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## **Class of 2033 celebrates** graduation with parade

Story and photos submitted by Richard Lopez



Dallyss Peters shows off her graduation certificate during the Ak-Chin Child Development Preschool Graduation Parade with congratulations by Teacher, Francine Sanchez.

Child Development held a Graduation parade for this year's graduates. There were 28 graduates in total this year.

Thanks to the dedicated teachers, staff and support of

On June 17, 2020, Ak-Chin the Community Council, the Ak-Chin Child Development was able to do their Preschool Graduation by Parade.

> The parade started in the parking lot of the preschool where they had designated Child

parking spots for the young students who reside outside of the community. The parade then continued on through the housing divisions in the Community.

> Development staff,

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# Potato harvesting season for Ak-Chin Farms

Story and photos by C. Picciuolo

## **COVID-19** in the Community

#### Hello Ak-Chin,

I'd like to begin by thanking each and every one of you, our Membership, for continuing to practice social distancing, staying safe and healthy and abiding by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Ak-Chin Community guidelines set forth during this time of the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Together we will continue to practice these guidelines and take every precaution to stay safe during the duration of this pandemic.

We encourage each and every one of you to continue to; wear your face masks at all times if possible, in particular when you are outside of your home. We would also like to request that you limit your place of togetherness just to a couple of people.

At this time, I would like to report that the Community has encountered its first couple of cases of the Corona Virus Pandemic. To date we do have

a couple of individual cases that have tested positive, these individuals are currently selfquarantined and are taking every precaution and medical advice to deal with their illness.

Notices have been sent to the membership on the identified cases that have been in the community. This notice continues to address the importance and need to stay safe and healthy, to practice all procedures, policies and guidelines that are set in place. So please abide by these practices during this time.

We ask that you continue to respect the privacy of these individuals who have been affected and their families as they deal with this. Together, through their strength and love and the Community's support we will overcome this pandemic. Continued prayers for those affected, and to all our Community membership and their families.

If you are unaware of the latest news reports, Arizona

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## Language **Department to** debut children's book



A John Deere 8245 R tractor uses a Spudnik potato harvester to cultivate varieties onto a truck that brings to the potatoes to the potato shed for processing.

During the week of May 18, 2020, the Runner caught up with Ak-Chin Farms and followed Farm Manager Steve Coester as he showed us the process of harvesting potatoes.

This year, 920 acres of Ak-Chin Farm land are dedicated to potatoes, with a contract for 37 million pounds to produce.

Having been planted in January, around 700 semis will haul truckloads of potatoes out of the Community during the whole season, and the Farms will be harvesting until right after July 4.

Ak-Chin Farms grows four different varieties: Atlantic, lamoka, Frito Lay 1867, and Frito Lay 2395. Atlantic and lamoka are publicly-available seeds, while the Frito Lay varieties can only go to Frito Lay.

Atlantic is a short season variety and takes around 90 days to harvest while lamoka is a long season variety. Both are planted around the same time, but lamoka takes longer to mature so they're harvested last. Other varieties can take 110 or 130 days to harvest, with the Frito Lay varieties being medium season. A combination of lamoka and Atlantic varieties will end up at Poore Brothers for their potato chips.

Our tour started at the potato shed, where Coester showed us the sorters and washers and how the potatoes end up on the truck beds. This process was fascinating as essentially one large machine takes the potatoes from the load to conveyor belts which lead to a maze of flowing water to rinse the dirt.

From there, the potatoes get

Story by C. Picciuolo, artwork by Dwayne Antone



Tentative cover for the new children's book by the Ak-Chin Language Department with illustrations by Dwayne Antone.

The Ak-Chin Language Program is releasing a new book called, "Ka:los Greets the Storm" written in English with O'odham phrases aimed at keeping the culture and language a priority for children.

Expected to be ready by monsoon season, the book

follows the main character, Ka:los the quail, or "kakaicu" in O'odham, as he experiences the different elements during the storms and the cycles of the season. All of the elements such as the rain, wind, clouds, and lighting are featured in the book.

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Ak-Chin Farms employees sort through potatoes.

a fresh spray of water to rinse off the remaining surface dirt. Those potatoes then fall onto another belt where employees sort through them for a final inspection before going to a rising belt that unloads the potatoes onto the back of the semi-truck.

After watching that process, Coester took us back to where the potatoes come from.

"I can tell the difference between an Atlantic and an 1867 just by its shape," says Coester. "The Atlantics have a purple flower and the 1867's have a white flower."

Aptly named Spudnik machinery and John Deere 6145R tractors harvest the potato fields 12 rows at a

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Lusan Enos wrote the book, along with input from the other technicians in the department, and based the ideas off of her own life and the lives of many Community members. "A lot of it is things you experience and you see along the way," says Enos. "It came together so easily because those are things I've seen growing up. I grew up very traditionally."

Enos says the idea for Ka:los sprouted from a normal discussion of the day when the language technicians looked out the window and saw the weather change. So, the discussion went into talking about the monsoon season and how everything occurs prior time. The process to cull the potatoes starts with a big blade on the front of the Spudnik that digs underneath the ground, and right behind the blade there are three sets of chains. The potatoes and dirt will fall through the first chains with an opening of about six inches wide.

All the vines will stay on top of that chain and are blown with a big fan to the backend of the machine. The potatoes and the dirt will fall down on the secondary chain. The dirt will continue to fall through and will fall back on the ground while the potatoes will go up another chain. There are egg-shaped rollers on there, so it makes the chains bounce, which makes the dirt fall through and the potatoes stay June 19 - July 2, 2020

on top. Next, the potatoes fall onto a conveyor that leads to the truck, which then heads to the potato shed.

"Right now, if you buy a bag of Frito Lay potato chips, there is probably about a 99% chance they're coming from here. In the state, all over the Southwest, really," says Coester.

During this current season, Ak-Chin Farms is growing corn silage, cotton, alfalfa, and now a variety of sunflowers. The sunflowers will go to Arizona Grain in Casa Grande, which will then send them to an oil mill for sunflower oil. "These aren't the seeds that you munch on," says Coester, identifying that the seeds aren't as big as what are commercially available for snacking.

The corn silage, which is going to local dairies, will begin harvesting in two to three weeks. Cotton is starting to bloom and is looking good. The cotton is shipped to a marketer that will send it around the world to countries such as South Korea, Vietnam, India, Germany, Mexico and Pakistan.

Alfalfa goes to local feedlots and dairies.



## Recreation court gets re-waxing



The Ak-Chin Recreation gym floor is sparkling!

The indoor basketball court at Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation received a re-waxing and looks shiny and brand new. The rewaxing is a project that takes place every other year. This process helps to protect the integrity of the wood and extend the life of the basketball court.

The entire process takes about a week to get done when there are two people working on it. Recreation says they were able to get the re-waxing done with the help of groundskeeper/sanitation staff and custodial/maintenance staff with Custodian Supervisor Michelle "Missy" Justin helping to oversee the project.

The following are the steps taken to complete the project:

- 1. Sand the floor this takes  $\frac{1}{2}$  day with 2 people working
- 2. Remove "bubbles" (old wax that has come up from the floor) (similar to taking off dry skin on a foot) with box cutters 1 entire day with 2 people working
- 3. Mop the floor with special chemicals, wait 2 hours and mop again
- 4. Buffer the floor with a buffing machine
- 5. Pour wax mix. Wait 3 hours, pour another coat of wax mix.
- 6. Buffer the next day

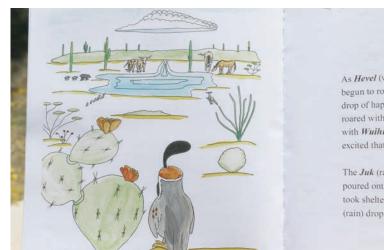
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Tribal Council; all joined in our caravan to each graduates' house to celebrate a big milestone in their young life. We would like to thank all the families for being patient in this uncertain time and for working with us to make this brilliant event happen.





Above: Mason Miguel proudly poses with Teacher Sonya Joaquin



#### One of the pages from, "Ka:los Greets the Storm."

it to the kids, they're going to think, 'what is a kakaicu, what does he do? Does he really run? If you sit there and watch, he really does what the story tells you.'"

adventures. The adventures are discussed to have elements of springtime and would follow the lives of animals as they are coming out and seeing the new grass and

and after the season.

Much of the scenery described came from the surrounding areas with the shrubs and trees in the desert where the Community is at.

Ak-Chin Language Technician Velacita Lopez says that this book touches upon subjects that she hopes will make Community members think about their natural surroundings.

"For me, Ka:los will tell the people, because they're so busy and into their current lives, the casino, electronics, maybe once and a while stop and realize there are other things like nature that you can learn from," she said.

"I think that's really what we're trying to get at as a story, if we created a story and let the kids read or we read

Dwayne Antone, artist and groundskeeper with Ak-Chin Sanitation, took a shot at illustrating Ka:los and all of his adventures.

"When I first was approached by it and they wanted someone to do illustrations for the book, I thought it was a great opportunity to contribute to the Community," said Antone. "Something like this hasn't been done here, and to be the first, growing up in an artist family with that art background, it's good to have a legacy for my kids and to say, 'Oh, that's what my Dad did.' Hopefully my kids would be inspired by that and want to do something similar."

Plans are already in place for a follow-up to the story with Ka:los as the main character, who will have different feeding off of the new growth of surrounding plants.

The O'odham New Year starts this month in June on the O'odham calendar, and these ideas are based off of new life, new vegetation, production of fruit, and so forth. June in O'odham is Haṣañ Baihiđag Maṣađ, which means, "saguaro fruit ripening moon."

Lopez says that with all these books they are making, what Language would really like is for the Community artists to come out and help out with the artwork. The department wants to reach out to the young artists to come and help with the books.

Community artists who want to be a part of these books can contact Lusan Enos at <u>LEnos@</u> <u>ak-chin.nsn.us</u> and via phone at 520-568-1339.



Left: Itzehl Trejo shows her graduation certificate with Teachers Francine Sanchez and Angelica Bandiin.

Congratulations!



THE AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION joins the nation in recognizing National Cancer Survivor Awareness Month. Cancer is the leading cause of death among Indigenous women and the second leading cause of death among Indigenous men.

Throughout the month, we will be providing support and raising awareness in a number of ways, including:

- Kicking-off funding for Indigenous communities to create cancer care packages
- Forming support groups & offering virtual activities for Indigenous cancer survivors. Contact: health@aicaf.org
- Continuing the Circle of Life webinar series, with bonus modules on cancer survivorship and caregiving

### American Indian Cancer Burden

Cancer Facts for American Indians and Alaska Natives

# **Small but mighty**

Ak-Chin is breaking the mold by leading in the highest response by a Native community within Arizona's southern and central region. We are surpassing the 50% mark in the number of residences that have responded to the 2020 Census. As of June 11th, Ak-Chin's self-response was at 52% followed by Sac & Fox Tribe of Kansas trailing 2nd at 51%.

The high response from the community has been well received by Census outreach programming. Although the community is over the half way point, the goal is to push forward until 100% of the community has filled out and completed the survey by mid-August.

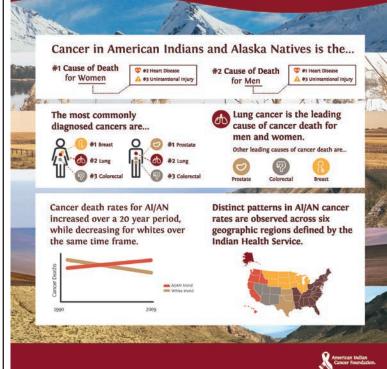
With this mind, please be sure to fill out your 2020 Census form by mail, phone or on-line. Reach out to family members who may need assistance filling out the survey. Let's all help Ak-Chin met its goal and let the nation know we are Story by J. Peters

here and we all count.

Reminder: Once you have completed the Census 2020 survey the Enrollment Office has incentive gifts (while it lasts). Call 520-568-1029 or 520-568-1074 to set up an appointment to receive items. <u>No Walk-Ins available.</u>

Thank you to following departments/group: Ak-Chin Housing Authority Ak-Chin Childhood

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The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper.

Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner

## Southern Dunes course gets aerification treatment Story by C. Picciud

Story by C. Picciuolo, Photo submitted by Southern Dunes

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Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club just completed their aerification process across the entire course.

You're probably wondering what exactly the aerification, or aeration, process is and how it benefits the course. Lucky for you, Golf Course Superintendent at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, Wes Haner, is an expert on the topic.

According to Haner, the aerification process is the manual removal of soil. This is done using hollow pipe-like metal pegs called "hollow tines," which go into the ground and are connected to the walk aerifier. The hollow tine is not like a solid tine, which is shaped more like a pencil, and is used for less invasive groundskeeping methods.

The hollow tines pull out "plugs" of dirt, and are then cleaned off of each green. Fresh USGA sand is then applied to the greens and is smoothed out. The fresh sand is then watered in. This is done to encourage and maintain plant health.

Plant roots absorb O2, and release CO2. The aerification process allows the plant to do so more efficiently. While this may seem like an inconvenience to golfers, it is one of the most important cultural practices we do. Some side benefits are the removal of old organic material, as well as relief from compaction.

"I like to think of aerification as a spa day for the greens. They go through it a few times a year and always feel refreshed and healthier afterwards," says Haner.

At Southern Dunes, aerification is done in late spring and throughout the summer. It takes two days to complete the process on all 27 of the greens, which include the 18hole championship course, putting green, chipping green, teaching green, and six #minidunes greens.

The greens are aerified the most often, preferably three times a year; but the whole course, including tees, fairways, approaches



#### Kevin "Ace" Delowe aerates the course at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club.

and roughs will be aerified at least once throughout the summer.

Southern Dunes staff use a Toro 648 walk aerifier for the process. The machine is four feet wide and has to be walked from green to green.

This time, Ak-Chin resident Kevin "Ace" Delowe operated the aerifier over the course of two days. Ace aerified 27 greens and walked over 40,000 steps, which is a little over 20 miles.

The aerification process is similar in all climates. However, areas with cool weather grass aerify in the spring and fall as opposed to the summer.

When the course is aerified, there is a temporary disruption in the playability of the course. The course is closed three different times during the summer for two days while Southern Dunes aerifies the greens. The process is very difficult to accomplish with golfers on the course no matter where the process takes place, and nearly impossible when greens are being done.

That being said, Haner says, "a large part of our goal is to complete the aerification process with as little impact on the playing conditions of the greens as we can. Usually it takes 7-10 days to fully recover, depending on weather conditions."

Haner wants to let the Community especially know that, "This, along with everything we do, would not be successful without our amazing staff. The maintenance crew at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes are among the best in the state. Their experience, attention to detail, and the pride they show in their work really stands out during aerification. A big thank you for a job well done goes out to them!"

Wes Haner was just recently promoted to the Head Superintendent position at ACSD. He was an internal promotion from the 1st Assistant Superintendent position. He started in his new role on Feb. 29, a leap day. He has been at the property for 9 years and started as a crewmember on the grounds crew and worked his way up through the ranks, including finishing an Agronomy degree on his own time from Penn State (online).

General Manager at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, Brady Wilson, says, "We are very proud that Wes is now leading our Agronomy and Golf Maintenance department. No one knows the ins and outs of this property better than him!"

## Arroyo Grille holds Orin Swift wine dinner



Course two was a "spring chicken," a roasted Cornish game hen breast and spring vegetable succotash, which was paired with a 2017 Mannequin Chardonnay.

Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

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#### DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the JULY 3 - JULY 16, 2020 issue is due by FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than <u>FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH</u>

Material submitted after the JUNE 26TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.



Orin Swift Wine is poured into glasses during the wine dinner in which Chef Neil expertly paired five courses with a different wine.

On June 13, Arroyo Grille at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club presented a five-course wine dinner event featuring pairings with varieties of Orin Swift wine from California's Napa Valley.

Chef Neil expertly paired the five courses, which served 30 guests who were well spaced-out and equipped with hand

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sanitizer, following CDC and Arizona Department of Health state-recommended guidelines.

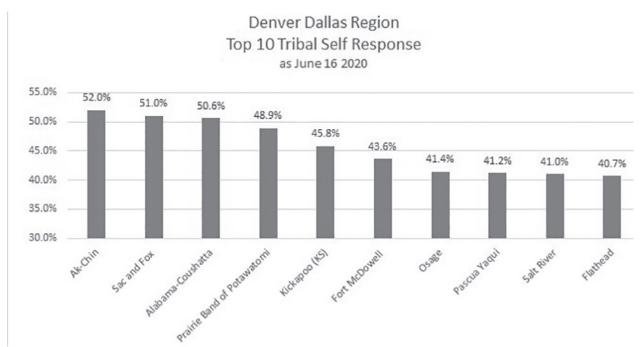
The first course was a "flat fish," a coriander-dusted halibut with braised fennel and lemon gnocchi, and was paired with a 2018 Blank Stare Sauvignon Blanc.

"Big Eye" was the third course, which was a seared ahi tuna with haricot verts, hard egg, potato confit, kalamata olives and cherry tomato, and paired with a 2018 Slander Pino Noir.

The fourth course was "Wapiti," with roasted elk, sweet potato mash, broccolini, apple cranberry chutney, and paired with a 2017 Papillon Bordeaux Blend.

Rounding out the dinner was "Baked Berries," which featured a buckle of blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, cherry, maple syrup, and vanilla ice cream, and was paired with a 2018 8 Years in the Desert Zinfandel Blend.

Orin Swift wines were available for discounted purchase during the event. Arroyo Grille is tentatively planning another event for July 25, with more details to come soon.



"Great things happen when we work together."

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#### Covid statement from front

has become a hot spot for Numbers COVID-19. have gone up as far as positive cases and unfortunately some have succumbed to the virus. We are in a period of where the virus has hit its peak. Reports have indicated that the peak will continue for the next few weeks. We will continue to give you information on the status of the virus as reports are shared.

We understand this is a different way of life for us, but in order for us to move forward and overcome this virus, we have to abide by these guidelines set in place.

important to our Community and we love each and every one of you. We're praying for you always, and as always, please watch out for our elders and our youth. Continue to be attentive and be aware of signs that may identify the potential for contamination.

Father's Day is this Sunday and we understand that we cannot celebrate the way we're accustomed to, but that shouldn't damper the opportunity celebrate. Father's should and will be celebrated in a safe and healthy method. Happy Father's Day to every father!

Each and every one of you are so We are a great Community, we

### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY 🖗

To: Ak-Chin Membership and Residents

- Fr: Ak-Chin Community Council
- Date: June 15, 2020

#### Re: Update on Positive Coronavirus (COVID -19)

The purpose of this communication is notification purposes to all Ak-Chin members and residents:

On June 11, 2020, a notification was sent to members and residents regarding a COVID-19 positive case within the Community.

As of today, June 15, 2020, there are two more confirmed COVID-19 positive cases within the Community. The Ak-Chin Community Council would like to reassure everyone that all safety protocols and emergency response plans are fully active:

- Implementation of a safety plan is executed when notification is received of a confirmed positive case through the Incident Management Team.
- The Community and Gila River Health Care are working with the families to assist and support them during this time.

In accordance with HIPPA rules and to protect the families and their privacy, the names of the confirmed positive cases cannot be released.

The most important safety plan of all is what each individual and household can do to be protected and be safe during this time. These are best practices and self-care with consistent hygiene by following the CDC recommendations to stay safe during this pandemic. If everyone does this the rate of have great people, and we will continue to move forward. Yes, this is a bump in the road as far as our way of life, but we've always been people who persevere and we've always done great things regardless of our situation(s).

Again, all our love to everyone in the Community, take care of yourselves, and we will give more updates as they come. Stay safe and healthy please.

God Bless You and God Bless Ak-Chin!

Robert Miguel, Chairman Ak-Chin Indian Community

**Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community** Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: SD-01-20 – Vaila Site Improvements: Applicant/Him-Dak Director Ms. Elaine Peters is requesting a Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct a low-maintenance cooking and shade pavilion at the Vaila Site, located at 47701 W. Farrell Rd.

- The project consists of:

- e project consists or: An open air pavilion An area for seating and tables Two stainless-steel sinks and an area for prep Limited grading and drainage improvements Utility work to provide water, sever, electricity to the pavilion Instance accurich liables terior and security lighting

CASE: SD-02-20: Farms Fiber Project: Project Applicant/Information Systems Director, Keith Franklin, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to install 802 linear feet of 2-inch conduits within a 36-inch deep trench at the Farm's Yard, located at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road.

The project consists of:

Hand trenching 36-inches deep from a telecommunication box going south to the Fertilizer Tower to help support the Farm's wireless antenna with fiber connectivity.

30% bleach and water to sufficiently sanitize surfaces.

#### ٠ Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- Put distance between yourself and other people outside of your home.
  - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
  - Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
  - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

#### Monitor Your Health \*

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
  - o Especially important if you are running essential errands, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a physical distance of 6 feet.
- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- o Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Please visit the Center of Disease Control website at https:// www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. Another resource is the Arizona Department of Health Services at https://azdhs.gov/

The Community Council would like to reassure the membership that everything is being done to keep the Community safe and is depending on everyone to do their part in adhering to the health recommendations from the CDC and Arizona Department of Health.

# **COWBOY LIFESTYLE** NETWORK

Protect yourself:

infection will be minimized.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a <u>cloth face cover</u> when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- $\circ$  Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

#### **Clean and disinfect**

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Use a combination of



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# Youth attend new hire orientation at Harrah's

Story submitted by HDS Supervisor Erica Manuel, photo by C. Picciuolo



Ten new hires pose at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

On Monday, June 15, Ak-Chin Indian Community youth aged 16-18 attended the Harrah's Ak-Chin Summer Youth Work Program new hire orientation after making it through the career open house the previous week. During the career open house, 13 youth attended, and by orientation, 10 started their first day.

After being encouraged the previous week during the open house by HDS Intern Christopher Pablo, who shared words on his experience starting out as a summer youth worker and working his way up into the HDS Program, the new hires began to prepare for their roles within the casino.

The Summer Work Program is an extension of the Harrah's Development System (HDS) Program which is a leadership training program offered to qualified tribal members. The summer youth program exposes the participants to career opportunities within the casino.

All new hires attend new hire orientation prior to actually starting in their departments, providing guidance to ensure a smooth transition into the workplace. During New Hire Orientation, the summer youth were introduced to the company's Mission, Vision and Values and Customer Service Standards.

In addition to on the job work experience, the summer youth will participate in workshops to help in their personal development. Resume writing, interviewing techniques, and communication public speaking, are several experiences in which the summer youth participants will be exposed to during their time in the summer work program. Participants also attend Toastmasters meetings

which provides a positive learning experience, empowering individuals to develop their communication and leadership skills. The new hires are as follows:

- · Laila Gardner, Steward
- Kateri Lopez, Steward
- Doria Garcia, Bell Person
- Jesus Corella, Jr., House Person
- Marie Antone, House Person
- Derek Manuel, Guest Room Attendant
- Zaida Soliz, Guest Room Attendant
- · Celiyah Antone, Guest Room Attendant
- Noahli Antone, Cook
- Xendryk Silas-Antone, Cook

"Although this year's summer youth work program is shorter than what we've had in the past, we, the leaders at Harrah's Ak-Chin, wanted to still be able to provide the youth with exposure to the back-of-house work experience while helping them to adjust to the 'new norm' of social distancing in a COVID-19 conscious environment," said HDS Supervisor Erica Manuel. "All youth participants will be trained in the updated COVID-19 sanitation and social distancing protocols within their selected departments."

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM THE RUNNER!

#### To: Jose Miguel Sr.

Happy Father's Day Dad, You are the most amazing dad ever cause you teach me a lot of things and Thank-You for believing me even though you say URSH a lot.

Happy Father's Day Dad, with Love from Ayla

Happy Father's Day, I love you and I love you because you train me for basketball, give me advice like be hard in the paint Bruh, and I love you because you are nice to us and sometimes you spoil us, But I love you and enjoy your whole day.

~Happy Father's Day from Auciana :)

Happy Father's Day, Thank You and Aunt for letting us stay the night and we love you.

~ From: Rosie, Alena and Pops

To My Awesome Husband on Father's Day, I hope you enjoy your Day!!

Thank-You for everything you do for us. We will try and make it the best day for you. Because you Truly deserve it. I adore watching you making our Babies Happy!

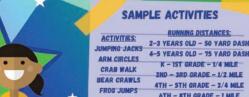
~ Happy Father's Day Love, I love You XOXO, Lena Rose



### Happy Father's Day

## JUNE 17тн Ш

Registration Open from June 8th to June 15th **Open to Ak-Chin Community Members and Residents Only** Ages 2-17 A healthy future begins now!!



K - IST GRADE - 1/4 MILE 4TH - 5TH GRADE - 3/4 MILE 6TH - STH GRADE - 1 MILE 9TH - 12TH GRADE - 1.5 MILES

For more details and information, please contact Health Education at (520) 568-1085 ak-chin.nsn.us



#### Fuel up with healthy snacks this Summer!

Register your child(ren) to receive healthy pre-packed snacks once a week provided by Health Education. All snack packs contain ingredients and instructions to make two (2) fun snacks per child per week to do at home.

> How to I get these snacks? Two easy ways .... 1) Drive up pick-up at Ak-Chin Service Center every TUESDAY from 12pm-3pm

2) No transportation? Delivery can be arranged within Ak-Chin Indian Community Boundaries (Parent, guardian, or older sibling must be home)

Available for Ak-Chin Indian Community Members and Residents Only **Open to children ages 2-17** 

ntact Health Education at (520) 568-1085 or mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us with any questions.





Happy Father's Day Dad, Thank-You for everything you've done for us.

~ From: Baby Jay

Dad - cheers to all you do -we love you! ~ Love, D, Rach & Fam, Cec & Fam, Dannon, Morgan and Me...

#### WITH VICKIE KUCHINSKI

**Every Tuesday Evening** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **NOW VIRTUAL!!** JOIN IN FROM HOME WITH ZOOM

**Classes begin JUNE 16th to JULY 28th** 

All levels welcome. Classes open to Ak-Chin Members, Residents, and Employees and their families. If interested, please email Health Education, we will provide details. For questions, please call Health Education at (520) 568-1085.



#### SHL. EMPL HDAYS

6/5 - Lila Biro, Capital Projects

6/7 - Terri Jay, /S

Marissa Antone, Elderly

6/8 - Hermalinda Mavis, /S

6/10 - Ashley Vincent, Retail

Thomas Hoetzlein, Fire & Safety

6/11 - Alex Bowman, Finance

Pamela Velasquez, Education

Dwayne Yazzie, Health Education

6/13 - Robert Martinez, Sanitation

6/16 - Daniel Antone, Security

6/19 - Lynnette Houston-Volden,

6/20 - Gilbert Cervantes, Law &

Mavra Bandin, Early Childhood

Charles McCarty, TGA

Social & Health Services

Erick Solis, Law & Order

Juanita Balderrama, Elderly

6/21 - Sarah Zabawa, TGA

Order

John McCullouch, Human Resources

Jesus Espinoza, Maintenance

6/12 - Jaime Diaz, IS

Kashmir Miller

Law & Order

6/6 - Max Heeres, Capital Projects

6/25 - Guillermo Ruiz, Sanitation Gino Williams, TGA

6/26 - Rufus White, Sanitation

6/27 - Sheila Pablo-Bandin, Education Rosario Waites, Vekol Lusan Enos, Cultural

6/28 - Judith Purcell, Capital rojects

6/29 - Susan Guerin, Vekol Priscilla Allison, Social & Health Services

6/30 - Peter Kann, Planning

7/2 - Dalena Crawford, Maintenance

7/3 - Rayford Vavages, Maintenance Sierra Paddock, Finance



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Happy Birthday to my Mom, Lillian Shade Wishing you a day filled with love and happiness.

Happy Birthday Grandma, wishing you a day as sunny as your smile and as warm as your heart. ~ Love, Sunshine

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to my mother, Lillian Shade. Mother, I appreciate all that you do. Have a wonderful and special day. ~ From Dr. Sandra Shade

Happy Birthday to my daughter Adella ~ Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Justin, Gabriel, and John and to my granddaughter Susan ~ Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday to my grandchildren Macy & Tate ~ Grandma loves you both.



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Maricopa resident and photographer Victor Moreno takes graduation/ prom photos of students outside of UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle on May 18, 2020.



## **2020 CONCERT SCHEDULE**

June 20th Chicago

August 14th **Tim McGraw** 

August 30th **Disturbed** 

September 3rd **Breaking Benjamin** 

September 6th **Sammy Hagar** 

September 12th **The Black** Crowes

September 17th **KORN** 

September 18th

**Jason Aldean** 

September 22nd

Matchbox 20

September 25th

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September 25th

Sam Hunt

Sam Hunt

w/ Brett Young

September 26th Nickelback

September 29th **KISS** 

**October 1st** Lady Antebellum

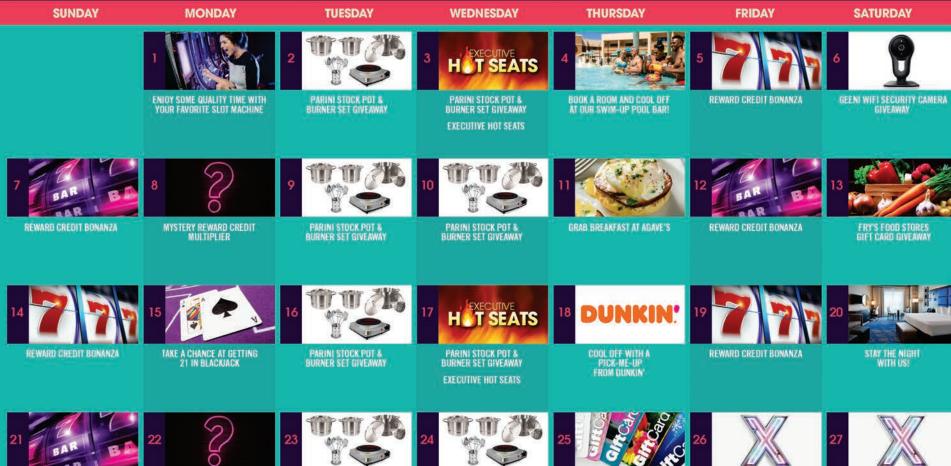
**October 3rd** Doobie **Brothers** 

**October 6th Backstreet** Boys

**October 10th Rascal Flatts** 

## **JUNE 2020 AK-CHIN CASINO**

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MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER

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