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Attendees participating in the 30th Annual Indian Nations & Tribal Leaders Legislative Day, invade the State Capitol for leadership issues and sessions.

Tribal Leaders participate in 30th Annual Legislative Day at State Capitol

Story & Photo by Runner Staff

Tribal leaders and representatives from the twenty-two tribes throughout the state of Arizona descended onto the State Capitol in Phoenix on Wednesday, January 15, to partake in the 30th Annual Indian Nations & Tribal Leaders Legislative Day, which was sponsored and coordinated by the Office on Tribal Relations.

Activities included addresses on the Senate floor from Gila River Indian Community Governor, Stephen Roel-Lewis, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President, Sandra Pattea, and Colorado River Indian Tribes Chairwoman, Amelia Flores.

The three tribal leaders were invited to speak by Senate President Warren Peterson and House Speaker Steve Montenegro.

During their address, the three leaders reminded Governor Katie Hobbs and members of the House that continued efforts to communicate, coordinate, and to have proper engagement in all matters pertaining to issues on tribal communities was priority.

Some of these issues included addressing sober-living home abuse, missing and murdered indigenous

people awareness, continued mitigation with the Colorado River, gaming and voting.

Governor Lewis also brought attention and potential inspiration to the young natives in attendance, that the future is bright and that with determination and dedication, there may be a time when we as tribes witness Native leaders sitting in the seat as Governor of Arizona.

Following a luncheon which was held on the Senate lawn, attendees were able to participate in Breakout Sessions which included; Arizona Department of Transportation: Partnering for Success and Lighting the Fire: Native Youth Navigating Advocacy in the Present and into the Future.

Prior to the Joint Protocol Session, representatives from the twenty-two tribes performed traditional songs, a Posting of Colors was given by the Pascua Yaqui Veterans Post 124 from Guadalupe, a Pledge of Allegiance by the Gila Crossing Community School, and an Invocation given by Miss Indian Arizona's Isabella Newman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Ak-Chin Council members who attended included; Vice-

Chairwoman Delia Carlyle, and Council Members Lisa Garcia and Dennis Antone. While this event was familiar to Chairwoman Carlyle and Council Member Garcia, this was Council Member Antone's first official outing in his capacity as Ak-Chin Council.

"Attending the Legislative Day at the State Capitol was a good experience for me, I was introduced to several tribal dignitaries; some I remembered from being on the youth council." Council Member Antone stated.

"I've been to the capitol, but had never been in the state senate building where meetings were held. It was a bit crowded but nonetheless, it was an overall good experience. My thoughts going into the event were to observe and listen; take as much information and business cards from everyone, to network for future business in the community. Information I took from attending the meeting was how everyone knew one another on a professional and business level. Taking from this, I feel it will help ease my position on council to go around and introduce myself to more tribal dignitaries as I go along with my position as a council member."

Kylie Gardner Awarded RAM of the Week



Congratulations to Kylie Gardner for her receiving RAMS of the Week Award from Maricopa High School!

"Well-deserved recognition and incredibly proud of the hard work she puts into her academics and for showing leadership to her peers," commented Savannah Boyd, the High School Advisor for Ak-Chin students.

This award is given to

students who are Responsible, Accountable, Mutually Respectful and Safe; students who go above and beyond, motivating their peers by being an outstanding role model.

These students also display their dedication, positivity and school spirit at MHS.

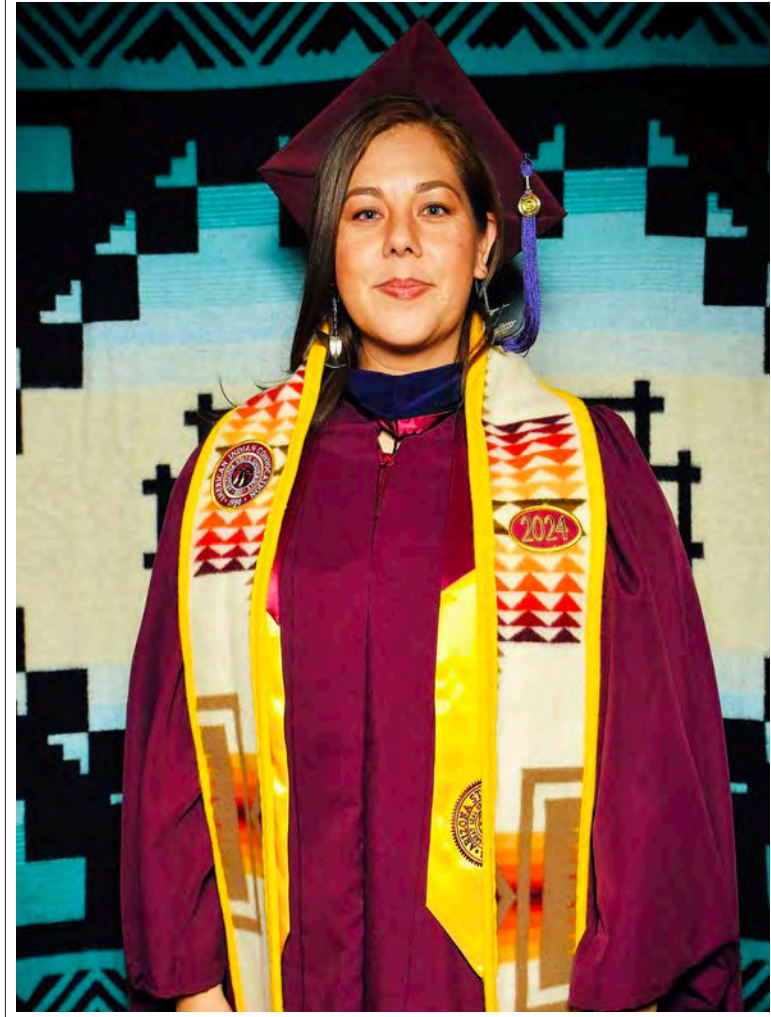
Kylie is the daughter of Karen and Rick Gardner and granddaughter of Evelina Lopez.

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Jennifer Boehm Obtains Masters Degree From ASU



Jennifer Boehm

For Ak-Chin Indian Community member, Jennifer Boehm, the desire to work in Tribal Government someday was a motivating factor in continuing her higher education journey, which took her to institutions that included Mesa Community College, Tohono O'odham Community College, and finally through

Arizona State University where she was able to obtain a degree in Master of Legal Studies & Tribal Governance, last year. The drive to become a leader through her efforts studying Tribal Government, was also inspired by the overall direction of continuing her education and to become a figure and role model for

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O'odham Dictionary Distributed to Members



Zaida Soliz, with Ak-Chin Language takes signatures from Rechanda Manuel, Ruby Smith, and Glenna Francisco.

Story & Photo by Ashley Vincent

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the Ak-Chin Language Department held a community distribution for each household to receive their very own O'odham Dictionary, which caters to the Ak-Chin dialect, "Dictionary of Ak-Chin O'odham."

Ak-Chin members that are the head of household on their lease were able pick up their dictionary at the language building from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The department also offered custom language department pencils for each to write notes in their dictionary if needed, as well as refreshments in the morning and lunch in the afternoon.

The Language Department was able to receive a three-year

grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), whom offer \$1.5 million in grants to fund projects that address different subjects within Native communities, such as cultural preservation, economic development, and Native language immersion.

Although, the department initially planned for a three-year deadline, they unfortunately had some barriers which prolonged their project, leaving them with only eight months to work on the dictionary from start to finish.

Ak-Chin Language was able to round up twenty Community Elders that dedicated their time to making this dictionary, a way to preserve our O'odham language for the community and members of all ages.

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Former Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel, addresses Tribal Leaders at ITCA Breakfast.

Chairman Robert Miguel Recognized During Breakfast

Story and photo by Runner Staff

Tribal Leaders throughout Arizona, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) recognized and honored former Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel during their annual breakfast, held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix prior to the Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

Following the Indian Nations & Tribes State of the State Address by Governor Katie Hobbs, former Chairman Miguel was welcomed up to the stage by ITAA Executive Director, Maria Dadgar, who along with ITAA Assistant Director, Thomas Throssell, presented him with a Pendleton blanket. The presentation was followed by comments from the former Chairman, who thanked the associations for their hard work and continued voice and advocacy for the 22 Tribes.

"I am humbled and honored to have served in the capacity of leadership not for my community, but for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA). It always has been my way of life to do all I can help and represent in all capacities when needed or asked," Miguel said.

"To have the confidence

and strong support of other tribal leaders to lead them and their respective communities within the association is a true honor. This is truly one of the highlights of my life."

Before stepping off of the stage, Gila River Governor Stephen Rowley, made his way to the podium to present former Chairman Miguel with a hand-made symbolic warrior shell necklace. Lewis shared its defined meaning of the Gila River Indian Community and their late Chief Azul, who was the last of the traditional leaders for the community.

Former Chairman Miguel had served in the capacity as 1st Vice-President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) for 10 years, a distinguished honor as he was unanimously nominated by his Tribal Leader peers during his time in office.

At the conclusion of the celebration, Paul Russell, Vice-President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation was sworn into office as President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA). Also sworn into office was Rosa Alvarez, Secretary of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Alvarez is now ITCA Executive Board Secretary/Treasurer.

Ak-Chin Dictionary continued from Front

The group included some "baby elders" and some golden age elders. All were paid for their time, which initially they did not know would happen, but were thankful for the incentive.

Ak-Chin Language Department highlighted four elders that they relied on for translating words that weren't commonly known in the O'odham language; Erno Lopez, Carole Lopez, Lena Santiago, and Janice Miguel.

Everyone worked immensely with the language staff on days they were able to meet, including weekends.

They would also have zoom meetings with former Language Department Co-Worker and current Yale University student, Jeremy Johns, who added his knowledge into making the dictionary.

along with the elders and language staff, Velacita Lopez, Lerline Peters, and Felicia Vincent.

When all the editing was done and the dictionary was finalized, 300 books were able to be printed first, then another 300 followed.

The department was left with the question of how they would be distributed among Ak-Chin members, deciding with the help of the community council, on one per household.

Prior to the January 22nd, distribution, the twenty elders that helped with the project were first to receive their O'odham dictionary.

Velacita and Lerline went house to house, personally delivering the dictionaries. Each elder also signed a copy of the dictionary, which will be submitted to the Ak-Chin archives.

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Elder Valentine's Tea Party



Thursday, February 6th, 2025
11:00am - 1:00pm
Historic BIA House
Ak-Chin Indian Community

Space is limited to the first 15 Elders
Please RSVP by February 3rd.

To RSVP or more information please call
the Museum at (520)-568-1350

Florine Ann Vincent

August 19, 1957 – December 18, 2024



We the family of Florine Vincent would like to thank everyone who stopped by and visited Florine while she was home and under hospice care. She was so happy to visit with family, friends and former co-workers before she was called home.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their condolences, prayers, words of comfort and encouragement in our time of sorrow. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers and food. Thank you to the pallbearers and everyone who assisted in laying Florine to rest.

Thank you to the following: Ak-Chin Community Council, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Ak-Chin Police Department, Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works, Ak-Chin Health and Human Services, Ak-Chin St. Francis of Assisi Church, Father Peter Theresa, J. Warren Funeral Home, Sally & Lawrence Antone, Lerline Peters, Flower Ruelas, Leo Lewis & Choirs, Dennis Antone, John Antone, Pickle Looper & Alicia Gomez, Evelina Lopez, Leeann Peters, Marilyn Thompson, Wynema Miguel, Bertha & Marvin Thomas, Delia Carlyle & Deanna Justin, Mercedes Rivera & Family, Teresa Valisto & Family, Evelyn Garcia, Joann Lewis & Family, Desirae Antone, Kristen Villegas, Connie & Robert Miguel, Mandy Iniestra & Family, Christina Enos & Bernadette Carra, Felicia Vincent & Norma Vincent, Lorice Manuel & Carlos Lopez, Shanna Narcia & daughter, THEMA Hospice Nurse & CNA, Strickland and Strickland

We apologize if we forgot to mention anyone, but please know we appreciate and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Christopher Vincent & Family
Ruby Smith & Family
Victoria A. Smith & Family
Sanya Enos & Family*

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by The Injury Prevention Program



FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

For Elders

Let's BE STRONGER, as we get older

JOIN US!!

Where: Elements (At Ak-Chin Circle)
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Questions? Call or email Teri De La Cruz at: (520) 568-1087 or TDelacruz@ak-chin.nsn.us

Elder Calendar

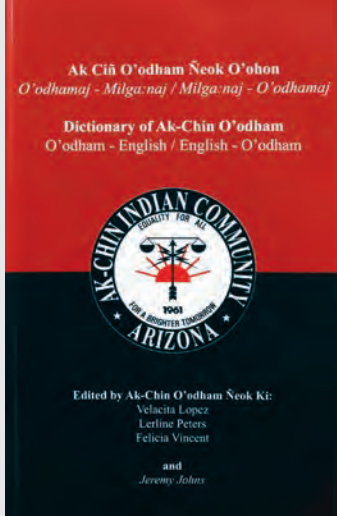
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM</p> <p>*For Transportation call Georgia at 520-568-1769</p> <p>*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760</p> <p>Menu Subject to Change Without Notice</p>				<p>1/24 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Salad</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Quarterly Birthdays, 12 noon</p> <p>Short Ribs & Hominy, Romaine Salad, Chumuth, Cake</p>
<p>1/27 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Red Chili Stew, Peas, Chumuth, Watermelon</p>	<p>1/28 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix Berries</p> <p>Grilled Chicken over Caesar Salad, Avocado, Sliced Apple/Orange</p>	<p>1/29 Breakfast Tostadas, Salsa, Sour Cream, Scone, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Hamburgers, French Fries, Baked Beans, Jell-O</p>	<p>1/30 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Romaine Salad, Vanilla Pudding</p>	<p>1/31 Chorizo & Eggs Scrambled, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Turnover/Fruit</p> <p>White Beans with Spinach, Pork Chop, Carrots, Tropical Fruit</p>
<p>2/3 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs Toast, Banana</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Valentine Wreath Craft Leaving at 9:30AM</p> <p>Pork Chops Sweet Potato/Potato (D) Romaine Salad Whole Wheat/White Roll Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>2/4 Ham & Eggs, Potatoes Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Black Eyed Peas Soft Beef Taco (D) Normandy Vegetables Moon Bread, Grapes</p>	<p>2/5 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mix Berries</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Movie Day</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo, Peas Romaine Salad, Thumb Print Cookies</p>	<p>2/6 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Elder Valentine Tea Party 11AM to 1PM Historic BIA House</p> <p>Red Stuffed Bell Peppers Black Beans, Broccoli</p>	<p>2/7 Breakfast Burrito Salsa & Sour Cream Scone, Fruit</p> <p>Tilapia or Chicken Peas & Carrots Wild Rice, Apple Sauce</p>

In the near future the department would like for everyone over the age of eighteen to have their own copy of the dictionary, but for now it is limited to one per household. Copies will also be given to each department including the Ak-Chin Library, where it will be available on the bookshelf to use as a reference.

thank you to all of the community elders that

came together to make the dictionary happen, as well as the Ak-Chin Council, the Contracts and Grants Department, Jeremy Johns, and Lenny Dempsey.

For those that were unable to stop by the Language building during the distribution, the dictionary will be available for pick-up during the Language business hours which is Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.



The Ak-Chin Language Department would like to send a huge

Visit From Santa Pt.2

Story & Photos by K. Villegas

December 19, 2024, youngsters at Ak-Chin Preschool were surprised by a visit from Santa, with the aid from the Ak-Chin Fire Department.

The kids were excited to find Mr. Claus sitting and waiting for them with an abundance of gifts.

The classes waited anxiously for their individual photos with Santa; where they received a personalized stocking and their gift.



Once all individual photos were taken the groups huddled by Santa for class photos. Pictured from top-bottom, Ms. Mary's 3 year-old class; Mrs. Billie's 4 year-old class and Mrs. Francine's 4 year-old class.



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.

Resolve to live better!



Challenge yourself

Positive attitude

Be kind

Set realistic goals and list the steps you'll take to achieve them.

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



WIC

Tuesday,
February 04, 2025
8:15a-11:45am
EPD Building

Do you qualify for WIC?

- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children under the age of 5

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



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

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, January 28, 2025 at the Justice Center Conference Room.

Case: PS-10-24 Harrah's Casino Expansion - Casitas and Pool:

Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Tawney, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to expand the Harrah's Hotel property. The project consists of:

- 18,000 Square foot Casitas building; and
- 2 new pools and hot tubs; and
- Shaded lounge seating areas, cabanas and fire pit; and
- Pedestrian connection to the existing Hotel and Casino; and
- Full landscape package that ensures privacy for the guests.

Case: SD-09-24 Harrah's Casino Expansion - Harrah's High Limit:

Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Tawney, is requesting Site Development Plan approval to retrofit the former Poker area to accommodate new high limit gaming area. The project consists of:

- Future capacity of High Limit area to approximately 102 machines; and
- New carpet, architectural and decorative wall finishes, and furnishings; and
- Installation of the new bar with 11 bar-top machines; and
- Installation of the new lounge/sitting area.

Case: PS-02-24 Southern Dunes Clubhouse & Ancillary Facilities

Project Applicant/Southern Dunes Golf Course General Manager, Brady Wilson, is requesting Site Development Plan approval to expand and renovate the Clubhouse and Ancillary Facilities of the Southern Dunes Golf Course. The project consists of:

- Rerouting utilities; and
- Expansion of the parking lot with a total of 287 parking spaces which includes 7 ADA and 2 Van accessible parking slots.

2024 Year in Review



Jennifer Boehm continued from Front

others that you can pursue your passion, in particular, her children and family.

“My family and my kids are what have inspired me to continue my education,” Jennifer said. “I love learning new things, whether it’s at an educational institution, in the workplace or from elders. I believe being a knowledgeable person is important and to instill that in my children, I wanted to work towards my own education.”

Jennifer graduated from Maricopa High School in 2002. Following graduation, she was employed in different capacities within the community, first as an employee for Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and with Ak-Chin’s Tribal Gaming.

She began her employment with the Ak-Chin Fire Department in March of 2008 and through hard work and discipline has attained the rank of Fire Captain.

During her employment career, Jennifer began taking classes at Mesa Community College (MCC) where she obtained an Associates of Fire Science-Emergency Management degree in 2010.

She attended Tohono O’odham Community College (TOCC) before transferring to Arizona State University where she attained her Bachelors of Science – Nonprofit & Leadership Management, Minor in American Indian Studies and Bachelors of Science – Public and Public Policy, both in 2022.

Jennifer’s selection of Arizona State University over other institutions was motivated by ASU’s involvement in Indigenous Tribes and how it strongly

supported American students. Jennifer was able to participate in extra-curricular activities during her educational drive that included; 2-24 Fall Arizona State University (ASU) Legal Program-Federal Advocacy for the Tribal Client participant, 2024 Tribal Self Governance Moderator, 2022 American Indian Policy Institute-Fall Cohort, 2014-2021 Volunteer Coach for the Ak-Chin Indian Community and City of Maricopa, and 2024 Men’s Final Four Tribal Representative.

The Men’s Final Four Basketball event was held in Arizona and the Ak-Chin Indian Community was a local presenting sponsor. As a student from Arizona State University, Jennifer was selected to participate in pre-game activities where she was able to represent not only ASU but the Ak-Chin Community during the singing of the National Anthem where she was able to hold the Ak-Chin flag. The event was televised globally. Although Jennifer’s higher education drive took nearly fourteen years to complete, she continued to persevere through obstacles and trying endeavors to fulfill a dream, a dream that obviously had its moments.

“I’ve had plenty of hard classes such as Assessment and Evaluations of Statistics of Contract Law,” she said. “But I did enjoy learning most about tribes, especially the history, place within the federal government and what self-governance means. Classes that I enjoyed were Civil Jurisdiction in Indian Country, Tribal Self-Governance

Native and Indigenous students. Languages and Culture.”

As she gets closer to a potential opportunity to lead in any capacity, Jennifer reflected on truly what intrigued her to pursue her degree. “Learning about tribal governments and the impacts their decisions make not only in their communities but for all tribal nations, I wanted to ensure that when or if my time comes to be a part of my own tribe’s government, that I have all the necessary skills and knowledge to make the most effective decisions that will move us forward.”

During her time at ASU, Jennifer was able to meet great students and individuals who were focused on being leaders and how the group worked together in helping each other to advance in their areas of study. Reflecting back on what helped in maintaining a structured and stable process, Jennifer shared that spending time with her boys and family was key. Playing softball with the family team, Warriors, was also instrumental in not consuming her mind to much in class efforts.

Anything different Jennifer would have done during her drive, was that she wished that believed in herself sooner. “When I first started attending college, I would constantly doubt myself and question the worth of my efforts,” she said. “Over time I learned that you need to be your biggest supporter. Some people might not understand what or why you are on the path you are on, and that’s okay, as long as you can see your vision, keep at it.”

She also added that support is crucial and

does help make the journey easier so find your people that will cheer you on and pick you up!

Advice Jennifer would like to recommend to younger students looking to further their education, is to take action and keeping moving forward no matter the obstacles.

She shares that failure is inevitable for growth but it is a important to find the strength to continue on their respective paths.

She also encourages members to take advantage of the



Jennifer with her kids Mateo, Benjamin and Antonio;



Jennifer with her grandmother Evelina Lopez throwing up the ASU fork.



Jennifer and mother Elaine Peters following graduation ceremony

resources available so she can stay active until her fire service is complete. She then will start looking for opportunities to start a full-time career in tribal government.

Jennifer is the daughter of Elaine Peters and James Boehm, and the granddaughter of Evelina Lopez. Siblings include James Boehm, Renee Boehm, Justine Peters and Terry Boehm.

Her children include Antonio Rodriguez, Mateo Rodriguez, Isaac King and Benjamin King. Right now, Jennifer is currently looking for a part-time or volunteer position within tribal

2025 DEADLINE CALENDAR



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- Submission Deadline
- Deadline Week
- Distribution Day
- Runner Closed for Holiday

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ART SESSION: CERAMICS

COME CREATE!
LEARN HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH

Location: Art Building (Him-Dak Museum)
Session Begins: January 28, 2025
Session Ends: March 06, 2025
When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from
11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)
4:30PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

COME IN ANYTIME BETWEEN THE TIMES ABOVE/ WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE

Transportation Provided
Pick Up and Drop Off within the Ak-Chin Indian Community
For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:00 p.m.)

For any additional questions please call: 520-568-1350

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INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN PAT'S RUN? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!
AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION WILL SPONSOR 30 INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE IN-PERSON 4.2 MILE EVENT.

LEGACY IN EVERY STRIDE

20th ANNUAL PAT'S RUN

DETAILS:
- PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION FOR A REGISTRATION CODE & REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE.
- SPONSORSHIP IS AVAILABLE FOR AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES, AK-CHIN RESIDENTS, AND AK-CHIN EMPLOYEES.
- SPONSORSHIPS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE UNTIL WE REACH 30 REGISTERED ENTRIES.
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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MARTINA PETERS AT (520)568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
1961
FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
ARIZONA

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
- Custodian
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Electrician - Maintenance
- Lead Custodian
- Maintenance Technician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Security System Technician
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Youth Council Coordinator

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only
• Temporary Worker

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

SAVE THE DATE

EARTH DAY at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort

AK-CHIN EARTH DAY
Tuesday 22 APRIL

Food, Raffle, Fun & So Much More!

APRIL 22, 2025

More Info to Follow. For Questions Contact Environmental Programs at 520-568-1140

Wishes

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Mateo and Ian and granddaughter Audrina
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Cubby and Papa
Love, your family

Valentine Crafts

Wednesday, February 5th, 2024
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Him Dak Art Building

Open to all Ak-Chin Members and Residents

Transportation provided within the Community.
Please call (520)-568-1350 before 4:00 PM to schedule transportation or for further information.

CAUTION: SOME CRAFTS REQUIRE THE USE OF HOT GLUE GUN

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS
1/25 - 2/6

1/25 Jamie Salcido, Early Childhood	1/31 Carlton Carlyle, EPD
1/26 Thomas Carlyle, Sanitation Beatrice Romo, Recreation	2/1 Christopher Cypriano, Community Operations
1/28 Avnel Hogan, Housing Felicia Vincent, Education	2/4 Francine Sanchez, Preschool
	2/6 Caleb Gilbert, Fire

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
FREE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

February 27th, 2025 7am-3pm
APPOINTMENT ONLY. NO WALK UPS!
Dogs must be on a leash & Cats must be in a kennel

- All pets must be under 60 pounds to safely receive anesthesia and surgery on the mobile clinic
 - Larger dogs of unknown weight will be weighed at the time of check in
 - Animals over 60 pounds will be dismissed from the clinic
 - A weight estimation formula based on a single measurement of the chest at the level of the elbows is available on request for communities where owners may not readily know the weight of their pet
- As spay/neuter is an elective procedure, animals should be completely healthy prior to surgery
 - For communities where deferral or referral of cases is not possible, animals that are not completely healthy will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Cats should be at least 6 weeks of age and 1.5 pounds prior to spay or neuter
- Dogs should be at least 8 weeks of age and 2 pounds
 - Female puppies under 12 weeks may be triaged for a later surgical date dependent on a case by case risk assessment by the attending clinician
 - Male dogs with suspected cryptorchidism should be at least 6 months of age before surgery
- Animals over 16 weeks (4 months) of age should not eat for at least 6 hours prior to surgery
 - Free access to water is allowed at all times, especially in hot temperatures

For questions please contact Ranger Grizzle
@HGrizzle @ak-chin.nsn.us

(520) 568-1220 46200 W Ralph St. Maricopa, AZ 85139

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT
SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

2025 Transit Schedule Changes
CLOSED ALL DAY

Presidents Day, February 17th

Please make alternate arrangements for transportation on these dates. For any transit related questions please call (520)568-1630
Thank you!!

Birthdays 1/25 - 2/6

JANUARY 25TH Jaime Salcido	Byron White Paulette Kisto Patricia Perillo Lucas Antone April Smith	FEBRUARY 2ND Jonah Dickerson David Manuel, Jr. Preciousrose Warren
JANUARY 26TH Freddie Salas Yasmine Rogers Beatrice Romo Thomas Carlyle	JANUARY 30TH Horacio Valles Micah Coble	FEBRUARY 3RD Elizabeth Antone
JANUARY 27TH Anthony Rogers Mario Santiago Lydell Delowe Jr. Chelsea Mike	JANUARY 31TH Carlton Carlyle Sr. Mateo Rodriguez Celeste Gloria	FEBRUARY 4TH Latasha White
JANUARY 28TH Felicia Vincent Richard Quintero Anariee Carra Aniyaa Carra	FEBRUARY 1ST Chyenne Anderson Angelina Arellanes - Burgos Adam Bowman Christopher Cypriano Ian Narcia	FEBRUARY 5TH Charles Carlyle Dominique Nosie-Romo
JANUARY 29TH Spencer Antone		FEBRUARY 6TH Audrina Antone Stella Miguel

February 2/2025

Library Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm, Sat: 12pm-4pm, Sun: Closed

Go on a Blind Date With a Book At the Ak-Chin Library

Celebrate Black HISTORY month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	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	1

Storytime 2:30pm

Make and Take 3pm-5pm

Storytime 2:30pm

Pokémon DAY 3pm-6pm

BINGO! 2pm-4pm

MEDIUMS MOCKTAILS 4pm-6pm

WALA 12pm

After School Meals: MON-FRI: 4PM-6PM, SATURDAY: 1PM-3PM

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



Rope's Round-Up

February 14th-17th, 2025

Everyone Welcome

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

OPEN WOMEN'S RODEO Friday, February 14th @ 1pm

Events	Fee
Ladies Maverick Gathering (3 Lady Team) (limit 10)	\$300/Team
Steer Stopping (limit 30)	\$100
Ladies Barrel Racing (limit 50)	\$100
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 40)	\$100
Ladies Team Roping (2X) (limit 50)	\$200/Team
Ladies Steer Riding (limit 30)	\$100
Sweetheart Team Roping (2X) (limit 50)	\$200/Team
(Added Attraction) (1 side must be male)	



Buckles to event winners

100% Payback

Must be 18 years old to participate

OPEN JR. RODEO Saturday, February 15th @ 9am

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

5 YEARS & UNDER	6-9 YEARS OLD	10-12 YEARS OLD	13-15 YEARS OLD	16-18 YEARS OLD
Wooly Riding (limit 20)	Calf Riding (limit 20)	Steer Riding (limit 20)	Bull Riding (limit 20)	Bull Riding (limit 20)
Dummy Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)	Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Goat Tagging (limit 20)	Barrel Racing (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)	Breakaway (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$40	Entry Fee: \$50	Team Roping 2X (limit 20)	Team Roping 2X (limit 20)	Team Roping 2X (limit 20)
		Entry Fee: \$55	Entry Fee: \$60	Entry Fee: \$60
			Wild Pony Race (limit 6)	Wild Pony Race (limit 6)
			\$180 per team	\$180 per team
			Maverick Gathering (limit 6)	Maverick Gathering (limit 6)
			(3 Kid Team)	(3 Kid Team)
			\$180 per team	\$180 per team

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.

100% Payback

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

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

Cash, Money Order, or Cashier's Checks accepted.
**No personal checks accepted.

**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

OPEN RODEO Sunday, February 16th @ 1pm

PERFORMANCE TIME
Performance on Sunday, February 16th at 1pm
Slack at 8am (if needed)

Events	Fee
Ranch Bronc Riding (limit 20)	\$100
Bull Riding (limit 30)	\$100
Chute dogging (limit 30)	\$100
Daily Tie Down Roping (limit 30)	\$100
Ladies Barrel Racing (limit 50)	\$100
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 50)	\$100
Ladies Team Roping (2X) (limit 50)	\$200/Team
Open Team Roping (2X) (limit 100)	\$200/Team
Century Team Roping (2X)* (limit 50)	\$200/Team
Sr. Break Away Roping* (limit 50)	\$100
4 Tribes Team Roping (2X)* (limit 50)	\$200/Team
Maverick Gathering (4 man team)	\$400/Team
Open Wildhorse Race (limit 12)	\$500/Team



100% Payback

Buckles to event winners

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. **No personal checks accepted. No phone entries, no refunds.
*Except with an acceptable doctors/vet note. Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo. To receive payout, contestants provide a form of identification.

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

*Century Team Ropers & *Sr. Breakaway 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.** Team Ropers must pay for full team in ONE envelope with separate entry forms.

TRAILER ROPING Monday, February 17th

ENTER AT 9AM - ROPE AT 10AM



9.5 (Capped @ 5.5)
Pick 1 Draw 1 for \$200 Enter 3X
(Open to first 100 Teams)

Open Cowboy Draw
\$100 per entry
Enter 6X



100% Payback

All Ropings are 3-steer
Flagger's Decision Final (MANAGEMENT MAY CHANGE ANY ROPING)

Points to 1-10 in the average.

MAIL-IN & WALK IN ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRIES OPEN: Tuesday, January 7th
ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, February 11th
MAIL-IN ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Monday, February 3rd

MAIL-INS
Rope's Round-Up
ATTN: Penny L. Mix, CES
PO Box 1875
Sacaton, AZ 85147

WALK INS
Saturday, February 8th
10A - 5P
Ak-Chin Entertainment Center
16000 N. Maricopa Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

For More Information Contact:
Tami Justin
520-510-3895

Ak-Chin Indian Community and Stock Contractor are not responsible for accidents, injury, loss or theft during this event.

VALENTINE'S DAY DEAL

***\$30**
*ONLY VALID ON VALENTINE'S DAY 2025

2 GAMES PER COUPLE (SHOES INCLUDED) | 1 PEPPERONI PIZZA | 1 PITCHER OF SODA

16000 N. MARICOPA RD. MARICOPA AZ 85138

Ak-ChinCircle.com **PLAY WIN** Center

\$100 DATE Night

FRIDAY FEB 14

SPECIAL INCLUDES
1 Bottle of Wine
2 Entrees of your Choice
1 Dessert 2 Movie Tickets
2 Reg. Drinks & 1 Lrg. Popcorn

*Valid ONLY on Valentines Day Feb. 14 2025
AkChinCircle.com

PARTY TIME! SAVE 50% HALF OFF HEMAPDA KI ROOM RENTAL

ARROYO GRILLE

RECEIVE HALF OFF HEMAPDA KI 4 HOUR ROOM RENTAL RATE FOR PARTIES BOOKED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025. MUST MENTION COUPON TO REDEEM. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER SPECIALS, OFFERS, DISCOUNTS OR HARRAH'S REWARDS. ONE COUPON PER BOOKING. NON-TRANSFERABLE. OFFER EXPIRES 01/31/25

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JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	BATH & SPA TOWEL SET GIVEAWAY! MONDAY • JANUARY 20, 2025 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS • NOON - 7PM EVENTS CENTER • NOON - 7PM					
						LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS