



# Ak-Chin O'odham Runner



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Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel greets Vice President Kamala Harris upon her arrival to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, October 10. (Photo credit, The White House//Lawrence Jackson)

## Vice President Harris holds Rally at Rawhide

Story by Raychel Peters

U.S. Presidential Candidate and Vice President Kamala Harris arrived in Arizona on October 10, to rally early voters and try to turn Arizona's battleground state blue again for the 2024 election.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was among the first to greet the Vice President when she landed.

"I was privileged and honored to once again be selected to greet the Vice President at Sky Harbor Airport as she exited Air Force 2." Chairman Miguel shared.

After AF2 safely landed, Chairman Miguel met Vice President Harris on the tarmac and they shared a few words before she was escorted to the

Rawhide Event Center in the Gila River Indian Community.

Over 7,000 supporters awaited her arrival at Rawhide, lined up outside in the 100+degree weather.

There was plenty of excitement throughout the event, with a "when we fight-we win" atmosphere.

## Hot Wing Challenge at Luxe Lounge



L-R: Josh Wagner wins the fundraising trophy, while Amber Flores took the Grand Champion Wing trophy and Ruben Rivera won the Trivia trophy.

Story by John Stapleton, Copa TV, photo by Raychel Peters

October 12- The record-setting heat outside couldn't match "the heat" that was in the Luxe Lounge on this Saturday afternoon. 10 Local

businesses with their "Chosen Champions" competed in the first-ever Hot Wing Challenge Fundraiser, benefiting a local non-profit, the

DSPA Gems. On social media, DSPA Gems founder, Ceylan Gentilella said: "We raised over \$12,000

## Ak-Chin Transit bus gets New Skin

Submitted by Ak-Chin Transit



Check out the new skin on the transit bus; designed by Waylon Antone.

## New Ranger for Ak-Chin

My name is Harry Grizzle, IV, and I am the new Sworn Ranger for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

I have been with the Ak-Chin Community since 2015. Since then, I have done every type of law enforcement job the Ak-Chin Indian Community has to offer.

In 2015, the journey of my career with the Ak-Chin Indian Community started with Ak-Chin Indian Community Security. From Security I was hired as an Ak-Chin Detention Officer where I spent almost three and a half years. From Ak-Chin Detention I was hired to become a Police Officer for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Due to the tragic pandemic, I was placed into Ak-Chin Police Department Dispatch. I worked as a Dispatcher for approximately one year.

Once the police academies opened back up from the pandemic, I was sent to the Maricopa County Police Academy in 2021. I graduated the police academy in 2022 and since have been a Police Officer with the Ak-Chin Police Department.

When I was given the



Harry Grizzle, IV, Ak-Chin Ranger.

Photo by Kristen Villegas

opportunity to become the first sworn Ranger of the Ak-Chin Police Department I was honored to once more serve the community.

Livestock has been a huge part of my life.

A bit of a personal background of my knowledge of livestock. I was four years old when I got my first horse and rode my first horse.

Throughout my life of living on a farm I have dealt with all kinds of different livestock, from horses all the way to goats.

Growing up, I was heavily involved with 4-H and competed in rodeo. I had a big passion for rodeo and have done different events in rodeo. The event I enjoyed the

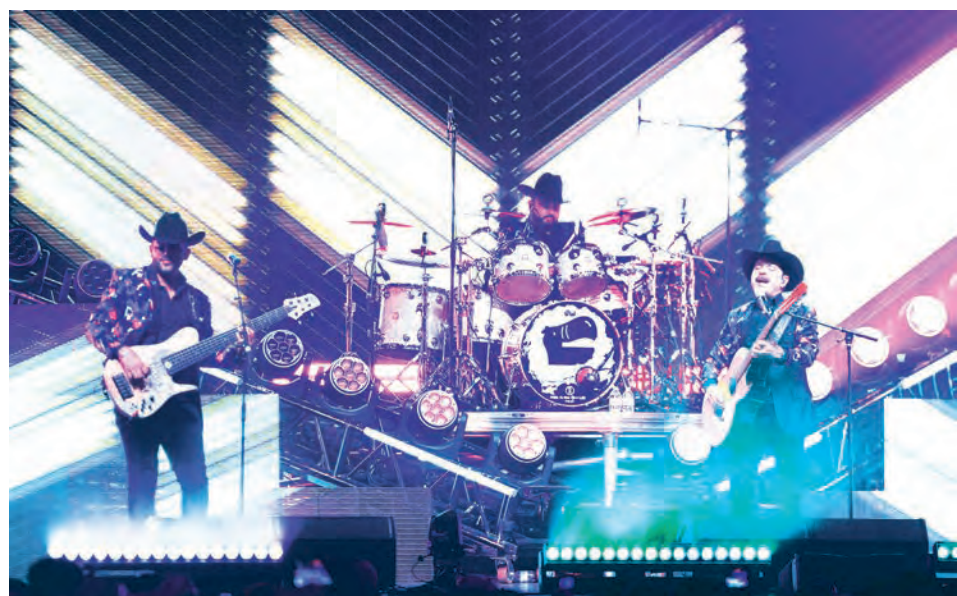
most was team roping. I enjoyed it so much I joined the Central Arizona College rodeo team in 2014.

My goals as a Sworn Ranger for the Ak-Chin Indian Community are very simple. To educate the community members about livestock, the laws, and the ordinance within the community.

Another big goal of mine is the youth within the community. I would like to begin educating them on livestock within the community and possibly begin programs for them. The programs would include livestock and law enforcement combined.

I am excited to begin my new journey once more as a Ranger and to assist with the community members.

## Los Tucanes de Tijuana play at Harrah's



Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

Grammy award winning Mexican Norteno band, Los Tucanes De Tijuana, had the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Event Center packed as dedicated fans filled the room waiting for the band to hit the stage on Saturday, October 12th.

Los Tucanes De Tijuana have been playing for more than 30 years as they officially became a band in 1987, with two original members still playing.

The band formed in Tijuana, Baja California, and later moved to Los Angeles, California, while they started to play more shows.

Over their many years as a band they have put out numerous albums and are widely recognized as they have many fans in and out of the United States.

Los Tucanes has been nominated many times

for both an American Grammy and Latin Grammy. While becoming one of the best-selling Latin music artists they have been honored and recognized in more ways than one as they received their very own star on the Las Vegas Walk of Fame.

Los Tucanes have also played in major music festivals like the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival held yearly in Indio,

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# San Juan Kualiya thankful for trip to Cali

Submitted by Reyna Miguel

On behalf of the San Juan Kualiya Dance Group, I would like to give a huge thank you shout out to each and every one of you who helped and supported the group through all the sales and raffles to raise money for their HHN Universal Studios trip.

Being able to attend this year they got to face their fears by entering many haunted houses, such as The Insidious, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and other scary haunted houses that gave them a

fright and gave them a night to remember with laughs.

What can I say we are a family that loves a little horror in our lives!

We would like to thank Raychel Peters for donating gifts for the raffle, Project Kumbia for participating for the kids and giving a free gig offer to raffle.

Thank you to all of you who took a chance to risk it in the 50/50 raffle also, haha!

Lastly, I would love to also give a really big THANK YOU to the parents and family for sticking it out in the heat, buying all the things for the sales and for the raffle baskets you all put together just so the kids can have a memorable trip.

I really love how everyone (community & employees) get together to accomplish anything for these kids.

Y'ALL REAL ONES FOR THAT!!



Again, thank you all! It was a fun fund-raiser, maybe we'll be able to do it all over again next year! Keep a look out.

Sincerely,  
Reyna & The Miguel Family  
San Juan Kualiya Dance Group

Booking Info: Call or Text Reyna Miguel (520) 414-2113

*St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Feast Day  
Saturday, October 19, 2024*

**Schedule**

10:00 am - Mass - Celebrant Fr. Antony Tinker  
11:00 am - Opening Procession  
11:45 am-1:45pm - Lunch

**Entertainment**

MC-Clayton Antone  
2:00 pm-5:00 pm - Performances  
5:00 pm - Evening Procession  
6:00 pm - 12:00 am Lopez Band  
8:00 pm - San Juan Kualiya Youth Dance Group

**Arts/Crafts/Food Vendors Welcome**  
\$30.00 donation to reserve a space

For more information, please contact  
Flower at 602-717-3761 or Marilyn at 520-568-1000

**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED**

*St. Francis, Lover of All Creation, Pray for Us*

## Functional Fitness for ELDERS

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

**Remaining 2024 Schedule**

Oct 22	Nov 07
Oct 29	Nov 12
Oct 31	Nov 14
	Nov 19
	Nov 21

(Walk for Gratitude)

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

# Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM</p> <p>*Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM</p> <p>*Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Center Craft Room, Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 9 AM to 10 AM</p>		<p>*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760</p> <p>*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769</p> <p style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Menu Subject to Change Without Notice</b></p>		<p>10/18 Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa &amp; Sour Cream, Fruit &amp; Yogurt</p> <p>Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Fresh Cut Fruit</p>
<p>10/21 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown, Sausage, Toast &amp; Fruit</p> <p>Leaving for Grand Canyon Trip</p> <p>Potato Soup &amp; Salad, Whole Wheat Roll, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>10/22 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit with Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Grand Canyon Trip</p> <p>Indian Tacos, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Corn on Cobb, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>10/23 Breakfast Sandwich, Potatoes, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Returning from Grand Canyon Trip</p> <p>Sauteed Sausage w/ Red Peppers &amp; Onion, Sauteed Cabbage, Brown Rice, Pineapples</p>	<p>10/24 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit &amp; Yogurt</p> <p>Short Ribs w/Hominy, Romaine Salad, Zucchini Bread</p>	<p>10/25 Spam &amp; Eggs, Hashbrown, Muffin, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Chicken Enchiladas, Zucchini, Carrots, Grapes</p>
<p>10/28 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana</p> <p>Red Chili Stew, Butternut Squash, Peas, Chumuth, Fresh Pineapple</p>	<p>10/29 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Peaches with Cottage Cheese</p> <p>ITCA Public Hearing Older Americans Act-2024 Title III Elder Center Dining Room, 12 noon</p> <p>Grilled Chicken Over Caesar Salad, Avocado, Jell-O</p>	<p>10/30 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Hamburgers, French Fries, Ranch Style Beans, Watermelon</p>	<p>10/31 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Grapes</p> <p>Preschool Visit for Trick or Treat 9 AM</p> <p>Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Romaine Salad, Whole Wheat/White Roll, Pumpkin/Lemon Roll/Apple</p>	



# Ak-Chin Indian Community Election

## November 16, 2024

### Official 2024 Candidates for This Year's Election

#### Tribal Chairman Candidates:

**Gabriel Lopez**  
**Lemuel Vincent**  
**Yolanda Miranda**

#### Tribal Vice-Chairman Candidates:

**Ann Marie Antone**  
**Delia Carlyle**  
**Erica Oliver**

**Application for Absentee Ballot:** Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the reservation or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person or sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots will be available at Tribal/Farm Headquarters Office beginning Monday, September 23, 2024 through Monday, November 08, 2024 (In-Person request) between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. All requests must be made personally, not through a second or third party. All persons shall identify himself or herself using the name under which he or she is enrolled when requesting an absentee ballot. All absentee ballots must be received by 5:00pm on the day of the deadline.

For questions or to request an absentee ballot, please contact Vicki Smith at (520) 568-1000.

### Ak-Chin Indian Community Special Election

## November 16, 2024

#### Candidates for Tribal Council Member

**Alvin Antone**  
**Daniel Antone**  
**Dennis Antone**  
**Gloria Alejandro**  
**Marissa Antone**

**Absentee Ballot:** Pursuant to Election Ordinance, Section 14.5.4.A.1, "there is **no absentee balloting in special elections** to fill a vacancy on the Council". Accordingly, though absentee ballots will be permitted for the Regular Election, there is no absentee balloting for the Special Election that will be called to elect the successor to serve the balance of the post-dated resignation of one Council Member seat.

Community Members with questions about the Election Ordinance or the election process may contact the Election Board: [ak-chinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:ak-chinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us).

### Hearing Notice

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

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at the Justice Center Conference Room.**

**Case: PS-07-24 Harrah's Casino Expansion – High Limit**  
Project Applicant/Harrahs's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Stovall, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to retrofit the former Poker area to accommodate a new High Limit Gaming area. The proposed project will include:

- Future capacity of High Limit area to approximately 102 machines; and
- New carpet, architectural and decorative wall finishes, and furnishings; and
- Installation of the new bar with 13 bar-top machines; and
- Installation of the new 33 person sitting area.

### 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.



### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

42507 W. Peters & Nall Road - Maricopa, Arizona 85138 Telephone: (520) 568-1000 - Fax: (520) 568-1001



### 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 20 - 22, 2024. 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 Entertainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle next to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort.

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Full Proposal Requests will be available October 18, 2024. 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](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us).

Please email questions and clarity of the RFP by 12 p.m. on October 25, 2024. 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 November 1, 2024, at 12 p.m. 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 Rodeo Events" 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.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

#### ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words.

Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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#### NEXT DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the November 1 - 14, 2024 issue is due by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

Material submitted after the **OCTOBER 25TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.



# Halloween Fun at the Library

Story & Photos By Kristen Villegas



Another program was introduced to members, employees and residents at the Ak-Chin Library, its name: Mediums & Mocktails.

Led by Robin Vincent, this activity consisted of painting a spooky floral arrangement step by step with a group of your peers, while partaking in a drink of Dragon's Blood.

Held in two sessions for teens, ages 13-19 on October 4th and adults, ages 20+ on October 11th, this activity was a great way to get into the

holiday spirit. While both dates held good memories, the adult's session was full of eager participants; a great change of pace for Library staff. Not only was this a fun project for Halloween, but as



always, the staff created a fun and welcoming environment for all who attended.

**Dragon Blood Recipe:**  
 1 (46 oz.) bottle of Hawaiian Punch  
 1 (46 oz.) bottle of Apple juice  
 1 (46 oz.) bottle of Cranberry Juice  
 2L bottle of Ginger Ale Ice

The Ak-Chin Library hosts many diverse programs; check out their calendar for upcoming programs and events!



11/2024

# November

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

Sign up for our programs here



Or contact the library

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Storytime 2:30pm MEDIUMS MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 13yrs-19yrs	2 Crafternoon 2pm
5	4 String Lessons Violin	5	6 String Lessons Cello	7	8 Storytime 2:30pm MEDIUMS MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 20yrs+	9 CODE CLUB 12pm-2pm
10	11 Closed Veterans Day	12 FIRST DAY	15 String Lessons Cello	14	15 Storytime 2:30pm	16 WALK 12pm
17	18 String Lessons Violin	19 LAST DAY	20 String Lessons Cello	21	22 Storytime 2:30pm	25 CHILI CHILI BANG BANG 4pm-6pm
24	25	26	27 Closed	28 HAPPY THANKS GIVING Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed

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

# Ak-Chin PD Host Halloween Family Night

Story & Photos By Kristen Villegas



into the Halloween spirit.

The Multi-Purpose Room of the Justice Complex was a full house; everyone got to choose between two plywood boards, stacked pumpkins or a witch, cat and Pumpkin combo.

PD staff made their rounds to the tables, chatting with all who attended. Craft doers were served dinner and congregated with one another throughout the event.

With the variety of Halloween programs available this October in the community, Ak-Chin Police department did not miss out in hosting a craft of their own.

Families were invited to a night of painting Wednesday, October 10th, which included designing plywood signs for homes, offices, or just any space that would help folks get



Above, youth enjoy themselves during the painting process. At right, beautifully painted Halloween boards completed and displayed in the Justice Complex Multi Purpose Room for attendees to get inspiration.



# Him-Dak Halloween Craft

Story & Photos By Ashley Vincent



Jose Lopez Sr. with daughter Ariel as they put together their candle craft.

paint their tubes, and some small décor options like skulls and pumpkins.

The final touch to making the candlesticks look realistic was adding battery operated tea light candles.

While craft making was in full effect, a Halloween favorite, "Nightmare Before Christmas," was playing in the background to match the aesthetic of the night.

The next event the Him-Dak will be hosting is their annual Halloween Party at the art building on Friday, October 25th, from 5:30pm-8pm, for all members and residents of the community.

On October 8th, Ak-Chin Him-Dak department hosted a "Halloween Crafts" night at the art building for all the members and residents of Ak-Chin.

Paper towel tubes were cut down to different sizes and then glued on to a small cake board with a glue gun, next glue was applied to the top of the tubes, letting the glue run down the sides to give the appearance of wax running down a burning candle.

A number of color choices were available for everyone to spray



Daniel Estrada concentrates as he is welding a hot glue gun to creates his candle drips before adding color to them.

Adrian Garcia, Sr., along with wife Lone, daughter Angelita, and Adrian Jr., showing off their Halloween cat, witch and skeleton flags and candle craft.



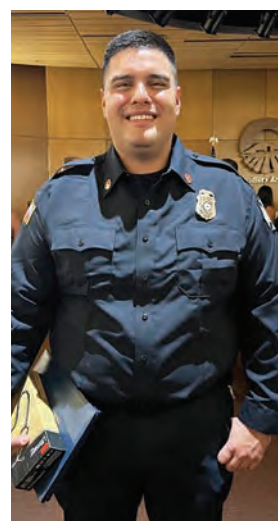
# Ak-Chin Fire Graduates Two from Chandler Fire Paramedic Program

Submitted by Barbara Elliot, Ak-Chin Fire EMS Coordinator

We are super proud to announce that two of our firefighter/EMT's, Arron Bird and Matt Hearn graduated from the Chandler Fire Paramedic Program on October 4th.

hours studying, but it has paid off.

Congratulations Arron and Matt!



Arron Bird

Matt Hearn

These two gentlemen went through the 9-month accelerated paramedic program, spending countless hours in the classroom, doing clinicals, taking tests, and thousands of



# Week Two Fall Intersession Brings Fun For Everyone from Him Dak and Community Events

Photos courtesy of Ak-Chin Community Events and Runner Staff



While a number of Ak-Chin students were on a two week break from school, the Ak-Chin Him-Dak and Community Events departments hosted some entertaining fall intersession activities.

Ak-Chin EPD, a movie day at Ak-Chin Circle to watch one of the newest movies, "The Wild Robot."

Kids also enjoyed a good workout with Ak-Chin Health Education and Fire, playing games with Police, and an exciting trip to Butterfly Wonderland, located in the city of Scottsdale.



The second and final week of intersession consisted of some fun in the sun swimming at the recreation pool, a pumpkin patch hosted by



## Early detection matters!

When breast cancer is found early, the odds of survival tend to be higher. Many federal and state laws have provisions that make sure most women with private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare have coverage for breast cancer screening services.

Talk with a health care professional about which breast cancer screening tests are right for you.



For more information, contact your local Indian health care provider, visit [HealthCare.gov/coverage](https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage), or call 1-800-318-2596.



## ESports Night with Ak-Chin Fire

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent



The night consisted of video games, yummy pizza, cool swag, and some awesome raffles.

The tv's in the main game room were set up ready for gaming, as well as the basketball court, where tables were set up with small gaming consoles and controllers, all ready for some competitive fun with the fire crew in attendance.

The Ak-Chin Recreation department hosted another exciting Esports night on Friday, October 11th.

Prevention Week, which was October 6th-12th, Ak-Chin's Fire Department Crew were invited out to join in on the fun.

The department had a great turnout as over 15 youth and parents attended the evening event.

In honor of National Fire

## Recreation hosts last Dive-In Movie Night

Story and photos by Raychel Peters



Saturday, October 12, Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation hosted their last Dive-In Movie Night of the year.

"Before Christmas" played on the big inflatable screen.

The Community was invited out to enjoy a nice evening in the pool with their families, while "Nightmare

Recreation staff handed out cute Halloween gift bags and cooked up some hotdogs to munch on and served cool beverages.





This November,  
Tribal sovereignty and  
self-determination are  
on the ballot.

Democrats  
stand with  
Tribal  
communities.

Make your voice heard.  
Go to **IWillVote.com**



# HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

\*\*Open to all homes within the Ak-Chin Community\*\*

Prizes Awarded in the Following Categories:


- Best Overall Presentation
- Best Lighting-Effects
- Best Overall Theme
- Scariest Theme
- Cutest Theme

SCAN TO ENTER



DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS OCTOBER 27TH. JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 30TH, 2024

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE CONTEST, PLEASE SUBMIT NAME AND HOME ADDRESS TO THE RUNNER VIA PHONE: 520-568-1375 OR EMAIL: [RUNNER@AK-CHIN.NSN.US](mailto:RUNNER@AK-CHIN.NSN.US)



## JOB OPENINGS

**CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:**

- Animal Control Officer
- Administration Support Technician-Parks/Rec
- Accountant
- Bus Driver – Early Childhood Education/Preschool
- Compensation Analyst
- Communication Officer
- Communication Officer part-time
- Child and Family Therapist
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Environmental Technician
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Parks Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Recreation Program Assistant
- Security System Technician
- Security Guard
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Utilities Technician
- Youth Council Coordinator

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To review the full job description and apply visit [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://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.



### 2024 Transit Schedule Changes

**Closing at NOON**  
December 19th

**Closed ALL DAY**  
November 11th & 27th-29th  
December 20th & 25th-27th  
January 1st - 3rd, 2025

Please make alternate arrangements for transport on these dates.

Thank you!!


# WIC

Tuesday,  
November 06, 2024  
8:15a-11:45am  
EPD Building

Do you qualify for WIC?  
• Pregnant  
• Breastfeeding women  
• Infants  
• Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs

Questions? Need to make an Appointment? CALL: (520) 562-9698  
Gila River Indian Community WIC Program



**Happy Birthday to my grandson  
Adrian and granddaughter Ariel  
Love, Grandma**

**Happy Birthday Sarah Delma  
Love, your Godparents**

**Happy Birthday Jenika  
Love, your Family**

Registration to Participate

Information:  
[Parade@ALPOST133az.org](mailto:Parade@ALPOST133az.org)  
Register:  
[www.MaricopaParade.com](http://www.MaricopaParade.com)  
Or scan the QR code





### Maricopa Veterans Day Parade

Starting at 9am  
Saturday, November 9, 2024

Parade Route: Central Arizona College to Leading Edge Academy  
Free lunch for Veterans and their families at Leading Edge Academy  
Sponsored by: American Legion Auxiliary unit 133  
Planning Committee:

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

# SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN WALK

JOIN US AT THE  
AK-CHIN TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT  
FOR A FUN FAMILY WALK!

OCTOBER 28TH 2024

5:30 PM

START LINE

AK-CHIN RECREATION GYM

RAFFLE PRIZES  
LIGHT SNACKS  
COSTUMES  
ENCOURAGED!  
SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!



Questions? Please contact Health Education at [mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us) or (520)568-1085

### EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 10/18-10/31

<p>10/19 <b>Ninfa Wells,</b> Elder</p> <p>10/20 <b>Aaliyah Begay,</b> Library</p> <p>10/21 <b>Dennis Antone,</b> Sanitation</p> <p>10/22 <b>Lisa Vasquez,</b> Custodian</p> <p>10/23 <b>Ame Stephens,</b> HHS</p> <p>10/25 <b>Xavier Rojas,</b> Courts</p> <p>10/28 <b>Nicole Allison,</b> Law &amp; order</p>	<p>10/22 <b>Eduardo Martinez,</b> Tribal Gaming Agency</p> <p>10/23 <b>Ame Stephens,</b> HHS</p> <p>10/25 <b>Xavier Rojas,</b> Courts</p> <p>10/28 <b>Nicole Allison,</b> Law &amp; order</p>	<p>10/29 <b>Alvin Antone,</b> Tribal Gaming Agency</p> <p>10/30 <b>David Garcia,</b> Fire</p> <p>10/30 <b>Thomas Fields,</b> Fire</p> <p>10/30 <b>William Winfield,</b> Fire</p>
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## Birthdays 10/1-10/31

<p><b>OCTOBER 18TH</b> Feather Jim Carrianna Villarreal</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 20TH</b> Koda Osborne Joseph Vallejos Jr. Julian Lewis Sarah Delma</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 21ST</b> A'Miyah Deloney Aubree Perez Della White Crystal Tow Ethan Manuel Dennis Antone</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 22ND</b> Maynard Pablo, Sr. Carol Enos Claudia Antone Janet Narcia</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 23RD</b> Adaisha Pablo Ame Stephens</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 24TH</b> Amerrah Mike Yolanda Narcia Miranda</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 25TH</b> Hunter Louis Adrian Garcia Madalina Delores</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 27TH</b> Harlee Jose Orenda Angichiodo Hope Vallejos</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 28TH</b> Jeremiah Talkalai Nicole Allison Jenika Justin Jarred Antone Sophia Matuz Ramiero Andaverde Ariel Lopez</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 29TH</b> Zataray Ulloa Willow Nosie Kylee Machado Alvin Antone Jamari Stevenson</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 30TH</b> Patricia Medina Kaelyn Miller</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 31TH</b> Patricia Medina Kaelyn Miller</p>
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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

# TRUNK OR TREAT

MONDAY  
**OCTOBER 28**

MILTON "PAUL" ANTONE  
MEMORIAL PARK  
05:30PM - 09:00PM

CANDY • VENDORS • COSTUME CONTEST • GAMES BOOTHS  
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST • BOUNCY HOUSE  
HALLOWEEN WALK • SCARY STORY WALK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (520) 568-1072  
Don't forget to wear your costume!





John Stapleton takes the hot wing dare and earns a generous donation for DSPA.

for my little non-profit yesterday.

And while that doesn't seem like much, it has a great impact on our community. We will be able to revive our community outreach teaching dance in public schools, fund our Inspire programs subsidizing dance classes for special needs kids, and continue to award grants to children who love dance but need help financially."

The Hot Wings Fundraiser was emceed by Chairman Robert Miguel and Ak-Chin Circle Operations Manager, David Trujillo.

The 10 "Chosen Champions" representing the businesses were competing in three

separate categories- fundraising, trivia, and how far they could go with the wing challenge.

There were 10 levels of heat reaching past 1,000,000 SHUs on the Scoville Scale. A typical jalapeño is usually between 2,500-8,000 Scoville Heat Units.

Amber Flores, representing Copa TV took the Grand Champion Wing Queen. Josh Wagner representing 911 Air Repair took the fundraising trophy and a last-minute substitute, Ruben Rivera, representing Maricopa Wellness Center took the trophy for trivia champion.

Over \$40,000 has been awarded in scholarship and grant money since 2009.



Chairman Robert Miguel and David "DT" Trujillo, Ak-Chin Circle Operations Manager both emceed the event. They kept everyone on track and provided entertaining moments.

**20% OFF ROOM RENTAL & COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE STATION**  
Offer valid if event booked by October 31, 2024. Some restrictions may apply.

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California, making them the first Norteno music group to do so.

They were also invited to throw out the first pitch in an MLB baseball game, LA Dodgers Vs SD Padres, at Petco Park in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

During their performance at Harrah's, Los Tucanes played a mix of corridos and cumbias, making sure to play some of their most popular songs such as, "La Chona" and "El Tucanazo."

As these hits played, fans



Los Tucanes keeps the crowd lively with their best hits set list and vibrant lightshow.



Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Luxe Lounge with Lideres De La Sierra.

flooded the isles to show off their moves.

Once the show was over concert goers left the full house at Harrah's and headed toward the Luxe Lounge at Ak-Chin Circle for the "Tijuana Tucanes

after party," where Phoenix band, "Lideres De La Sierra" performed. Feeling the concert high, the crowd steadily grew throughout the night filling the Luxe; people enjoyed the music with dancing and drinks.

**NO TRICK - ALL TREAT!**

**\$3 DOMESTIC DRAFT BEER**

Must present coupon to server. Not valid with daily or Happy Hour specials. Cannot be combined with other specials or offers. One coupon per table, limit four (4), no split checks. Valid for one visit daily. Non-transferable. Must be 21 or older to purchase. Offer expires 10/31/24.

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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TECHNICIAN**

**SALARY** To Commensurate with Experience

**SUMMARY** Under general supervision from the General Manager, performs duties related to maintaining accounts and records involving the accounts payable function.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Accurately processes invoices concerning the accounting period, invoice date, and payment terms, and provides an accurate description of services rendered and whether or not the transaction is taxable.
- Ensures purchase orders have appropriate documentation/authorization.
- Enters invoice information into a computer database, including verifying totals. Generates, proofs, and prints checks for contractors and vendors.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

**JOB KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of automated accounts payable systems' procedures, methods, and forms. Knowledge of computer accounting software (QuickBooks, etc.), MS Excel, and email systems.
- Ability to organize and process work efficiently with accuracy and consistency. Ability to handle confidential financial information with tact and discretion.

Disclaimer: Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities required of the employee for this job."

APPLY ON-LINE AT <https://Ak-Chincircle.com/employment/> or Contact HR@Ak-ChinCircle.com

16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa AZ 85139



**SAVE THE DATE**

Light Parade  
December 14, 2024

Free Carnival, Concert,  
and Rodeo  
December 20 - 22, 2024

Please be on the lookout  
for more information  
coming soon.

[events@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:events@ak-chin.nsn.us)

**30 YEARS OF PLAY Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO** **OCTOBER 2024** **CAESARS REWARDS.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NEW YEAR'S 2025</b> SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 31, 2024	1 SAVANNAH HOME & GARDEN® SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	2 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER SPOOKY 777 SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	3 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	4 WORLD SMILE DAY CANTINA NIGHTS	5 TIER CREDIT HOT SEATS CANTINA NIGHTS	
6 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	7 MONDAYS NEED DUNKIN', TOO!	8 SAVANNAH HOME & GARDEN® SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	9 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER SPOOKY 777 SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	10 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	11 CANTINA NIGHTS	12 LOS TUCANOS EL TIJUANA CONCERT CANTINA NIGHTS
13 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	14 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	15 SAVANNAH HOME & GARDEN® SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	16 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER SPOOKY 777 SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	17 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	18 CANTINA NIGHTS	19 TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP CANTINA NIGHTS
20 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	21 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X!	22 SAVANNAH HOME & GARDEN® SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	23 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER SPOOKY 777 SWEEPSTAKES FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM	24 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	25 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 30X EARNING CANTINA NIGHTS	26 WIN YOUR WHEELS! DRAWINGS CANTINA NIGHTS
27 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	28 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK WITH CAESARS REWARDS OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE NFL GAME ON!	29 SAVANNAH HOME & GARDEN® SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	30 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOREVER YOUNG PIGSKIN PICK'EM \$30,000 CASH SWEEPSTAKES	31 HALLOWEEN	<b>\$30,000 CASH SWEEPSTAKES</b> WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 SWIPE & ACTIVATE • 10AM - 6:45PM DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES • 11AM - 6:30PM \$2,500 IN CASH FINALE DRAWING • 7PM \$2,500 IN CASH + all unclaimed prizes!	

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