



Funner Runner Wins Duel in the Desert Employee Chair Volleyball Tourney

Story by Kristen Villegas, Photos by Runner Staff



Team Funner Runner with their winning sweaters; bottom row Eliza Santiago, Diana Carlyle, Coach Raychel Peters, Delila Villegas; Top row Kristen Villegas, Ashley Vincent, Ramon Diaz.

The evening of November 25, 2024 employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community put their game faces on for the Duel in the Desert Employee Chair Volleyball Tournament held at the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Gym, with games scheduled to start at 6 PM.

Before the games began, employees were able to put in minutes of practice with their respective teams and enter their tickets for the raffle, making the competitive air all the more exciting.

Teams battled it out throughout the night, with the best of the best proceeding to the championship, those teams being Justice League (Ak-Chin

Courts) and the Funner Runner (Ak-Chin Runner). Though the match up was intense, it was the Funner Runner who took the W in the end for the winner-take-all championship round.

"The Funner Runner team took it to the next level in competition and communication, which was very noticeable on the court as their camaraderie and team spirit took them from the loser's bracket to the ship!" shared team captain, Raychel Peters. "I'm overjoyed that our team had many 'fun moments' while 'working together' on the court."

Everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and competitive spirit it throughout the tour-

nament, as did Nicole "Coco" Carlyle-Coester, who shared a few comments on the exciting night.

"The 2024 Duel in the Desert team competition is always a lot of fun to participate in. In watching all the teams everyone had a great time, whatever side you were on. The raffle prizes are always fun to put in for and they are very nice prizes. Sadly, I understand that it was difficult to get tickets to the game for raffle but there is always next year. Some of the teams played very well together and congratulations Runner for your championship win!"

Thanks once again to the Parks & Rec team for

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Elections Are Over: Meet Your Newest Tribal Officials

Story and Photos by Runner Staff

On Saturday, November 16th, the Ak-Chin Indian Community held their tribal elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as a special election for one vacant council seat.

With a total of 452 voters, this election had one of the highest number of voters to date. The polls opened at 6am and closed at 2 pm, located in the Ak-Chin Recreation facility.

Once everyone cast their votes, they were invited to the newly renovated community feast house for a BBQ lunch, catered by Vekol, provided by the Ak-Chin Election Board. Members also enjoyed entertainment by Molina's Music, while waiting for the results.

As the music ended and the votes were tallied, everyone awaited the winning results, which were announced by Election Board Member,

Shannon Narcia. With a total of 190 votes, Gabriel Lopez became the newly elected Chairman and Delia Carlyle was named Vice-Chairman with a total of 177 votes. Winning the special election was Dennis Antone with a total of 180 votes.

Current Chairman, Robert Miguel shared his thoughts on the election results.

"The people of the community have spoken and elected their new Council Members, congratulations to the three who were elected into their position for the upcoming 2025 administration. I feel comfortable and confident that the new administration will continue to serve the people to the best of their ability.

To those who ran for office and it didn't come into fruition for them,

please continue to pursue a position within a future administration if that is your direction."

"The Election Board would like to thank ALL the candidates for running and congratulations to the winners.

Thank you to Council for their leadership. Thank you to Recreation Center, Ann Marie Antone for the use of their building. Thank you to Events and the Runner for their help relaying voting information and dates to membership. Thank you to Vicki Smith (Registrar). Thank you to Vekol for their great food and service. Thank you to Everyone that voted. Every vote counts! We are so blessed to be a part of this magnificent Community."

We wish all the incoming candidates well during their terms, starting in January of 2025.



Christmas in the Village+Light Up the Village=Festive Holiday Fun

Story and Photos by Runner Staff

On December 2, 2024, Community families were treated to the Christmas in the Village, a yearly celebration of the upcoming holidays that the Him Dak Museum go all out for. Activities included; cookie decorating, Christmas

Christmas Carols for all by Lawrence and Sally Antone in the Mission School building, and a hayride. Refreshments of donuts, hot cider and hot chocolate were provided as well.

After making crafts and other festive fun,

families were able to enjoy the hayride over to Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, for the Light up the Village part of the night, for the tree lighting ceremony with Santa, which showcased the lights dazzling several trees in the park.

2024 Ak-Chin Employee Bash Gets Five Stars

Story and Photos by Runner Staff



MARIACHI ALAS DE ARIZONA'S performance at 2024 employee Bash.

This year's Employee Bash is definitely something the new Community Events team can be proud of, as they hit it out of the park with their Fiesta-themed

celebration for all Community and Farm employees to enjoy.

The evening began with a Mexican feast that included everyone's

favorites; chips and salsa, fajitas, enchiladas, rice and beans. They also turned it up a notch by offering a delectable assortment of sweets, including a fill your

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Traditional Dress Making Classes

Story and photos by Raychel Peters



Participants; Joanna Peters, Keira Attakai, and Kylie Gardner, along with their family members, stay busy working on their traditional dresses.

Saturday, November 16, six community members, that included young females aged 13-17 and an adult family member attended a Traditional Dress Making Class sponsored by the Ak-Chin Language Program.

participants were able to select their desired style and color of materials, provided by language program. Then they began to cut out their dress style-pattern, which was then arranged to be pieced together.

very popular among many of our women in the community.

“We don’t have a lot of (seamstresses) anymore.” Velacita Lopez, Ak-Chin Language Technician shared. “Our goal was to get the kids and parents to bond together – that’s part of our culture – to work together and learn from each other.”

The event was held in the language trailer from 9am-12pm, with Dannon Peters, Him Dak Art Technician.

The young participants were able to utilize irons and sewing machines with the help and guidance of the adults attending.

The Language Program will be offering another class next year for older age groups, so please be on the lookout if you would like to join the next sewing session.

Dannon provided instruction on how to create a traditional dress, from design to finish.

The goal of the class was to help build a bond with female members of the family and practice the tradition of sewing, which was at one time



Everyone reaches up to the sky during the yoga session at the Walk for Gratitude event, sponsored by the Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program.

Walk for Gratitude held at Elements

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

The Ak-Chin Injury & Prevention Program held a “Walk for Gratitude” event for adults 55+, the mid-morning of Thursday, November 21st, by the grassy area at Ak-Chin Elements.

of goodies including a blanket, a bag of fresh vegetables, and a raffle prize if they were extra lucky.

After a lap around the Elements lawn area, the department had an omelet station waiting for those that worked up an appetite, another plus was a smoothie station with different fruits. The Injury Prevention Program offered everyone their own portable blender

and some recipes that they could test out at the event and at home.

Following the light breakfast was chair yoga for anyone that wanted to participate, and before the event concluded, the department picked out the lucky winners for the different raffle prizes they had available. This was the last big event of the year for the Injury & Prevention Program, keep a lookout for future events in 2025.

Annual Diabetes Day Event

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Veggies and fruits were up for grabs during the Diabetes Day Event. (Continued to page 6)

Early risers attended the 2024 Annual Diabetes Day Event hosted by Ak-Chin’s Health Education starting at the shaded park lot behind Ak-Chin Service Center on November 23, 2024.

Participants enjoyed the beautiful, chilly 8 AM morning with a friendly Rivalry Run/Walk event. Participants were also able to represent their choice for Arizona’s best college teams, as themed t-shirts and raffle tickets were offered for those who participated.



L-R: Avnel Hogan and Burnett Lopez enjoy taking a Walk for Gratitude along with their goodie bags.

Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Menu Subject to Change Without Notice				12/6 Elder Christmas Party at Elements
12/9 Spam & Eggs, Hashbrowns, Toast, Apples Pasta with Cherry Tomato, Romain Salad, Peas/Wheat-White Rolls, Chocolate Crinkle Cookies	12/10 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit w/ Cottage Cheese Masik Tas Chair Volleyball Tournament Chili Beans, Chili Meat (D), Sweet Potato/Potato, Cornbread, Mandarin Oranges	12/11 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon/Toast, Fruit Salad Butternut Squash Soup, Ham Sandwich, Green Leaf/Tomato, Apple Salad	12/12 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Grapes w/ Cottage Cheese Chicken Parmesan, Creamed Spinach, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, Pineapple	12/13 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana X-Mas Ginger Bread House Decorating, 9 AM Roast, Mashed Potato Green Bean Casserole, Rice Pudding
12/16 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Black Eyed Peas, Soft Beef Tacos (D), Normandy Vegetables, Grapes	12/17 Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Sausage/Toast, Scone/Fruit Potato Soup, Salad, Crackers, Jell-O	12/18 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Mix Berries Christmas Ornament Craft, 9 AM Bean or Chicken Tostada, Brown Rice, Corn, Mexican Wedding Cookies	12/19 Brunch 8AM - 930AM Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown Casserole, Muffin, Fruit Salad No Lunch will be Served- Center Closed at Noon	12/20 CENTER CLOSED FOR AK-CHIN MASIK TAS
12/23 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana Elder Christmas Trivia & Gift Giving, 9 AM Pozole, Diced Onion, Cabbage, Rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake	12/24 Ham & Eggs, Toast, Oatmeal Cookie, Fruit Salad Carne Asada W/ Beans, Burrito & Pico De Gallo, Zucchini w/Corn, Peaches	12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS CENTER CLOSED	12/26 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CENTER CLOSED	12/27 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CENTER CLOSED
		*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM *For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769		*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760 *Elder Chair Yoga is Tuesdays & Thursdays 9AM to 10AM

Chairman Miguel selected to Senator-Elect Ruben Gallego Transition Team

Submitted by Robert Miguel



President Joe Biden, Chairman Robert Miguel and Secretary Deb Haaland, during a presidential rally at Gila River Indian Community.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman, Robert Miguel was recently selected as one of twenty-plus individuals to sit on the Transition Team for Senator-elect Ruben Gallego, who was officially elected as Arizona's Senator last month.

in his administration as he makes his way to Washington D.C. in his new position for the next few years. Chairman Miguel was very excited that he was considered and selected to be a part of the Team.

the confidence in me to be a part of a lineup to help place a great team in Senator Gallego's administration," Chairman Miguel said. "I'm honored and look forward to this wonderful prospect."

Many of Senator Gallego's current staff will continue

allowing me the opportunity and having the Senator Ruben Gallego takes the position that was vacated by former Senator Krysten Sinema.

From Campus to Capitol, ASU Law students in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by Jennifer Boehm



Jennifer Boehm (second from right) is among her ASU Law Student peers during a visit to Washington, D.C.

(October 2024) - 11 driven law students - 10 juris doctor and one master of legal studies - traded in their fall break for a transformative experience

Washington, D.C., as part of the "Federal Advocacy for the Tribal Client" traveling class. Hosted at the Barrett & O'Connor Washington Center and led by

Derrick Beetso ('10), professor of practice and executive director of the Indian Gaming and Tribal Self-Governance program, the week-long course provided an

exclusive opportunity to gain real-world insights into federal advocacy for Tribal Nations. From learning legal strategies to experiencing policy in action, these students embraced a powerful week of growth and discovery in the heart of the nation's capital.

Students met with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Bryan Newland; Senior Advisor to the Secretary Heidi Todacheene; and Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs Joel West Williams. They also spent time discussing advocacy with the Native

American Rights Fund, the National Congress of American Indians, the Navajo Nation's Washington Office and attorneys Sam Hirsch and Andrew DeGuglielmo of Jenner & Block LLP. And finally, the students were able to hear from ILP alums working in D.C. about their career paths and their approach to working in the nation's capital.

Many special thanks to ILP alums Stephanie Sfiridis ('16), Darren Pete ('00), Rebecca Ross ('10), Rani Williams ('18) and Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes ('94).

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NEXT DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the **December 20, 2024 - January 9, 2025** issue is due by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**
Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**
Material submitted after the **DECEMBER 13TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Hello Ak-Chin members and residents, starting January 2025, The Housing Department will resume all home inspections. You will receive a letter (7) seven days before your inspection day.

The most common reasons for failed inspections are dusty air filters and covers, dust accumulation on bathroom fan covers and ceiling fans, missing or burned-out light bulbs, missing light covers, smoke detectors missing batteries or NO smoke detector, not sweeping & mopping the home and yards/patios/carports not in compliance (inoperable vehicles, car parts, tires, appliances and storage of excessive household items, etc. is not allowed) and yards must be free of all trash & weeds.

To all Elders, air filters, light bulbs and batteries for smoke detectors can be replaced for you anytime, just call Housing and a work order will be sent to Maintenance.

Also, if you notice a water leak inside or outside of your home call it in ASAP so that it can be repaired. The longer you wait, the more water damage there will be... and water damage causes mold! And you will be responsible for payment of repairs.

One last thing, you may or may not know this but maintenance is NOT allowed to fix/repair washers & dryers or any other appliance that the tenant has purchased themselves.

Happiest of Holidays to you all, see you in January.

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, December 10, 2024 at the Justice Center Conference Room.

Case: PS-05-24 Antone Park Improvement Project
Project Applicant/Parks and Recreation Director, Ann Antone, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan Approval to replace and upgrade various amenities throughout Milton "Paul" Antone Park. The project consists of:

- Demolishing/rebuilding existing ramadas; and
- Partially replace existing fencing; and
- New landscaping; and
- Improved accessibility for residents; and
- Demolishing/rebuilding all play structures; and
- Remodeling of the existing bathroom; and
- Update grading and drainage to accommodate all new equipment; and
- Irrigation system replacement.

CASE: PS-09-24: Community Fiber Network Systems Upgrade Project
Project Applicant/Information Systems Director, Keith Franklin, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan Approval to upgrade the fiber optic network at several locations throughout the Community. The project is divided into five phases, A-E, where it will either replace existing fiber and junction boxes or install fiber and junction boxes in new areas. The project consists of:

- Phase A: Begins on the southwest corner of Farrell Road and Maricopa Road, south to Peters and Nall Road, and east to Porter Road (replacement of existing fiber).
- Phase B: Peters and Nall Road south to Peach Lane, Barley Lane, Pecan Lane, Cotton Drive, and Farm Lane. (New installation).
- Phase C: Farrell Road and Maricopa Road west to Smith Road (New installation)
- Phase D: Beginning at the northwest traffic circle on Court Street, east to Smith Wash, then south to Ak-Chin Parkway, then east to Narcia Street. (New Installation)
- Phase E: Beginning south side of Sudagi Avenue by water treatment facility to Maricopa Road, then from Sudagi Avenue North to Narcia Street (New installation)

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN BUILD HIM-DAK MUSEUM SHADE SAILS REPLACEMENTS

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract. Shade Sails Replacements consist of the following:

- Install new Shade Fabric at Five Locations at Ak-Chin Indian Community Him-Dak Museum.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the Him-Dak Museum located **outside** at 47685 N. Eco-Museum Rd. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. RFP Packets will be available at the meeting. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted. A Site Tour will be held immediately after the meeting.

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on December 18, 2024 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.



Ak-Chin Masik Tas Spiritual Run

December 8th, 2024

Sunrise





The Ak-Chin Youth Council is organizing a spiritual run throughout the community to bless the grounds before the upcoming Masik Tas events. This run is for **COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY**.

All Community Members are encouraged to participate, even if you have not yet participated in a spiritual run.

Registration & waivers will be available the day of the Spiritual Run. If you are under 18 please have a parent/guardian accompany you.

Any questions, please reach out to Haedin De Paola at (520)709-7319 haedindepaola06@gmail.com or Vicky Smith (520)568-1000 VSmith@ak-chin.nsn.us

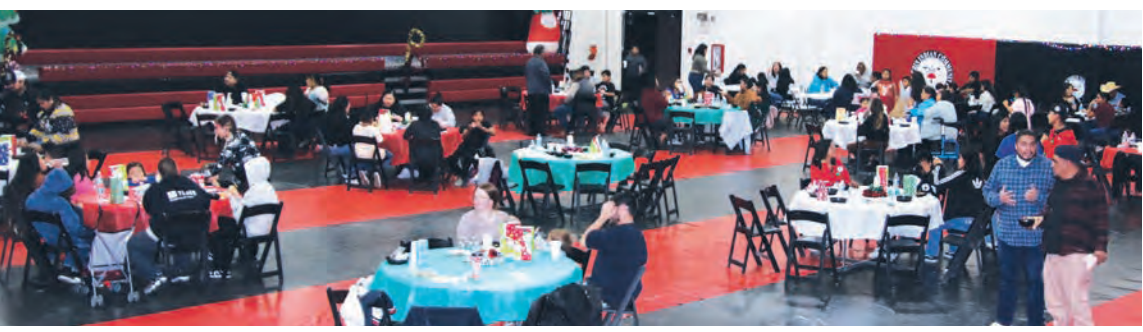
2024 Masik Tas



"Strengthening our Community through Unity and Perseverance"

Community Has Jolly Time at Ak-Chin Christmas Event

Story by Sonya "Sonny" Martinez, Ak-Chin Recreation Assistant, photos by Runner Staff



Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas, everyone!

On the night of December 2nd, we had our jolly Community Christmas and Light Up The Village event. Yours truly, Santa Claus, used my magical powers to light up our beautiful Christmas lights in the park, all thanks to the wonderful Community Events department. After the dazzling display, we all headed back to the gymnasium, where we were welcomed with a warm cup of beef stew from Vekol Market and a delightful assortment of coffees and hot chocolates for everyone.

As we moved into the main event, we had a blast with holiday-themed crafts that were perfect for the whole family, courtesy of the Ak-Chin Education department. A big shout-out to the Ak-Chin Recreation department for hosting and decorating the gymnasium so beautifully.

And let's not forget the Ak-Chin Fire department for being Santa's helpers and making everything run smoothly. Everyone truly came together to make tonight a fantastic event for the beloved Ak-Chin Indian Community members and residents.

Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community



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 former payments received by January 2, 2025.

Ak-Chin Masik Tas Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Spiritual Run

(See flyer for more information)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament

Ak-Chin Recreation Gymnasium
For more information, please contact

Jordan Gusse 520-251-8272 (text)
520-568-1754 (call)

email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14:

Toka/Songivul Tournaments

Games start at 8am – For Toka contact
Ak-Chin Language Dept. (520) 568-1338

or email FAVincent@ak-chin.nsn.us

For Songivul contact Dennis Antone
(520) 483-6140

Light Parade – 7pm

For an application please email:

AllEventsStaff@ak-chin.nsn.us

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

10K & 2 Mile Walk/Run

Ak-Chin Recreation Center

8AM 10K check-in

845AM 2 Mile check-in

For more information, please contact

Ak-Chin Health Education

(520) 568-1080, mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin Community Day Celebration

2PM-9PM – Old Vaila Site

Come out and join the fun

Registration opens at 2PM

Wood Chopping Contest 3PM

Popover Contest 4PM

Dance Contest 6PM

Dance Contest Youth and Adult

Categories: Vaila (One Step)

Chote (Two Step) and Cumbia

All Registration will be done on-site

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Chudth – 6PM-8PM – Old Vaila Site

Come join us for an evening of singing

and dancing to celebrate the Ak-Chin

Indian Community's Birthday

Dress Warm – Bring your lawn chairs

Refreshments will be served.

More information contact

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DECEMBER 20-22:

Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament

Ak-Chin Recreation Gymnasium

For more information, please contact

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520-568-1754 (call) email:

Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin High School Students Invade CAC Main Campus

Story and Photos Submitted by Savannah Boyd of the Ak-Chin Education Dept.



Ak-Chin Students From L-R: Teagan Delma, Pate Justin, Nyaila Miguel, and Kylie Gardner.

On Thursday, November 21st, four Ak-Chin students took time from their high school to visit Central Arizona College (CAC) – Signal Peak Campus to learn more about opportunities and resources that CAC has to offer.

Director of Student Services to provide the students an opportunity to explore the campus firsthand on what CAC has to offer, including seeing the inside of a dorm room, the student union, classrooms, and the welding program.

“College Mindset”, discussing what makes college different from high school and tips for success. The Ak-Chin students had an opportunity to listen and ask questions from a student panel.

The day started off with introductions and welcoming by Scott Hamilton, Director of Outreach for CAC. Mr. Hamilton provided a full agenda for the students for the day. Next, Sarah Apodaca provided information on “Paying for College” and had a discussion on the importance of FAFSA, the Pinal Promise, and other options to cover the cost of attendance at CAC.

The staff and students were treated to lunch at the student union where they enjoyed a variety of entrees.

The current CAC students talked about their journey to college, their experience at CAC, and successes/challenges while at CAC. The students expressed their surprise on what CAC offered and would perhaps consider attending.

At the end of the day, Jennifer Montijo, Outreach Coordinator presented on the



Students were then taken on a campus tour by Osman Varela, Assistant

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bag of Mexican dulces, as well as a huge assortment of pan dulce, agua frescas and an elote station, which was all muy delicioso.

and a competitive game of “What’s in My Wallet/Purse”.

The entertainment was awesome, the food was awesome and it was great to see everyone who are part of the Ak-Chin employee team. Events and Rec, you all have to get real creative in 2025 because that party will be very hard to top!”

Entertainment for the evening included mariachi music and folklorico dancing from Mariachi Alas De Arizona, who wowed everyone with great music and toe-tapping dancers. The beautiful assembles of costumes and music could be heard and seen throughout Ak-Chin Circle as they performed under the jumbotron.

Once the evening ended at Elements, an after-party was celebrated upstairs at the Luxe Lounge. There was a line to get in and once there everyone had a great time listening to “DJ-LO” while munching on complimentary tamales or the nacho bar.

Armonda Santiago, Ak-Chin Custodian, shared similar sentiments on the bash, “The 2024 employee bash was one of the best ones held here in the community. It kept everyone entertained the whole night. The food was delicious.”

“The 2024 Employee Bash was a huge success and a massive thank you to the Events and Recreation staff and all of the volunteers and temps that assisted with the event.” Nicole “Coco” Carlyle-Coester, Community Services Manager shared.

The Community Events team shared, “We hope everyone enjoyed the night celebrating the employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. We look forward to hosting more employee events in the future. Stay tuned for our next event!”

“All employees had a great time and all the comments that were told to me was that it was the best one ever.



Pictured at the right with his prize and Runner swag is Lemuel Vincent, the lucky finder of the golden ticket in issue #22. Below is a sample of what the ticket will look like, keep your eyes peeled to become the next winner!



CHILDCARE ENROLLMENT PACKET

Return the enrollment packet to Front Desk Only

Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community Member
- Child of an Ak-Chin Indian Community Member
- Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with a federally recognized tribe
- Child of an Ak-Chin, TGA, or Farm Employee
- General Public

At least one Parent/Guardian must be Working or Actively Enrolled in School to be eligible for the program.

Serving Children Ages 3 months -3 years old.
*If your child is enrolled and withdraws from the program, or your child is selected for the program and you decline for any reason, a new application will need to be completed to be put back on the waiting list.

Ak-Chin Child Development
48251 W. Farrell Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Ph. (520) 568-1700 Fax (520) 568-1701

Ak-Chin Childcare offers:

- Education Services
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Preschool Readiness
- Physical Education
- Nutritious Snacks
- Story Time
- Field Trips and Fun Activities throughout the year.
- 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday -Friday

Providing Breakfast, AM Snack, and Lunch while promoting Nutritional & Healthy Life-styles.

Transportation IS NOT provided to and from Childcare Services.

Required Registration Documentation:

- Completed Enrollment Form
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CIB) If applicable
- Child’s Certified Birth Certificate
- Child’s Current Immunization Record
- Employment Verification

**** Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be at least 1 year old to be considered.**



DCT 28 2024 at 10:00 AM

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
45525 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1386

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

Duane Lee Antone Petitioner
VS
Mercedes Stephens Respondent

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
Mercedes Stephens

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 85139.

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



Ak-Chin Recreation Staff attends N7 Coaches Summit

Submitted by Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation



The Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation team, along with some of our amazing volunteer coaches, had the incredible opportunity to be part of the Nike N7 Coaching Summit! We met many notable figures, including Nike Catalyst Notah Begay III and Chris Reed from the Center for Healing and Justice through Sports (CHJS), as well as coaches from across the nation.



The summit, which was held in the span of 2 day was packed with valuable lessons in leadership aimed at helping us better engage with the people in our programs. Day 1 was held on Friday November 8th at 3 PM- 5 PM at the Nike at Phoenix Premium Outlets then moved to Gila River Heritage Center at 5 PM- 7 PM. Day 2 was Saturday November 9th from 9 AM-2 PM at Casa Blanca Community School. We learned about the importance of pattern repetitive rhythmic activities and connecting mental health knowledge to foster both personal and professional growth within our team.

they feel supported and understood. Choice highlighted empowering athletes to make decisions that reflect their personal growth and development. Challenge encouraged coaches to push athletes beyond their comfort zones, helping them grow mentally and physically. Finally, Culture underscored the role of fostering a positive, inclusive environment where athletes can thrive.

We're excited to bring these new skills back to our community and continue growing together!

Jessica Mercado, shared, "I had the opportunity to attend the Nike N7 Coaching Summit at the beginning of this month. It was a fun experience, and I learned some valuable insights that I can bring back to the community and share with the



kids." "One of the highlights was the various games we played, which allowed us to feel like kids again. While participating in these activities, we learned the importance of including everyone and leveraging each individual's strengths to benefit their team."

A huge thank you to Nike N7 for hosting this transformative event and to all the Ak-Chin volunteer coaches who attended. The knowledge shared and connections made will undoubtedly continue to influence the way we coach and engage with our athletes moving forward.

Ak-Chin Library's Scholastic Book Fair

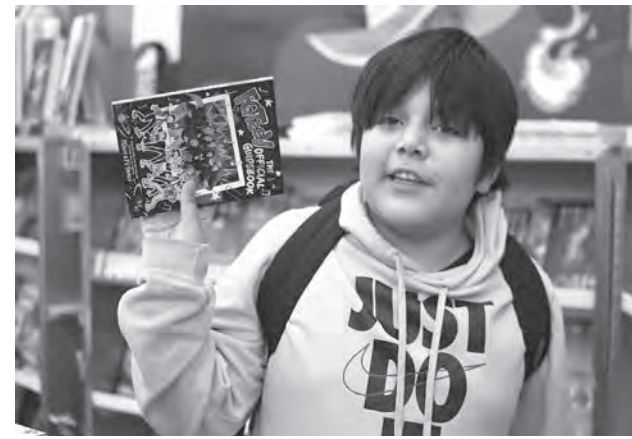
Story and Photos By Runner Staff

On the days of November 12th-19th the Ak-Chin Library welcomed the Scholastic Book Fair into their space for the kids of the community.

With a number of exciting books and small collectables for the kiddos, there was plenty of items for purchase for all age groups. Books of diverse background nonfiction catered to young learners and gamer specific collections were in the abundance.

Ak-Chin Library never fails in providing services, opportunities and programs to the youth of the community!

Top to bottom: Jacob Santiago showing the book he's interested in; Left to right: Elmaleen Johnson and DeliAnna Lewis browsing the many products for sale.



Duel in the Desert Continued from Front Page



2nd place Justice League



3rd Place AKC Fire



another opportunity for employees to mingle and enjoy one another's company outside of the office.



2024 diabetes Day Event continued

Once everyone had completed the walk/run, they were challenged into completing a scavenger hunt for more raffle tickets and to partake in breakfast provided by Vekol Market. There was even a farmer's market with fruits and vegetables that people could take home, with produce bags provided to all attendee families.

recognized for top finishers of this year's Rivalry Run.

Overall Male:
1. Keanu Nez
2. Albertino Santiago
3. Miles Peters

Overall Female:
1. Vivian Ly
2. Vanessa Ly
3. Emily Peters

Overall Age Categories:
11-17 Male Keanu Nez
18-29 Female Vivian Ly

The following participants were

40-49 Male Albertino Santiago
40-49 Female Deanna Justin

50-59 Male Leon Potter
50-59 Female Yolanda Miranda



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.



Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

grhc.org

GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

Collaborating for Your Health

The Flu Vaccine is available to Gila River Health Care Patients

Walk-in to one of our GRHC Primary Care Departments.

- Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital**
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495
- Komatke Health Center**
(520) 550-6000 Ext. 6060
- Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center**
(520) 796-2600 Ext. 2697
- Ak-Chin Clinic** (520) 568-3881
- Pediatrics** (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7337

In unison with the Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Health Care has designated December 10th as a day to honor the historic 2004 Water Rights Settlement Act signed by President George W. Bush. This year marks its 20th Anniversary.

The Community's determined fight to reclaim their rightful water rights reflects the essential role that water plays in the lives of the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh Communities. The phrase "Water is life" is a lesson passed down through generations.



Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices, Outpatient Clinics, and Pharmacies will be

CLOSED

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2024
WATER RIGHTS DAY**

If you need assistance with services open, call our main line at (520) 562-3321. Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, December 11.

If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

Holiday Closures

Christmas Day Wednesday, 12/25/24
New Year's Day Wednesday, 01/01/25

As the end of the year approaches, we wanted to let you know about our upcoming closures.

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call Gila River Health Care's main line (520) 562-3321.



Scan the QR code to view more GRHC's Information, and Events!



FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE Medical Clinic

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

December

3	Family Planning Services	9 am - 2 pm
5	Family Planning Services	9 am - 2 pm
10	CLOSED	
12	Family Planning Services	9 am - 2 pm
17	Family Planning Services	9 am - 2 pm
18	Family Planning Services	Appointment Only
19	Family Planning Services	9 am - 2 pm
24	CLOSED	
25	CLOSED	
26	CLOSED	
31	CLOSED	

We are flexible. Let us know what time works best for you!

Call or text us at (520) 371-0132

GRHC WI-FI

Now Available!

Patients and visitors, we've updated how you access our free Wi-Fi at our locations.

Should you have a question about this change, feel free to contact Customer Service or Patient Registration.

December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
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Visit page at: grhc.org/news-information-and-events/

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449



JOB OPENINGS

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Animal Control Officer
- Accountant
- Aquatics Coordinator
- Asst Cook Detention
- Cashier Stocker part-time
- Compensation Analyst
- Communication Officer
- Communication Officer part-time
- Child and Family Therapist
- Child Care Teacher
- Deli Clerk - Vekol
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Emergency Manager
- Environmental Technician
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Youth Council Coordinator

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only

- Cashier Stocker part-time (Closing date: Dec 17)
- Temporary Worker

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.

Sanitation Holiday Schedule December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Trash Pick Up	3	4	5 Recycling Pick Up	6 Trash Pick Up	7
8	9 Trash Pick Up	10	11	12 Recycling Pick Up	13 Trash Pick Up	14
15	16 Trash Pick Up	17	18	19 Trash Pick Up Recycling Pick Up	20 Ak-Chin's Masik Tas Holiday	21
22	23 Trash Pick Up	24	25 Christmas Day Holiday	26 Community Holiday	27 Community Holiday Trash Pick Up Recycling Pick Up	28
29	30 Trash Pick Up	31 (January) New Year's Day Holiday	1 Community Holiday	2 Community Holiday	3 Community Holiday Trash Pick Up Recycling Pick Up	4

Transit will be providing free transportation for

MASIK TAS

Thursday December 19th from 4:30pm to 8:30pm
Friday December 20th from 10:00am to 12:00am
Saturday December 21st from 10:00am to 11:30pm
Sunday December 22nd from 10:00am to 9:30pm

This transportation service is available on demand, providing rides from your residence to any event in Masik Tas and back home.

PLEASE CALL TRANSIT TO SCHEDULE
520-568-1630

Saint Mary's Food Drive presents

After School Meals Program

MONDAY-FRIDAY 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY 1PM-3PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE
AGES 1-18

WE PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL MEALS TO BE EATEN ONLY AT THE LIBRARY

For any questions please call, email, or drop by the library!

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT

SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

2024 Transit Schedule Changes

Closing at NOON
December 19th

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

Please make alternate arrangements for transport on these dates.

Thank you!!

Masik Tas Hay Raffle

64 Bales
1 ticket for \$20
3 tickets for \$50

\$1260 Value
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

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

12/6 - 12/19

12/7 Evelyn Justin, Him Dak Roberto Palanti, Maintenance	12/14 Hector Soliz, Sanitation
12/8 Francesco Betto, Fire Larry Joe, Capital Projects	12/15 Lucy Flores, Community Operations
12/9 Florinda Peters, Him Dak	12/16 Maria Carlyle-Zepeda, Human Resources Kenneth Kingsland, Retail
12/10 Norman Adson, Maintenance	12/17 Leslie Lewis-Manuel, Tribal Gaming Agency
12/11 Desirae Antone, Community Operations Damascus Francisco, Planning	12/18 Gwenyvieve Leeson, Library Bianca Valenzuela, Retail
12/12 Guadalupe Gloria, Early Childhood Carlo Moreno, Fire	12/19 Daniel Espinoza, Police Richard Kindred, Tribal Gaming Agency Manuel Peters III, EPD
12/13 Morgan Trevion, Police	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY DAUGHTER FLORINDA AND MY SON MANUEL
LOVE, MOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY GRANDDAUGHTERS AURORA, DESTINEE, JUSTINE, ZOE, AND ALIVIA
AND TO MY GRANDSONS MARCUS, AND TYLER
LOVE, GRANDMA

Birthdays 12/1-12/19

<p>DECEMBER 1ST Kayla Valisto Raven Vallejos Aurora Peters Kendra Smith Rebecca Rodas</p> <p>DECEMBER 2ND Victor Vincent Lindsey Valles Duane Antone Clarence Enos Candice Antone Marcus Peters Dale Narcia</p> <p>DECEMBER 3RD Arlene Manuel</p> <p>DECEMBER 4TH ARCHER ANDERSON VALERIE VELASQUEZ ANALITA LABORIN BREN VALISTO DESTINEE PETERS</p> <p>DECEMBER 5TH Justine Peters Erica Trejo Drevyn Silas-Antone</p> <p>DECEMBER 6TH DENA ROMO JANIYAH STEVENSON RICHARD JOAQUIN</p>	<p>DECEMBER 7TH Saryla Miranda Danya Lopez Monica Murrietta Evelyn Justin Omarion White Joseph Manuel</p> <p>DECEMBER 8TH Odelia Stephens Xavier White</p> <p>DECEMBER 9TH Corey Allison Angelica Antone Leo Lewis Jr. Terry Santiago Virginia Castro Florinda Peters</p> <p>DECEMBER 10TH Alex Antone</p> <p>DECEMBER 11TH Desirae Antone Guadalupe Gloria Malinda Pete Andrew Humeyumptewa Alejandro Maldonado Jr.</p> <p>DECEMBER 12TH Elvera Stephens Gina Lewis Zoe Gardner</p>	<p>DECEMBER 13TH Joseph Kaniatobe Phillip Joaquin Tristianna Antone Adeline Thomas Arie Deleon</p> <p>DECEMBER 14TH Kiandry Jacuinde-Miranda Channel Antone</p> <p>DECEMBER 15TH Angelica Salas-Vargas Janice Perez</p> <p>DECEMBER 16TH Lisa Vincent Raven Humeyumptewa Maria Carlyle-Zepeda Tyler Peters Maxine P. Antone Ba'N Sehongva'Jose</p> <p>DECEMBER 17TH Lita Yarberrry Leslie Lewis-Manuel James Compton</p> <p>DECEMBER 18TH Justin Humeyumptewa Alivia Peters Ralston Justin Sarina Smith Bianca Valenzuela</p> <p>DECEMBER 19TH Manuel Peters III</p>
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12/2024 December

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[Ak-Chin Indian Community Library](https://www.facebook.com/Ak-Chin-Indian-Community-Library)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 MEDIUMS MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 18yrs-19yrs	7 POLAR EXPRESS Storytime @2:30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13 Storytime @ The Grubch @2:30pm	14 MEDIUMS MOCKTAILS 4:30pm-6:30pm 20yrs+
15	16	17	18	19	20 Closed at 12pm	21 Closed
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas Closed	26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Closed
29	30	31				

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

Sign up for our programs here

Or contact the library

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

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

6th Annual Native American Heritage Month Celebrated at Harrah's

Story by Erica Oliver, HDS Manager, photos by Kristen Villegas

In recognition of Native American Heritage month, Harrah's Ak-Chin hosted its 6th Annual Native American Heritage Event at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

The annual public event has been successful in building cultural awareness of the Four Sister Tribes, which are the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Gila River Indian Community, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Upon inception, back in 2019, HDS Program Manager, Erica Oliver's initial purpose in planning the heritage event, was to create a local event focused on showcasing the diverse cultural traditions of the four southern tribes of Arizona.

Even during the pandemic shutdowns, a virtual

experience was created to allow the attendance of a virtual audience via the Harrah's Ak-Chin Facebook Page.

This year's event was opened with a blessing provided by the event host, Fred Lopez of the Tohono O'odham Nation, followed by the traditional song and dance groups: Wa:k Tab Basket Dancers, Kaij Mek Ne'edam Kc Keihindam, Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam, Ak-Chin Ba'ban Keina, Bird Singing and Dancing by the River, and the San Simon School.

Lunch was catered by Vekol Market. If you were not able to attend the Heritage Event this year, please plan to join us next year!



Wa:k Tab Basket Dancers



Kaij Mek Ne'edam Kc Keihindam



Bird Singing By the River



San Simon Traditional Dance Group



Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam

Ak-Chin Ba'ban Keina



Ak-Chin Ba'ban Keina



Ak-Chin Circle ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

HOLIDAY HOURS

December 23rd - January 3rd
Bowling & Theater Will Open at 11:00AM

16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa AZ 85139
Ak-ChinCircle.com

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DECEMBER 2024

CAESARS REWARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	2 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK WITH CAESARS REWARDS OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE NFL GAME ON!	3 HOLIDAY COOKWARE GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	4 FREEZING FREE SLOT PLAY 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PIGSKIN PICK'EM	5 FOREVER YOUNG WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	6 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	7 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS
8 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	9 REDEEM REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	10 HOLIDAY COOKWARE GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	11 FREEZING FREE SLOT PLAY 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PIGSKIN PICK'EM	12 WIN YOUR WHEELS! FOREVER YOUNG WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	13 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	14 TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB CANTINA NIGHTS
15 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	16 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK & X!	17 HOLIDAY COOKWARE GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM	18 FREEZING FREE SLOT PLAY 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PIGSKIN PICK'EM	19 FOREVER YOUNG WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	20 AGAVE'S RESTAURANT CANTINA NIGHTS	21 GIFT SHOP TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP CANTINA NIGHTS
22 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	23 5X 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	24 HOLIDAY COOKWARE GIVEAWAY PIGSKIN PICK'EM 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	25 Happy holidays HOLIDAY MYSTERY GIFT SWEEPSTAKES PIGSKIN PICK'EM 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	26 WIN YOUR WHEELS! FOREVER YOUNG WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	27 5X 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	28 WIN YOUR WHEELS! DRAWINGS CANTINA NIGHTS
29 SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	30 CAESARS SPORTSBOOK WITH CAESARS REWARDS OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE NFL GAME ON!	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION PIGSKIN PICK'EM	CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S 2025 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024 PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER EXECUTIVE HOT SEATS · MIDLAND			

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Ak-Chin Indian Community

2024 MASIK TAS CELEBRATION

Everyone Welcome

- December 10: Elder Chair Volleyball
- December 14: Traditional Games – Light Parade
- December 15: Fun/Run Walk
- December 18: Youth Council Chudth
- December 19: Team roping
- December 20-22: Basketball Tournament – Carnival - Rodeo – Concert

***Clear bag policy** - bags must be made of clear materials, not color/tinted, and the size must not exceed 12x6x12. Only medical and diaper bags will be permitted, but they must be searched, as will lawn chairs/wagons and blankets.

RODEO EVENTS Ak-Chin Circle Arena | 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.



TEAM ROPING Thursday December 19th

BOOKS OPEN AT 9AM

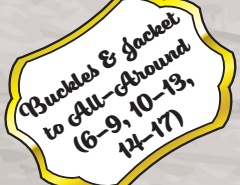
- 1ST ROPING:** #9 Pick 1 Draw 2 for \$150.00 Enter 2Xs Capped at a 5+
- 2ND ROPING:** #11 Pick 1 Draw 2 for \$150.00 Enter 2Xs Capped at a 6+
- 3RD ROPING:** Cowboy Draw Draw 3 for \$150.00 Enter: 2Xs

100% Payback
100% Payback
 All Ropings are 3-steer
 Flaggers Decision Final (MANAGEMENT MAY CHANGE ANY ROPING)
 Contact Delbert White: dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-414-5515



JR. RODEO Friday December 20th at 9am

ENTRY CATEGORIES:	5 YEARS & UNDER	6-9 YEARS OLD	10-13 YEARS OLD	14-17 YEARS OLD
	Sheep Riding (limit 20)	Calf Riding (limit 20)	Steer Riding (limit 20)	Bull Riding (limit 20)
	Dummy Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
	Goat Tail Pull (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (limit 20)
	Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)	Flag Race (limit 20)	Breakaway (limit 20)	Breakaway (limit 20)
	Entry Fee: \$30	Entry Fee: \$35	Team Roping 2X (limit 20)	Team Roping 2x (limit 20)
			Entry Fee: \$40	Entry Fee: \$45
				Wild Donkey Race (limit 6 teams)
				Entry Fee: \$150

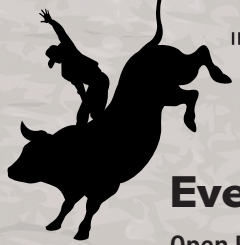


Safety Vest required for All Rough Stock events. Western Attire Enforced
 No late entries, no phone entries, no refunds. *Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note.
 Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo. All payments must include rodeo entry form.
 To receive payout, contestants must show birth certificate.

ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT
 **Contestants must stay in their own age category.
 **Ribbon Roping Muggers in the 6-9 & 10-13 age divisions only.
 ***Team Roping & Ribbon Roping partner must be 18 years or older

MANDATORY CHECK-IN | All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS
 Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted.
 Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2024 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted.

***MAIL-IN & WALK IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED SEE INFORMATION BELOW**



BULL BASH Friday December 20th at 4pm

Events	Fee	Added \$
Open Bull Bash (limit 30)	\$200	\$500
Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10)	\$150	\$500
Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10)	\$75	\$500

ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT
 To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification.



MANDATORY CHECK-IN
 All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.
 Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2024 Rodeo
 **No personal checks accepted

BOOKS OPEN NOVEMBER 8, 2024

***MAIL-IN & WALK IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED SEE INFORMATION BELOW**

OPEN WILD HORSE RACE December 21st & 22nd

\$500 per Team | 18 Team Limit

100% Payback



ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT
 No phone entries, no refunds.
 Contact Delbert White: dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-414-5515

MANDATORY CHECK-IN
 To receive payout, contestants must complete W-9 and provide a form of identification. All contestants must be 18 years old to participate and sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS



\$1,000 ADDED MONEY

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. No Personal Checks accepted**
 Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2024 Rodeo

***MAIL-IN & WALK IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED SEE INFORMATION BELOW**

OPEN RODEO December 21st & 22nd

PERFORMANCE TIMES

Performances on Saturday & Sunday at 12pm
 Slack at 8am (if needed)

ONE TIME ADMIN FEE OF \$20 PER CONTESTANT
 No phone entries, no refunds.

Contact Delbert White: dwhite@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-414-5515

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MANDATORY CHECK-IN
 All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

*Century Team Roper Participants must be 50+ *4 Tribes Team Roper Participants must be enrolled member of Ak-Chin, Gila River, Tohono O'odham, or Salt River, must provide proof upon request. *Will not count for All-Around/Only one highest placing money won in Team Roping will count toward All-Around. **Must be 18 years old to participate!**
 One time Admin Fee of \$20 per contestant. Team Ropers must pay for full team in ONE envelope with separate entry forms. All payments must include Rodeo Entry Form.

Events	Fee	Added \$
Bareback (limit 20)	\$150	\$1000
Saddle Bronc (limit 20)	\$150	\$1000
Bull Riding (limit 30)	\$150	\$1000
Steer Wrestling (limit 30)	\$150	\$1000
Tie Down Roping (limit 30)	\$150	\$1000
Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 50)	\$150	\$1000
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40)	\$150	\$1000
Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 50)	\$300/Team	\$2000
Team Roping (2X) (limit 100)	\$300/Team	\$2000
Century Team Roping (2Xs)* (limit 50)	\$300/Team	\$2000
4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)*	\$300/Team	\$2000



\$15,000 ADDED MONEY

Buckles to each event winner!

100% Payback

MAIL-IN & WALK IN ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRIES OPEN: November 8, 2024
 ENTRIES CLOSE: December 6, 2024
MAIL-IN ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY December 6, 2024

MAIL-INS
 Ak-Chin Indian Community
 ATTN: Community Events
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

WALK INS
 Ak-Chin Tribal Offices
 Monday-Friday 8a-5p
 42507 W Peters & Nall Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

WALK INS
 December 14 | 10am - 6pm
 Ak-Chin Entertainment Center
 16000 N. Maricopa Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

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