



Ak-Chin Energy Services Board Member, Charles "Chuck" Carlyle (left) along with son, Carlton Carlyle, Sr., is presented an award for his 24 years of service on the ACES Board.

## ACES Honors Carlyle For Years of Service

Story and photo by Robert Miguel

An awards presentation and luncheon was held in honor of Charles "Chuck" Carlyle, who called it a career after twenty-four years to the Community and the Ak-Chin Energy Services Board.

Friends, family and members of the Community Council were present on September 17, at Ak-Chin Water Reclamation facility, to acknowledge Charles, who was gifted with a glass plaque and a

traditional basket.

Due to health reasons, Charles was unable to attend the event. So, his son Carlton Carlyle, Sr. accepted the plaque on his behalf.

Current and former board members and Consultant who were present included: Maria Hernandez, Angelina Soliz, Carlton Carlyle Sr., Jacolby King, Lenny Gold, Robin Reynolds and Ed Gerak.

The luncheon began with an "Honor Song" performed by Environmental Programs Manager, Roman Orona.

Charlie's family present, that included his son, sisters and ex-wife, were grateful to all who played a role in honoring him at the luncheon.

Throughout his career, Charles served on many Boards and Committees for the community.



Taggers have unfortunately made it a priority to destroy brand new play equipment with graffiti in the newly built housing subdivision

## A Sad Story About YOUR New Parks

Story and photo by Robert Miguel, with contribution from Ak-Chin Recreation Staff

The Community always strives to bring a new beginning to its membership by providing opportunities in all areas, in particular with housing prospects, the need to deliver this service has been a major priority.

Recently, the community was able to slowly give members' home ownership by opening up the Desert Willow subdivision.

The smiles, joy and positive comments have

been plenty, especially for those who lived off of the community; eagerly awaiting to come back to their community.

With the new homes came the opportunity for families, especially children, to enjoy a new park with play equipment, where they could slide down slides, be pushed on swings, and climb on the play equipment provided.

Unfortunately, this new playground has been vandalized by individuals

or an individual, with disrespectful tagging and graffiti.

This action has sadly diminished anticipation and excitement of what the community is proud of.

The following is a plea from the Ak-Chin Recreation Department, who oversees the playgrounds and the Ak-Chin Community parks, overall.

Hello Ak-Chin Indian Community,

## Ak-Chin Community partakes in 9/11 Events

Story and photos by Robert Miguel

Twenty-four years ago, the United States of America suffered the greatest tragedy in its history as terrorists coordinated attacks with aircrafts killing nearly three thousand people in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Since then, 9/11 memorials have been held throughout the country every year to remember the victims lost and to show strength as a united nation. One the first memorials was the Tribute in Lights in New York city where the World Trade Center Twin Towers once stood, the towers collapsed after being hit by two planes.

Also at the World Trade Center site, the Reflecting Absence memorial was built, which consists of a brilliant pool and in the paths of the towers, surrounded by a list of the victim's names in an alternative memorial space.

In Arlington County, Virginia, the Pentagon Memorial was completed and opened to the public in 2008. The memorial consists of a landscaped park with 184 benches facing the Pentagon.

In Shanksville, Virginia, a concrete and glass and visitor center was opened in 2015 on a hill overlooking the crash

site, a white marble wall named, the Wall Names, is a structure naming all victims who perished in the Shanksville crash.

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, Ak-Chin hosted and participated in events and activities within the community and schools.

Complex and concluded through the new Desert Willow subdivision.

A good number of partakers, including children, adults and even a dog happily made their way through the route as the morning sun slowly started to peak its way onto the horizon. Fol-



Members of American Legion Post 133 Present the Colors at Legacy Traditional School.

The Ak-Chin Police Department hosted a 9/11 Memorial 5K, as participants came bright and early for the 6 am start.

The run/walk began at the Multi-Purpose Justice

lowing the event, a light breakfast was served for all attendees.

The Ak-Chin Fire Department participated in a Patriots Day Flag Ceremony at Legacy Traditional

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## Archers Hit a Bull's Eye During Training

Story and photos by Robert Miguel

For nearly twenty children and adults, the opportunity to learn how to shoot a bow and arrow, was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning as Patrol Officer Harry Grizzle of the Ak-Chin Police Department hosted an Archery Training Session on

September 13th at the Ak-Chin Rodeo Grounds near the Entertainment Center.

Prior to making their way to the rodeo grounds, a slideshow was given at the Ak-Chin Police Department. The slideshow featured

personal photos of Officer Grizzle hunting and fishing outdoors. He wanted to show the passion and experience he had out in the open, which also included the desire for archery.

Following the slides, Officer Grizzle showed

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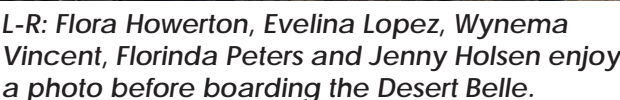
Ak-Chin Patrol Officer, Harry Grizzle, explains how to properly pull back a bow to Amelia Osife and Yolanda Miranda as Richard Perry and Lisa Garcia look on at the Ak-Chin Rodeo Grounds.

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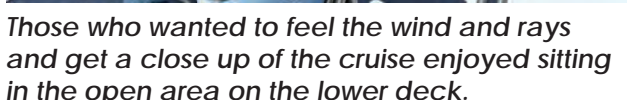




Over a dozen elders were able to enjoy the amazing Desert Belle Cruise, on Friday, September 5th, along with Ak-Chin elder staff members who made sure every arrangement was ready to go, before elders arrived at 7 am.

Once the busses made it to the parking lot, everyone was able to get a in a little stretch, potty break and take in the breathtaking views of the lake and marina, while everyone waited to get their ticket.

A wide river flows through a desert landscape. In the foreground, a person is in a small green kayak. Further down the river, several other people are in kayaks or canoes. On the left bank, there are trees and a small campsite with people. The right bank is a steep, rocky hillside covered in cacti and shrubs.

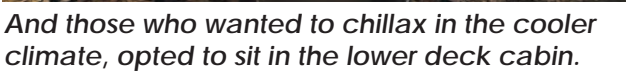


Before heading back to the marina, he pointed out Butcher Jones Picnic Site and Beach, and from afar it really did look like a beach.

Once safely back on land, the group headed back to the busses and shuttled to the next destination, lunch at Golden Corral.

Many elders have still been talking about the great time they had on the trip, so Elder Center Director, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett and her staff are looking at hopefully planning at least one more trip to Saguaro Lake, while the weather is still nice.

For more information  
on the Desert Belle



Story and photos by Raychel Peters

Cruise, you can visit [desertbellecruises.com](https://desertbellecruises.com)  
their website at <https://>



**No Alcohol or Drugs Allowed**

# Elder Calendar

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
<div><div>* Breakfast Served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM</div><div>* Lunch Served from 12 PM to 1 PM</div><div>* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1760</div><div>* Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760</div><div>* Thursdays: Elder Chair Yoga 9 AM - 10 AM</div><div>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE</div></div>								9/19 Ham Steak Scrambled Eggs Potatoes Grapes with Cottage Cheese	
9/22 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana  Angel Home Health Presentation w/ Erin Kariuki  Beef Burrito, Bowl, w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Beans, Avocado, Ambrosia Salad		9/23 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit & Yogurt  Baked Chicken, Mashed Potato, Peas, Watermelon		9/24 Bread Pudding Scrambled Eggs Bacon Fruit Salad  Potato Soup & Salads, Plums		9/25 Omelet, Hashbrown, Avocado Slices, Apples  Red Chili Indian Taco, Ice-Cream		9/26 CENTER CLOSED NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY	
9/29 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs Toast Fruit  Green Chili Pork, Spanish Rice, Chumath, Pineapple		9/30 Breakfast Tostadas, Salsa & Sour Cream Fruit w/Cottage Cheese  Tuna or Chicken Sandwich, Tomato/ Cucumber w/Cottage Cheese, Apple Cobbler		<div>Health Benefits of Chicken</div> <div>Chicken is a complete protein, meaning it contains all nine essential amino acids. Amino acids are needed for muscle growth, brain function, and overall health. It is also low in fat, sodium, and calories, making it an excellent choice for people of all ages.</div> <div>As a lean protein, chicken supports cardiovascular health by being low in cholesterol and saturated fat. Chicken contains calcium and phosphorus, which are essential for maintaining strong bones.</div>					



Sorry, No Transportation Provided

Sept. 29th - Oct. 10th

**2025 HIMDAK FALL ART PROGRAM**

 (For Members and Residents)

Location: Art Building  
(Please drop off kids north entrance of Art Building)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Mon.- Fr.)

Ages: K-12th Grade (For Members & Residents)

\*Registration is also available at the Him-Dak Museum

\*Will have breakfast, snack and lunch.

The Him-Dak Fall Art Program is broken down into four grade groups:

Grades K - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
(Accepting the first 15 kids signed up per grade group)

For any questions call:  
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum at 520-568-1350 or  
Email Waylon at: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us



## Youth Volleyball on the Comeback

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

Left photo: Aurelia Peters’ quick reaction helps team get ball over the net. Right photo: Ember Navarette serving while Riley Perry and the rest of the team get ready for the next move.



Through the many sports provided by the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation department, we see our youth grow into their talents on the court or field; helping them shape the athlete they choose to be.

With their newest season of Volleyball,

it is evident that these youngsters show not only their sportsmanship, but their drive during each game. The coaches are also there to provide supportive guidance to the youth. They also have a great crowd of their family and friends to motivate them to do their best.

Saturdays the groups go head-to-head in games, utilizing the practice they’ve received and putting it to the test on the court. The age groups range from 3-5 with 10 players, 6-8 with 17 players, and 9-12 years old with 24 players; with practices falling on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Recreation Program Coordinator, Jordan Gusse shared, “Our mini volleyball season is off to

a great start! The players have been working hard at practices, learning new skills, and showing off their progress during games. Their dedication and teamwork are shining through each week.”



The youth have a few more games before the season closes, the next game will fall on September 20, 2025 starting at 10 am.



Above (L-R) Group 6-8: Layla Santiago, Riley Perry, Ember Navarette, Elena Helpingstine, Aaron Peters Jr., Emerson Antone, Kaleb Rivers, Andrea Lopez, Alexandria Lopez.

Below (L-R) Group 9-12, Top Row: Brayden Gauna, Rosa Merriweather, Arian Coronado, John Zabawa, Kylie Hill, Yaniah Miguel, Aurelia Peters, Melody Gauna, Angelica Antone, Coach Joe Zabawa. Bottom Row: Victoria Gamez, Aaliyah Vincent, Jessica Zabawa, Jerzey Miguel, Evangelina Helpingstine, Eidan Helpingstine.

Our apologies, Group 3-5, will be featured soon.



AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

# STAGE RUN

VIRTUAL 10K OR HALF MARATHON

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE  
COMPLETE IN 25 DAYS

**10.06.25 - 10.30.25**

REGISTER USING GOOGLE FORMS, SCAN QR CODE.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 10TH, 2025.

SELECT YOUR RACE DISTANCE.

WALK OR RUN THE STAGE DISTANCES.

SUBMIT ALL TIMES FOR EACH COMPLETED STAGE.

EARN A \$10 GIFT CARD FOR EACH STAGE COMPLETED.

(MUST COMPLETE ALL STAGES FOR REGISTERED DISTANCE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY GIFT CARDS)

RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND MEAL VOUCHER AFTER COMPLETION.

**STAGES & DISTANCES**

**HALF MARATHON**

13.1 MILES

**10K**

6.2 MILES

**2.4K**

1.5 MILES

**5 DAYS**

STAGE 1 - 3.0 MILES

STAGE 2 - 3.0 MILES

STAGE 3 - 2.5 MILES

STAGE 4 - 2.5 MILES

STAGE 5 - 2.1 MILES

**3 DAYS**

STAGE 1 - 2.0 MILES

STAGE 2 - 2.1 MILES

STAGE 3 - 2.1 MILES

**1 DAY**

STAGE 1 - 1.5 MILES (FOR 55+ AND KIDS 12 & UNDER)

OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES, RESIDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES ONLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

## Family Game Night

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



Left, brothers Hezekiah and Yael Ramirez try to gain the upper hand over Library staff Angelo during Jenga. Above, Student Advisor Estrella plays matching game with her kids Evangelina and Eidan.

With technology taking over the average person’s every second, spending time away from a screen is rare. Though there isn’t much we can do about the advancements in tech use, there are still ways to socialize beyond the machines.

The Ak-Chin Indian

Community Library has been trying their efforts in different programs that grab the community’s attention and it was on August 27, 2025 when they invited folks to their Family Game Night.

This 5 PM scheduled game night included board games galore for all age

groups where a variety of players tried to gain wins against their opponents, those being their family members or Library Staff.

Friendly competition was had through out the night and with a light meal, all participants seemed to have their fair share of fun.

Library Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 12pm-4pm

Sun: Closed

9/2025

September

Library Card Sign-Up Month!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
	<div>1</div> <div>LABOR DAY</div> <div>Closed</div>	2	<div>3</div> <div>Storytime @10am</div>	4	5	6		
<div>7</div> <div>Happy Grandparents' Day!</div> <div></div>	8	<div>9</div> <div>Elders' Day 9am-10am</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Storytime @10am</div>	11	<div>12</div> <div>Video Games Day 3pm-6pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>WALA Music Class @12pm</div>		
14	<div>15</div> <div>Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15-Oct 15</div>	16	<div>17</div> <div>Storytime @10am</div>	18	19	<div>20</div> <div>Crafternoon 1pm-3pm</div>		
21	22	23	<div>24</div> <div>Storytime Puppet Show @10am</div>	25	<div>26</div> <div>Native American Recognition Day Closed</div>	<div>27</div> <div>N.A.R.D Closed</div>		
28	29	30	<div>1</div> <div>Storytime @10am</div>	2	<div>Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents and employees.</div> <div>Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.</div>			
READ-A-THON								
<div>Questions? Call: (520) 568-1675 or Email: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us</div>								

## National Video Game Day

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

The Ak-Chin Library presented a National Video Game Day game play for interested gamers to come and enjoy games played on the Nintendo Switch September 12, 2025.

Though the hope was for a huge crowd, the people who were in attendance seemed to enjoy the adrenaline inducing games.

One game that caught everyone’s eye was



Cuphead, a 1930’s styled game with challenging foes. The night helped start the weekend.

Did you know that National Video Game

Day is a thing? It falls on September 12, 2025, sharing a day with National Hugs and High 5’s Day and National Just One Human Family Day.

**Central Arizona College**

**GED Classes**

at the  
**Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building**

**HOW DO I REGISTER?**

**You must attend an Information Session!**

**When?**

**9 am Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**or**  
**1 pm Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Where?**

**Ak-Chin Indian Community Education Building**  
**46521 W. Farrell Road**  
**Maricopa, AZ 85139**

**CLASSES:**

- Start Friday, October 24, 2025
- Fridays | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. AND 3 hours/week online
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9/11 continued from Front

Members from the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort Team enjoy their time walking in remembrance as they display a flag with the Twin Towers.



Traditional School in Maricopa. Prior to actual events, Fire Captain Jennifer Boehm, and Paramedics Darren Peters and Francisco Preciado gave out goodies to students and gave them a tour and description of the ladder truck they had parked in the courtyard of the school.

Personnel from the American Legion Post 133 presented the colors to begin the ceremony, fourth grader DJ C then led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dean of Students, Mr. James Leone sang the National Anthem and was then followed by a

moment of silence.

The third grade Mozart students sang the song "Do You Remember", other presentations and comments were made before guests were invited to a light breakfast to close out the ceremony.



Ak-Chin Fire Department Paramedic Darren Peters explains to Legacy Traditional students the functions and gadgets of the ladder truck

Archery continued from Front

the bows and arrows that would be used and went over safety and rules that would be administered during the sessions.

At the rodeo grounds, stacks of hay with targets that included balloons were set up, groups of two were separated with children in one area and adults in another.

As each took their turn, Officer Grizzle and Animal Control Officer Samuel Atrawi, assisted with how to handle and pull back the two different bows that were used, which were the traditional recurve bow and a compound bow.

For most, it took a couple of tries before they were able to comfortably pull and release, hoping to hit their target.

The first attempts were taken from 10 yards away, then 20 and 30 yards. Following a brief break, the group began shooting from 30 yards away, and then 20 and 10 yards. Cheers and

excitement filled the arena as some were able to hit bull's eyes and or popped the balloons.

Although, some wanted to continue after feeling they were getting much better, the event had to come to a conclusion.

"Participants told me that the event was very enjoyable and informative and that they enjoyed it so much that they wanted to know if I would do another class," Grizzle said.

"Yes, I do plan on having other activities in the near future. I am wanting to put on a fishing derby for the community members.

With the weather becoming cooler, I would like to possibly put on a rodeo clinic for our youth and members."

The opportunity of bringing something different to the community in the outdoor aspect of a potential benefiting hobby, is what inspired Officer Grizzle

to put on the Archery Training Session.

Deemed a success, Officer Grizzle was extremely thankful for the help and support from Animal Control Officer Samuel Atrawi, Ak-Chin Police Officer Luis Coronado, Ak-Chin Police Officer Tristin Martin, Ak-Chin Police Sergeant Davis Garcia, Ak-Chin Police Evidence Tech Michelle Granados and Ak-Chin Police Chief Manuel Garcia Jr.

Officer Grizzle also wanted to acknowledge the participants for spending their Saturday at the sessions.

"I want to thank the participants for coming out and allowing me to share my knowledge with them. My goal is to have community members get outside and enjoy what Ak-Chin has to provide and mainly enjoy the outdoors."

The event concluded with a luncheon of subs from Jersey Mike's.



Animal Control Officer, Samuel Atrawi, shows a young archer how to properly pull back a bow prior to shooting at the target.

We're writing to you today with a bit of a heavy heart.

Recently, someone decided to put a real damper on our spirits by tagging not one, but two of our beloved spaces; our brand-new Desert Willow Park and beloved Milton Paul Antone Memorial Park; with graffiti.

Milton Paul Antone Memorial Park, a special place to honor a respected leader, was built with so much thought and dedication, intending to provide a serene space for reflection and community gatherings.

Similarly, Desert Willow Residential Park was designed as a beautiful new green space for families in that neighborhood.

We've also been pouring our energy into maintaining our beloved Hohokam Park with its vibrant play areas and picnic spots.

As you know, all our parks are true labors of love. We put in countless hours building, renovating, and maintaining these spaces.

We want to ensure that every corner, from the swings at Hohokam to the quiet pathways of Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park, and the fresh landscaping at Desert Willow, remains a fun, safe, and beautiful place for everyone to gather.

Seeing these parks defaced is truly disappointing and a setback to all that hard work.

Graffiti continued from Front  
Our parks belong to all of us, and they are here for generations to come. We can't let a few bad apples spoil the bunch. Let's work together to get to the root of this problem.

If you happen to see anything that looks out of place, please don't hesitate to say something!

You can call the Parks and Recreation Department directly at 520-568-1740.

Together, we can ensure we leave this kind of behavior behind and keep all our shared spaces looking tree-mendous!

Sincerely,

Ak-Chin Indian Community Parks and Recreation Department

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"All of the hands-on work[shops] on rebuilding irrigation valves, working on park tools and equipment was my favorite part of the experience."

He also valued the networking opportunities, noting that "meeting new people at the conference roundtables was another of the best parts of the conference for me.

Pirmin Goldtooth, Parks Technician, also found the Maintenance Rodeo a valuable experience and even took home a prize.

"I won a meal and a knife during the Maintenance Rodeo," he shared.

Beyond the rodeo, Goldtooth noted that a

"Just being around seasoned professionals and gaining knowledge from them was an eye-opener... People from all over the state have common views and a common purpose to serve their community."

The workshops, which included interactive sessions on topics like pickleball, provided them with new program ideas and skills to bring back to the community.

For newer staff members, the conference's diverse offerings were an introduction to the broader world of parks and recreation.

Mariah Carlyle, Recreation Assistant who has been in

gain valuable insights into the latest trends and innovations in parks and recreation," he shared, calling the experience "amazing for learning and growing in the field."

The expo hall allowed staff to browse and connect with potential vendors, staying up-to-date on the latest products and services.

Sonya Martinez, Recreation Coordinator, reflected on the importance of the conference for her team's professional development.

"I enjoyed networking and strengthening my leadership skills."

Martinez was especially proud to see the newest staff members get a



Ak-Chin Recreation Staff | to r: Top: Julia Lopez, Jordan Gusse, Jesus Corella-Esquer, Dyami Jackson, Sonya Martinez and Jesus Espinoza. Bottom: Mariah Carlyle, Candice Antone, Isaiah Osife and Ann Marie Antone

session on athletic fields was particularly interesting.

He learned the "pros and cons of both Artificial Turf vs Natural Turf," concluding that "natural turf still remains the ground surface choice for athletics" and that for regions like Phoenix, artificial turf would simply "generate too much heat."

Another team member, Dyami Jackson, Groundskeeper, also enjoyed the hands-on learning.

"The overall experience was pretty cool. Got to learn more about the rec side of how things work, and it was my first time attending a maintenance rodeo."

On the recreation side, the team found the professional sessions and workshops to be a source of new perspectives.

Isaiah Osife, Recreation Assistant, felt the conference was an "eye-opener".

the field for less than a year, enjoyed seeing "how other Recs run different programs and activities."

She also appreciated the chance to meet other young professionals and learn about their experiences.

First-time attendee Candice Antone, Recreation Assistant, felt inspired by the shared passion on display. "APRA was such a meaningful experience for me. It was inspiring to be surrounded by so many people who share the same passion for Parks and Recreation."

Antone is eager to apply what she learned, adding, "I'm excited to carry these ideas back and put them into action in our community."

Jordan Gusse, Recreation Coordinator, noted the high quality of the educational content and the opportunity to connect with vendors.

"I had the opportunity to participate in excellent educational sessions and

glimpse of the professional world. "I enjoyed seeing our newest staff obtain exposure to the world of parks and recreation I know our team envisions for the community."

The Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Department returned from the conference energized and full of new ideas, ready to enhance the programs and services that are vital to the community.

Parks and Recreation Director, Ann Marie Antone concluded, "I am truly excited for my new staff to come together and explore fresh, innovative ideas that will enhance their experience in the workplace.

I eagerly anticipate the inspiration they will share upon returning to the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Parks and Recreation Department, fostering creativity and collaboration that will benefit our community and enrich our programs."





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# Domestic Violence Is Never Okay

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## JOB OPENINGS

### CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:


- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Detention Officer Certified (part-time)
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Security Systems Technician
- Substance Abuse Therapist

**Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only**

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician (2)
- Oral Historian

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



### JOIN THE COMMUNITY-WIDE READ-A-THON

Come celebrate reading  
September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
FOR ALL AGES.

Come to the library, and for every 15 minutes you read you can add a ping pong ball to our Reading Goal Meter!

**First 30 people to come in can get:**

- Monday- Mystery gift
- Tuesday- Box lunch 12-1pm
- Wednesday- Afternoon snack 3-4pm
- Thursday- Pizza evening 5-6pm

**LET'S READ  
1,000  
MINUTES!!**

Open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community,  
Members, Residents, and Employees.

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

## FALL READING With beanstack

Download the Beanstack app and log your reading minutes. Reach 1000 minutes and receive a prize. Start logging your minutes before the end of the fall season!

Start	End
September 1st	November 30th

Prizes open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, and Employees only  
Must be 18 years or over to participate

### FALL INTO READING

Reading Challenge

Questions? Call us: (520) 568-1675 or  
Email us: [library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:library@ak-chin.nsn.us)

## Halloween Crafts

Wednesday  
October 8, 2025  
4:30 - 7:00 pm  
Him-Dak Art Building

Join Us For Some Creepy Crafts!

Open to all Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Community.  
Transportation provided within the community.

For more information, please call the Him-Dak Museum @ 520-568-1350.

## JOIN US THIS Crafternoon

COME CRAFT AND CREATE AT THE AK-CHIN LIBRARY.  
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!

SATURDAY  
SEPT 20  
1PM - 3PM

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## READING BUDDIES OF THE WEEK

**Yellow Crewmate**



**Tails**



Tails recommends  
"Ready to Soar" by Cori Doerrfeld

Yellow Crewmate recommends  
"One of Us is Lying" by Karen M. McManus

## Employee Updates



**Ashley Vincent**  
Cultural Resources Specialist  
Him-Dak



**Celeste Gloria**  
Teacher's Aide  
Preschool



**Mathilda Miguel**  
Elder Driver  
Elder Center



**Raymond Vaca**  
Prosecutor  
Courts

## Reading Buddies

Ages 5-18

Children and teens are welcome to the library to read for 20 minutes with a plush book buddy.

This program will help children practice reading in a nonjudgmental environment with the goal to develop a love of reading.

Come to the library and read with a buddy!

Questions?  
Call: 520-568-1675  
Email: [library@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:library@ak-chin.nsn.us)


## Restorative Yoga With Vickie

Ak-Chin Circle- Elements  
Wednesdays 6:00p-7:00p

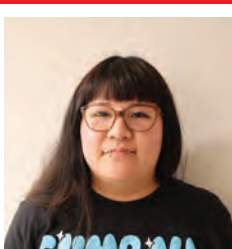
**Sept 03, 2025  
Sept 10, 2025  
Sept 17, 2025**

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080  
\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members


## Employee Updates




**Ashley Vincent**  
Cultural Resources Specialist  
Him-Dak



**Celeste Gloria**  
Teacher's Aide  
Preschool



**Mathilda Miguel**  
Elder Driver  
Elder Center



**Raymond Vaca**  
Prosecutor  
Courts

## Employee Birthdays 9/19 - 9/30

<p><b>9/19</b> Andres Flores, TGA Robert Miguel, Runner Sonia Narcia, Elderly</p> <p><b>9/20</b> Matt Shepard, Fire</p> <p><b>9/22</b> Monica Hall, TGA Barbara Munoz, Police Evagenlyn Romo, Custodial</p> <p><b>9/23</b> Brena Broseman, Police</p>	<p><b>9/19</b> Jacob Dickerson Jr., Fire Russell Miller, Sanitation Cleo Pablo, Court Cecily Peters, Events</p> <p><b>9/25</b> Alma Camacho, HR Melany Ruiz, Vekol</p> <p><b>9/27</b> David Sye, TGA</p> <p><b>9/30</b> Veronica Santiago, Vekol</p>
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## CONSERVE WATER LET'S DO OUR PART

- Water your lawn during early morning hours or evening hours.
- Use commercial car wash that recycles the water.
- Ensure your sprinklers are aimed at your lawn and garden, NOT sidewalks or streets.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth.
- Select drought-tolerant plants that thrive on less water.
- Start a compost pile. Using organic compost around your plants helps reduce evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalk and driveways.



Water your lawn in the cooler morning or evening hours to prevent water loss.



SAVE THE WATER  
Don't forget to check



WISE WATER TIP  
SWEEP, DON'T SPRAY  
Use a broom to clear off sidewalks, patios and driveways, instead of spraying with a hose.

Happy 10th Birthday Sonic  
We love you.  
From Mom, Dad, Dally, & Bella

Happy Birthday to my son Eugene  
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons

Elijah, Oliver, Adrian Jr., Tyson and my granddaughter Cecily  
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday BOB!  
From the Funner Runner Gang

Happy Birthday Cec & Ollie  
Love your family

## Birthdays 9/19 - 10/2

<p><b>SEPTEMBER 19</b> Sonia Narcia Andres Hernandez Joycelyn Kaniatobe Robert Miguel</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 20</b> Riley Perry Elijah Peters Kyren Antone</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> Monica Noriega Dani White Ulanii Johnson</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 22</b> Shannen Smith Evangelyn Romo Gabriel Santiago</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> Cleo Pablo Aurelia Dominguez Salmino Santiago Cecily Peters Jacob Dickerson Jr. Tracey Tallabas Nicholas Anderson</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Nevaeh Jensen Kyla-Jae Antone</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 25</b> Nakeasha White</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> Lindsay Antone</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 27</b> Adrian Garcia Jr. Alyssa Garcia Irene Arredondo</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 28</b> Jason Kaniatobe</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 29</b> Lily Garcia</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 30</b> Veronica Santiago Kaleb Rivers Bryson Hazen Dominic Romo Elvia Castro Tyson Lopez</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 1</b> Joseph Antone Ryo Quinonez Maynard James William Martinez Eugene Peters Sr. Damien Smith</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 2</b> Elizabeth Valles Martin Castro Tanya Lewis Jeaney Narcia Stella Makil White Noemi Hernandez Nikkol Martinez Alison Miguel</p>
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## ATTEND a Talk about the HEART MONITORING/ECG PROJECT

--Hear about the RESULTS  
--Q&A about Healthy Lifestyles and your HEART

\*At the Elements Event Center @ Ak-Chin Circle\*

**Tues, Sept 30 at 5:30-6:30**  
\*\*Light food & drinks served\*\*

CONTACT Scott Drum, NAU Associate Professor, with questions at [scott.drum@nau.edu](mailto:scott.drum@nau.edu) or 970-371-2620.



# Hot Wing Challenge

Story and photo by Runner Staff

Twelve competitors representing twelve local businesses dove into the various types of hot wings at the Luxe Lounge at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center, Saturday, September 6th.

The event was the second of its kind, set to held to support the Desert Sun Performing Arts (DSPA) GEMS, a non-profit club that helps kids who

are in need of financial assistance or who are special needs, to attend the program.

Winners were awarded for the following categories; Captain Cash Flow- Aaron Gilbert (Longetivity Athletics); Factzilla (Trivia Champion); Luis Ascencio (Az Quality Plumbing); and Ruben Rivera (Wing King -



The "Nuclear Waste" wings were placed on each contestant's plates during the challenge.

Overall Champion for back winner for 2024 & 2025, which makes them ineligible to compete

Copa TV is the back to next year.

# THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Showtimes  
4PM, 7PM, 10PM

## Friday, Sept 26<sup>TH</sup>

### COSTUME CONTEST

Starts at 9:30PM BEFORE 10PM Showing

**\$100 CASH PRIZE TO THE WINNER**  
16oz Acrylic collectible cups for sale  
Bar will be available outside of Theater

Ak-Chin Circle  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Ak-ChinCircle.com

16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa AZ 85138



Mexican rock band Caifanes performs during a September 12th show at Harrah's Event Center.

# Caifanes Rocks Harrah's

Story and photo by Runner Staff

The super Mexican rock band, Caifanes, wowed the crowd at Harrah's Ak-Chin with their unique style of play, strumming out such favorites as; "Viento", "Nubes", "La Negra Tomasa" and "Afuera" just to name a few.

Led by lead vocalist Saul Hernandez, the group formed in 1986 in Mexico City, Mexico and quickly achieved commercial success during the 80's and 90's.

Their music is described

as a style of hybrid British new wave, progressive rock and Latin percussion with deep, somber Latin American-Mexican Spanish influence.

Current band members include; Hernandez, Alfonso Andre, Diego Herrera, Rodrigo Baills and Marco Renteria.

The name "Caifanes" is said to be derived from the 1940's Mexican pachuco (zoot suiter) slang "cae fine". It's equivalent in English is "cool dude".

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day Maricopa

Free Fun Kids Event – Mark Your Calendar

Date: Sat 9/20/25  
Time: 10am – 4pm  
Maricopa Wells Middle School, 45725 W. Honeycutt Maricopa, AZ 85139

Coordinated by: Dr. John A. Donohue, D.C. A-1 Health & Wellness/Maricopa Rotary

Sponsor Team

Featuring:

- FREE Child Safety Information, including:
  - Maricopa PD, SWAT & Motorcycle Demos &
  - Phoenix Childrens Hospital Bike & ATV Safety
  - Fire Safety w/ Maricopa Fire Dept.
  - Pinal County Sheriff Helicopter/Humvee/Rescue Division
  - Petting Zoo w/ The 4-H Club & Gud Ark Sanctuary
  - Demo w/ Maricopa PD K-9 Unit
  - Kids Karate Demo w/ Karate & DSPA Dance
  - Heroes United, Power Ranger, Superman, etc...
  - Ak-Chin Native Dancers And much, much more...
- FREE Health Screenings w/Banner Childrens Mobile
- FREE Vision & Hearing w/ Maricopa Lions
- Meet The "Phoenix Suns" Street Team
- Meet "Smokey Bear", "Big Red" and Friends....
- FREE prize drawings all day. (Toys, Bicycles, etc.)
- LOTS OF FREE FOOD, DRINK, TOYS AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Volunteers Needed

Bring the whole Family

Free Food

For more information call 520-494-7788

Free Food

Rain or Shine

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5 Single Games of Laser Tag | 1 Large Cheese Pizza

\*Shoes Included \*Add an additional guest for \$10 more

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# Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### CAESARS REWARDS.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b> THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS • 8AM – 11:59PM	<b>1</b>  DRIVE INTO FREEDOM 5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>2</b>  BADGLEY MISCHKA NEW YORK® BEDDING COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>3</b>  O'SNAP IT'S GAME TIME O'SNAP DRAWINGS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>4</b>  10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>5</b>  VIP ME VIP FOR A WEEKEND	<b>6</b>  T-APP IN!
<b>7</b>  SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<b>8</b>  2X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MONDAYS	<b>9</b>  BADGLEY MISCHKA NEW YORK® BEDDING COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>10</b>  O'SNAP IT'S GAME TIME O'SNAP DRAWINGS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>11</b>  10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>12</b>  CAIFANES VIP FOR A WEEKEND AN EVENING WITH CAIFANES	<b>13</b>  FRY'S FOOD STORES® ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY
<b>14</b>  SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<b>15</b>  OAK & FORK TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MONDAYS OAK & FORK IS OPEN EVERY MONDAY	<b>16</b>  BADGLEY MISCHKA NEW YORK® BEDDING COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>17</b>  O'SNAP IT'S GAME TIME O'SNAP DRAWINGS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>18</b>  10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>19</b>  VIP ME VIP FOR A WEEKEND	<b>20</b>  THE POUR-FECT GIVEAWAY HOT SEATS
<b>21</b>  SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<b>22</b>  2X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER TABLE GAMES MULTIPLIER MONDAYS WATCH THE GAME!	<b>23</b>  BADGLEY MISCHKA NEW YORK® BEDDING COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>24</b>  O'SNAP IT'S GAME TIME O'SNAP DRAWINGS FOREVER YOUNG	<b>25</b>  10X 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER	<b>26</b>  VIP ME VIP FOR A WEEKEND	<b>27</b>  LUCKY KICKOFF KICKOFF & WIN
<b>28</b>  SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	<b>29</b>  WATCH THE GAME!	<b>30</b>  BADGLEY MISCHKA NEW YORK® BEDDING COLLECTION GIVEAWAY	<b>VIP ME</b> FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER			<b>WIN THE WEEKEND</b> ONE WEEKEND. ALL THE PERKS.
						<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE</b> WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS