

Ak-Chin players shine at Sequoia Pathway Academy

Story and photos by Runner Staff



Left: Jose "Baby J" Miguel shows off his certificate for Pinal Prep Player of the Week for the week of 12-19-19 before his game on January 14 vs. Imagine-Coolidge. Right: Victor "Rex" Andaverde waits for the ball during a 1-3-19 tournament game at Sequoia Pathway Academy.

Jose "Baby J" Miguel and Victor "Rex" Andaverde are making a big impact on Sequoia Pathway Pumas boys high school basketball team.

Before the new year, Baby J was recognized as the Pinal Prep Player of the Week by Pinal Central/Maricopa Monitor and was featured on their website.

The two Ak-Chin players had a chance to show off their skills and try to help the Pumas win during the Sequoia Pathway Academy New Year's Tip Off Tournament from January 3-5. Prep teams came to Maricopa to give their all and prove that they have what it takes.

Overall, the Pumas played great ball beating Ville de Marie Academy 62-56 and South Pointe 52-30. Rex made some key shots and played stellar defense.

In their last game of the tournament, the Pumas took a tough loss to Maya, setting up a championship game between San Tan Charter and Maya rescheduled for a later date.

During the game vs. Maya, Baby J. had 19 points and five assists.

Head boys' basketball coach at Sequoia Pathway Academy George Courtney has a lot of positive things to

say about both Rex and Baby J. "I am glad to have these two young men on our team. They know exactly what I want and how I want the team to play," he says.

Coach Courtney says that Rex brings energy, defensive intensity, and is a silent assassin on offense.

"He (Rex) has a nice shot and if left open he can quietly knockdown open shots. On defense he is very sneaky and will cause turnovers on opposing guards who aren't aware of where he is at. Victor is a big part of the team because he takes the pressure off of

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Ak-Chin Security meets with Gila River P.D.

Story and photo by J. Peters

On the afternoon of January 10, Ak-Chin Security Sergeant, Daniel Antone had a special visit from longtime friend, Gila River Police Chief, Timothy Chavez, once co-workers at Ak-Chin PD and now continue to work in the same fields.

Chief Chavez came to Sergeant Antone intrigued by the Ak-Chin's Security department; wanting to gather some details about his security team; asking Sergeant Antone the ins and outs of what his team does daily for the community.

Chavez explained to Sergeant Antone that the Gila River Police department is going to be starting up a voluntary program called "Citizens on Patrol" in their communities. A program that helps in monitoring the community by the community.

The chief is looking to have similar duties as Ak-Chin Security department does, for this voluntary program.



Ak-Chin Security Sergeant Daniel Antone greets Gila River Police Chief Timothy Chavez.

Not only to keep the community safe, but to also contribute helping hands when needed with various contributions to include; traffic control, helping with community events/services, funeral escorts and doing security checks.

These duties would be just the tip of the iceberg of what the program would want the volunteers to assist in.

The program will also provide a vehicle for volunteers to use while working.

Chief Chavez, stated that there have been a lot of members, including veterans that have an interest in being part of the "Citizens on Patrol" program within the Gila River Community and anticipates to have the program up and running in the near future.

Gila River has been striving to get this program for the community for six months and with all the data being collected everything is coming into fruition for Gila River Police department.

Sekulic wins Saguaro Amateur at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes

Story by C. Picciuolo, photo submitted by Southern Dunes

Since 2014, the Troon Saguaro Amateur Series has been a big hit at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club, and this year hundreds of amateur golfers, the majority being college students, put their talents to the test at the 2020 Saguaro Amateur.

In what started off late due to a frosty morning on Sunday, January 5, Max Sekulic took advantage of a beautiful, mild afternoon to win in a 6-under par 66 final round.

Leading up to his win, Sekulic was in a three-way tie with Austin Fox of Folsom, CA and Ryan Grider of Louisville, TX at 10-under par through late afternoon.

Sekulic battled Fox in a 1-hole sudden death playoff, parred the first hole and won by one shot.

As a Canadian representing the region



Max Sekulic holds two trophies, one for the Saguaro Amateur Series, and the other for the Saguaro Amateur Championship.

at Grand Canyon University, Sekulic will be transferring to Washington State this spring.

Sekulic also won the Troon Saguaro Amateur Series Player-of-the-Year for his performance in the season-long Troon Saguaro Amateur Series.

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WMPO- over the years

Story and photo by R. Peters



As the prolific five-year partnership between the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Waste Management, with The Thunderbirds at the helm, comes to a close, the Community reflects on "The People's Open".

The five-year agreement was very unique, as it was the first time in the history of the Phoenix Open that a Presenting

Sponsor was chosen. The Thunderbirds had seen firsthand how Ak-Chin played vital roles in many other Phoenix sponsorships over the years.

"The dedication and commitment the Ak-Chins have shown to not only our golf tournament, but also to our community, including their support

of the Superbowl and the National Championship Football game has been truly remarkable and we are so grateful for their support." Dan Mahoney, 2016 WMPO Tournament Chairman shared, at the 2016 Tee-Off Luncheon.

Former Chairman, Louis Manuel, Jr. also shared during the

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Ak-Chin Elders party on New Years Eve

Photo by Runner staff



All smiles as Ak-Chin Elders and Elder Department staff ring in the new year during the daytime on New Years Eve 12-31-19 with an early toast. Community members and employees were encouraged to stop by on their lunch break to wish the elders a Happy New Year. Elders wore New Years hats and were poured non-alcoholic sparkling cider.

“Future Leaders” attend higher ed orientation

Story and photo by C. Picciuolo

Language Department hands out backpacks

On Tuesday, January 14, the Ak-Chin Education Department held a higher education spring session new student orientation for Ak-Chin adult students.

Enrollment/academic advisor Pam Velasquez hosted the session and welcomed with open arms new students who are attending Central Arizona College and Universal Technical Institute.

The orientation was held at the multi-purpose

room at the library and began with a presentation of backpacks gifted by the Ak-Chin Language Department, O’odham Ñeok Ki. Each backpack has the phrase, “Gami Bi Ha’ap Ha Vañamdam” which translates to “Future Leaders” in the O’odham language.

Lerline Peters, Ak-Chin language technician, addressed the students. “That’s what you guys are, future leaders. You guys are going to be the ones that are going to be running this community in the future,” she said.

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Elder Menu

<p>Jan. 17 Indian Tacos Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Cupcakes</p> <p>Jan. 21 Lima Beans Chicken Stir Fry (D) Normandy Vegetables Kale Salad, Moon Bread Baked Apples</p> <p>Jan. 22 Egg Salad Sandwich Tomato Soup Creamy Chicken Soup (D) Mixed Vegetables Grapes</p> <p>Jan. 23 Bar-B-Que Ribs Plain Ribs (D) Yams, Potatoes (D) Spring Salad Jell-O, Plums</p> <p>Jan. 24 15 Bean Soup Ground Beef w/ Vegetables Corn, Spinach Salad Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>Jan. 27 Red Chili Stew Carrots, Zucchini Chumath, Oranges</p> <p>Jan. 10 Breakfast Buffet Scrambled Eggs, Potato, Bacon Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Jan. 28 Hamburgers Potato Wedges Carrot Raisin Salad Blueberry Cobbler</p> <p>Jan. 29 Bean Tostadas Chicken Tostadas (D) Corn, Peas</p> <p>Jan. 30 Peaches w/ Cottage Cheese Meatloaf Mashed Potato Green Beans, Rolls Ambrosia Salad</p> <p>Jan. 31 Pork Chops Roasted Vegetables Wild Rice, Spring Salad Pineapples</p>
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Elderly Chair Exercise & Fitness



Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:30am to 10:30am

Benefits to exercising: Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, balance and body stability to prevent falls. Helps increase the strength of bones and reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis and fractures. Helps reduce the risk of chronic conditions.

For questions regarding the classes please contact the Health Education Department 520-568-1080



**Elder & Caregiver
Brain Health
Presentation**

**Friday January 17, 2020
12:15 – Elder Center**

**Topic of Discussion with
Nicole Lomay from Banner Alzheimer’s**

- What is dementia/ Alzheimer’s Disease?
- Progression & Treatment
- Roadblocks & Detours

Caregivers we will have a brief meeting at 11:30 AM before the Presentation starts.

If you have any question or need a ride Please call us at 520-568-1760

**Diabetes Presentation
With Health Education**



Wednesday’s February 5, 2020 & February 12, 2020

12:15pm

Bone Muscle and Healthy Aging

Tuesday February 18th, 2020

12:15pm



Caregiver First Aid Class

**Wednesday
February 26, 2020
1 pm
Ak-Chin Elder Center**



**48141 W. Farrell Rd
Maricopa, Az 85139
(520) 568-1760**



**Basic First Aid Training
Learn to save a life**



MCT CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**February 12, 2020
District 2 Gym, Sacaton Flats, AZ**

**Registration Starts: January 13, 2020
Deadline: January 31, 2020**

FEE PRICE: \$50.00

PAYMENT INFORMATION:
Walk-Ins: Cashiers Office

Governance Center 525 W. Gu’u’ Ki Rd. Sacaton, AZ, 85147 8:00am - 5:00pm	District 6 Service Center 5230 W. St. Johns Rd. Laveen, AZ, 85339 Tuesday and Thursdays (ONLY) 9:00am - 4:00pm
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Cash or Credit/Debit cards are accepted at the Cashiers Office. Make payment payable to: Gila River Indian Community (Money order or cashier checks only) Please reference "MCT COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT" on cashiers check, money order, or if paying in person. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO TRIBAL RECREATION.**

**26 Team Limit:
Double Elimination format**

Awards:
1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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or a great story that you would
like to share, please contact us
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comments about "YOUR"
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JANUARY 31, 2020**

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**FRIDAY
JANUARY 31, 2020**

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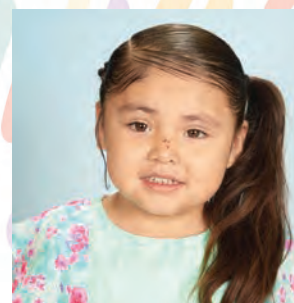
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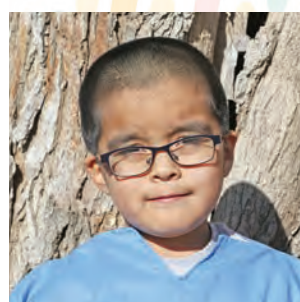
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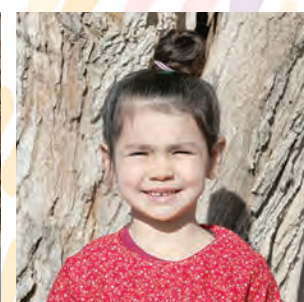
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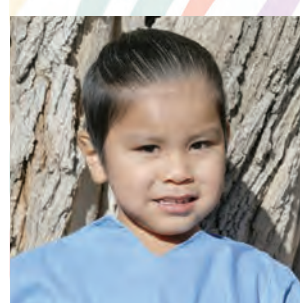
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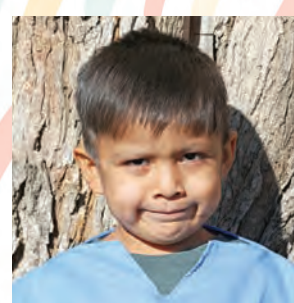
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donations will be
crowned 2020 Little
Mr. and Miss Ak-
Chin. Monetary
donations will be
utilized for student
activities and the end
of year trip.

— WMPO continued from Front

luncheon, "The Ak-Chin Indian Community
has long understood our role in giving back
to the community at large. Through The
Thunderbirds and the success of the Waste
Management Phoenix Open, we can continue
that commitment and provide financial
support to several worthwhile organizations
throughout Arizona."

"The People's Open" continues to be a
worthwhile and charitable organization, as
WMPO and tournament host Thunderbirds
raise money for Arizona charities, most
of which provide programs that benefit
youth. Recent beneficiaries include Phoenix
Children's Hospital, First Tee of Phoenix,
Special Olympics Arizona, Homeward Bound,
St. Mary's Food Bank, Save the Family,
Ability 360 and Child Crisis Arizona.

The 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open
raised more than \$13.2 million dollars for
charity, setting a tournament record for the
eighth straight year, and The Thunderbirds
have raised more than \$147 million in the
tournament's 83-year history. Ak-Chin can
take pride in knowing it has helped support all
these worthy causes, as well.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel shared
a little about his overall experience with the
partnership and friendships the Community
has made over the years. "I've become
"good" friends with Dan Mahoney of The

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Saddleback Elementary Award Ceremony

On the morning of January 9th Saddleback Elementary held an award ceremony for all their rising stars and among the happy recipients Ak-Chin was well represented by a number of students. These students worked hard during their 6 months into the school year and we are celebrating their accomplishments.



Angelica Antone



Arian Corondo



Arrow Santiago



Jeaney Narcia



Juan Trejo



Keira Attakai Ricky Attakai Jr



Marley Contreras



Sarah Delma



Yamiah Miguel

Library hosts Mars Family Science Night

Story and photos by J. Peters

January 10, the Library along with Science Voices presented Mars Family Science Night 2.0, with guest speaker/ presenter Lev Horodyskyj, founder of Science Voices. Science Voices is an organization that “assists the development of science education resources for and with overlooked communities using their own voices and narratives.”

Library staff provided a hot dog dinner for everyone and as people settled Mr. Horodyskyj began his presentation by asking a few planetary questions to the audience.

“Have you ever seen Mars in the night sky?”, “How big is space?”, “What are the order of the planets?”

These and many more questions were gearing up to what would evidently be the

main topic of the night, what challenges humans face to be able to grow plants on Mars! And how growing plants in the Southwest have some similarities.

Through activity stations, everyone learned what is needed to grow plants on an alien planet. Different stations were set up in the library, learning about different soils and what different colors of soil mean. A crafting station was set out for those who



wanted to assemble their own greenhouse. While putting the greenhouse together they learned what plants grow with the right soil and what temperatures are needed to help growth.

The solar panel station gave everyone a glimpse of how the different panel positions can increase or decrease growth of plants. Finding the right amount of light to sustain the plant's needs, they used soil/ moisture and temperature sensors to see what condition the soil provided was.

They also tested soil samples to see which plants would grow in the given soil conditions.

These little experiments gave a good look into what scientists have been experimenting with trying to see if life is sustainable on Mars.



Baby Time, It's All About Me!

The New Year is bringing new stories, new crafts and whole new Baby Time activities for the youngest youths in the community. Baby Time focuses on early literacy for infants to age 5.

On January 15th, parents, guardians and teachers took children to participate in the program, where books were read, songs were sung, snacks were eaten and everyone had fun.



Library Clerk Brianna Peters reads “Littles and How They Grow” by Kelly DiPucchio to the children.



He is giving a puppet show.



All smiles while dancing.



Snack time at Baby Time!

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION RUN 5K

January 25, 2020 | 8:30 AM Check In | 9:00 AM Start
Ak-Chin Service Center

Event open to all
Registration on-site only
Free gift to participants
Breakfast
Hot Chocolate
Prizes for top finishers

2020

Renew your resolutions! Please contact us with any questions.
Call (520) 568-1085 or email mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us

2020 National Media Conference in Phoenix Sept. 13-16

NAJA calling for program proposals through March 31, 2020

The Native American Journalists Association invites all NAJA members and supporters to attend annual National Native Media Conference Sept. 13-16, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, Arizona.

In partnership with the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, NAJA will facilitate conference program sessions about best practices in Indigenous media through training and workshops to support and enhance the knowledge and skills of journalists covering Indian Country.

Programming Proposals
Indigenous journalists will lead the majority of sessions, which are aimed at developing skills and sharing new insights for Indigenous media.

To submit a program proposal or session idea, please complete the 2020 conference session proposal form by **March 31, 2020**.

Sponsorship and Exhibition
If your organization would like to propose a sponsored

session to be featured during the largest gathering of Indigenous journalists in North America, contact NAJA to discuss opportunities for branding, sponsored content, a presence in the 2020 National Native Media Expo and more.

The full sponsorship guide will be available soon. Contact Rebecca Landsberry at rebeccalandsberry@naja.com for more information or to schedule a meeting.



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New Enrollees must be at least 1/4 or more to be qualified for enrollment with Ak-Chin Indian Community.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

What you need:

- ☐ Complete Enrollment Application
- ☐ Certified Birth Certificate
- ☐ Social Security Card
- ☐ Marriage License (If applicable)
- ☐ Notarized Affidavit (If applicable)

All forms can be filled out at the Enrollment Office.

Please keep contact information updated.

IE: Change of Name, Marriage, Divorce, Change of Address & Contact Numbers.

Please bring any supporting documents.
IE: Court Documents

REMINDER: \$5.00 Fee for ID replacement.

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Phone: (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074

JANUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Gathering held at the Service Center, 6- 8PM
Community Meeting held at Ak-Chin Service Center, 6-8PM

ELDER CENTER INFORMATION

Elder Center 520-568-1760
Center Hours
Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9 AM
Lunch 12 noon

Transportation
520-568-1760 or 520-568-1769
Please Call Before 4 PM

Eggs Delivered every Tuesday.
Eggs pick up Wed-Fri 8 AM-3 PM After Hours 520-858-5043

Elder Shopping and Errands are provided every Monday and Friday at 1 PM If you need transportation for Shopping and Errands on any Other day, please call Transit Department. 520-568-1630

LIBRARY INFORMATION

*Needs to be signed up to be in program. Call 520-568-1675 for more information.
Elder Coloring - Takes place at the Elder Center. Japan Pop - Transportation to and from library is Required. You must be 10 years or older to participate. Baby Time!* - Every Wednesday, 10:00-10:45am. Children 0-5 ONLY & PARENT MUST BE PRESENT.

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday – Friday – 8AM-6PM
Saturday-12PM-4PM
Sunday-Closed

RECREATION INFORMATION
For more information on Rec Center events please call the Rec Center @520-568-1740
Calendar Subject to Change

ELDER CENTER

JANUARY 17
Elder Check Day

JANUARY 20
Center Closed

JANUARY 22
Movie Day

JANUARY 23
Education Presentation-After School Program, 12:15pm

JANUARY 28
Basic First Aid for Elders, 12:30pm

JANUARY 29
Caregiver CPR at Elder Center, 1pm

JANUARY 30
Oasis BINGO w/Gwen, 12:30pm

HEALTH EDUCATION

JANUARY 14
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

JANUARY 16
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

JANUARY 21
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

JANUARY 23
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

LIBRARY

JANUARY 14
Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

JANUARY 15
Baby Time!*, 10:10-10:45am
KRAFTZ, 2:30pm-4:30pm
Game Hacker*, 4:15pm-6pm

JANUARY 16
Preschool Storytime, 11am-12pm

JANUARY 17
Library closes at 5pm

JANUARY 18
Library Closed

JANUARY 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Library Closed

JANUARY 21
Elder Coloring*, 9:00am-10:00am

JANUARY 28
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

JANUARY 30
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 4
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 11
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 18
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

FEBRUARY 25
ZUMBA 7-8 pm

Preschool Storytime, 11:00am-12:00pm

JANUARY 22
Baby Time!*, 10:00-10:45am
KRAFTZ, 2:30pm-4:30pm
Game Hacker*, 4:15pm-6:00pm

JANUARY 23
Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm

JANUARY 24
Lego Robots!, 4:15pm

JANUARY 25
Japan Pop*, 12:00pm-2:00pm

JANUARY 29
Baby Time!*, 10:00-10:45am
KRAFTZ, 2:30pm-4:30pm
Game Hacker*, 4:15pm-6:00pm

JANUARY 30
Preschool Storytime, 11am-12 pm

JANUARY 31
Lego Robots!, 4:15pm

PARKS & RECREATION

JANUARY 3
New Year's Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament

JANUARY 11
New Year's Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

JANUARY 20
(CLOSED)

JANUARY 21
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 22
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 23
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 24
Education- Student Recognition Night 4p-8p (Gym)
JANUARY 27
Employee New Year Mega Volleyball Tournament

JANUARY 28
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 29
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

JANUARY 30
9-12 Basketball Practice 5p-6:30p

FEBRUARY 1
Open Gym 11am –3pm


FEBRUARY 2
9-12 Basketball League WK 1

FEBRUARY 3
Open Gym 8am –2pm
Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm
Mini Basketball Practice 6pm-8pm


FEBRUARY 4
Open Gym 8am-2pm
Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm
9-12 Basketball Practice 5pm-6:30pm

FEBRUARY 5
Open Gym 8am –2pm
Heritage Class 2pm-4:30 pm
Mini Basketball Practice 6pm-8pm

FEBRUARY 6
Open Gym 8am to 2pm
Heritage Class 2pm-4:30pm
Gym Closed 5pm-8pm (Pending)



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



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE

Ak-Chin Tribal Transit focuses on Safety, Reliability and Efficiency.

IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT ON DEMAND SERVICES

- The date and time of travel
- Your pick-up time and address
- Your destination address and time of arrival
- Your return time and address (if those services are necessary)
- Verify whether you will be using a mobility and such a wheelchair, walker, or service animal.
- Confirm total amount of passengers that will be riding

SAFETY

For your safety, please stand back and do not attempt to load until the vehicle has come to a complete stop. Standing on the vehicle while it is in motion is not permissible until the vehicle has come to a complete stop. Repeated offenses of safety will result in the passenger losing riding privileges. Guardians must be with their children during boarding and disembarking from the vehicle for the safety of all passengers in your group. If children try to board without the presence of their guardian, we will hold boarding until the guardian arrives.

BE READY FOR YOUR TRIP

When making a reservation, you will be given an approximate pick-up time. Please keep in mind that this is an approximate and while we do our best to always be on time, safety is our priority. Please be ready and waiting for the vehicle. Once your trip is scheduled and you board the vehicle, you may not change your destination. If changing your destination is absolutely necessary, please understand we may not be able to accommodate your existing drop off time requested. Last minute changes will not be allowed to disrupt other passenger scheduled times.

PASSENGER ASSISTANCE


Drivers are not allowed to use sight of their vehicle at any time. Transit staff are only allowed to leave their post in order to assist a passenger. Please note that Transit staff will not go into your home or vehicle, unless:

- NO SHOWS
- If you are not present when the vehicle arrives, the driver will wait five minutes. After five minutes, the driver leaves proceed with the route and the passenger will be treated as a no-show. After three no-shows, our services will be declined to you for 30 days. Our demand response of times cannot be a heavy schedule. Please understand that once a passenger arrives at their destination the driver will not wait for a passenger to get back into the vehicle. They will proceed with the route unless special accommodations were already made with dispatch. We can always be scheduled for them and take you to another location at a future time.
- SEATBELTS
- All Transit vehicles are equipped with seatbelts. In accordance with state law, Ak-Chin Tribal Transit requires you to wear your seatbelt at all times during transport. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Any passenger refusing to wear their seatbelt will not be granted services.
- CHILD SEAT REQUIREMENT
- The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title 49 states that Transit "may require that whenever users make use of requirement systems for their mobility devices." This section gives Ak-Chin Tribal Transit the right to enforce whether or not wheelchairs must be fastened. We enforce this rule and must call dispatch to request a bus confirmation. We require a bus confirmation with Transit staff cannot be secured using the method, the bus down will be completed as effectively and safely as possible. Our staff is trained in proper tie-down techniques. Customers that do not want their child or their second may not be transported.
- CRUISE CONTROL
- To ensure the safety of our passengers, large quantities of items will be placed in the rear of the vehicle. Cans or bottles will be turned prior to loading and must be secured prior to travel. Open food and drink containers are prohibited as long as you use the appropriate waste receptacles and be considerate of other passengers. Trash left on the vehicle is a violation. Abuse of our services will result in the passenger losing riding privileges. Smoking is not allowed.
- CAUTIONS AND NOTES
- If a trip needs to be canceled, you are urged to cancel it as early as possible. We ask for a 15 minute notice. If a 15 minute notice is not given, you will be penalized a no-show. Refusing and/or calling transportation can be difficult to address when proper protocols are not followed.


Please keep us in mind for your transportation needs.
Need a ride? Call: 520-568-1630 Text: 520-340-0382
Demand-Response Service Schedule: Monday-Friday from 8:15am to 4:30pm *

Demand response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial and government addresses located within a five-mile radius of Community boundaries. Without exception, ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE EITHER A PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF LOCATION WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY. Our demand-response service is a reservation-based system which operates on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.

*Ak-Chin Tribal Transit generally does not operate on holidays recognized by the Ak-Chin Indian Community



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



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Passenger Rules

- Standing on the vehicle while it is in motion is not permissible until the vehicle has come to a complete stop. Repeated offenses of safety will exclude you from using Ak-Chin Tribal Transit services in the future.
- No paraphernalia, smoking, Weapons (knives, guns, ammunition etc.), dangerous instruments (baseball bats, metal bars, etc.), or caustic or violate materials are prohibited. Possession of any of these items/materials is grounds for refusal or removal from the vehicle.
 - ALL BAGGAGE (PURSES, BACKPACKS, GROCERY BAGS, ETC.) MAY BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.
- All parts of your body and items in your possession must remain in the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.
- Use of abusive language or gestures may be grounds for refusal or removal from the vehicle. Please report any incidence to the driver.
- Assaultive, threatening, criminal behavior or intentional damage to the vehicle will be grounds for immediate removal from the bus and may exclude you from using Ak-Chin Tribal Transit services in the future.
- Open food and beverage containers along with litter is prohibited. (Trash receptacles are available at most pick up and drop off locations)
- Children under ten years of age may not utilize the Transit bus service unless accompanied by a rider 15 years of age or older. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Transit Manager.
- Service animals are allowed, however the animal may be excluded if it is out of control or not housebroken.
- Passengers may not be intoxicated to a degree to which they are not able to safely enter or exit the Transit vehicle.



Healthy Parenting Education and Support Group



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Ak-Chin Health and Human Services

When: Please call to arrange start date.
Where: Conference Room (48227W, Farrell Road Maricopa, Arizona 85139)
Contact: Health & Human Services at (520) 568-1093)

The goal of this group is to help establish a support system for Community Families and offer additional tools and techniques for parenting.* Community members, Residents, and Employees are welcome to participate!** For more information contact: Lynne Houston-Volden (Child and Family Therapist) at Health and Human Services, 520-568-1086.

*A Certificate of Completion is issued when a participant actively participates in and completes the entire series of topics.
**Individuals not employed by the community, nor residents or community members may be given special permission, contact Lynne Houston-Volden for details.



NEW LIFE Ak-Chin Church
Where the full gospel is preached



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Schedule of Services

Sunday School for adults and children
10:00 a.m.
Morning and evening church service is at
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
in the Ak-Chin Service Center Complex

Do you need a ride to church?
Call our bus driver
602-476-9591

If you need prayer,
please contact one of the pastors
Johnny Stephens 520-705-3052
Carlos Marin 520-560-2679



Safe Sleep Education Class



Car Seat Training Education

Receive a Pack-n-Play crib


- Mom is in her 3rd trimester
- Baby is 0-12 months old
- Co-sleeping is occurring

Bring the child's height and weight only or birthdate if unborn

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Health Education Building
Class Starts at 10:00 am -12:00 pm
For Community members, Employees and employees' family members


For questions please call or email Injury Prevention 520-568-1087
TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.nsn.us



NOTICE

****Due to the holiday on Monday January 20th, trash will be picked. up on: Tuesday, January 21st**

~Sanitation Department



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY



Ak-Chin Indian Community
Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update

Due February 23rd 2020

LET'S SHARE

Make Your Voice

IT'S SURVEY TIME

Win!

One participant who completes the survey will be eligible to win a new:

Apple iPad (Latest Model) with Wi-Fi - 32GB - Gold

Only one survey per person is eligible. Drawing for the giveaway will take place in March 2020.

About the Master Plan Update

Various development plans originally identified in the 2013 Ak-Chin Public Use and Commercial Area Master Plan have come to fruition or are in the process of being developed. But there is more work to be done and we need your input.


Take the Survey Today

Please complete the **Public Survey** for the Ak-Chin Circle Master Plan Update and tell us what types of services, retail, restaurants, and entertainment needs you think would best serve the Community.

Take the online survey at:

<https://AkChinCircleMP.typeform.com/to/N9Kvvn>

DEADLINE: February 29, 2020



San Xavier Co-op Farm

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
8100 S. Oidak Wog, Tucson, Arizona 85746
Phone: 520-295-3774
Fax: 520-741-9303
sxca@sanxaviercoop.org

Job Announcements


POSITION	DEPARTMENT	FT/PT	STATUS	CLOSING DATE & TIME
Food Production Supervisor	Food Production	Full-time	Open to the public	January 24, 2020 5:00pm
Farm Mechanic	Mechanic	Full-time	Open to the public	January 24, 2020 5:00pm
Nursery Coordinator	Nursery	Full-Time	Open to the public	January 24, 2020 5:00pm

Job descriptions can be requested from the Farms Administration office.

How to apply:
Submit the following documents on or before the closing date noted on the job announcement. (Use checklist):

- Complete application with original signature. *
- Three (3) reference letters that are dated within (1) one year of current date.
- Copy of Tribal Enrollment Card or certificate if claiming Native American preference.
- Copy of Driver license.

*Faxed or emailed copies can be submitted when applying, submit original signed documents before the interview process.



Can you give blood?

January is National Blood Donor Month, a drive for blood donation that is especially important during the winter, which is a challenging season to collect enough blood to meet patient needs.

As we begin a new year, the Red Cross reminds everyone who can to give blood now or whenever they can any time of the year.

Three health benefits of donating:

- Free blood tests: Your donated blood is tested, and you can request results.
- Calories burned during blood donation: About 650, close to an average spin class.
- Reduced risk of heart disease or cancer: Donation helps reduce excess iron buildup in your blood.

Learn more at www.redcrossblood.org.



O'DHAM TASH Casa Grande

O'Dodham Tash is back in Casa Grande Feb. 15 & 16

PARADE • RODEO • CARNIVAL
SOFTBALL & TOKA TOURNAMENTS
COWBOY CHURCH

All participation forms are on our website
www.casagrandecowboydays.com

Preference will be given to rodeo entries in the order they are received.
The City of Casa Grande is proud to be a major sponsor.

4 Forms of Exercise: How They Work for You

Here's a well-known fact: Regular exercise can improve your health, your attitude and your odds against disease and disability. For specific fitness benefits, experts say we should focus on 4 primary forms:

1. **Aerobic (cardio) exercise** works your heart, lungs and muscles, helping to protect overall endurance and aid weight loss. Feel winded as you walk up a flight of stairs? Start regular brisk activities (walking, swimming, dancing, cycling). Start with good old-fashioned walking. It's easy to do and can fit easily into your lifestyle.

2. **Strength training** maintains and builds muscle to power you through your days. Workouts help to protect your bones, control blood sugar, aid weight control and balance, and reduce stress and strain in your back and joints.

3. **Stretching** aids flexibility, the key to staying mobile and working well without pain or injury. Simple stretching during your work day can reduce muscle fatigue and stiffness, restore energy and improve thinking. For calm, try yoga.

4. **Balance training** keeps you steady on your feet and strengthens your core to help prevent falls, especially important as we age or gain weight. **Try this:** Stand on 1 foot for up to a minute; practice it daily. Choose tai chi for mind-body benefits.

Minimum exercise for health: Aim for 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity activity. Mix it up: Daily chores, formal workouts and sports all count. Even if you can't get in 150 minutes a week, some activity is better than none.

Note: First get your health care provider's okay before significantly increasing physical activities.

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."
— Arthur Schopenhauer



St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission
16657 N. Church St.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
Ak-Chin Indian Community

JANUARY 2020 Schedule

Sunday Mass at 12 noon
January 19 – Fr. John Hannigan
January 26 – Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 18, 10am
CCOE Meeting – Our Lady of Victory – Hashan Kehk

Baptisms are every 4th Sunday of the month and baptism classes are every 2nd Saturday of the month. If you are interested please contact Flower Ruelas at (520) 568-3700 or (602) 717-3761.



Do you have Unwanted, Unused or Expired Prescription Medications?

You can help prevent medication abuse and misuse in our Community. If you have prescription or over-the-counter and other unused medicines.

Please consider disposing of them with a Drug Deactivation bag available at the

Ak-Chin Health Clinic,
Public Health Nurse-Rochelle or
Injury Prevention
Rochelle Townsley, RN - 520-610-1915

For Questions on the Deactivation Drug bags please call Injury Prevention Program 520-568-1087

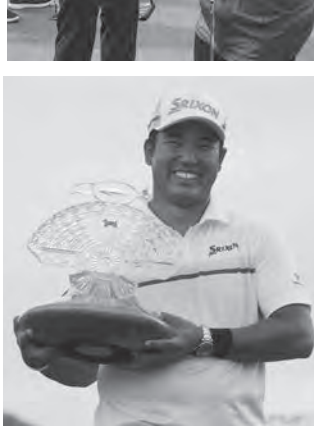
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Thunderbirds and John "Bridge" Bridger, the Waste Management President over the past few years. They've always been appreciative and honored to have the Ak-Chin Community as a part of their extended family."

When asked what impact the sponsorship has made in Ak-Chin, Chairman Miguel shared, "Ak-Chin has always been a visible name because of its farming enterprise and with Harrah's. Other areas (Ak-Chin Pavilion, Comerica, Chicago Cubs, PBR, etc.) we've been able to market, have made the community even more identifiable and recognized. Waste Management, which has been widely considered as the most popular stop on the PGA Tour, has definitely brought more recognition and attention to the community."

"With this year being the final year with WMPO, I hope the community enjoyed attending the event, concerts, and the opportunity of meeting with celebrities, professional golfers, and high-profile athletes. It was a great relationship and you never know, we may cross paths in the future again."

Great Expectations for 2020 WMPO



Over the years the Community has had a tremendous opportunity to witness some of the world's best golf right in our back yard, so to speak at the famed Waste Management Phoenix Open.

In addition to, mingling with professional athletes and celebrities, getting to play at the top rated TPC Scottsdale and partaking in all things WMPO related; Ak-Chin will have memories for a lifetime.

The Community will again have their choice of unique opportunities to attend at this year's tournament, held at TPC Scottsdale, January 27 – February 2, 2020.

With raffle notices going out to the membership for numerous events, there will pretty much

be something enjoyable for just about everybody. Some events will require a ticket or pass for entrance, others will require a wristband, while a few will have age restrictions.

There will be free admission on Monday and Tuesday, compliments of Ford Free Days. Tuesday's raffle includes an "Inside the Ropes" experience with a PGA Pro.

Greenskeeper Cabana passes for the 18th hole is 21 and over only, and includes food and drink. Corporate tent passes are available on the 18th green, where you can view the final shots of the day, also enjoy food and drink, some very interesting people watching, and of course the trophy presentation on Sunday.

Coors Light Birds Nest Tickets are also 21 and over only, with concerts offered Wednesday through Saturday.

A few select community members and employees will have the opportunity to engage in some of the events on a personal level.

On Monday, January 27, the Coors Light Pro-Am will have two teams representing Ak-Chin.

Tuesday, January 28, will host the R.S. Hoyt Jr. Family Foundation Dream Day Activities, with motivational speeches by PGA TOUR Pros, a junior golf clinic, and the San Tan Ford Special Olympics Open.

On Wednesday, January 29, two more Ak-Chin teams will compete in the Annex Pro-Am.

There will also be a fantastic opportunity on Wednesday to meet and take photos of and possibly with your favorite pro golfers, athletes and celebrities, like Rickie Fowler, Larry Fitzgerald, Dierks Bentley and many more.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel shared his favorite moment at last year's WMPO. "Watching Navajo Nation descendant Rickie Fowler capture the Waste Management Open title in 2019. What was surreal was how much it was raining during Rickie's final putt at the 18th hole. Seconds after he sank the putt, it stopped raining, the clouds opened up and sun came out. For many Native Americans, the weather plays a key role in the way of life. It was almost as if the

powers from above were watching and made this moment special for all Native Americans to appreciate and remember. It gave me chills!"

For those who may be first time attendees to WMPO, there are many fun and exciting, as well as educational things available. Being a Zero-Waste event, everyone will be encouraged to recycle responsibly. Dress comfortably, as you will encounter a lot of walking in the fresh outdoors.

Also, be prepared for security checks, as there are many items that cannot be taken in.

For more information on the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit www.wmphenixopen.com.

COWBOY LIFESTYLE NETWORK



The **Cowboy Lifestyle Network** is the Online Western Enthusiast Social Hub. A community that pursues the western lifestyle and lives the cowboy ideal.



www.CowboyLifestyleNetwork.com

Serves up! Rec hosts New Years Co-ed Tournament

Story and photos by J. Peters



Champions: That Squad



Serving high.

January 11th, an amazing tournament of high-powered volleyball players had a fun time competing in the Annual New Years Co-ed Volleyball Tournament. Despite some minor bumps in the beginning of the tournament, it went into full swing at 8 am.

Eight teams broke a sweat trying to out play each other on the court, while having

fun with one another. The fast paced games set an exciting atmosphere for the tournament until the championship games.

Volleyball tournaments are among the most sports tournaments for the Ak-Chin Recreation right next to basketball. These tournaments always draw out a nice group teams and fans alike.



Keeping eyes on the prize!



Second Place: Color Blind



Third Place: V-Ballerz



Giving it all to score a point.

8 Qualities of Well-being

Article from Top Health, The Health Promotion and Wellness Newsletter
Submitted by Health Education

Practice Them in 2020

With the start of a new year, many of us promise ourselves to become healthier, learn more and generally do better. Yet most of us have trouble achieving specific goals, such as losing weight or feeling more positive.

Long term, we are more likely to succeed with changes and sustain health by focusing on our overall well-being. Take a broader view and ask yourself: What can I do to achieve better balance and contentment in my life?

Start by learning the dimensions of well-being and practical ways to focus on each:

PHYSICAL

Nourish your body with balanced nutrition, daily exercise and proper rest. Get regular provider checkups and immunizations. Practice safety and drive defensively.

EMOTIONAL

Know your Feelings. Try to find positives in worry and negatives by learning from them. Recognize unhealthy thought patterns and let them go while viewing the good things in your life daily. Relax and relieve the stress.

SPIRITUAL

Find purpose in life. Examine your beliefs and morals. Ask: Do I have fulfillment and meaning in my life? It's an ongoing processes that can enhance your life and health.

INTELLECTUAL

Keep learning. Seek activities that offer different ideas and stimulate critical thinking, curiosity, problem-solving and creativity. Take a class or research favorite subject.

VOCATIONAL

Build professional skills. We gain knowledge and personal satisfaction with occupations that move us forward. Explore different career and volunteer opportunities.

FINANCIAL

Manage short- and long-term goals. Start with the small changes that add up to savings over time (e.g., make your own coffee rather than buying it. Reconsider unplanned purchases before buying. Build a savings account.

SOCIAL

Connect with others. Having trusted relationships can boost your self-esteem and buffer stress. Make time for friends or join groups where you can meet others with similar interests.

NATURAL

Enjoy nature every day. Take a walk outside, care for plants and notice the seasonal changes. Do your preserve the environment - reduce noise, pollution and unnecessary consumption.



YOUTH CO-ED BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Age Groups: 9-12 years old

Registration is NOW OPEN

Practice begins on January 21, 2020

2 FEB

Teams Entry Fee \$100.00

Deadline to enter will be on February 7th

To register for more information email recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or call (520)568-1740



MINI CO-ED BASKETBALL LEAGUE

February 12, 2020

Age Division: 4-5 years old & 6-8 years old

Teams Entry Fee- \$50.00

Deadline to enter will be February 7th

Registration is NOW OPEN

Practice begins January 22, 2020

To register or for more information email: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or call (520) 568-1740





TEE BALL TOURNAMENT

February 14-15, 2020

District 4 Ballpark, Santan, AZ

Registration Starts: January 13, 2020

Deadline: January 31, 2020

8 Team Limit Double Elimination format with one Championship Game

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, (3) All Tourney and (1) MVP

FEE PRICE: \$50.00

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Walk-Ins: Cashiers Office

Governance Center
525 W. Gu' u' Ki Rd.
Sacaton, AZ, 85147
8:00am - 5:00pm

District 6 Service Center
5230 W. St. Johns Rd.
Laveen, AZ, 85339
Tuesdays and Thursdays (ONLY)
9:00am - 4:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tribal Recreation
291 W. Casa Blanca Rd. #6
Sacaton, AZ, 85147
Huey Guy - huey.guy.rec@gric.nsn.us
Cael Bennett - cael.bennett.trw@gric.nsn.us
Aleshia White - aleshia.white@gric.nsn.us
(520) 562-6087

Cash or Credit/Debit cards are accepted at the Cashiers Office. Make payment payable to: Gila River Indian Community (Money order or cashier checks only) Please reference "MCT TEE BALL TOURNAMENT" on cashiers check, money order, or if paying in person. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO TRIBAL RECREATION.**

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR BODILY INJURY, THEFT, OR DAMAGES INCURRED DURING THE MCT-CHU-THA FAIR & RODEO.

Recreation hosts New Years tournaments

Story and photos by Runner Staff

The Ak-Chin Recreation Department started off 2020 with their New Year's Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments from January 3-5.

Women's teams played on January 4 at Maricopa High School Multipurpose Gym.

In the battle of third place, Renegades being up in the first half tried their best to make it to the championship game, but stood no chance against X-Factor. Once they came back, X-Factor blew them out by 30 points with the winning score being 63-33.

While X-Factor and Ball it Up battled for first place, the championship game was extremely intense. As the crowd cheered on both teams with the score being super close the whole game. After playing back to back games X-Factor gave it their all, making the winning shot with seconds left in the game and edging out Ball it Up, 50-49. X-Factor took home the trophy.

What made X-Factor

especially shine in the tournament was the fact that they climbed up from the losers bracket all the way to the championship game.

During the Men's games, the Ak-Chin team bowed out to the team, Mixed, by Saturday evening; but the rest of the tournament was can't-miss and action-packed. Mixed kept their streak going through the last day of the tournament, but couldn't hold off Ruff Riders, who made it to the championship game. Ruff Riders waited while the losers bracket worked itself out, as Mixed came back in the mix to beat Bucket Gang in the third-place match up, sending Mixed to the championship game with Ruff Riders.

Having been well-rested, Ruff Riders started off the first half scoring the first uncontested 30 points in the game with only 9:30 left in the first half. Mixed could not recover the rest of the way, as Ruff Riders took an easy ride home with the championship trophy, coasting to a 82-40 win.



First Place- Ruff Riders



First Place- X-Factor



Second Place- Mixed



Second Place- Ball it Up



Third Place- Bucket Gang



Third Place- Renegades

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For more information on the Saguaro Amateur and the Troon Saguaro Amateur Series please visit www.SaguaroAmateur.com.

- TOP FINISHERS
1. Max SEKULIC (Canada) 70-70-66—206 (-10)
 2. Austin FOX (Folsom, CA) 68-71-67—206
 3. Ryan GRIDER (Lewisville, TX) 70-71-66—207 (-9)
 4. Carter GRAF (Canada)



- 70-67-70—207
5. Issei TANABE (Los Angeles, CA) 70-70-69—209 (-7)

Saguaro Amateur Champion Max Sekulic watches his shots drive down the green.



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ends of the floor,” he says.

Of Baby J, Courtney says that he is the team's leader. “He (Baby J.) contributes every area where the team needs him. He is a pure scorer but also gets everyone involved on offense. Defensively he loves a challenge and isn't afraid to match up to the opposing team's best player. Though he is quiet, his style of play makes a lot of noise due to his basketball talent and athletic ability.”



Victor “Rex” Andaverde drives to the hoop under tight defense during the SPA New Years Tournament at home.

VALENTINE

Craft

Tuesday & Thursday
February 4 & 6, 2020
11:00am - 1:00pm
Open to Employees, Members & Residents
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Open to Members & Residents
Him-Dak Art Building
All Ages Welcome
Children might need assistants with project.
Transportation available within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries, please call (520) 568-1350 by 4:30 pm.

Featured player: Noahli Antone



Left: Noahli Antone drives to the basket after a fast break during the Pumas' January 14 win over Imagine Prep.



Right: Antone lays down some great defense during the same game. She led the Pumas to a 68-52 win with fantastic second half play.

JANUARY 18 | 4- 9 PM

COPA GLOW

NIGHT MARKET

MARICOPA, AZ

HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

ART SESSION: CERAMICS

COME CREATE

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

A blue and white ceramic mug with a heart-shaped handle.

Location: Art Building
Session Begins: January 28, 2020
Session Ends: March 26, 2020
When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)
5:00PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)
Transportation Provided
Pick Up and Drop Off within the Ak-Chin Indian Community
For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:30 p.m.)

LEARN & CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH

For any additional questions please call: 520-568-1354

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Councilmembers Lisa Garcia and Delia Carlyle sit in with higher education students during the orientation.

Peters instilled in the students the idea of being there for your community and continuing to speak the language.

Language staff went around the room and had each student pronounce the phrase to help remember what it said so that if anyone asks, they will be able to share the meaning with pride. The group had a few big laughs about the differences in O’odham dialect and meaning between the north and south. Novice level two O’odham classes will be announced in the future.

Donated school supplies are going to eventually fill the backpacks.

Ak-Chin Library Technician Matthew Cross talked with the students about the library having access to around 20 wi-fi hotspots that are able to be checked out by Ak-Chin Community members who are participating in higher education.

This hotspot lending project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. A big part of the orientation

was providing information on the Ak-Chin Scholarship Program, which is open to enrolled Community members.

Applicants must have earned a HS diploma or GED according to the program policy, which states, “The Ak-Chin Indian Community Higher Education Scholarship Program provides encouragement and financial assistance to enrolled members of the Ak-Chin Indian Community to continue their education beyond high school or general equivalency diploma (GED) for the purpose of developing individual careers for present and future growth and to increase employment opportunities.”

The 2020 scholarship program deadlines are:

- Summer-April 30
- Fall- June 30
- Spring- November 30
- Open Entry: 2 months prior to start date

Students must fill out an application and submit other documents. If you would like more information on Ak-Chin’s scholarship program, you may contact Pam at: PVelasquez@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1291

Maşad Kuindakud

In 2019, with the assistance and guidance from the Ak-Chin Elder’s Group and Tribal Council, the Language Department enhanced and developed an O’odham Calendar that identifies traditional O’odham timelines that our people historically recognized and utilized in their daily lives. You will notice that the calendar is based largely on the “Moons, English or Maşad, O’odham” and each moon is descriptive to some extent.

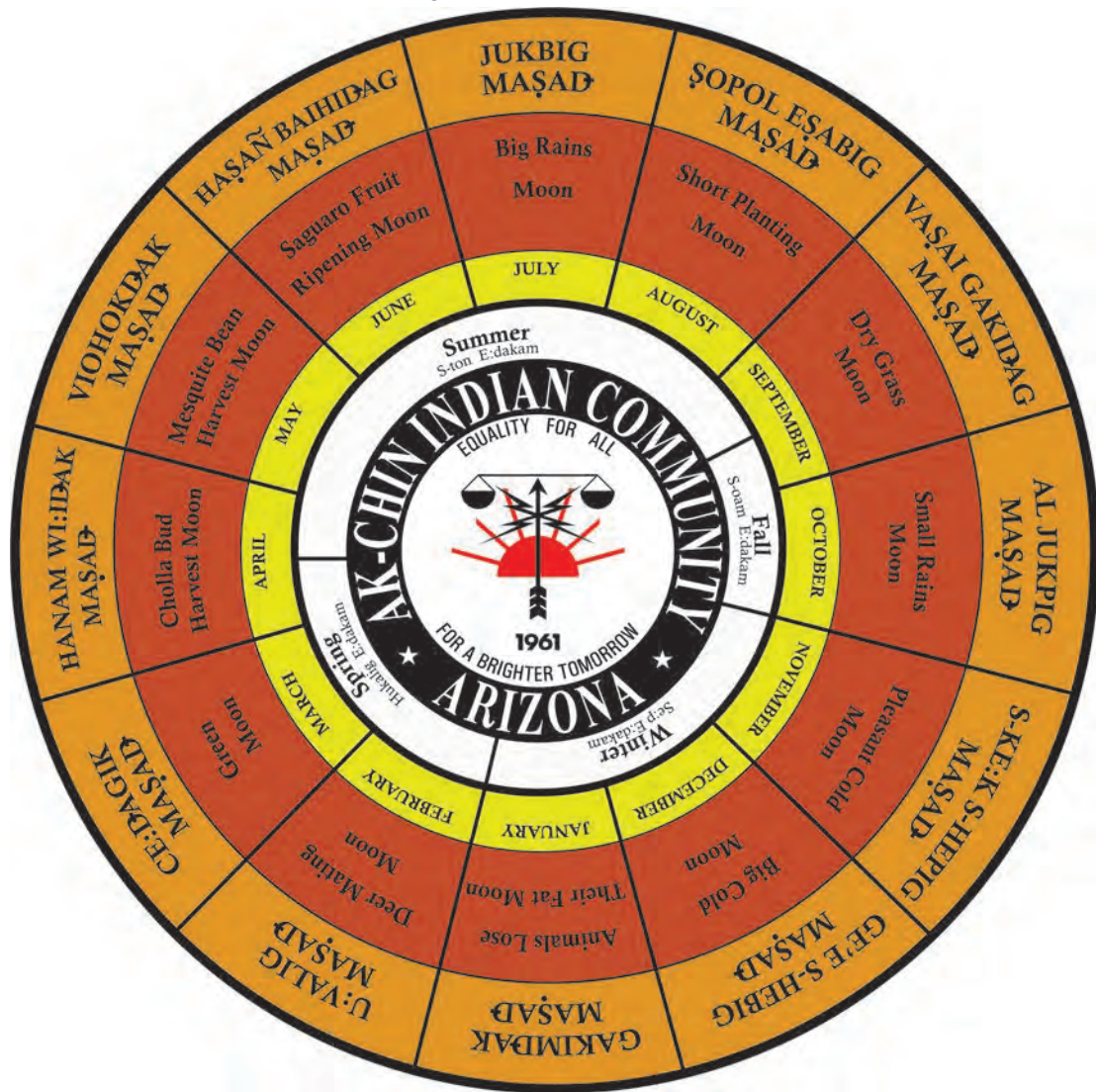
The O’odham Calendar was then overlapped on “western” calendar months as we have learned throughout our lives. For instance, we are currently in the month of January (Western Thinking), but in the O’odham Calendar we identify this time of the year as “Gakimḁak Maşad, Animals Lose Their Fat Moon.” For the O’odham, this time of the year was typically a time of the year when plants were not as abundant as other months. Knowing this, the

O’odham knew that animals would tend to lose their fat or lose weight as a result of animals not eating as much, animals hibernating and other natural occurrences.

Each month, our Language Department will provide an introduction and description of each new month in comparison to the O’odham Calendar. Our efforts to revitalize and sustain the O’odham Ņeok will surround the usage of the O’odham Calendar and revitalizing some of the traditional practices of the O’odham ancestors.

We encourage you to take a look at the calendar and talk with your friends, family and most importantly the elders of your household, and gather their thoughts and ideas about the calendar.

Please feel free to cut out and place on your refrigerator or other common areas for all to see.



AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

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If someone told you that **your baby's chances of dying** are **40 TIMES GREATER**

when sleeping in an adult bed rather than a crib, where would you put your baby to sleep tonight?



Practice The ABCs of Safe Sleep:

- A** Alone
B Back
C Crib

Baby sleeps safest **ALONE**, on their **BACK**, and in a **CRIB**.
For more information: <https://dcs.az.gov/services/office-prevention>



ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY
Office of Prevention



ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Protect Our FUTURE

Use child safety seats on every ride.

The Facts

- ◆ Among children aged 0–12, American Indian and Alaska Native children have the highest traffic death rate of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States.¹
- ◆ More than half of car seats and booster seats are not used correctly. If the seat isn't installed the right way, or you're using the wrong type of seat for your child's age, height, or weight, your child is not as safe as he or she could be.²
- ◆ Using age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, and seat belts significantly reduce the risk of injury and death among children in a crash.

Help Keep Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe

You can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe by:

- ◆ Using a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt on every trip, no matter how short.
- ◆ Finding the right car seat or booster seat for your child's age, height, and weight. See the chart below for tips.



- ◆ Getting help installing a car or booster seat from a certified child passenger safety technician.
- ◆ Properly buckling children aged 12 and under in the back seat. The back seat is safest for children.
- ◆ Never placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag. Airbags can injure or kill small children riding in the front seat.
- ◆ Not using traditional baby carriers (such as cradleboards) in place of a car seat. Traditional carriers do not keep children safe in cars or trucks.
- ◆ Always wearing a seat belt when pregnant. Be sure to wear the lap belt below your belly. Place the shoulder belt across your chest—never behind the back, under the arm, or across the stomach.³



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT

Friday, January 17, 2020

8:30am Seniors and Disabled 10:00 am – 6:00 pm General Landowners

Round House Café
at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus
10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Checks not picked up on January 17, 2020 can be picked up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A) January 21st through February 3rd.

Checks not picked up by 5:00 pm February 3rd will be mailed out to the address on file.

Power of Attorney (POA) - Only originals accepted, written notes will not be accepted. Must be verified before release of check. Verification done at pay out.

Ensure SRPMIC has your current mailing address - Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your check. To update, please contact SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance Office at (480) 362-7729.

Payments Less than \$15.00
All direct deposit payments will be deposited into your bank account regardless of the amount. If you currently receive a check, but would like direct deposit, complete an ACH request in Finance three (3) weeks prior to the payout date. Checks less than \$15.00 are not printed for payout date, however, you may request a check and it will be processed within 7-10 business days.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon former payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 6, 2020.



Happy Birthday
Abigail Thompson
Happy Birthday my little Baby, you make every day of my life so special. I can't wait to celebrate with you.
Love you
soooooo much!!!!!!
Grandma Thompson

Happy Birthday
Micah Coble

Happy B-Day
to my niece Stephanie
M. Alejandro
Love Tia Vieja

Happy B-Day
to my grandsons
Juan & Joe Medina
Love Nana

Happy Birthday
to my grandsons
Joshua, Jonathan,
Mateo and Ian and
to my granddaughters
Estalynn, Saraih
and Audrina
Love, Grandma

January Employee Birthdays

- | | |
|---|---|
| 17
Celest Soliz, Law & Order | 26
Beatrice Romo,
Parks & Recreation
Thomas Carlyle,
Parks & Recreation |
| 20
Joe Medina, EPD | 28
Felicia Vincent, Cultural
Richard Quintero, Vekol |
| 21
Vera Pablo, Maintenance | 29
Wendy Wagner,
Him Dak Museum
Genevieve Miguel,
Him Dak Museum |
| 23
Leonard Allen, EPD
Kris Narcia, Security
Judy Curry, Education
Amber Antone,
Him Dak Museum | 31
Carlton Carlyle, EPD |
| 25
Jaime Salcido,
Social & Health Services | |



AK-CHIN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Archaeologist | <u>Open to Enrolled</u> |
| • Custodian | <u>Ak-Chin Members Only</u> |
| • Maintenance Technician | • Art Technician |
| • Police Officer – Certified | • Cultural Resources Specialist |
| • Police Commander | |
| • Breakfast Cook-Elder Program | |
| • Accountant | |

APPLICANTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE!

Visit Ak-Chin Indian Community website (www.ak-chin.nsn.us) and click Job Openings to review or apply for an open position. If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment **MUST** be submitted at the time of application.



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

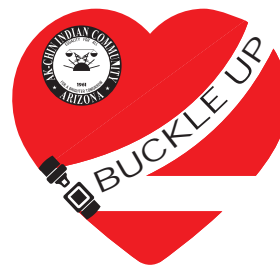


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January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Duane Narcia	2 Azlynn Carra Jolene Campbell	3	4 Alexandra Osife Jaianna Pilone Skyler G.Luna Stephen M.Narcia
5 Joseph Pilone DelRoy Narcia	6 Yolanda Melero- Moroyoqui Heaven Coble Jose Miguel, Sr. Joseph Narcia, Jr. (Ugalde)	7 Gabriel Pablo Kevin Villegas Brandon Smith	8 Ethan Humeyumptewa Ashley Manuel Jessica Zabawa	9 Leo Thomas Paden Marsh Jennifer Hill Jose Balderrama	10 Jason Luz	11 Euphrasia Mike, Octavio Machado Persephanie Antone Bradley Miguel Edward Rocha Mylaunah Robles
12 Celiyah Antone	13 Ezri Miguel Viviana Rascon Ella Lewis Amarissa Garcia	14 Teresa Valisto Kimberly Smith Karli Hoffman	15 Jakob Thomas Carmella Ortiz	16 Verdina Aguilla Dallaz Jackson- Narcia Karly Campbell Eduardo Santiago	17 Stacey Yarberry Dawn Lewis, (Fuentes)	18 Richard Joaquin IV Sanya Enos Dominique White Nathaniel Enos
19 Perla Corona Rosalino Ormsby	20 Juan Medina Bernadine Romo Adriana Narcia Roland Narcia Joshua Peters Jonathan Peters Stephanie Alejandro Joe Medina	21	22 Estalynn Lopez Francisco Kaniatobe Marie Lewis Leah Castro	23 Danielle Shade-Theel Kris Narcia Amber Antone Maite Ortega Saraih Peters	24	25 Jaime Salcido
26 Freddie Salas Beatrice Romo Thomas Carlyle	27 Lydell Delowe, Jr. Mario Santiago Chelsey Mike	28 Richard Quintero Anarjee Carra Felicia Vincent Aniyaa Carra	29 Patricia Perillo April Smith Irene Smith Genevieve Miguel Paulette Kisto Spencer Antone Lucas Antone Byron White	30 Horacio Valles Micah Coble	31 Mateo Rodriguez Carlton Carlyle, Sr. Celeste Gloria	

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Environmental Protection Department
(Water Operations)



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Movie Showtimes

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 through Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020


Bad Boys for Life (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Thu: 7:25 PM Fri & Sat: 11:15 AM, 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:35 Sun - Thu: 11:15 AM, 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:45
1917 (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 Fri & Sat: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun - Thu: 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
Dolittle (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Thu: - Thu: 7:20 Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun - Thu: 11:30 AM, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00
Like a Boss (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri & Sat: 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40 Sun - Thu: 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15
Jumanji: The Next Level (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri & Sat: 12:00, 4:15, 7:25, 10:50 Sun - Thu: 12:00, 4:15, 7:25
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri & Sat: 11:45, 3:15, 7:20, 10:55 Sun - Thu: 11:45, 3:15, 7:20
Underwater (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 11:10 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
Just Mercy (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 11:40 AM, 3:30, 7:10, 10:30
Knives Out (PG-13) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 11:05 AM, 2:30, 5:30, 8:45
Spies in Disguise (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40
Frozen II (PG) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 12:45, 4:00, 7:10
The Grudge (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 11:20 AM, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00
Uncut Gems (R) Star Class 21+; Upcharge Applies	Fri - Thu: 1:00, 4:15

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roasted chicken breast
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first course paired with 2016 The Grinch shellfish soup
scallop, mussel, clam, garlic, onion, thyme, warm baguette, snitch broth
second course paired with 2018 Eternally Silenced salmon à la plancha
lemon rice, roasted asparagus, beurre rouge
third course paired with 2018 The Prisoner Red Blend roast strip loin
horseradish/dijon mash, brussel sprouts, prisoner syrup
fourth course paired with 2017 Saldo Zinfandel chocolate mousse
vanilla cake, caramel, toasted hazelnuts

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- June 1st—Journey with Pretenders
- June 10th— Alanis Morissette w/special guest Garbage & also appearing Liz Phair
- June 20th—Chicago With Rick Springfield
- July 23rd—Ozzy Osbourne: No More Tours 2
- July 23rd— Ozzy Osbourne - Meet & Greet Packages
- September 12th— The Black Crowes Present: Shake Your Money Maker
- September 29th— KISS: End of the Road World Tour
- October 3rd—The Doobie Brothers - 50th Anniversary Tour
- December 31st—Weezer and Pixies



FEBRUARY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h2>NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE</h2>						 <p>SEAFOOD BUFFET \$31.99</p>
<h3>NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE SWEEPSTAKES</h3> <p>EARN ENTRIES SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2020</p>						
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