



Ak-Chin Girls take to the Court for MHS

Story and photos by Robert Miguel

The Maricopa High School Girls' Basketball teams, both Varsity and Junior Varsity, kicked off their season with a home game against the Saguaro Cougars on Wednesday, November 19th at Maricopa High School.

For the first time in years, the girl's team had six players from the Ak-Chin

Community participating on both teams, with Sophomores Sophia Peters and Stella Miguel and Junior Audrina Peters scheduled to take the floor first.

Stella was the only one to play the opener for the Lady Rams as Sophia and Audrina sat out due to injuries. Stella was able to start at shooting

guard during the opener.

Despite falling behind early, the Junior Varsity squad played hard and kept the game close the first two quarters of the games, only down by two points as the teams headed into the locker room at the half.

The Cougars were able to jump out to a quick



Ak-Chin basketball players participating on Maricopa High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams: L to R: Sophia Peters (JV), Stella Miguel (JV), Johanna Peters (Varsity), Auciana Miguel (Varsity), Audrina Peters (JV) and Nyaila Miguel (Varsity).

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Ak-Chin Veterans from l to r: Elaine Peters (Marines), Raychel Peters (Marines), Renee Boehm (Air Force), Jason Garcia (Army/National Guard), Darren Peters (Marines), Davis Garcia Sr. (Marines) James Boehm (Air Force) and Cecil Peters (Army/National Guard).

Veterans Day 2025 at Southern Dunes

Story and photos by Runner Staff

On November 11, about a dozen Ak-Chin Veterans and their guests gathered to share a meal and camaraderie at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club.

A brunch buffet was set up in the Hemapda Ki, "The Gathering Place", with an assortment of breakfast and lunch items, as well as desserts and refreshments.

Julia Gusse, Air Force Veteran and Legislative

Liaison for the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services was invited to share information about programs and services for Veterans.

She pointed to the changes with current administration and its effects on Veterans, including the deletion of DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Programs, which also resulted in the removal of the 22 Tribal Flags from the Veterans Administration hospital

in Phoenix, earlier this year.

Julia played a vital role in securing the flags, which are now being staffed at Governor Hobbs office, in her rotunda, where they will remain while Hobbs is in office, and hopefully thereafter.

Gusse also pointed out the passing of the last Navajo Code Talker, and how important it is "to continue that legacy and continue to educate

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Gloria Honored during Senior Night



Maricopa High School Senior and Ramband member, Ronin Gloria was recognized at a MHS football game, along with eleven others. Ronin was supported by parents Julio and Guadalupe Gloria.

Story by Robert Miguel, photo by Victor Moreno

Ak-Chin member and Maricopa High School senior, Ronin Gloria, was recognized as a senior and member of the MHS band at a football game.

Ronin during his four year high school career, played percus-

sion his Freshman year, with his sister Celeste Gloria on the band.

He took a two year hiatus during his Sophomore and Junior years before rejoining the band his Senior year, playing the guitar in the Pit.

A self-taught and accomplished guitarist, Ronin plans to continue his musical career in music.

Ronin is the son of Julio and Guadalupe Gloria and the grandson of Janice Miguel.

O'Odham Bingo

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

The Ak-Chin Language department is implementing new programs, such as Parenting in O'odham and the introduction of O'odham Bingo for the community members to engage and learn the O'odham language.

According to Mario Molina, Ak-Chin Education Director, who also oversees the Language department, "The Community has knowledge of the language, but at different levels of what we consider fluent. Learning the language

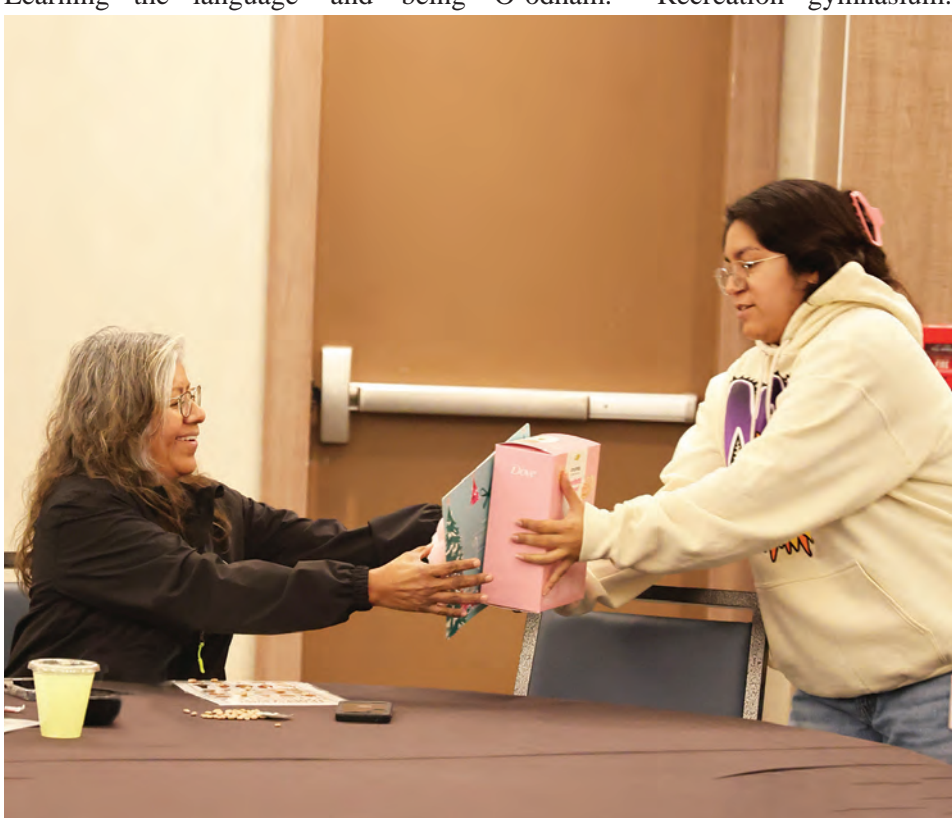
is often challenging based only on time provided for learning and opportunities to learn the language.

Our focus is to provide time and opportunities to help our community feel confident in learning and using our language in everyday settings.

Learning the language has a different importance for all learners but as a program, our intent is to teach the language so that the language can be used in a manner that impacts our way of living and being O'odham."

Molina added, "How we live and think is important because much of the culture and heritage has been passed down orally, in our language. Learning the language helps to keep our culture and heritage intact and allows us to pass it along as it was told to many of our elders and families."

Offering a program like O'odham Bingo has not only brought in a crowd, for the October 15, 2025 session; it was a full house with RSVP spots filling up instantly at the Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation gymnasium.



Flora Howerton was one of the big winners as she receives her prize from Doria Garcia, during O'Odham Bingo at the Elements Center.

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Jeannette Peters of the Him-Dak Museum, gives Lorenzo Mejia a prized raffle gift during the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Community Elders enjoy Thanksgiving Luncheon

Story by Evelyn Justin and photos by Kristen Villegas

Him Annual Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon 2025
Story submitted by Evelyn Justin, Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum Technician

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum hosted the Annual Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 6th at the Ak-Chin Circle Elements Center. We had 84 attendees that signed up for this event; guests started arriving at 10:45am, they signed in and they received raffle tickets for raffle prizes.

The Thanksgiving luncheon was buffet style, the menu consisted of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, string beans, green salad and rolls. For dessert, pumpkin and apple pies were served with whip cream.

While everyone was enjoying their luncheon they were entertained by a live band “The Juanio’s Boys”, they played

chicken scratch music and sang a variety of songs, we even had some elders go out and dance to a couple of songs!

During the event we held a raffle for gift bags, and towards the end we held a raffle for table centerpieces that were donated by Ak-Chin departments.

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum, Art and Archives staff, would like to thank all individuals and departments for their participation in donating table centerpieces and gifts for this event. Your participation made this event a successful one.

Thank You to Riva Quintana, Sales & Events Coordinator for the Elements Center, and her staff for helping and serving the guests, everything came out wonderful & the food was delicious! We would also like to thank the Library staff, Youth Council, The Runner, and Housing for their assistance throughout this

event! We greatly appreciate you!!

To “The Juanio’s Boys”, thank you again for providing this year’s entertainment, the music was GREAT! Everyone enjoyed it!

Thank you to the following Departments who donated wonderful centerpieces, and a special gift for the raffle: Ak-Chin Circle, AP Accounts, Archives, Capital Projects, Central Plant, CSM-Nicole Carlyle-Coester, Cultural Resources, Delia Carlyle, Enrollment, Environmental Programs, Finance, Fire Department, GIS, Housing, Human Resources, Library, Planning, Police Department, Preschool, Public Works & Sanitation, Purchasing, Purchased Referred Care, Runner, Tribal Council, Tribal Gaming Agency, Wastewater, Water Operation and Youth Council.



Enjoying an early Thanksgiving luncheon at Ak-Chin Circle Events and listening to the Juanio’s Boys was a special treat for these ladies, seated from l-r: Candi Chavez, Isabella Luna, Rechanda Manuel, Charlene Quilt and Melinda Pete.



Pictured above was just a sampling of all the gifts and treats that elders received during the Elder Thanksgiving Luncheon. Clockwise: everyone had their eyes on this beautifully painted pumpkin centerpiece, created by Ak-Chin Artist Dwayne Antone. Numerous centerpieces were on display and then raffled to elders in attendance. Meanwhile, these cute handmade keepsakes created by Ak-Chin Him-Dak staff were gifted to everyone to remember the special occasion.

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Gila River Governor, Stephen Lewis-Roe addresses participants who attended the Phoenix Suns /Mercury camp.

Suns & Mercury Hold Clinic In Laveen

Story & Photos By Robert Miguel

On Saturday, November 15th, over two hundred youth ascended onto the Gila River Boy's & Girl's Club in District 7 (Komatke) to participate in the Orginative Youth Basketball Clinic, which was presented by the Phoenix Suns/Phoenix Mercury Foundation and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA).

For four hours, youth, aged 8-17, from various Native communities throughout Arizona, were able to go into over ten stations to learn basketball skills; from dribbling, shooting, rebounding and team building. Sessions also included the proper foods and diet needed to sustain a healthy body during the season.

Staff, from the Phoenix Suns/Phoenix Mercury basketball, were on hand to give information on some of the injuries that can be attained while playing basketball. Head and neck trauma were also discussed, with the proper necessary steps that need to be taken when suffering that type of injury.

Following visits to the various stations, team games were held with winners being recognized.

One of the featured agendas was a visit from Gila River Governor, Stephen Lewis. Governor Lewis addressed the campers about continuing to work hard on the court and in the classroom. He stressed the importance of never giving up on your dreams of becoming who you want to become and

if your dreams do not come true, it just means that there is another direction in life for you to become successful.

While addressing the group, Governor Lewis was sporting the new Devin Booker shoes, which Booker autographed for the Governor.

Raffle prizes were given out to campers, which included Suns and Mercury gear and tickets to the Phoenix Suns vs Atlanta Hawks game. The event also had a visit from the Phoenix Suns Gorilla and Phoenix Mercury mascot, Scorch.

At the conclusion of the camp, other gifts were given out from ITCA and the Jonathan Nez Foundation, which included healthy foods; from cucumbers, oranges, bananas, beans and rice. Nez is the former President of the Navajo Nation.

The event was also organized by Shawn Martinez, Senior Director of Live Presentation at the Phoenix Suns Arena. Martinez, a member of the Navajo Nation, helped inspire the Orginativ series, which honors Arizona's 22 Tribes and helped to develop the City Edition Uniforms and the Orginativ platform.

For his work, Martinez has been recognized and awarded the Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership "Man of the Year" and the National Basketball Association (NBA) Value of the Game Award.



A staffer from the Phoenix Suns Foundation, discusses injuries and how to address them. Ak-Chin's Jaxon Justin (center).



Ak-Chin's Tatum Campbell goes through dribbling techniques during the camp.

A total of 240 youth, ages 8 to 17, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with the Phoenix Suns Foundation.

Other skills taught, were shooting, rebounding and teamwork.

Harrah's Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Story submitted Erica Oliver - HDS Manager, photos by Kathleen Miguel

In recognition of Native American Heritage month, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino hosted its 7th Annual Native American Heritage Event in the ballroom at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Since 2019, HDS Manager, Erica Oliver, has coordinated the public event. HDS is the Harrah's Development System leadership training and development program available to qualified Ak-Chin tribal members who are employed at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

The initial purpose of the Native American Heritage Event was to build awareness of the diverse cultures of the four southern tribes of Arizona. These tribes are the Ak-Chin

Indian Community, the Tohono O'dham Nation, the Gila River Indian Community, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The annual event has been successful in building cultural awareness, and bringing beautiful energy as each traditional group celebrates its culture through singing and dancing.

This year's event was opened with a blessing provided by the event host, Fred Lopez of the Tohono O'dham Nation, followed by the traditional song and dance groups: Kaij Meko Ne'edam kc Keihindam, Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam, Bird Singing and Dancing by the River, and the San Simon Traditional Dance Group.



The Santa Rosa Bird Dancers perform during Native American Heritage Celebration at Harrah's Ak-Chin.

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Aerobics sessions were held in the grass area of the Ak-Chin Circle during the "Walk For Gratitude" event.

Walk For Gratitude

Story and photo by Raychel Peters

November 13, 2025, Ak-Chin Health Education Department hosted its annual "Walk for Gratitude" event.

DIY snack tray. An assortment of healthy snacks were set out to select and save in the snack tray.

An omelet station was also set up with many healthy options.

Everyone was encouraged to take a stretch of the legs, with a lap around the lawn.

Chair yoga was another options to get in a good stretch before continuing on with the day.

Held on the lawn, outside Ak-Chin Circle Elements Conference grassy area, for all Ak-Chin Indian Community elders and employees, 55+.

Once participants registered, they were able to select a comfy robe/wrap, as well as a goodie bag with health incentives and a



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O'odham Bingo continued from Front

Attendees shared a meal before starting the rounds of O'odham based bingo and the prizes were all the more enticing for a win.

The next session was held for Community elders during their lunch, at the service center on October 29, 2025. The elders seemed to enjoy the game the most, as the competitiveness could be felt in the air.

The most recent session fell on Wednesday,

November 19, 2025, held at the Ak-Chin Circle's Elements Center, which proved to be a big success for the Language department as members came to try their best to get a "Tova" (turkey) as this round of O'odham Bingo was based on Thanksgiving.

All sessions thus far have been educational and entertaining, with members learning their language and receiving great gifts.

"We think the event was a great start and we look forward to more learning opportunities for the Community," Mario concluded.

Another O'odham Bingo is being held for Community elders on Wednesday, November 26, at 9:30 am at the service center.

The last session of O'odham Bingo will take place in December, so be on the lookout for date, time and location.



Left: Youth Council Coordinator Sheila Pablo-Bandin along with members of Youth Council check BINGO marks for participants.



Right: Sally Antone all smiles after getting her pick of the prizes.

Battle of the Valley Family Hikes

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Team ASU gather bright and early to make the trek up South Mountain's Pima Canyon Trailhead. Forks up!



"I think both hikes had a great turnout because everyone enjoyed getting out into the city and seeing other families taking part in the experience as well. These two trails were a test run to see how many people would participate, and I think we had a solid amount of interest to help us plan for next year."

It's that time of year when the state divides before the Territorial Cup takes place between Arizona State University (ASU) and the University of Arizona (UofA).

We have the Duel in the Desert Chair Volleyball tournament hosted by Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation coming up soon with many department teams anticipated to participate, to show their support for their favorite hometown schools.

Recently, the Parks and Recreation added another opportunity to continue to duel, with the Family Hikes; Battle of the Valley, which took place

on two separate Sundays.

The first hike was on November 9, 2025 for the ASU crew; held at the Pima Canyon Trailhead in Phoenix; with 15 taking the South Mountain with ease.

The second hike was held the following Sunday, on November 16, 2025 in Tucson at the Tumamoc Hill Trail.

Though the weather was gloomy it offered a nice change and beautiful scenery while making that 3 mi. trek, which 12 U of A-ers enjoyed.

Recreation Assistant Candice Antone declared,

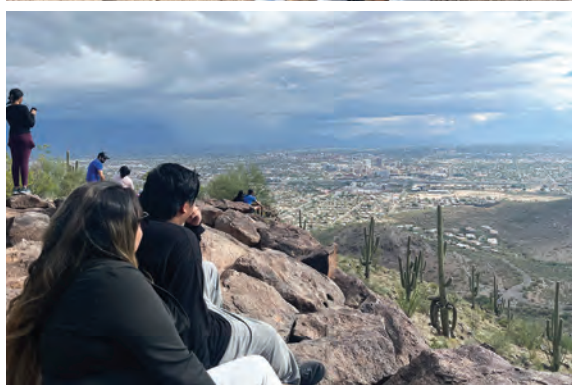
With positive participation and great locations, Ak-Chin Rec most likely will be looking to add these events and more for next year.

"This is just the beginning." Antone adds, "I'm looking forward to organizing more trails and giving our community more opportunities to explore Arizona's beautiful landscapes.

Thank you to everyone who joined and supported these hikes."



Hikers from both the ASU and UofA Family can't help but enjoy the nice weather and beautiful scenery.



Season opening for Mini Basketball

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Another sport done, with more to come as the newest season of basketball makes its stop in Ak-Chin.

The youth from age groups 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 have been practicing on Tuesdays through Thursdays to prepare for their first game on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Through the practice the kids have been learning to dribble, shoot and rebound the ball in their respective groups.

Keep an eye out for upcoming highlights from the games and the upcoming schedule. Good luck this season kiddos!



S-Kubjuv Ju:dam take 3rd place



On November 15, 2025, the S-Kubjuv Ju:dam Memorial Team took the trip to the San Lucy District of the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Himdag Tas, where they took 3rd place in the toka tournament.

The field proved to be a challenge with the powdery dirt, but the girls persevered and made placements receiving toka inspired medallions. Congratulations Ju:dam!

You can catch them playing in the Masik Tas Traditional games on December 20, 2025.



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 Deanna Justin, Court Administrator
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MHS continued from Front



Auciana Miguel

double-digit lead to start the third quarter and never looked back.

Maricopa continued to fight, but fatigue factored into their struggles in the fourth quarter. As the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Rams succumbed to defeat.

Despite the setback, players and coaches were optimistic of improvement as they knew that they could’ve played much better.

During the Varsity game, sisters Auciana and Nyaila Miguel started at the guard and center



Johanna Peters

positions, while Johanna Peters was able to come off of the bench.

A much established and experienced Saguaro squad jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter and never trailed, although the Lady Rams had multiple opportunities to score and keep the game close. The Cougars lead continued to grow with each quarter.

When the final seconds hit zero, Maricopa suffered their first defeat of the season.

Despite the losses by

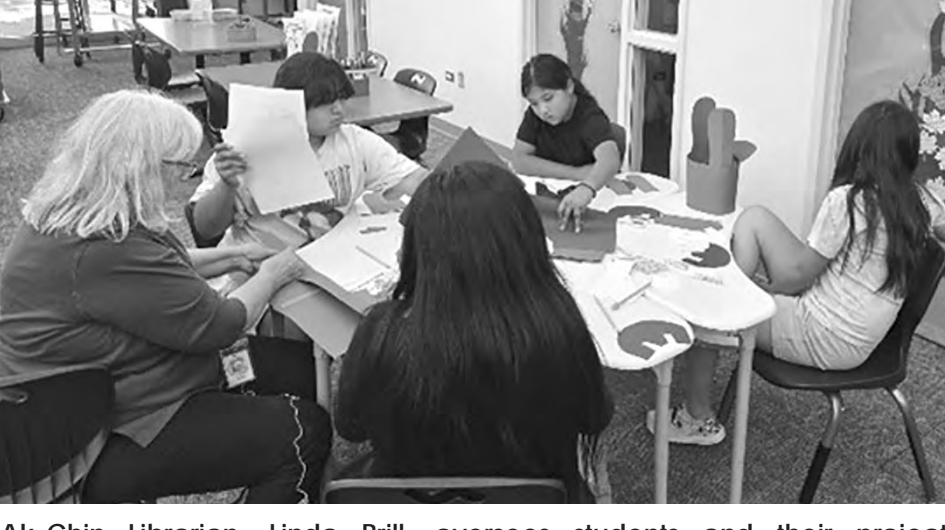


Nyaila Miguel



Stella Miguel

both the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads, the highlight was the support they received from family and friends, in particular, the Ak-Chin girls who had plenty of supporter cheering them on.



Ak-Chin Librarian, Linda Brill, oversees students and their project during Dog Man Read-a-thon in celebration of Children’s Book Week.

Get Caught Reading

Submitted By Naomi Bishop, Ak-Chin Library Manager

Get Caught Reading was the theme for the afternoon of November 5, 2025.

The Ak-Chin library hosted a family Dog Man Read-a-thon in celebration of Children’s Book Week (Nov. 3-9).

Children’s book week is a national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. This year Ak-Chin Indian

Community received a free activity kit and posters from Scholastic and the Children’s Book Council to encourage readers to create and share their own mini comics inspired by Dog Man and Cat Kid Comics Club.

Fifteen participants attended the read-a-thon and together they read 500 minutes in an afternoon. Readers created Dog Man

hats, colored and drew Dog Man comics, and played Dog Man Bingo.

This was a fun filled afternoon to celebrate the new Dog Man book that was released on November 11th.

It’s not too late to come visit the library and participate in the Dog Man activities and get caught reading.



Above left: Ms. Linda Brill, Morgan Miller and Riley Perry enjoy their “Dog Man” hats.



Above right: Students attending the “Get Caught Reading” event take time out to read a book as they relax.

Below: Plenty of “Dog Man” books were available to read during the celebration.



Runner Staffer Speaks to students at U of A

Story by Robert Miguel, submitted photo

Driving up to Tucson early morning, November 13th, I have to admit, I was somewhat excited to share my time in leadership and as a photojournalist for my community with students from the University of Arizona.

Wondering and preparing my presentation while driving up was priority, I didn’t really ask staff, who coordinated my visit, what topic they wanted me to share nor did I have a prepared script.

I went with the agenda of just sharing and speaking from the heart, advice given to me by two Tribal Leaders, my late grandfather, Jonas Miguel and the late great Leona Carlyle-Kakar.

I’ve had the honor and privilege of speaking for the past eleven years on behalf of my community at various occasions, but never to a classroom full of college students.

As I pulled up to the U of A campus in Tucson, I was greeted by good friend, Levi Esquerra, the University of Arizona Special Advisor of Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement.

Levi was able to give me a brief tour of the campus and explained the various departments and programs that they offered Native American students from around the country.

We visited the official Team Gift Shop, where we were able to view the various official merchandise of the school. I was offered a U of A shirt to wear, but had to decline, as my loyalties lay to the team in Tempe.

Following a brief walk, we entered into the School of Journalism, where I was introduced to Dr. Josh Anderson and Dr. Jan Boyles.

The two gave me a brief tour of the building and then it was immediately to

the classroom, Advanced Reporting, taught by Professor Patty Machelor.

Following an introduction, I immediately shared my position as a photojournalist prior to getting into leadership.

Working to get information and news from a small community was and is completely different than news that needs to get out on a daily basis.

Students were excited to hear of my duties back then as far as how we developed the paper, from using the dark room to develop photos to continuing to still deliver the paper house to house.

One of the questions students were interested in, was the respectful way of covering news on Native American communities, as they’ve realized through testimony by colleagues and other news media personnel, that it is somewhat difficult to receive or get news information that is newsworthy from Tribes for mainstream media outlets who want to report.

Most of the questions following, pertained to my experience as a Tribal leader and my time advocating for my community during Washington D.C. visits and meeting with Congressional leaders.

The second class, Food Journalism, taught by Professor Kendal Blust, was primarily identical as the first class, spending time on leadership experiences, but with food topics.

I was able to share of growing up in the community, watching my grandparents, family members and others from the community gather and cook traditional meals from wild spinach, corn, cactus, cattle, rabbit and other food resources that they were able to gather

and consume.

I was also able to speak of how the Vekol Wash was able to provide a number of means for consumption.

Following both presentations, I was able to meet with students individually as they asked questions that weren’t asked during class due to interest of time. Following the two classroom sessions, a tour of the Podcast and Broadcast studios were given, before lunch.

The presentation and visit went so well, that a request to return on Thursday, November 20th for another class presentation and video interview was proposed.

The University of Arizona was one of four speaking engagements that Ak-Chin Photojournalist and Former Ak-Chin Chairman Miguel was able attend.

Back in September, I was one of five speakers, four from the City of Maricopa that included; Edward Farrell (Maricopa’s first Mayor), Thad Miller, (Maricopa Wells Middle School Principal), Frank Boyce (Business Owner) and Tom Dugan (Business Owner) who were invited to speak with students at Santa Cruz Elementary, the appearance was dubbed, “Hall of Fame” speakers.

Also in September, a visit to Kuentz Elementary in San Antonio, Texas, where I was asked to speak to over two hundred students, of my time in leadership, Native American culture and tradition and growing up in Ak-Chin.

Last month, Jim McCain (son of late Senator John McCain) and I were Co-Chairs of the Turquoise, Black, and White Gala at the Heard Museum.

The Gala was sponsored by the Hesperus Group.



Runner Photojournalist and Former Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, speaks to students from the University of Arizona.



Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin O’odham Runner, with Dr. Josh Anderson and Professor Jan Boyles at the University of Arizona Journalism Building.

HR Benefits Fair has great turnout and Aloha!

Story and photos by Runner Staff

Pulling up to the Ak-Chin Human Resources building looked a little different, maybe even a bit odd for a November 13; as the HR team hosted this year's Benefits Fair with a vibrantly floral luau theme, for Ak-Chin Farms

and Community government employees.

The 400 people who attended this year's drive-thru fair definitely felt the Aloha vibes, as they received an abundance of information to assist with

their health and benefits, in a luau-style setting.

Joan Jackson-Deal, Human Resources Director shared the goals for this year's fair. "Each year we hold the Open Enrollment Benefits Fair in order to distribute the Annual Benefits Guide and requested legal documents that must be provided."

Joan also highlighted:

- To make employees aware of the Open Enrollment dates. During this time employees can make changes to their benefits without needing a Qualified Life Event.
- To announce any changes to benefits that will occur in the new year.
- We aim each year to make the Fair a memorable event that will focus employees on the importance of the Open Enrollment period. In the past our themes have been western, the rockin' 50's and this year the event was Luau themed.
- Food is always served, with this year's meal containing Hawaiian luau type foods. We also distributed 400 goodie bags that contained Hawaiian themed give-aways.



Submitted photo

Ak-Chin HR team is all about Aloha at the Benefits Fair.

- Employees were also able to receive a chair massage during the event.
- Attending employees are entered into prize drawings. This year a massage chair, treadmill, a toaster/air fryer were some of the prizes that were provided to winners.
- A highlight of our yearly event always includes HR staff being dressed in theme. We would like to acknowledge HR Supervisor, John Mccullough for donning a grass skirt for the event. Unfortunately, he drew the line when it came to performing the hula dance for our drive thru guests.
- Special thanks to Vekol for providing a tasty meal, Sanitation for aiding in

the set up and tear down and Events for supplying music, tables and chairs.

Mahalo to the HR team for creating another great event for all employees to enjoy, and congratulations to all those who won one of the great prize drawings offered.



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- Accounts Payable Technician
- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Communications Officer
- Court Security Guard
- Deputy Clerk II
- Detention Officer Certified
- Detention Officer Certified (part-time)
- Detention Officer- Non Certified
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)
- Security Guard
- Security Systems Technician

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, 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.

storytime
At the Ak-Chin Library
for kids ages 3 and up

Come in and listen to amazing stories along with a fun craft! Guardians must be present with their child.

Wednesdays @10am

Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community members, residents and employees.

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library@ak-chin.nsn.us

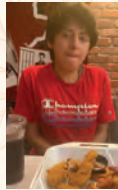
Happy 28th birthday, we love and appreciate you more than words can say! I pray God blesses you with many more.



Brandon and Marcus Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday to our #1 Goddaughter Jasmine Ann Miguel

We count our blessings for God granting us you, Jazzer! We love you and hope you have a great birthday! Love Goddaddy and Godmama



Happy Birthday Morgan OMG! We can't wait to finally celebrate your special day with you...lol! Love your family

Happy 28th birthday, we love and appreciate you more than words can say! I pray God blesses you with many more.

Happy Birthday to my daughter Carmen Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Morgan, Maria, Aurora, and Destinee and grandsons

AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT

SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

2025 Transit Schedule Changes TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

Transit Maintenance, November 26th
Thanksgiving Day, November 27th

Native American Heritage Day,
November 28th
Masik Tas, December 19th

****Event Only transport will be provided****

****Christmas Eve, December 24th**

Transit Closed at 11:00am**

Christmas Day, December 25th

Christmas Holiday, December 26th

New Year's Day, January 1st, 2026

2025 Ak-Chin Masik Tas 10K & 2 Mile

SATURDAY – December 13th, 2025 | 9:00 AM
AK-CHIN SERVICE CENTER
48227 W Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139

Join us for a 10K or a 2 mile event in celebration of Ak-Chin's Birthday!

Register by scanning QR code. Deadline December 11th, 2025.

FREE EVENT OPEN TO EVERYONE
MEDALS FOR TOP 10K FINISHERS
T-SHIRTS FOR PARTICIPANTS
10K RACE STARTS @ 9:00 AM
10K CHECK-IN BEGINS @ 8:15 AM
2 MILE STARTS @ 9:30 AM
2 MILE CHECK-IN BEGINS @ 9:05 AM

Questions? Please contact Ak-Chin Health Education Phone: (520) 568-1080 Email: mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

Employee Birthdays 11/21 - 12/4

11/21 Autumn Gonzalez, Police Dan Rivera, Police	Richard Lopez, ECE Steve Tiemann, Finance
11/22 Michelle Carpenter, Fire	12/1 Luis Coronado, Police Richard Lopez, ECE
11/23 Jennifer Capell, ECE	12/3 Luis Coronado, Police Richard Lopez, ECE
11/24 Kailey Zicafoose, ECE	12/3 Luis Coronado, Police Richard Lopez, ECE
11/26 Marciano Joaquin, Sanitation Brandon Peters, Community Government	12/4 Luis Coronado, Police Richard Lopez, ECE
11/27 Luis Coronado, Police	



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 Thursday, Nov. 20
or
9 am Tuesday, Dec. 2

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

CLASSES:

- Start: Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Tuesday & Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Taught by certified teachers
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Contact Us!

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Christmas Crafts at the Him-Dak Art Building

Wednesday
December 3, 2025
4:30 - 7:00 PM

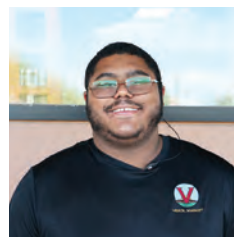
Open to all
Members & Residents
of the
Ak-Chin Community.
Transportation provided
within the community.
Please call the Him-Dak
at (520) 568-1350
to request a ride or
for more information.



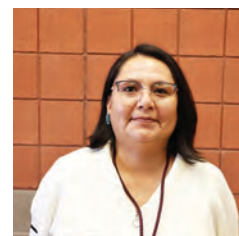
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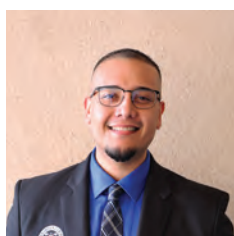
Lisa Begay
Lab Tutor
Education



Nathan Reihl
Gaming Supervisor
Tribal Gaming



Brian Manuel
Gaming Supervisor
Tribal Gaming



Eduardo Martinez
Senior Gaming Agent
Tribal Gaming

Birthdays 11/21 - 12/4

NOVEMBER 21
Ezequiel Santiago

NOVEMBER 22
Faith Batopis
Morgan Peters

NOVEMBER 23
Carmen Narcia
Sterling Zappia
Lemuel Vincent
Monique White
Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel
Maria Peters

NOVEMBER 24
Brian Ruelas

NOVEMBER 25
Ciera Lopez

NOVEMBER 26
Miguel Moreno-Kaniatobe
Marciano Joaquin
Brandon Peters

NOVEMBER 27
Joe Miguel Jr.
Larisa Rascon,
Karen Kaniatobe
Joaquin Dickerson
Richard Joaquin
Kobe Santiago

NOVEMBER 28
Michael Enos
Nicholas Narcia

NOVEMBER 29
Tashina Salcido
Matilda Balderrama
Victor Andaverde
Lee Smith

NOVEMBER 30
Michael Luz
Julio Gloria, IV
Kylee Carlyle
Kateri Lopez
Taylor Santiago
Lina Batopis

DECEMBER 1
Kayla Valisto

Raven Vallejos
Aurora Peters
Kendra Smith
Rebecca Stephens-Rodas

DECEMBER 2
Victor Vincent
Lindsey Valles
Duane Antone
Clarence Enos
Candice Antone
Marcus Peters
Dale Narcia

DECEMBER 3
Arlene Manuel

DECEMBER 4
Archer Anderson
Valerie Velasquez
Analita Laborin
Bren Valisto
Destinee Peters



12/2025 December

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Light Up the Village Closed at 5pm	2	3 Storytime @10am	4	5	6
	8	9	10 Storytime @10am	11	12	13
14 Snowflakes	15	16 Winter Wonderland	17 Storytime @10am	18	19 Masik ta:s Closed	20 Closed
21	22	23	24 Storytime @10am Merry Christmas Closed	25 Merry Christmas Closed	26 Closed	27 Closed
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve HAPPY NEW YEAR Closed		Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents and employees. Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.	

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



Harrah's Development System (HDS) staff and employees helped coordinate the Heritage Celebration.

Lunch, which consisted of red chili, beans, potato salad, and strawberry shortcake, was prepared by the HDS Associates & Interns.

The event is held in November every year. If you were not able to

attend, please plan on joining us next year!

National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated every November, including in 2025. It is a time to honor the traditions, languages, and

contributions of Native American and Alaska Native communities.

In 2025, events and activities will take place from November 1st through the 30th, aimed at raising awareness and celebrating Native

American heritage.

The month is also marked by various initiatives and messages from leaders, including a presidential message recognizing the significance of Native American contributions to the nation.



The Bird Singing and Dancing By The River from the Salt River Indian Community, perform a traditional dance during the Heritage Celebration at Harrah's



The Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam group from the Gila River Indian Community, perform the basket dance.



Royalty representing the San Simon Traditional Dance Group, address the crowd.

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11AM - 9PM

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NOVEMBER 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN</div> <div>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025</div> <div>DINNER SWEEPSTAKES, FREE SLOT PLAY & GUARANTEED GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>fray's</div> <div>ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY</div> <div>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025</div> <div>PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS • 10AM - 7PM FINALE DRAWING • 7:15PM</div>	<div>1</div> <div>LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>				
<div>2</div> <div>SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING</div>	<div>3</div> <div>MONDAY NIGHTS ARE GAME NIGHTS!</div>	<div>4</div> <div>HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS ON US</div>	<div>5</div> <div>WHEEL IN THE WINS FOREVER YOUNG LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div>	<div>7</div> <div>WHEEL OF FORTUNE LIVE! LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>	<div>8</div> <div>DINNER SWEEPSTAKES ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>
<div>9</div> <div>SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING</div>	<div>10</div> <div>ESPRESSO YOURSELF</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Veterans Day HONORING ALL WHO SERVED HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS ON US GRATITUDE TREATS FOR THE TROOPS!</div>	<div>12</div> <div>WHEEL IN THE WINS FOREVER YOUNG LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div>	<div>14</div> <div>LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>	<div>15</div> <div>ELECTRONIC GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY LOUGE ENTERTAINMENT</div>
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<div>30</div> <div>SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING</div>	<div>Jackpot Winners' SWEEPSTAKES</div> <div>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025</div> <div>PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS & EVENTS CENTER • NOON - 6:30PM</div> <div>DRAWING • 7PM</div>			<div>DOUBLE BLACK FRIDAY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div> <div>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025</div> <div>PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS • 6AM - NOON 1PM - 5AM</div>		

Ak-Chin Indian Community

2025 MASIK TAS CELEBRATION

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Everyone Welcome



RODEO EVENTS

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

TEAM ROPING

Thursday, December 18th



1ST ROPING:

#9 Pick 1, Draw 2 for \$180.00
Enter 2Xs, Capped at a 5+

2ND ROPING:

#11 Pick 1, Draw 2 for \$180.00
Enter 2Xs, Capped at a 6+

3RD ROPING:

Cowboy Draw, Draw 3 for \$180.00
Enter 2Xs

BOOKS OPEN AT 9AM

Flaggers Decision Final
(MANAGEMENT MAY CHANGE ANY ROPING)

All Ropings are 3-steer
100% Payback

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1st Place
Average
Winners

JR. RODEO

Friday, December 19th @ 9am



5 YEARS & UNDER

Sheep Riding (limit 20)
Dummy Roping (limit 20)
Goat Tail Pull (limit 20)
Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$40

6-9 YEARS OLD

Calf Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Flag Race (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$50

10-13 YEARS OLD

Steer Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (1x) (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Breakaway (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$55

14-17 YEARS OLD

Bull Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Breakaway (limit 20)
Entry Fee: \$60

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

Safety Vest required for All Rough Stock events. Western Attire Enforced.

Contestants must provide proof of age up request. No Exceptions.

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. All Payouts voided after 30 days.

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

Wild Pony Race (limit 6 teams)
Entry Fee: \$180

MANDATORY CHECK-IN. All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS
Money Order or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2025 Jr Rodeo **No personal checks accepted.

BULLS, BRONCS, & DONKS

December 19th @ 4pm



Events	Fee	Added \$
Ranch Bronc Riding (limit 10)	\$150	\$500
Open Novice Bull Riding (limit 10)	\$150	\$500
Open Women's Steer Riding (limit 10)	\$100	\$500
Wild Donkey Race (limit 6 teams)	\$300 per team	\$500

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

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.
Money Order or Cashiers Check accepted.
Please make payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-
2025 Bulls, Broncs, & Donks

**No personal checks accepted

Buckles to
Event
Winners!

OPEN WILD HORSE RACE

December 20th & 21st

\$600 per Team | 12 Team Limit



1st Place
Buckles

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

All entry money is 100% pay out along with added money

Money Orders and Cashiers Checks accepted.

No personal checks accepted

\$1000
ADDED
MONEY

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

OPEN RODEO

December 20th & 21st

PERFORMANCE TIMES

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

Money Order or Cashiers Check accepted. Please make
payable to Ak-Chin Indian Community-2025 Open Rodeo
**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 must complete W-9 and provide
a form of identification. All Payouts voided after 30 days.

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.

MANDATORY CHECK-IN

All contestants must sign a waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS

Events

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 Barrel Racing (limit 50)	\$150	\$1000
Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 50)	\$150	\$1000
Senior Breakaway (limit 50)	\$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 (3Xs)*	\$300/Team	\$2000

*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.

All Around
Cowboy & Cowgirl
\$1000 + Buckle
+ Spurs

Buckles to
Each Event
Winner!

***** ENTRY/WALK-IN/MAIL-IN INFORMATION *****

ENTRIES OPEN: November 4, 2025
ENTRIES CLOSE: December 5, 2025

ENTRIES MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY
CLOSED DATE

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

Mail-Ins
Ak-Chin Indian Community
ATTN: Masik Tas Rodeo
42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Walk-Ins:
December 13th: 10am - 6pm
Ak-Chin Entertainment Center
16000 N. Maricopa Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138
\$20 late fee will apply

alleventsstaff@ak-chin.nsn.us

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