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Ak-Chin Student-Athletes contribute to Maricopa High School Wrestling Program

Story by Robert Miguel,
photos by Runner Staff

Three Ak-Chin teens who attend Maricopa High School, are currently playing roles in winter sports for the Rams this season. MHS Juniors.

"He is currently behind older, very experienced wrestlers, which has limited his varsity opportunities this year, but he has shown the willingness to compete and get better."

Peters is competing in the heavyweight division at 285lb. and has a current record of 8-11, which excites Fierro due to the fact that Tyler is just learning to wrestle.

"This is his first-year wrestling and he has been very coachable and consistent in his effort," Fierro says. "Tyler works hard every day and continues to show steady improvement as he gains experience in the sport." One of the more exciting additions to the season is "girls wrestling", which has been on the rise as a high school sport the past couple of years. Ak-Chin's

Antonio Rodriguez and Tyler Peters, along with Sophomore Elizabeth Antone, have contributed to the wrestling team, led by MHS Head Coach, Erick Fierro.

As for the two grapplers, Rodriguez and Peters, Coach Fierro has seen steady improvement with hard work during the season thus far.

Rodriguez is currently sporting a 2-0 record on the Junior Varsity squad, as he wrestles in the 144lb. division.

"Antonio is a third-year wrestler who has shown commitment to the program," Fierro said.



Ak-Chin student-athletes; from l-r: Antonio Rodriguez, Tyler Peters and Elizabeth Antone, are wrestling for Maricopa High School.

Antone took advantage of the opportunity to try something new, and has seen a learning progression in the fairly new sport to the MHS program.

Thus far, Elizabeth, who also played in the school's band, is sporting an 8-7 record in the 138lb. division. Coach Fierro

is also pleased with the steady improvement from Antone. "As a first-year wrestler, she has begun to take the second half of the season more seriously and has shown noticeable growth and potential moving forward."

Although, none of the three Ak-Chin athletes

are considered state contenders at this time, coach Fierro is pleased with the progress and development each of them has shown this season, especially given their experience levels.

Fierro is in his 11th season coaching at Maricopa High School. The program to this date

has about 50 wrestlers total, boys and girls combined. This is Arizona's sixth official season of girls wrestling, and Maricopa has had a girl's program since its inception.

The boy's team is currently 9-11 in dual matches. The season began in early November.

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Ak-Chin members who attended this year's Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day on January 14, 2026, l-r: Raychel Peters, Ak-Chin O'odham Runner Editor, Janice Anderson, Ak-Chin Elder, Ak-Chin Councilmembers Dennis Antone and Lisa Garcia, Leslie-Carlyle Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Director, and Ak-Chin Chairman, Gabriel Lopez.

31st Annual Indian Nations & Tribes Legislative Day

Story by Runner Staff, photos by Teagan Delma

For over 30 years, the Arizona Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, has held the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislation Day at the Arizona State Capitol to show their support for the 22 Tribes, with a Joint-Protocol Session, to address concerns and enhance dialogue between the tribal and state governments.

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The event takes place on the Wednesday of the first week of each regular legislative session, which was held this year on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

A breakfast was held at the Heard Museum before the Joint-Protocol Session with Governor Katie Hobbs. Governor Hobbs joined

the Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona for a Tribal Leaders' Breakfast, where she delivered a Tribal specific State of the State address. Afterwards, tribal leaders made their way to the State Capitol.

The Senate Lawn outside the Capitol was set up with a variety of vendors for the resource fair.

Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to share information about REAL ID and a new program called TSA ConfirmID, that you may have heard about. We do not expect it to affect passengers who have photo identification cards issued by a federally recognized Tribal Nation/Indian Tribe.

Starting February 1, 2026, passengers who do not present an acceptable form of identification at checkpoints but still want to fly, will be given the option to pay a \$45 fee to verify their identity through the TSA ConfirmID program.

For more details, please refer to the press release at TSA Introduces New \$45 Fee Option for Travelers Without REAL ID Starting February 1 | Transportation Security Administration.

Photo identification cards issued by a federally recognized Tribal Nation/Indian Tribe, including Enhanced Tribal Cards, are acceptable forms of identification. Passengers with this type of identification will not have to pay the fee. They will proceed to security screening after the Transportation Security Officer confirms their identification. In certain circumstances, however when the identification card appears tampered with or when photo identification is not a match, Transportation Security Officers may ask for a second form of identification that meets REAL ID requirements.

All passengers and their property must be screened at the checkpoint regardless of the type of identification they use. To ensure a smoother screening experience, passengers with disabilities or medical conditions can contact our TSA Cares

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JOIN US FOR A

2026

NEW YEAR /
NEW BUILDING LUNCHEON

JANUARY 29 @ 11:00 AM

Join us to Celebrate our
Newly Renovated Building
with Food & Dancing!Call the Elder Center to RSVP.
Deadline January 19, 2026If you have any questions, please
give us a call at 520-568-1760Ak-Chin Indian
Community EldersWe are excited to announce a special
Elders Brainstorming Gathering

Join us on February 3, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Elder Center for an engaging evening of collaboration and creativity. This is your chance to share your thoughts on how we can enhance the services and activities at the Elder Center.

What do you enjoy doing for fun? How can we make the Elder Center an even better place for socializing, reconnecting with family and friends, and engaging in enjoyable activities? Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you!

Details of the Gathering

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Location: Elder Center

Refreshments: Light food and refreshments will be provided

Exciting Prizes: Fun prizes to win!

We kindly ask that you call the Elder Center to RSVP by January 12, 2026 to ensure we can accommodate everyone.

For any questions or to confirm your attendance, please call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760.

Your ideas are very important to us, and we can't wait to brainstorm together for a brighter tomorrow at the Elder Center!

Respectfully,
Elder Center Staff

January Lunch Menu

1/16
Pinto Beans,
Pork Chop (D),
Zucchini, Corn
Bread1/20
Hamburger, Green
Leaf/Tomato,
Sweet Potato
Fries, Corn on the
Cob, Peaches1/21
Potato Soup &
Salad, Apple/
Orange1/22
White Teprey
Beans, Beef w/
Bell Peppers (D),
Carrots, Moon
Bread, Peach
Cobbler/Apple1/23
Beef Stew w/
Zucchini, Yellow
Squash, Potato,
Corn & Carrot,
Spanish Rice,
Moon Bread,
Cantaloupe/
Honeydew/Apple1/26
Pork Chops,
Creamed
Spinach, Acorn
Squash, Banana/
Cranberry Bread1/27
Squash Casserole,
Wild Rice, Romain
Salad, Whole
Wheat/WhiteRolls, Vanilla
Pudding1/28
Short Ribs w/
Hominy, Red
Kidney Beans,
Moon Bread,
Apple Salad1/29
Chicken Stir Fry,
Fried Rice, Egg
Roll, Grapes1/30
Meatloaf, Mashed
Potato, Green
Beans, Whole
Wheat/White
Rolls, Jell-O

2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Elder Transportation Notice

We are honored to provide transportation services for the Elders of the Ak-Chin Indian Community to their medical appointments. As our Elder population continues to grow, so does the demand for transportation services. The Elder Center has developed a meticulously organized schedule to accommodate the transportation needs of all our Elders.

In order to maintain this schedule, we must kindly ask for your cooperation regarding any changes to transportation requests. If you experience a last-minute change in your dialysis treatment or medical schedule that is less than 48 hours in advance, we regret to inform you that the Elder Center will be unable to accommodate transportation for that change.

We understand that this may be inconvenient, but it is essential for us to ensure equitable service for all Elders we transport. While we have made exceptions in the past, we can no longer continue this practice due to the increasing number of transport requests.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Transportation Supervisor, Georgia Corella, at 520-568-1769, or the Elder Center Director, Leslie Carlyle Burnett, at 520-568-1762. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Georgia Corella
Transportation Supervisor

the House Lawn, just to the north of the Capitol, 22 tribal flags were posted and flying high, a welcoming sight for tribal members to see.

The morning began with a Welcome by Speaker of the House, the Honorable Steve Montenegro, who affirmed the state's continued support and working relationship with the tribes.

Following an Opening Prayer by former Gila River Lt. Governor Robert "Bobby" Stone, Presentation of Colors was carried out by the Tohono O'odham Nation Women Veterans, National Anthem by Ft. Mohave Tribal Band and the Pledge of Allegiance by Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King of the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Community.

Afterwards, Speaker Montenegro and Senate President, the Honorable Warren Petersen, each

shared opening remarks.

Each year, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and the Governor's Office, select two or three Tribal Leaders to address Legislators.

This year, Chairman Timothy Williams of the Fort Mojave Tribe and Chairman Verlon Jose of the Tohono O'odham Nation, had the distinguished honor.

The two highlighted their communities' successes as well as addressing their continued needs during their comments.

In all, a stronger relationship between the tribes and state needs to be garnered as well as making sure that tribes still continue to have a "seat at the table" decisions are made.

Dr. Laura Tohe (Dine), who was appointed early that morning as Poet Laureate for the State of Arizona.

A catered lunch was set up in a food truck, provided by Emerson's Fry Bread and entertainment included chicken scratch music by Gertie & The T.O. Boys.

Following lunch, a Youth Council Breakout Session was held on the Senate Lawn which was titled "Tribal State Civic Engagement" where Youth Council representatives from several tribes and organizations hosted a roundtable discussion on the importance of civic engagement, which offered insight into the legislative process of transforming an idea into law.

The Ak-Chin Youth Council were scheduled to share a presentation at 1:30 pm.

Saddleback Elementary 3rd Quarter Awards

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos submitted by Vera Pablo and Bojana Uzelac

Success and accomplishments were noticed as Saddleback awarded its students with Honor Roll, Principal's List, Perfect Attendance, the PRIDE award and so much more for the 3rd quarter, on January 8, 2026.



Ak-Chin had an

astounding 12 community students receiving awards; the biggest group being 4th grade with 6 scholars.

Antone, Hunter Narcia, Ember Navarrete, Lindsay Antone, Felix Andaverde

Kindergarten: Sadie Antone and Rommell Sharp

5th Grade: Elmaleen Johnson, Itzehl Trejo, Eleazar Baptisto

3rd Grade: William Delma and Layla Santiago

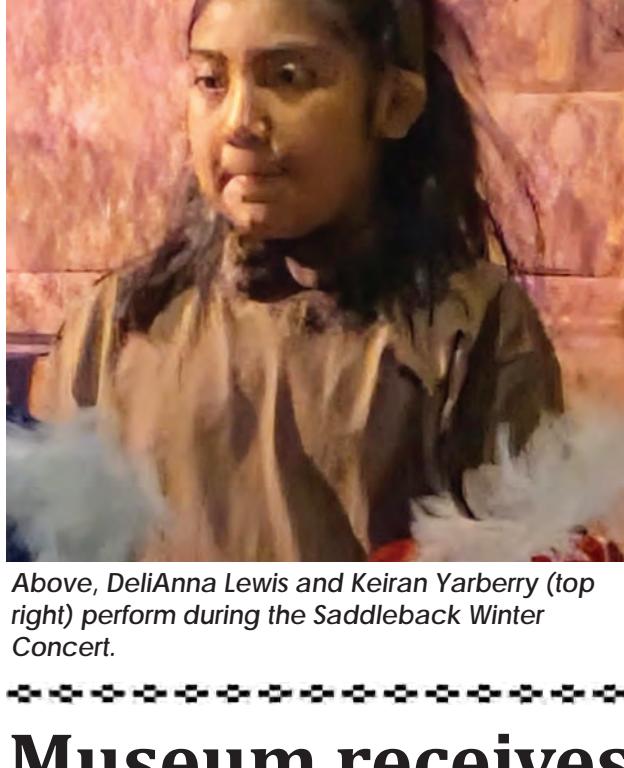
Congratulations to all the kiddos on a job well done!

4th Grade: Jeremiah



Winter Classics at Saddleback

Story by Kristen Villegas, photos by Bojana Uzelac, 3rd-5th grade student advisor



Above, DeliAnna Lewis and Keiran Yarberry (top right) perform during the Saddleback Winter Concert.



Museum receives Visitors from France

Story by Raychel Peters, photo by Kristen Villegas



December 30, the Ak-Chin Indian Community welcomed two visitors from France; Bahia M'hammedi Alaoui and Myriam Chqiriba.

The two ladies had stayed at Harrah's and were recommended to come out to the community to learn more about the Native Community.

So, they first stopped by the main farm/headquarters office where they struck up a conversation with Ak-Chin Chairman Gabriel Lopez.

After learning more about the community, Chairman Lopez escorted the ladies on a tour of the Community, which eventually brought them to the Ak-Chin Him-Dak EcoMuseum.

Once at the museum,

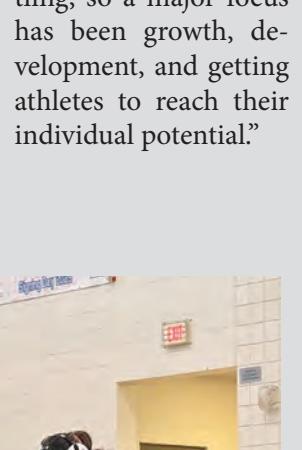
Bahia and Myriam were introduced to Museum Technician, Jennifer Hill and Museum Director, Elaine Peters.

Together, along with Chairman Lopez they were led through the museum exhibits, learning more about the culture and people of Ak-Chin. After the tour, the ladies mentioned that they were planning to visit Monument Valley.

Jennifer also shared that earlier that month, the museum also welcomed visitors from South Africa, who stopped by to learn more about Native Americans.

They were referred by friends in Maricopa to stop by the Him-Dak EcoMuseum.

Once at the museum,



Student-Athlete continues from Front

competitive push and rebuilding. We have a strong group of seniors who we believe have a legitimate chance to qualify for, and possibly place at State, and I'm talking about both boys and girls," Fierro shared.

"At the same time, much of our roster is young or new to wrestling, so a major focus has been growth, development, and getting athletes to reach their individual potential."



2025 Year in Review





TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE - EST 1995
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE



We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued trust and support in serving the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

May your year be filled with triumphs, health and happiness. Wishing you and your family a healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Thank you for your continued trust.
Gila River Health Care*

We encourage you to keep your health in mind in the new year. Scan QR code to see all our upcoming events and classes to help you.



SCAN ME



BOOK LAUNCH

Join us to meet Illustrator Dwayne Antone, enjoy a live reading by authors Velacita Lopez and Lerline Peters, and experience an evening filled with meaningful conversations and creativity.

January 21st 2026

STORYTIME #1 @ 6:00PM
STORYTIME #2 @ 6:30PM

Education Department

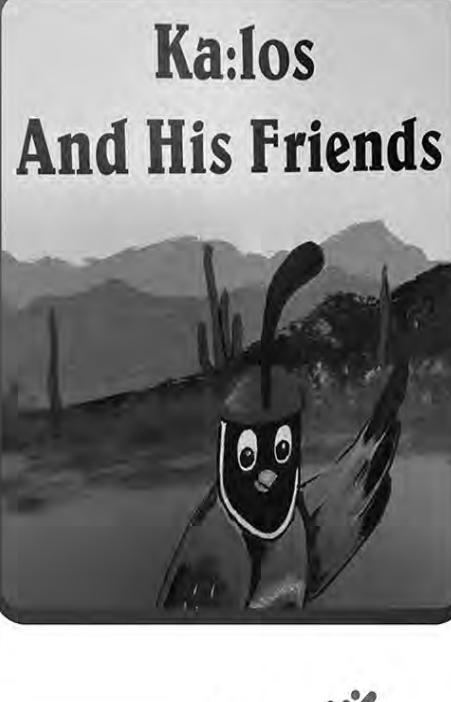
Story will be told in the library

Food will be served in the lobby

SPACE IS LIMITED PLEASE RSVP

520-568-1280

Guest must be present & participate in the Storytime to receive a signed book.
One book per household



New Year, New Habits: Reduce Waste in 2026

New year, new you... and a resolution you can actually stick with: reduce waste. Even choosing just one small change, daily, weekly, or monthly. It can make a meaningful impact on both the environment and your health.

What Is Municipal Solid Waste?

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), commonly known as "trash" or "garbage," includes everyday items we throw away such as durable goods (tires, furniture), nondurable goods (newspapers, plastic plates and cups), containers and packaging (milk cartons, plastic wrap), and other wastes like yard trimmings and food scraps. MSW generally refers to household, office, and retail waste, and does not include industrial, hazardous, or construction waste (University of Michigan, 2024).

Generation Statistics

- MSW generation in the U.S. has increased 93% since 1980, to 292M tons per year in 2018.¹ Per capita MSW generation increased 34% over the same period, from 3.7 to 4.9 lbs per person per day, compared to 2.6 in Sweden, 3.7 in Germany, and 2.8 in the U.K.² At the 2018 per capita rate, an American weighing 180 lbs generates their own weight in MSW every 37 days.
- In 2018, Americans generated 28 lbs per \$1,000 of GDP compared to 22 in Germany, 19 in the U.K., and 16 in Sweden.²
- 32% of U.S. MSW is recycled or composted, 12% is sent for combustion with energy recovery, and 50% is landfilled.³
- Packaging, containers, and durable goods made up 48% of MSW in 2018.¹ The remainder was split between nondurable goods, food waste, and yard waste.¹
- Plastics alone made up over 14.5M tons, of which just 8.7% was recycled.⁴
- About 1/3 of all food in the U.S. is wasted.⁵ This amounts to 66M tons yearly; enough energy to power 50M houses for a year.¹⁶ Food waste globally accounts for 8-10% of GHG emissions.⁷

See Food Systems Factsheet.

(<https://css.umich.edu/publications/factsheets/material-resources/municipal-solid-waste-factsheet>, 2025)



Rope's Round-Up

February 12th-15th, 2026

Everyone Welcome

RODEO DAYS

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

TRAILER ROPING Thursday, February 12th

ENTER AT 9AM - ROPE AT 10AM

9.5 (Capped @ 5.5)

Pick 1 Draw 1 or Draw 2 for \$200 Enter 4X

3 Steer

75% cash and prizes payout

Top 30 teams to the short round.

Points to 1-15 in the average.

Trailer Recipient responsible for TT&L

Flaggers Decision Final (MANAGEMENT MAY CHANGE ANY ROPING)

Trailer to high point
Roper in the 9.5
Buckles to Average
Winners

OPEN JR. RODEO Friday, February 13th @ 9am

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

5 YEARS & UNDER

Wooly Riding (limit 20)
Dummy Roping (limit 20)
Goat Tagging (limit 20)
Stick Horse Barrels (limit 20)

Entry Fee: \$40

6-9 YEARS OLD

Calf Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Flag Race (limit 20)

Team Roping 2x (limit 20)

\$100 per team

Entry Fee: \$50

10-13 YEARS OLD

Steer Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Breakaway (limit 20)

Team Roping 2x (limit 20)

\$120 per team

Entry Fee: \$60

14-17 YEARS OLD

Bull Riding (limit 20)
Ribbon Roping (limit 20)
Barrel Racing (limit 20)
Breakaway (limit 20)

Team Roping 2x (limit 20)

\$140 per team

Wild Pony Race (limit 6)

\$210 per team

Maverick Gathering (limit 6)

(3 Kid Team) \$210 per Team

Entry Fee: \$70

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

No refunds except with an acceptable doctors/vet note.

Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo.

To receive payout, contestants must show birth certificate.

**Contestants must stay in their own age category.

**Ribbon Roping Muggers in the 6-9 & 10-13 age divisions only.

***Team Roping & Ribbon Roping partner must be 18 years or older

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

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted.

**No personal checks accepted.

100% Payback

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

Events

Fee

Ladies Maverick Gathering
(3 Lady Team) (Limit 10)

\$300/Team

Steer Stopping (limit 30)

\$100

Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 50)

\$100

Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 50)

\$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)

His and Hers Tie Down Roping (Limit 30)

\$200/Team

Wild Donkey Race (limit 6) (3 lady team)

\$300/Team



Must be 16+ years old to participate

OPEN RODEO Sunday, February 15th @ 11pm

Events

Fee

Ranch Bronc Riding (limit 20)

\$100

Bull Riding (limit 20)

\$100

Chute doging (limit 30)

\$100

Dally Tie Down Roping (limit 30)

\$100

Ladies Barrell Racing (limit 50)

\$100

Ladies Breakaway Roping (limit 50)

\$100

Ladies Team Roping (2Xs) (limit 50)

\$200/Team

Open Team Roping (2X) (limit 100)

\$200/Team

Century Team Roping (2Xs)* (limit 50)

\$200/Team

Sr. Break Away Roping* (Limit 50)

\$100

4 Tribes Team Roping (2Xs)* (Limit 50)

\$200/Team

Maverick Gathering (4 man team)

\$400/Team

Open Wildhorse Race (Limit 6)

\$500/Team

Lucky 9 Team Roping * (Limit 50)

\$200/Team

(Capped @ 5)

Legends Bull Riding *(50 & over)

\$100

(Limit 10)

Custom Saddle to All Around Champion

100% Payback

Buckles to event winners

MANDATORY CHECK-IN

All contestants must sign a waiver.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Cash, Money Order, or Cashiers Check accepted. **No personal checks accepted. No refunds except with an acceptable doctors/vet note. Contact Rodeo Secretary 24 hours prior to start of rodeo.

MANDATORY CHECK-IN

All contestants must sign a waiver.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Performance on Sunday, February 15th at 12pm

Slack at 9am (if needed)

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JOB OPENINGS

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

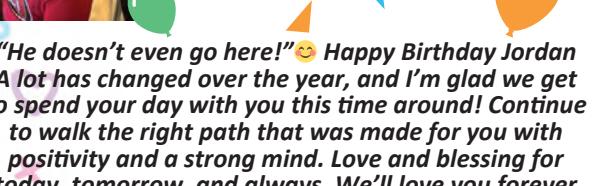
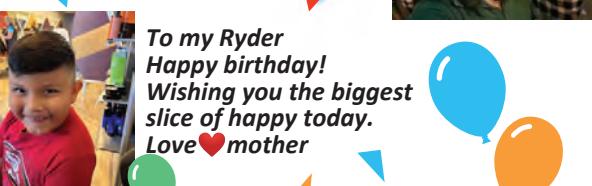
- Accounts Payable Technician
- Assistant Cook (Detention Facility)
- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Court Security Guard
- Detention Officer Certified (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Police Officer (certified)
- Security Systems Technician

Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician
- Oral Historian (part-time)

www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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



"He doesn't even go here!" Happy Birthday Jordan A lot has changed over the year, and I'm glad we get to spend your day with you this time around! Continue to walk the right path that was made for you with positivity and a strong mind. Love and blessing for today, tomorrow, and always. We'll love you forever Janaya, Alonzo, and Danya

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY SON!!!! Time definitely flew by with you. It's hard to believe my baby is now an adult but no matter what you will always be that little boy in my eyes. You grew into a respectful, kind hearted, handsome young man who also has a funny sense of humor (like your mom). Always remember to work for what you want. Anything is possible when you set your mind on it. Whatever you plan to do with your future always remember we are here to help you and we will always be your BIGGEST SUPPORTERS. Thank you for being YOU. Remain true to yourself and always remember to stay on the right path. WE LOVE YOU and Happy 18th Birthday! Mom, "Pops" and sister

HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRINCESS PAIGE! Our little girl is growing on us. Although Daddy and I wish you would stay little just a bit longer. 3 wonderful and exciting years with you, and we look forward to many more. You are smart and loving with a big heart. And one thing we already see is you have a funny sense of humor 😊. You amaze us every day and definitely keep us on our toes. You were the missing piece to our family that we didn't realize we were missing. Thank you for completing us ❤️. Even though every day is your day, it's more special on your birthday. Once again, Happy 3rd Birthday. WE LOVE YOU BABY Momma, Daddy, and Brother.

Happy 21st Birthday Dominique Patcho White!! Son, I have been so blessed with you. You have grown to be a wonderful person Boy oh boy have you kept me on my toes but life wouldn't be the same without your craziness, no fear and very lovable self. I would do it all again, I love you son with every bit of my Heart & Soul. Happy 21st and to many more!! Love always, Momma or how you use to say "Awwwe come on sugar plum" when you were in trouble. ❤️

January 1/16 - 2/5 Birthdays

JANUARY 16

Karly Campbell
Dallaz Jackson-Narcia
Verdina Aguilla
Eduardo Santiago

Estalynn Lopez
Marie Lewis
Leah Castro

JANUARY 17

Ryder Narcia
Logan Tittes
Dawn Lewis
Stacey Yarberry

Thomas Carlyle
Freddie Salas
Yasmine Rogers
Beatrice Romo

JANUARY 18

Richard Joaquin IV
Dominique White
Nathaniel Eno

Thomas Carlyle
Freddie Salas
Yasmine Rogers
Beatrice Romo

JANUARY 19

Perla Corona
Rosalino Ormsby

Mario Santiago
Anthony Rogers
Lydell Delowe Jr.

JANUARY 20

Jonathan Peters
Bernadine Romo
Joshua Peters
Roland Narcia
Joe Medina
Adriana Narcia
Phoenix-Michelle
Alejandro
Juan Medina

Chelsey Mike

JANUARY 21

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 22

Francisco Kaniatobe

Spencer Antone
Byron White
Paulette Kisto

JANUARY 23

Francisco Kaniatobe

Richard Quintero

JANUARY 24

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 25

Francisco Kaniatobe

Patricia Perillo

JANUARY 26

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 27

Francisco Kaniatobe

Mario Santiago
Anthony Rogers
Lydell Delowe Jr.

JANUARY 28

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 28

Francisco Kaniatobe

Felicia Vincent
Anariee Carra

JANUARY 29

Francisco Kaniatobe

Aniyaa Carrasco

JANUARY 30

Francisco Kaniatobe

Richard Quintero

JANUARY 31

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 31

Francisco Kaniatobe

Abigail Thompson

FEBRUARY 1

Francisco Kaniatobe

Preciousrose Warren

FEBRUARY 2

Francisco Kaniatobe

Jonah Dickerson

FEBRUARY 3

Francisco Kaniatobe

David Manuel Jr.

FEBRUARY 4

Francisco Kaniatobe

Elizabeth Antone

FEBRUARY 5

Francisco Kaniatobe

Felicia Vincent

FEBRUARY 6

Francisco Kaniatobe

Aniyaa Carrasco

FEBRUARY 7

Francisco Kaniatobe

Richard Quintero

FEBRUARY 8

Francisco Kaniatobe

JANUARY 29

Francisco Kaniatobe

Spencer Antone

FEBRUARY 9

Francisco Kaniatobe

Byron White

FEBRUARY 10

Francisco Kaniatobe

Patricia Perillo

WIC

Tuesday, February 03, 2026
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

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS For Elders

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

First Class on January 20th 2026!!

JOIN US!!

Questions? Call or email Lori De La Cruz at (520) 568-1087 on Lori.De.La.Cruz@ak-chin.us

READING BUDDIES AGES 5-18

Children and teens are welcome to the library to read 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.

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
EMAIL: LIBRARY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

beanstack WINTER Reading 18+

DOWNLOAD THE BEANSTACK APP AND LOG YOUR READING MINUTES. REACH 1000 MINUTES AND RECEIVE A PRIZE. START LOGGING YOUR MINUTES BEFORE THE WINTER SEASON ENDS!

Join the challenge!
Start JAN 10 | Finish MAR 31

Prizes open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, and Employees only

Warm up TO A GOOD BOOK

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Storytime

At the Ak-Chin Library for Families and Homeschoolers

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

Wednesdays @10am

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Employee Birthdays 1/16 - 2/4

1/17 Dawn Fuentes, TGA Joshua Jancho, TGA	1/26 Thomas Carlyle, Sanitation Beatrice Romo, Parks & Rec	1/31 Carlton Carlyle, EPD Celeste Gloria, Preschool
1/20 Joe Medina, Maintenance	1/28 Avel Hogan, Housing Felicia Vincent, Language	2/1 Christopher Cypriano, Custodian
1/21 Vera Pablo, Education Francisco Preciado, Fire	1/29 Hector Soliz Jr., Sanitation	2/2 Mario Molina PH.D, Education
1/23 Amber Antone, Fire	1/30 Hector Soliz Jr., Sanitation	2/4 Francine Sanchez, Preschool

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

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1/2026 JANUARY

Happy New Year

1 Storytime @10am
Crafternoon 3-6pm

11 Storytime @10am
Library After Dark 18+ 6-8pm

18 Storytime @10am

25 Storytime @10am

28 Resume & Job Searching Workshop 3-4pm
Storytime @10am

30 Puzzle Day!

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