case of emergencies:

- **Emergency Contacts:** Keep a list of emergency phone numbers, including family members, caregivers, and doctors, in an easily accessible place.
- **First Aid Kits:** Ensure a well-stocked first aid kit is easily accessible.

Tailoring Safety for Individual Needs

Assessing individual needs based on mobility, cognitive abilities, and vision can help tailor the home safety modifications to an elder's specific situation. Engaging family members or professionals such as occupational therapists can

also provide personalized recommendations.

By proactively implementing these safety measures, seniors can maintain independence and minimize the risk of injuries, making their home a safer and more comfortable place to live.

For assistance in making elder homes safer, please contact the Elder Center. 520 568 1760.

Functional Fitness for ELDERS



Ak-Chin Service Center
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Tuesdays & Thursdays

Remaining 2024 Schedule

Sep 10	Oct 08	Nov 07
Sep 12	Oct 10	Nov 12
Sep 17	Oct 15	Nov 14
Sep 24	Oct 22	Nov 19
Sep 26	Oct 29	Nov 21
	Oct 31	(Walk for Gratitude)

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by The Injury Prevention Program
Questions??? Call Teri De La Cruz at (520) 568-1087

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5. Able and willing to perform all duties and functions, including being physically present during all elections.

Requirements: Must be an enrolled Community Member. All interested individuals who are employed with the Community must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing the employee to serve on the Election Board. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Please send all letters of interest Attn:
Ak-Chin Community Council
Attn: Victoria A. Smith
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Maricopa, Arizona 85138



Deadline to submit letter of interest is Monday, September 23, 2024 by 5:00 pm.

Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM *Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Center Craft Room, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM to 10 AM		*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760 *For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769		9/20 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Salad, Granola Bar Carne Asada, Taco Salad, Lettuce/Tomato, Jell-O Cake
9/23 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Elder Games @ Rec 930AM Turkey Wrap, Pea Salad, Apples	9/24 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, grapes with Cottage Cheese San Tan Mountain Casino Day Trip & Lunch Leaving @8AM Chicken Enchilada, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Churros	9/25 French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Salad Elder Games @ Rec 930AM Egg Salad Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail	9/26 Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Red Chili, Indian Taco, Ice Cream	9/27 CENTER CLOSED Native American Recognition Day
9/30 Breakfast Sandwich, Hash Brown, Fruit Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Cole Slaw, Biscuit, Plums	10/1 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Split Peas, Soft Beef Taco (D), Normandy Vegetables, Moon Bread, Peaches	10/2 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad MOVIE DAY Pork Chops, Sweet Potato/Potato (D), Spinach Salad w/ Butternut, Squash, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Apple/Oranges	10/3 Migas (Scrambled Eggs with Corn Tortillas), Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit & Muffin Red Stuffed Beef Peppers, Black Beans, Broccoli, Apple Cobbler/ Orange	10/4 Eggs Pita Pockets, Avocado Slices, Fruit & Yogurt Tilapia or Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Wild Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit

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 Don't forget the DEADLINE for the **October 4 - 17, 2024** issue is due by **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**
 Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**
 Material submitted after the **SEPTEMBER 26TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

"Trick or Treat" or watch out for "The real Goblins"

Submitted by Theodore Puetz
 Ak-Chin Pesticide Control Specialist-EPD



Halloween is around the corner and featuring the original natural mosquito control: The Bat!

Halloween: This annual festivity has its origins surrounding fall harvest and the holiday evening before "All Saints Day" hence the "Hallowed evening" - which celebrates the lives of those who passed before us.

Today, our children will dress up as favorite characters this September featuring harvest pumpkins, corn stalks and costumes with, oh yes, candy treats.

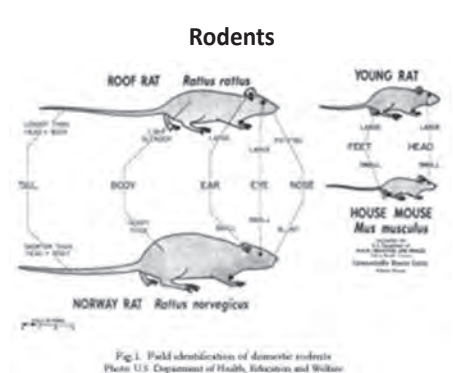
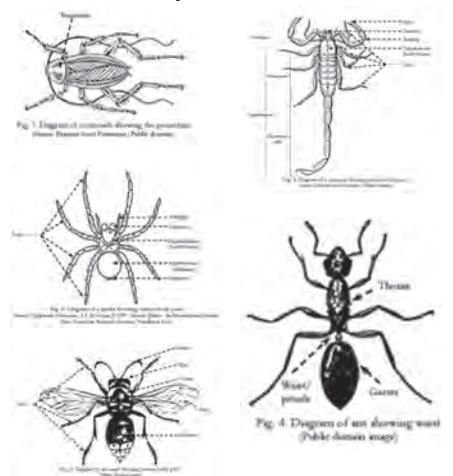
This is also a great time to plan for the managing your pest control for this fall as the change in weather and temperatures will have pests coming to your door: The "unwanted Goblins". Integrated Pest Management or IPM can be very cost effective while reducing the need for pesticides around the home.

Take this time to take inventory of pesticides and be sure that they are all out of reach of children as the label states. This is a great time for planning to make sure the real goblins are not invited to your home.

The candy wrappers and holiday debris that are cleaned up and properly disposed of will deprive ants, flies and roaches as well as other pests such as rodents of the food and habitat that can welcome them into your home.

Fall cleaning and taking steps to remove toys, planters, pots and other water holding items outside can greatly reduce mosquito larvae habitat. Fall cleaning can also be very effective in IPM for your home.

Pest "goblins" of the home: The small crawly ones



The following tips can make great progress in keeping your home "Goblin Free".

- Keep living areas clean and uncluttered
- Put food in tightly sealed containers
- Keep trash in closed trash units
- Seal and repair plumbing leaks
- Seal entry points such as gaps and cracks in the walls and pipes entering your home; the use of caulking, steel wool and other barriers can be most effective to excluding pests

Below is a great simple reference to use as you plan your fall strategy of taking on the "Goblins" this fall.

Happy Halloween!

IPM Quick Reference:

- Identify the pests
- Learn about the pest (habits, life cycle, needs and dislikes)
- Take steps to exclude the pest from the area, if possible
- Try to remove the pest's food, water and shelter
- Determine the pest's travel patterns and find their home-base
- Identify all of your control options (the "tools in the toolbox") before acting

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 September 24, 2024 at the Justice Center Conference Room.

Case: SD-02-19 Elders Center Expansion:
 Project Applicant/Elder Programs Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, is requesting a time extension on the previously approved Site Development Plan Permit which has expired. The project will expand and remodel portions of the Elders Center facility to accommodate and service the growing needs of the Elders Community. The project consists of:

- Total: 13,459 square feet Elders Center building (Existing 6,550 square feet).
- Addition: New 6,909 square feet expansion to include two large activity rooms, multi-purpose recreational room, walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer, conference room, and support spaces.
- Remodel: kitchen areas, dining room, office areas, and TV lounge.
- New Updates: New ADA ramps in the parking area, relocation of fire connections, new 20-year roof and matching flooring for the dining room and multi-purpose room.

CASE: SD-04-20: Old Bus Stop Renovation:

Project Applicant/Him-Dak Director, Elaine Peters, is requesting a time extension on the previously approved Site Development Plan Permit of the Old Bus Stop Renovation which has expired. The Old Bus Stop is located on the southwest side of the intersection of West Farrell Road and North Church Road. The project consists of:

- Widening the entrance to 3'-10" for ADA access; and
- lowering the window openings to 2'-11"; and
- modifications to the roof to include an added 7'-10" x 10'-5" shaded outdoor area on the west side; and
- adding a 7'-8" x 10'-5" concrete slab for the outdoor area; and
- adding a 5' wide decomposed granite walkway to Farrell Road walkway; and
- adding benches, refuse/recycling containers; and
- adding interior and exterior solar powered lighting.

CASE: SD-05-20: Old Jail House Renovation:

Project Applicant/Him-Dak Director, Elaine Peters, is requesting a time extension on the previously approved Site Development Plan Permit of the Old Jail House Renovation which has expired. The Old Jail House is located at the northeast corner of West Farrell Road and North Church Road. The project consists of:

- Exterior upgrades consisting of, patching and painting the existing stucco, replacing existing roof shingles, and exterior concrete walkway will be demolished and reconstructed to accommodate ADA access to a new opening; and
- Interior renovation to refinish and repaint entire interior, remodel for future administrative offices, ADA restroom improvements, and repurpose storage area for updated Information Technology room and adding a new fire riser.

SAVE WATER. MAKE IT A HABIT

Water is a very valuable and expensive resource that we use every day. We use water for drinking, bathing, cooking, washing clothes, and for watering our plants and garden or washing our cars.

Also, water is used for recreational purposes, such as swimming in the pool. Our supply of water is limited and due to the lack of rainfall in our desert climate, people should become active in conserving water. Fortunately, Arizona is able to get much of its water from the Colorado River via the CAP canal and runoff from the Aqua Fria River.

However, the Colorado River Basin continues to experience drought and the impacts of hotter and drier conditions. Conservation efforts and lifelong water saving behaviors will help ensure that we will have enough water for ourselves and for future generations.

When it comes to conserving water, small changes can make a big difference. Incorporate these tips into your everyday habits and before long, you'll be a natural at water conservation.

Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons per month. Choose the right Arizona-friendly plants and watch them thrive in our desert environment. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four.

Run your dishwasher only when it's full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons per month. One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks. Report leaks to Ak-Chin Housing. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways, and save water every time.

Start a compost pile. Using compost in your garden or flower beds adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.

Only water the lawn when necessary. If you water your lawn and garden, only water in the early mornings or evenings because temperatures and evaporation are lower.

Take your car to a car wash. One of the benefits of taking your car to a car wash is that water is recycled during the car washing process. Car wash is a great way to conserve resources and save money, while reducing wastewater pollution and protecting our environment.

Encourage friends, neighbors and children to be part of a water-conscious community and promote water conservation.



Thank you for using water responsibly.

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Get more water-saving tips at: wateruseitwisely.com and www.azwater.gov/conservation and conservation@azwater.gov

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 45525 West Farrell Road
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In Re: THE MARRIAGE OF:
 Duane Lee Antone, Petitioner,
 VS:
 Mercedes Stephens, Respondent.

CASE NO.: CV-2024-00025-IDV
CIVIL SUMMONS

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
 Mercedes Stephens

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:

DUANE LEE ANTONE
 47894 W FARRELL RD
 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 18th day of August, 2024.

DEANNA JUSTIN, Court Administrator of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

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Fall College Fair continued from Front

career. Exposure and involvement in early college exploration is key to heighten their intrinsic motivation to (be) better prepared for their future.”

During the event students mingled with one another and made their rounds to each school booth, getting information and free swag. There was

an air of interest from all that attended. It was great to see the younger generation putting their education first.

Savannah added, “I would like the college/career fair to continue during the fall and spring so students can have time to think about what they would like to do after high school and ask questions.

My goal is to bring out of state colleges/career organizations so students have options out of Arizona.

The venue, Elements Event Center was a perfect place to host this event, the food service was excellent. Our thanks to Riva Quintana and her staff for the support and coordination.”



Pictures featured are of Ak-Chin students speaking with admission advisors from Arizona schools; Central Arizona College and Pima Community College; as well as Fort Lewis College from Durango, Colorado.



Ak-Chin Library Code Club

Story by Gwenyvieve Leeson, Ak-Chin Library Technician

This month’s Code Club met at the Ak-Chin Library on Saturday, September 14th. The focus this session was based on understanding the basics of coding.

Library Technician, Ms. Gwenyvieve stated, “Today was a little bit different, we focused on understanding the basics of coding language by simplifying commands into easy sentences. I had a paper display and wrote pseudo-code on the whiteboard to represent the sprites and block coding from Scratch to demonstrate how I gave command to the sprites. I paired this display

with a coded animation I made in sprite for them to enjoy and make the connections with.”

Pseudo-codes are a type of algorithm with English text and annotations that can be read by a person rather than a computer to figure out problems in coding.

The concept of the day was, “how do you code an apple tree?” Pairing with the concept was an apple treat provided by the library.

If you would like to learn more about the fun stuff you can do with coding, the next meet will be on

Saturday, October 19th, from noon to 2 p.m. Being that October is Halloween month, the coding will be based on one of R.L. Stein’s Goosebumps books, as well as a spooky themed treat to look forward to.



Photo Courtesy of Alexis Lopez

Beadin’-N-Readin’

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

On the Saturday of September 9th, the Ak-Chin Library started their Beadin’-N-Readin’ activity, this project included individuals designing and creating beautiful bookmarks out of beaded materials and string, with snacks provided. This craft could be for anyone who enjoys their books or a person who loves crafting.



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Central Arizona Project Tours Ak-Chin

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas



Central Arizona Project Board, Ak-Chin Council members and Ak-Chin EPD staff tour Ak-Chin Surface Water Treatment Plant.

On September 12, 2024, Ak-Chin Council members along with the Ak-Chin Farm manager, escorted the Central Arizona Project Board on a tour.

CAP Reps were given an in-depth look at how the CAP distributes water throughout the community.

“The Colorado River water delivered from Lake Havasu to the reservoir is delivered by the Central Arizona Project canal system.” Damian Murrieta,

Farm Board Manager explained. “We took them to the Reservoir to show them the point of delivery to the Community and where the Community takes control of the water.”

Damian also explained how the water is used for Farms crop production and Community municipal water. They drove by several sprinkler systems and drip irrigation systems to educate them of the water saving irrigation techniques applied on the Farms.

He also showed them flood irrigation used on level basin fields and explained how the Community’s surface water treatment plant gets its water from the link pipeline connection at the HWY 347 crossing.

Last stop on the tour was to the surface water treatment plant. Here, they were led throughout the facility by Narciso Schweitzer explaining the purpose of the machinery and how the CAP water is treated at the facility.

September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Storytime @1pm</i>	21 <i>WALA Music Class @12pm</i>
22	23	24	25 <i>AUTHOR Visit Phyllis Fox @4:30pm Puppets Show @1pm</i>	26	27 <i>CLOSED Native American Day</i>	28 <i>CLOSED</i>
29	30					

Library Hours
 Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm
 Sat: 12pm-4pm
 Sun: Closed

After School Meals
 Monday - Friday 4pm-6pm
 Saturday 1pm-3pm
 4 Anyone 18 & Under!

Questions? Call us: (520) 568-1675 or
 Email us: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

Pixel Play Presents: Super Mario Party!

Story and photos submitted by Robin Vincent, Ak-Chin Library Clerk

August 24th marked the trial run of Pixel Play, a video game-based program that would invite gamers to enjoy some social time while competing for first place and bragging rights.

To kickstart this (soon-to-be) program, the Ak-Chin Library hosted a Mario Bros. themed session; games that were set up for playing were

Party Superstars enjoyed the 45-minute session of minigames and betrayal, as they fought for stars and did whatever they could to be the next Superstar! In the end, they had fun and enjoyed the back and forth dished out by fellow players.

Those playing Mario Kart 8 went all out and pulled out all the tricks to stay ahead of the pack!

chance to open Box 1, filled with Mario and Co. prizes, winner medals and jolly ranchers to feast on.

2nd place got the chance to pull a number from a trophy bowl. Box 1, 2 and 3 were up for grabs, 2 being filled with a random assortment of items ranging from umbrella hats to blankets to fidget spinners.

3rd place would have to pull from Box 3 for a Bowser Space card! 20 spaces lie and wait for their victims to claim them, just to add some suspense to the session!

While there were some winners in the end, everyone got to take something home to remember the fun they had and we hope they look forward to future Pixel Play days!



Mario Party Superstars and Mario Kart 8! Four players in each game would compete and aim for a chance to open up mystery boxes for a prize or a penalty in the next match.

A total of 12 competitors signed up for a chance at glory and to win a few prizes if they placed a certain rank; all of them tried their hardest to win but only a few would take first place overall. Those that played Mario

A fiercely competitive game that ends with laughs and replays of cool racing highlights. 1st place would get a



Gym Opening continued from Front



votes would become the newest gym floor.

Renovations started shortly after the 2024 NABI games concluded, spanning over the month of August.

"We are thrilled to announce that the soft opening of our gymnasium was a resounding

success!" Sonya Martinez, Recreation Program Coordinator shared.

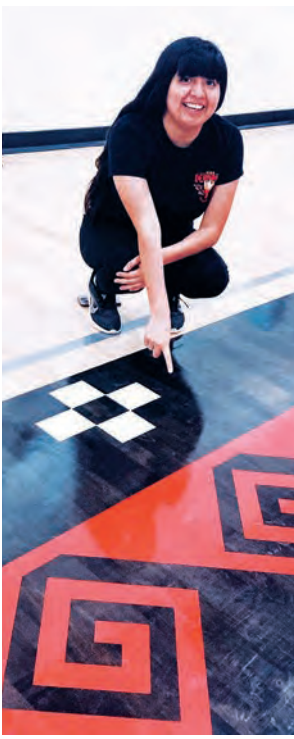
"It was wonderful to see members of the community and visiting departments come together to celebrate this exciting milestone."

Although the floor design is finished, it is not completely durable, as more protection needs to be added the new gym floor.

At this time only water will be allowed in the gym. This policy is set in place because two more poly-coats need to be applied six months apart, to fully set the stain and vinyl.

Recreation kindly asks everyone to "be respectful and responsible by not bringing food and drink into the gym. Thank you for your cooperation and support!"

Clockwise from top: Before picture of gym floor; Ak-Chin FD test out court; Eliza Santiago proudly recognizes her design. (Submitted photo)



Ak-Chin PD Hosts 9/11 Memorial 5k

Photo and story by Kristen Villegas



Ak-Chin Police Department hosted a walk event in remembrance of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001. Members and Ak-Chin

Employees showed up at 5am for the early morning walk, enjoying the nice weather.

The 5k began at the Ak-Chin Justice Center then proceeded to the side of

the Ak-Chin Gym. After all walkers finished, breakfast was served in the Community room of the justice complex with burritos, pancakes, sausage and orange juice.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Indian Education Committee (JOM) Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM at the
Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room
46200 W. Ralph Street

Election of officers will take place during the meeting. The Committee invites parents and guardians of enrolled members school age students 3 – 18 years of age who are interested in joining The Ak-Chin Indian Community Indian Education Committee.

Super Hero 5k continued from Front

handed out awards to the top finishers of the day and held a friendly raffle for all the participants.

Everyone that signed up received a raffle ticket and an extra ticket was given to those who wore superhero gear.

There was a number of different prizes to win, some got cool superhero prizes like Spiderman gear, Batman games, some were able to win

gift cards, even the dogs were able to win this walk with one big prize being a large Captain America dog bed, along with a toy.

Health Education also offered cool swag for everyone to take home such as superhero ice packs and different superhero stickers.

The next fun run/walk that the department will be hosting will take place

next month on Tuesday, October 29th, at 6 p.m.



ATTENTION!

The Ak-Chin Tribal Courts at this time will only allow the parties who have a case pending before the court to be in the courtroom. All other parties including family members and/or friends are prohibited.

PROBATION/PRE-TRIAL CHECK INS

Individuals checking in with Probation and/or Pre-Trial Services you may check in with Court Security first and the individual you are here to see will be notified.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you.

17th Annual Kids Day Maricopa

Free Fun Kids Event – Mark Your Calendar

Date: Sat 9/21/24

Time: 10am – 4pm

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- Explore a Real Firetruck w/ Maricopa Fire Dept
- Learn how to grow a natural garden!
- Read Out Loud w/Library & Pinal County United Way!

Snacks - Games - Prizes - Science - Crafts

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Embark on an epic adventure at the Great Jungle Journey!

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October 7th - October 11th 2024
From 9AM - 12PM
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Your baby is the future of your Tribal community.
Take care of yourself and your baby during pregnancy.

GET EARLY PRENATAL CARE.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES



JOB OPENINGS

Current Job Openings:

- Accountant (2)
- Child And Family Therapist
- Communications Officer
- Communications Officer part-time
- Compensation Analyst
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Environmental Technician
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Motor Pool Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Security Guard
- Security Systems Technician
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Youth Council Coordinator (2)

Open to Enrolled Community Members or Employees Only:

- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Museum Technician (2)
- Oral Historian
- Museum Technician (2)

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To review the full job description and apply visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us, Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the closing date. Great benefits. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.

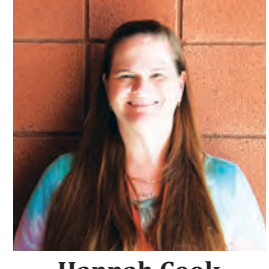
EMPLOYEE UPDATES



Alexa Norris
Cashier Stocker
Vekol



Allison Blaskey
Teacher's Aide
Preschool



Hannah Cook
Lab Tutor
Education



Kailey Zicafoose
Teacher's Aide
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SEPTEMBER 27 @ 7:00 PM
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Happy Birthday to my son Eugene, Sr.
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Elijah, Oliver, Adrian Jr., Tyson and granddaughter Cecily
Love, Grandma



Happy Birthday Cecily & Oliver
Love your family

FOOD HANDLERS CLASS



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2024
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER
10AM-12PM

Who Should Attend??
• Food Service Workers
• Interested Community Members
• Volunteers

Questions or to Sign-Up Please call (520) 568-1083

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 9/20 - 10/3

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| 9/20
Clifford Myers,
Community Operations | 9/27
David Sye,
Tribal Gaming Agency |
| 9/22
Monica Hall,
Tribal Gaming Agency | 9/30
Veronica Santiago,
Vekol |
| 9/23
Jacob Dickerson, Jr.
Fire | 10/1
Susan Peters,
Courts |
| 9/25
Alma Camacho,
Human Resources | 10/2
Nikkol Martinez,
Tribal Gaming Agency |
| 9/26
Cecily Peters,
Community Operations | 10/3
Victoria Smith,
Government |
| 9/27
Aurelia Dominguez
Salmينو Santiago | 10/3
Earl Justin,
Sanitation |
| 9/28
Cecily Peters
Jacob Dickerson Jr. | 10/3
Diana Perez,
Police |
| 9/29
Tracey Tallabas
Nicholas Anderson | 10/3
Allison Blaskey,
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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HELP WANTED

We are seeking vendors, booths, and trunks to participate in our Community Trunk or Treat.

- Date: Monday, October 28th
- Time: 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM
- Venue: Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park
- Vendor setup: 04:00 PM

Reserve a spot with Events
Pop-up tent & tables are not provided

Game Booth & Trunk Registration:
<https://forms.gle/HqDWN3NEV47j5W0k4>

Vendor Registration:
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For more information:
Call Events: (520) 568-1072
Email: events@ak-chin.nsn.us

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Birthdays 9/20 - 10/3

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Kyren Antone | SEPTEMBER 24TH
Nevaeh Jensen
Kyla-Jae Antone | OCTOBER 1ST
Joseph Antone
Maynard James
William Martinez
Eugene Peters Sr.
Damien Smith |
| SEPTEMBER 21TH
Monica Noriega
Dani White
Ulanii Johnson | SEPTEMBER 25TH
Nakeasha White | OCTOBER 2ND
Elizabeth Valles
Martin Castro
Tanya Lewis
Jeaney Narcia
Stella Makil White
Noemi Hernandez
Nikkol Martinez
Alison Miguel |
| SEPTEMBER 22TH
Shannen Smith
Evangelyn Romo
Iris Smith
Gabriel Santiago | SEPTEMBER 26TH
Lindsay Antone | OCTOBER 3RD
Elva Alarcon
Justine Lopez
Earl Justin Jr.
Victoria Smith |
| SEPTEMBER 23TH
Cleo Pablo
Aurelia Dominguez
Salmينو Santiago
Cecily Peters
Jacob Dickerson Jr.
Tracey Tallabas
Nicholas Anderson | SEPTEMBER 27TH
Adrian Garcia Jr.
Alyssa Garcia
Irene Arredondo | |
| | SEPTEMBER 28TH
Jason Kaniatobe | |
| | SEPTEMBER 29TH
Lily Garcia | |
| | SEPTEMBER 30TH
Veronica Santiago
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Bryson Hazen
Dominic Romo
Elvia Castro
Tyson Lopez | |

Get your blue bin at Milton Paul Antone Park as part of N.A.R.D. festivities on September 28th or you can pick one up at the Water Reclamation Facility after September 28th

Ak-Chin Indian Community Door-To-Door Collection Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Place your household hazardous waste in a blue bin (provided by Environmental Programs) outside your front door before **7am on Tuesday, October 15, 2024** to have the items collected. If you need an assistances please call Brandy 520-568-1176 or email bnelson@ak-chin.nsn.us

We will be accepting all of the following:
Keep products in original container when possible. Label products not in original containers.

- Aerosols
- Auto, used oil & filters
- Acids
- Antifreeze
- Auto, motor/gear oil
- Auto batteries
- Batteries, lead & alkaline
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- BBQ/Fire starters
- Bleach
- Cleaning products
- Cooking oil
- Electronic (E-Waste) (Computers, tv's, printers, cell phones, stereos, etc.)
- Fluorescent/CFL Light bulbs
- Glues and adhesives
- Helium cylinders
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- Household cleaners
- Lawn and garden products
- Mercury containing items
- Paints, oil, latex, lead based
- Paint thinners
- Personal care products
- Pesticides, solid and liquid
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders
- Transmission fluids
- Wood preservatives



Noise Pollution at Luxe

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas



If you were looking for a good time, Friday the 13th, at Ak-Chin Circle's Luxe was the place to be as Noise Pollution: The AC/DC Experience held a free show.

The band shared they have been on tour this past year with 80+ shows and had not been to Ak-Chin in 5 years, but frequent Arizona quite often.

An experience this was; the band's engagement with the audience was one not to miss. With the guitarist doing a small strip tease, standing on chairs and running around the bar, to the entertaining commentary from the singer and bassist; Noise Pollution created a fun atmosphere for everyone.

One attendee was heard commenting that the band was great at emulating the

true sound of AC/DC. During the show, everyone was treated to songs like "Thunderstruck", "T.N.T.", and "Back in Black"; which were popular amongst the crowd.

"Highway to Hell" was introduced with an interesting back story about the Canning Highway located in Australia. This song was also a fan favorite with a crowd of dancing people formed in front of the band.

"Whole Lotta Rosie", "Touch Too Much" and "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" were also played along with many more AC/DC songs following.

Ak-Chin Circle has more shows from talented artists and bands coming up, definitely check them out!

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8 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING	9 MONDAYS NEED DUNKIN', TOO!	10 MODERN ELEGANCE BEDDING SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	11 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER HOT SEATS FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	12 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	13 CANTINA NIGHTS	14 CANTINA NIGHTS
15 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING	16 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	17 MODERN ELEGANCE BEDDING SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	18 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER HOT SEATS FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	19 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	20 JESSE & JOY CONCERT CANTINA NIGHTS	21 DOGSTAR CONCERT CANTINA NIGHTS
22 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING	23 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X!	24 MODERN ELEGANCE BEDDING SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	25 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER HOT SEATS FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	26 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	27 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 30X EARNING CANTINA NIGHTS	28 WIN YOUR WHEELS! DRAWINGS CANTINA NIGHTS
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