



Meet the Candidate Nights set for Ak-Chin Tribal Members to hear Candidate Platforms



Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman Candidates (l-r): Gabriel Lopez, Yolanda Miranda-Narcia and Lemuel Vincent.

Story and photos by Runner Staff

On the evening of November 6th, Ak-Chin Tribal Members attended the Chairman and Vice Chairman "Meet the Candidate Night" at Ak-Chin Circle Elements Center.

The 6 PM meeting was in preparation for the upcoming 2024 Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman and Vice Chairman Election,

which will be held on November 16th.

Community members running for the Chairman seat include; Gabriel Lopez, Lemuel Vincent and Yolanda Narcia-Miranda. For the Vice-Chairman position members include; Ann Marie Antone, Delia Carlyle and Erica Oliver.

During the Chairman

portion, candidates were given time to share their platforms with members where they were able to give an in dept look into what they plan to focus on if given the Chairman seat and why they chose to run.

Afterwards, members were encouraged to ask questions which ranged from community safety,



Ak-Chin Tribal Vice-Chairman Candidates (l-r): Erica Oliver, Delia Carlyle and Ann Marie Antone.

community meetings, accountability of council members, policies/guidelines and projects they focused on during their time in council. A total of 5 questions with add-ons were asked during this session.

Following the Chairman candidates were the Vice-Chairman candidates, who were also allotted five minutes as well to introduce themselves and state their platforms.

The candidates spoke of their backgrounds, similar experiences to the position and some of

the goals they would like to accomplish if voted in.

After the platform portion community members in attendance were also able to ask the three candidates questions as well, which were similar to the questions that the Chairman candidates were asked.

Being that two of the candidates have held a seat in council prior, they were asked how they would approach their new term if voted in.

On the following Wednesday, November

13, Candidates of the Special Election for one council member seat had their own Meet the Candidate Night.

Those running for a council member position are Alvin Antone, Daniel Antone, Dennis Antone, Gloria Alejandro and Marissa Antone.

The candidates introduced themselves and shared their goals if elected into council. Some of the topics they touched on were protecting the community, a proposal for a new dialysis center,

Arizona Indian Gaming Association Expo 2024



"People's Choice" winner, Bucky's Casino Chef Alex Rivera from Yavapai Casino, accepts his award from Judy Ferreira, AIGA Executive Director.

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) held their annual Expo at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino within a span of three days, from October 15-17.

The evening of Tuesday, October 15th, the Ak-Chin Language department helped welcome all AIGA attendees during a welcome reception held inside the Luxe Lounge at the Ak-Chin Circle, serving a delicious meal prepared by community member Yolanda Melero.

There they shared traditional songs for everyone and explained what the songs were and how they relate to our community. Following Down after dinner

was a demonstration of chicken scratch music and the different styles of dancing.

Mrs. Lerline Peters, Language tech led the crowd, showing how to dance two-step, waila, and cumbia. She was also able to get some participants out on the dance floor to show their moves.

When the Language department finished their demos, miss Chloe Lopez of the Tohono O'odham Nation provided acoustic entertainment showcasing her beautiful voice and talent on the guitar. AIGA partakers were also able to enjoy bowling at Ten Pins

concluded.

Wednesday, October 16, was the first official day of the Expo, held inside the Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino. At 9 am, Ak-Chin Language shared a song for attendees followed by a blessing from Councilmember Gabriel Lopez.

The Language department then sang the national anthem in O'odham, while American Legion Post 133 did the posting of colors.

This session included welcoming remarks from Emcee Teresa Choyguha and Judy Ferreira, Executive Director of the Arizona Indian



Ak-Chin Tribal Council Member Candidates (l-r): Dennis Antone, Daniel Antone, Marissa Antone, Alvin Antone and Gloria Alejandro.

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Runner Halloween House Decoration Contest



Congratulations to the Justin House for winning 1st Place for the Cutest Theme. More information and photos on page 5.

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Ak-Chin Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon

Story submitted by Evelyn Justin, Museum Technician, photos By Runner Staff



green salad and rolls. For dessert, pumpkin and apple pies were served with whip cream.

While everyone was enjoying their luncheon they were entertained by a live band "The



Juanio's Boys", who played chicken-scratch music and sang a variety

of songs. The guests enjoyed the music, we even had some elders go out and dance to a couple of songs!

After the event was winding down, we held a raffle for table centerpieces and gifts that were donated by Ak-Chin departments.

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum, Art and Archives staff would like to thank all individuals and departments for their participation in donating table centerpieces and gifts for this event. This event was a successful and memorable event because of department's



participation. Thank You to Riva Quintana, Sales & Events Coordinator for the Elements Center, and her staff for working with our department to get this done, everything came out wonderful and the food was delicious!

We would also like to thank the library staff Robin Vincent and Aalyssia Begay, for their assistance throughout the event!

To "The Juanio's Boys", thank you for providing this year's entertainment, the music was GREAT!

Everyone enjoyed it! Thank you to the following Departments who donated a centerpiece, each were lovely and a special gift for the raffle for our Elders and guests: Ak-Chin Tribal Courts, Capital Projects, Cultural Resource, Enrollment, Environmental Program, including Wastewater, Water Maintenance, Water Operations, Surface Water and Central Plant, Library, Parks & Recreation, Preschool, Public Works & Sanitation, Purchased Referred Care, Runner staff, and Tribal Gaming Agency.

We had 50 attendees that signed up for this event, guests started arriving at 11:00am, they signed in and they received raffle tickets for raffle prizes.

The Thanksgiving luncheon was buffet style, the menu consisted of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, string beans,



Functional Fitness for ELDERS



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

Remaining 2024 Schedule

- Nov 07
- Nov 12
- 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

Maricopa Veteran's Day Parade

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

Saturday, November 9, the streets were filled with parade goers and participants as the Maricopa Veterans Day parade strolled down Porter Road.

This year there was a huge

increase of participants, including Women Veterans, as this year's parade was dedicated to Female service members.

Recognizable in the parade included; Marine Veteran, Yolanda

Rodriguez, widow of the late Louis Manuel, Jr.; young Oscar Blackwater, who was keeper of the flags; Julio and wife Tammy Escamilla in their vintage red truck; and the Mighty Maricopa High School Ramband.



Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM *Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760		*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769 11/16 Tribal Election Day Ak-Chin GYM 6 AM to 2 PM		11/15 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Scone, Fruit Salad Tilapia or Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Wild Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Plums
11/18 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Green Beans, Grapes	11/19 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Apples Spaghetti, Romaine Salad, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Jell-O/Apple	11/20 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Oatmeal Cookie & Fruit Baked Chicken, Slice Baked Acorn, Cauliflower, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Tropical Fruit	11/21 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad BLT Sandwich w/ Avocado, Corn, Pineapple	11/22 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit Pinto Beans, Pork Chop (D), Carrots, Cornbread Cherry Crisp
11/25 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Beef Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit	11/26 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Sausage, Mix Berries Creamy Chicken Pasta, Butternut Squash Soup, Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin-Lemon Mousse	11/27 Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	11/28 Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday	11/29 Center Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

Menu Subject to Change Without Notice

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 16, 2024

PLACE: Ak-Chin Recreation Facility
TIME: 6AM-2PM

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

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.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 16!

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
45525 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85138
Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386

Duane Leo Antone Petitioner
VS
Mercedes Stephens Respondent

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before this Court in the above entitled matter for a Preliminary Hearing set on Thursday the 12th day of December, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Ak-Chin Justice Complex 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa AZ 85138.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR AT THE TIME AND DATE SET FOR THE HEARING A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST THE RESPONDENT AND THE PETITIONER MAY BE GRANTED THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE PETITION OR THE PETITION MAY BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE OF THE PETITIONER TO APPEAR.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 28th day of October, 2024.

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

APOLOGIES:

The Runner would like to apologize for misrepresenting Ak-Chin Council Member Candidate Marissa Antone's Platform that was published in Issue 21. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.



MARISSA ANTONE

Ak-Chin Community Members,

I am Marissa Antone, a proud lifelong resident of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, I respectfully seek your support as I campaign for a seat on our community council.

I am the daughter of Stanley Antone and Natalie Johns of Gila River. My paternal grandparents are the late Willie Antone and Madeline Antone, my maternal grandparents are the late John Lopez and Mayrna Johns-Lopez both of Gila River. My siblings are Brenna Antone, Jayce Johns and the late Holly Antone.

I am married to my amazing husband Alex Bowman and a very proud mother of my son Nakotah.

I have established many hobbies that help with my personal growth: I am a runner and have completed many half marathons, I'm an avid reader, and a hiking enthusiast, above all I love to spend time with my family during our weekly Sunday dinners.

Currently serving as the Elder Program Coordinator with the Ak-Chin Elder Department, I have been fortunate to gain invaluable insights while working with

our elders. This role has provided me with numerous opportunities to advocate for their needs, protect their interests, and offer meaningful assistance. This experience has given me a deep understanding of our community issues and a solid commitment to serving our people.

Additionally, I am the head coach of the S-kubjuv Ju:dam Toka Team. Coaching both adults and youth in our community has enriched my ability to connect across generations. I strive to empower team members, helping them build self-confidence and recognize their strengths, while fostering collaborations and connections with other tribes and fellow Toka players.

With the experience and insights I have gained from my various roles in the community, I am excited about the opportunity to run for council. I believe this is a chance for me to give back to the community and promote balance. I am eager to be a voice for you and would be honored to have your support in representing our community.

Thank You.

Candidate Night continued from Front

protecting our culture and family values, being a voice for all generations of the community and instilling mentorships/internships within the departments so that more of the membership would be able to work for Ak-Chin.

The floor was then open for members to

ask questions regarding their contributions to the community, elder security, their knowledge of the community's constitution, what challenges/rewards would they have if elected, conversations and advice from current/former council, and goals/issues they would focus on.

The 2024 Council Election for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Special Election for one council seat will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Ak-Chin Recreation Center, from 6 AM to 2 PM. Please remember to bring your tribal identification and good luck to all the candidates!



Meet the Candidate Nights fared very well, as over 70 Community Members were in attendance for both of the Meet the Candidate Nights.

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.

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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 December 6 - 19, 2024 issue is due by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Material submitted after the NOVEMBER 26TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

AIGA continued from Front Page



Council member Gabriel Lopez shares a blessing during open introductions.

Gaming Association. Updates were also shared pertaining to the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Indian Gaming Association.

"This year's AIGA Expo emphasized the importance of Tribal voices in Gaming, business, economic development and the future of Arizona." Ferreira shared. "As Tribal Government Gaming continues to have a major impact throughout Arizona, it is important to highlight its successes."

At 5:30 PM, Wednesday evening, AIGA hosted a Chefs Challenge held on the patio of Oak & Fork Restaurant at Harrah's. This event had eight prestigious chefs from all over Arizona casinos and resorts battling to be one of two top winners.

The theme was "Native Flavors: Arizona is Your Pantry," where the two best would be awarded "People's Choice" and "Best of Show." The chefs had a variety of unique dishes with a mixture of different savory and sweet

flavors, incorporating ingredients such as cholla buds, prickly pear, and mesquite beans, which are all indigenous to Arizona.

Although all of the dishes were top tier, only two could hold bragging rights for the year, Chef Julio C. Leon Ramos of TASH at Talking Stick Resort was named winner of "Best of Show" with his Corn, Mesquite, Lamb Barbacoa Taco. "People's Choice" was awarded to Chef Alex Rivera, of Bucky's Casino in the Yavapai Casino with his dish of Mesquite Smoked Lamb.

Concluding the 2024 Expo on Thursday, October 17, was Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, being his last year as Chairman of the Ak-Chin Community, he spoke of his experiences during his term and gratitude of his position.

"The AIGA Expo was once again a tremendous success. We had a great turnout and was a highlight as I close out my 11 year term in office." Miguel shared. "I thank the Tribal Leaders from the association for giving me support and entrusting me to lead the association during my tenure as Chairman.

He thanked everyone in attendance for being present at this year's expo and wished everyone well, as they made their way back to their respective homes.

Judy also gave thanks to Ak-Chin for once again hosting, "Thank you to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for being such a welcoming Host Tribe and to Harrah's Ak-Chin for being an amazing venue for the 2024 Expo."



Clockwise: Lerline Peters, Jesus Corella, Doria Garcia and Zaida Soliz sing a song during Day 1 of Expo. Chairman Miguel accepts gift from AIGA Board. HDS workers attend AIGA Chef's Challenge. Velacita Lopez shares a dance with guest at welcoming reception.



"People's Choice" winning dish and winning dish of "Best of Show".



Walk for Gratitude

Thursday, November 21st, 2024
10:00 am The Elements, Grass Area

Our 55+ Older Adults will partake in raffles and get a produce bag!

Brisk Walk & Morning Yoga Session

RSVP is a must
520-588-1083
for Marilyn to
guarantee
incentives

Ak-Chin Injury
Prevention Program

Check-in will
start at 9:45 am
Enjoy HOT coffee
and a light
breakfast

For questions please call or email Teri De La Cruz at 520-588-1087 TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.nsn.us

NOTICE

2025 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2025 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 24, 2025, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 24, 2025. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 24, 2025.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2025.

Enrollment is open!

Is everyone in your household covered?

Medicare enrollment is open
October 15 through December 7, 2024.

Marketplace enrollment is open
November 1 through January 15, 2025.

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.

11/2024

November

[@akchintlibrary](#)
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[@Ak-Chin Indian Community Library](#)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Library Hours Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm Sat: 12pm-4pm Sun: Closed					1 Storytime 2:30pm MEDIUMS, MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 13yrs-19yrs	2 Crafternoon 2pm
	3 String Lessons Violin	4 String Lessons Cello	5 String Lessons Cello	6 String Lessons Cello	7 Storytime 2:30pm MEDIUMS, MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 20yrs+	8 CODE CLUB 12pm-2pm
	9 Closed	10 FIRST DAY	11 String Lessons Cello	12 String Lessons Cello	13 Storytime 2:30pm	14 WALK 12pm
	15 String Lessons Violin	16 String Lessons Cello	17 String Lessons Cello	18 String Lessons Cello	19 Storytime 2:30pm	20 CHILI CHILI BANG BANG 4pm-6pm
	21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Closed	25 Storytime 2:30pm	26 CHILI CHILI BANG BANG 4pm-6pm
	27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31 Closed	32 Closed

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

Questions? Call us: (520) 588-1675 Or
Email us: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

2024 Halloween House Contest Winners

Story and Photos By Runner Staff

Ak-Chin Runner hosted a Halloween House decorating contest open to all the residents within the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the judging was held on the eve of Halloween.

Runner Department would like to thank all that participated as they appreciated everyone's Halloween spirit and look forward to next year's contest.

The Runner offered five different categories, Cutest, Scariest, Best Presentation, Best Lighting Effects, and Best Overall Theme.

In the meantime, the Runner will be sending out the last GOLDEN TICKETS of the year, so be on the lookout as they will be placed in issue #22 & issue #24.

Top winners of each were awarded gift cards of \$100 and \$60, depending on what place they won.

You may be the lucky winner of a special prize, all you have to do is open up the paper. 😊



Best Presentation-1st Place-Looper Home



Best Presentation-2nd Place-Lopez Home



Best Lighting Effects-1st Place-Medina Home



Best Lighting Effects-2nd Place-Iniestra Home



Best Overall Theme-1st Place-White Home



Scariest Home-1st Place-Pablo-Bandin Home



Scariest Home-2nd Place-Santiago Home



Best Overall Theme-2nd Place-Stephens Home

Be On The Lookout!



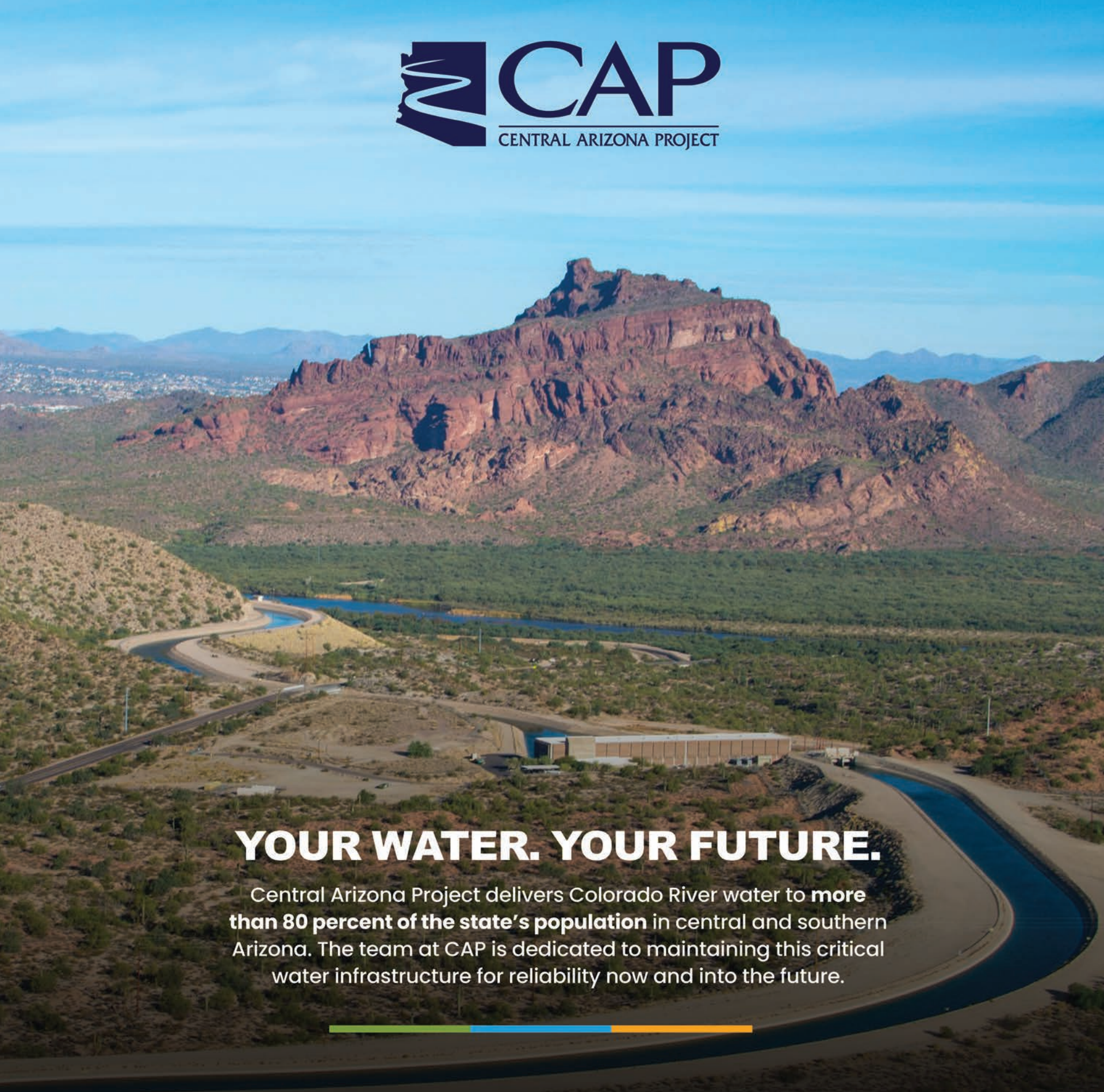
GOLDEN TICKET



Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this Golden Ticket from the Ak-Chin Runner! Present this ticket to the Runner office within 14 days to redeem for a special prize. Please call the Runner office to let the staff know you are on your way.

Issue # 22 **CONTEST OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS & RESIDENTS ONLY**
Must be 18 years or older to claim prize

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JOB OPENINGS

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Animal Control Officer
- Administration Support Technician-Parks/Rec
- Accountant
- Aquatics Coordinator
- 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
- GroundsKeeper-Sanitation
- 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

www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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 BIRTHDAYS 11/15 - 12/5

11/16 Rebecca Springstroh, Early Childhood	Lemuel Vincent, Government
Aaron Valdez, Finance	11/24 Lawrence Sorida, Police
11/17 Marilyn Velasco, Community Operations	Kailey Zicafoose, Early Childhood
11/18 Pamela Thompson, Social Service	11/26 Brandon Peters, Government
11/19 Davis Garcia, Police	11/27 Luis Coronado, Police
Albertino Santiago, Tribal Gaming Agency	Richard Lopez, Early Childhood
11/21 Autumn Gozalez, Police	Steve Tiemann, Finance
Dan Rivera, Police	12/1 Kimberly Vincent, Government
11/22 Michelle Shiley, Fire	12/2 Candice Antone, Community Operations
11/23 Carmen Narcia, Him Dak	Lindsey Valles, Fire

EMPLOYEE UPDATES

	
Tracy Wind <i>Cultural Resources Specialist</i> Him Dak	Joseph Ugalde <i>Cultural Resource Monitor</i> Him Dak
	
Jaime Salcido <i>Teacher Aide</i> Early Childhood	Jesus Balderrama <i>Cultural Resource Monitor</i> Him Dak



Saint Mary's Food Drive presents
After School Meals Program
MONDAY-FRIDAY 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY 1PM-3PM
AGES 1-18
OPEN TO EVERYONE
WE PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL MEALS TO BE EATEN ONLY AT THE LIBRARY
For any questions please call, email, or drop by the library!



Storytime at the Ak-Chin Library
Guardians must be present with their child. Attending Storytime does not require preschool enrollment for children.
Every Friday @ 2:30pm
Scan the QR code or contact the library
Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
Call us at 520-568-1675 or email: library@ak-chin.nsn.us



2024 Transit Schedule Changes

Closing at NOON
December 19th

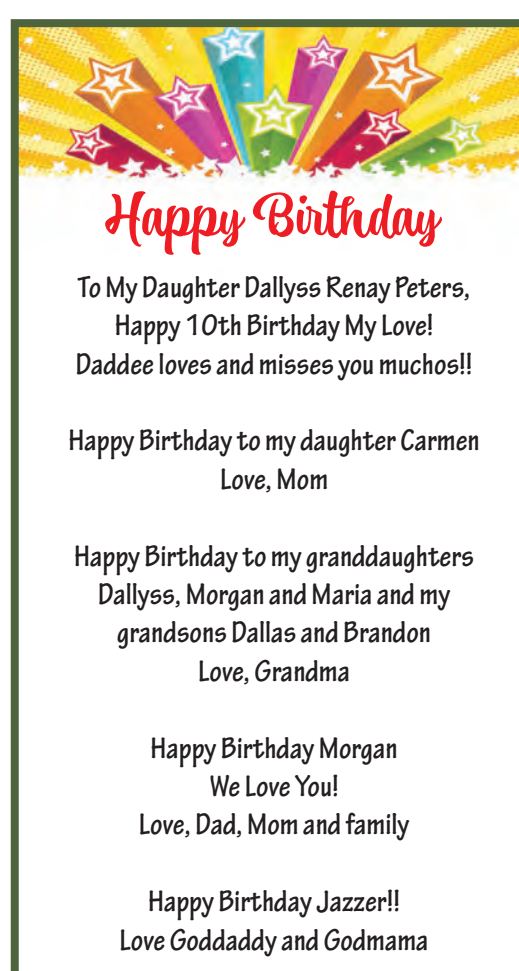
Closed ALL DAY
November 27th-29th
December 20th & 25th-27th
January 1st - 3rd, 2025

Please make alternate arrangements for transport on these dates.

Thank you!!



Masik Tas Hay Raffle
\$1260 Value
64 Bales
1 ticket for \$20
3 tickets for \$50
NO PERSONAL CHECKS
Tickets available for purchase at the Ak-Chin Tribal Office
November 18th - December 18th:
Monday-Friday: 8a-5p
December 19th: 8a-12p
Additional On-site raffle sales:
December 14th: 10a-6p at the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center lobby area
December 19th-22nd at the Masik Tas Rodeo Secretary's Office
****CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY****
Winner need not be present to win.
Drawing will be held after last rodeo event on December 22nd
Alfalfa Bales donated by Ak-Chin Farms



Happy Birthday
To My Daughter Dallyss Renay Peters,
Happy 10th Birthday My Love!
Daddee loves and misses you muchos!!

Happy Birthday to my daughter Carmen Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Dallyss, Morgan and Maria and my grandsons Dallas and Brandon Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Morgan We Love You!
Love, Dad, Mom and family

Happy Birthday Jazzer!!
Love Goddaddy and Godmama

Birthdays 11/15 - 12/5

NOVEMBER 15TH Dominic Miguel Aiden Miguel Izaah Smith Christopher Narcia Aria Vincent Jose White Josefina White Terrance Enos	NOVEMBER 20TH Shane Antone Ricardo Deleon Jr. Ronin Gloria	NOVEMBER 27TH Joe Miguel Jr. Larisa Rascon Karen Kaniatobe Joaquin Dickerson Richard Joaquin Kobe Santiago
NOVEMBER 16TH Carson De Paola Emeterio Lun Jr. Morgan Green Leenette Sope	NOVEMBER 21ST Ezequiel Santiago	NOVEMBER 28TH Michael Enos Nicholas Narica
NOVEMBER 17TH Dallys Peters Malinda Velasquez Austin Lopez	NOVEMBER 22ND Faith Batopis Morgan Peters	NOVEMBER 29TH Tashina Salcido Matilda Balderrama Victor Andaverde Lee Smith
NOVEMBER 18TH Andi-Kiowan Santiago	NOVEMBER 23RD Carmen Narcia Sterling Zappia Lemuel Vincent Monique White Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel Maria Peters	NOVEMBER 30TH Michael Luz Julio Gloria IV Kylee Carlyle Kateri Lopez Taylor Santiago Lina Batopis
NOVEMBER 19TH Persilla Hernandez Albertino Santaigo Dallas Peters Raven Santiago Davis Garcia Sr.	NOVEMBER 24TH Brian Ruelas	
	NOVEMBER 25TH Ciera Lopez	
	NOVEMBER 26TH Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe Brandon Peters	

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

2024 ANNUAL DIABETES DAY EVENT

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER
(WEST COVERED PARKING LOT)
8:00 AM

 COLLEGE THEMED T-SHIRT @ 2 MILE OR 5K RIVAL WALK/RUN	 BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY VEKOL MARKET	 FREE PRODUCE BAG @ OUR FARMER'S MARKET (1 PER HOUSEHOLD)
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EVENT SCHEDULE
8:00 AM
5K TIMED RIVAL RUN/WALK
8:15 AM
2 MILE RIVAL RUN/WALK
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
• BREAKFAST
• SCAVENGER HUNT
• TEST your Diabetes knowledge for prizes!
• RAFFLE PRIZES
• FARMER'S MARKET
Receive a produce bag for Thanksgiving!

REGISTRATION
Register for event using Google Forms. Scan QR CODE.



*Event is open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, their families, Residents, Employees & their families.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520)568-1085 OR EMAIL MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

Harrah's Ak-Chin Celebrates Volunteer and Donation Achievements at Against Abuse Seeds of Change Annual Gala



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino volunteered more than 130 hours and raised more than \$20,000 for Against Abuse in 2024.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino celebrated their volunteer and donation contributions during the Against Abuse Seeds of Change annual gala held on Oct. 19. Partnering with Against Abuse, a Pinal County-based organization that supports individuals affected by family dysfunction and domestic violence, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's HERO initiative enables casino team members to engage in meaningful volunteer work and financial support initiatives.

One such initiative led by the SAVVY Business Impact Group was a Giving Tree event which collected bedding, socks, paper towels and toiletry items for the Against Abuse shelter. Throughout 2024, the

HERO committee, SAVVY team members and guests through NRT donations, raised more than \$20,000 and volunteered more than 130 hours.

"We are incredibly proud to back an organization that provides such critical services to our community," said Donata Cobb, SAVVY leader. "I couldn't be prouder of our team."

"When Harrah's Ak-Chin formed SAVVY and the team said they wanted to partner with us, we were thrilled," said Torri Anderson, Seeds of Change Chairperson and Against Abuse Inc. Board Member. "The team's efforts have helped us make a huge difference in the lives of those who need an extra

hand." For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, please visit www.harrahsakchin.com. Guests must be 21 or older to gamble.

Remember to "Know When To Stop Before You Start.®" If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2024, Caesars License Company, LLC.

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS ANNUAL ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

December 13-14, 2024

Entry Fee: \$150
Deadline: November 29, 2024

1st-3rd Place T-shirts
All-Tourney and MVP Awards

For more information, please contact
Jordan Gusse 520-251-8272 Text
520-568-1754 Call
Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

AK-CHIN MASIK TAS ANNUAL ALL INDIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

December 20-22, 2024

Entry Fee: \$150 **Deadline: December 9, 2024**

1st-3rd Place T-shirts
All Tourney & MVP Awards

For more information, please contact
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2024 Ak-Chin Masik Tas 10K & 2 Mile

Sunday, December 15th, 2024
8:00 AM

Ak-Chin Recreation Center
46753 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Join us for a 10K or a 2 mile course! Register by emailing Ak-Chin Health Education for a form. **Deadline to register December 10th, 2024.** Event open to all.

AGENDA
8:00 AM - 10K Check In
8:30 AM - 10K Starts
8:45 AM - 2 Mile Check In
9:00 AM - 2 Mile Walk Begins
10:30 AM - 10K Placement Award

For more information, please contact Ak-Chin Health Education at Phone: (520) 568-1080 Email: mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

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IT COMES WITH EVERYTHING YOU SEE PLUS A BIG SIDE OF **FAMILY TIME**

THURSDAY NOV 28
11 AM - 9 PM

\$30** per person
Kids \$16

Call **520-233-2443**
Ak-ChinCircle.com
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16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa AZ 85139

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - WEEKLY SPECIALS

NEW FALL MENU FAVES

- BAGEL & LOX**
house smoked salmon, sliced tomato, cucumber, onion, capers, cream cheese, toasted bagel
- MUSHROOM SWISS BURGER**
mushrooms, grilled red onion, swiss, garlic aioli, toasted brioche
- HERB ENCRUSTED LAMB**
cherry gastrique, polenta cake, blistered broccolini

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NOVEMBER FALL IN FOR 10
TRY OUR NEW FALL MENU & GET 10% OFF!

PHILLY EGG ROLLS

Must present coupon to server. Not valid with daily, Happy Hour specials or Harrah's Rewards. Cannot be combined with other specials or offers. Does not include alcohol. One coupon per table, no split checks. Valid for one visit daily. Non-transferable. Offer expires 11/30/24.

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO NOVEMBER 2024 CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NEW YEAR'S 2025 SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 31, 2024	BLACK FRIDAY	TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024	1 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	2 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS		
3 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	4 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	5 ELECTION DAY PRESIDENTIAL PRIZES HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	6 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	7 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	8 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	9 TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB CANTINA NIGHTS
10 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	11 Veterans Day HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12 HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	13 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	14 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	15 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	16 GIFT SHOP TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP CANTINA NIGHTS
17 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	18 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X!	19 HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	20 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	21 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	22 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	23 RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY! CANTINA NIGHTS
24 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	25 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK WITH CAESARS REWARDS OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE NFL	26 HOLIDAY COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	27 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS PIGSKIN PICK'EM	28 WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING FOREVER YOUNG	29 BLACK FRIDAY	30 WIN YOUR WHEELS! DRAWINGS HOT SEATS GIFT WRAP SET GIVEAWAY CANTINA NIGHTS

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