



## Community families move into new homes

Story and photos by Runner staff



Marlene Garcia, Ak-Chin Housing Director (at left) shares an emotional embrace with new tenant Janice Miguel-Perez as Janice finally gets to move in to her new home. Janice waited over three years for her new home and is looking forward to working on her yard and creating many more memories with her family.

COVID-19 has stopped a lot of things from happening this year; significant family events, vacations, school, sports and the close company of friends. Even though this pandemic has forced many things to be put on the backburner, Ak-Chin Indian Community moved forward on the construction of three new Community homes.

discuss their homes, and once the tenants were relocated, demolition and reconstruction began.

On Friday, August 7, three community families were given their final walk-throughs and keys to their new home. New tenants; Ashley Vincent, Rupert and Francis Stephens, Janice Miguel-Perez and her husband Sergio; were all provided brand new homes, compliments of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Ak-Chin Project Managers, Judy Purcell and Casey Turgeon led the new home construction project. Together with a committee they produced a cost-savings plan in August 2019. By September 2019, the house demolition began and plans were approved for construction.

“Once the ideas were approved and drawings were completed, we were able to go out to bid early December 2019.” Judy shared. “The construction of the new homes was then awarded January 2020.”

The three homes had been built over thirty years ago and were due for a major remodel, with one home in dire need of repair after a fire. All three had to be completely demolished. And although it was emotional for some to see them torn down, the new homes are very beautiful, complete with kitchen appliances and a modern-family homestyle setting.

“COVID was a major obstacle, but we kept on with construction,” said Casey. “A lot of phone, email/picture updates during this weird time... minor delays in cabinet delivery and air conditioner units, as their factories closed during the pandemic putting them way behind on manufacturing.”

Ak-Chin Capital Projects and Ak-Chin Housing worked with the tenants to meet and

Key companies involved in the process included; Perlman Architects of AZ, AR Mays, and Pimmex.

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## 2020 ROI and School Supply distribution event

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For a two-day period, community families were encouraged to come out and complete a new Release of Information form or ROI.

The form provides information and the opportunity for Ak-Chin Education staff to provide support, assistance and academic services to community member and resident students.

Once the parent/guardian completed the ROI they were then guided over to receive a school supply bag for each student in their families. The bags were geared for different grades, K-12 and included an array of needed school supplies.

This year’s event had over 85 ROI’S submitted during the two-day event and more than 200 supply bags distributed; families who filled out an ROI prior to the event only had to come by and pick up supplies.

Community families still in need of supplies can call the Education office @ 520-568-1280 to schedule an appointment for pick up.

During the event there were a few concerns voiced by the



Aurora Peters happily collects her school supplies at the Education ROI event.

families in regards to internet outages, computer and/or login issues with the schools. Overall, the Education staff felt the event was successful and looks forward to improving upon it for the future.

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## All Hail Ak-Chin Farms

Photos courtesy of Ann Jensen



On Sunday, August 16, community homes in the Farms area received a downpour of hail and rain. The weather alert mentioned a dust storm that reduced visibility throughout the state, but did not alert of the rain or hail that many experienced. Within minutes the hail had quickly dissipated from the muggy heat.

New Homes continued from Front



Outside the newly built home.

Once the homes were demolished and the pads were built by AR Mays, Pimmex began the vertical construction and the three homes were completed in just over six months.

One particular home had been on the wait list for many years and during that period, the tenant had to oversee her yard from afar. At one time she was even hauling water to keep her plants alive, but she continued to patiently wait for the time she would be able to move back home.

“She told people that she had been out of her home for over

three years.” Judy learned. “She spoke of how she missed working in her yard and was anxious to get back. She had so many memories and was ready to make new ones.”

Judy also shared how the project team and tenants conducted a walk-through of the homes and grounds in August of 2019, “so that the tenants could let us know what they wanted to keep in the yards. This way, they could retain some of the history. We took that into consideration as much as possible.”

Judy and Casey worked closely with Housing Director,

Marlene Garcia to make sure the families were informed of the plans and progress on their home rebuilds, and how they would do everything possible to stick to the schedule of getting them moved back in.

Upon their final walk-throughs, the tenants were also gifted with a few “welcome home” items. A plant from Housing, and a new coffee maker with coffee and promo items from Pimmex, that included a mask and hat.

The tenants seemed very happy to be moving back into their new homes. Janice was a bit emotional and full of gratitude, “Thank God for you guys... this is my nest right here... I’m going to take (good) care of it.”

As far as more new homes for the Community, due to the uncertainty of the pandemic at this time and current budget restrictions, “we are unsure about future homes or remodels” Marlene shared.

“We are still planning on doing it, we just don’t know when we will be able to start.”



Rupert and Francis Stephens celebrate their homecoming.



Ashley Vincent and Dean Peters pose with house warming gifts given from Pimmex.

## Elder Lunch Menu

<p><b>7/21</b> Indian Tacos Cherry Crisp/Fruit</p> <p><b>7/24</b> BBQ Ribs Ribs Plain (D) Baked Potato Salad Apple/Oranges</p> <p><b>7/25</b> Baked Chicken Spinach Red Quinoa Tropical Fruit</p>	<p><b>7/26</b> Lasagna Roll-Up Yellow Squash &amp; Zucchini, Rolls Ambrosia Salad Fresh Fruit</p> <p><b>7/28</b> Pork Chops Mashed Potato Normandy Vegetable Watermelon/Fruit</p> <p><b>7/31</b> Cabbage Stew Carrots Biscuits Cake/Fresh Fruit</p>
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ROI Event continued from Front



Mother Armonda Santiago picks up school supplies for her children.



Parents give information to helpful staff during event.



Online Advisor/After-School Coordinator Matthew Tess, Lab Tutor Diana Velazques, and Truant Officer Liane Iglesias mask up and lend a helping hand.

## AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

**Ak-Chin Justice Complex**  
45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

**Tuesday, August 25 - Thursday August 27, 2020**  
8am - 12pm and 5pm - 7pm

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC’s recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis.

### Who should get tested?

All Ak-Chin members, and those residing within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.

- Drive thru testing available
- Tribal ID required for adults, not required for minors accompanied by parent/guardian
- If taking blood thinners, inform testing staff prior to testing
- Transportation provided for eligible members. To schedule, call (520) 562-3321 ext 1384, before 2 p.m. the business day prior

**For test result information, please call:**  
**(520) 562-3321 ext. 1658 / 2138 or (520) 550-6000**



FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079

### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD VACANCY OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

**Reminder: Community Members can only serve on three (3) Boards or Commissions or Committees maximum at any given time.**

- The Ak-Chin Housing Board oversees:
1. The administration and oversight of housing programs that include but is not limited to all Ak-Chin Community homes, Human and Urban Development (HUD) homes and Tax Credit homes in coordination with the Community Council.
  2. Is responsible for ensuring that all appropriated housing related funds are expended in established regulations.
  3. Is responsible for ensuring that all established policies regarding lease compliance, resident issues and home care and maintenance are followed.

**Requirements:** Interested individuals who are employed with the community must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing the employee to serve on the board. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Please send all letters of interest Attn:

**Ak-Chin Community Council**  
**ATTN: Victoria A. Smith**  
**42507 W. Peters & Nall Road**  
**Maricopa, AZ 85138**

**Deadline for letters of Interest is Friday, September 4, 2020, by 5:00 PM**





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**ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES**  
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 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 August 21 - September 3, 2020 issue is due by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

Material submitted after the **AUGUST 14TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

**FALL DEADLINE EXTENDED: 08/31/2020**

ALL VISITORS MUST HAVE APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH AK-CHIN ACADEMIC ADVISOR. CALL OR E-MAIL TO SCHEDULE.

Contact Pamela Velasquez at:  
Pvelasquez@ak-chin.nsn.us  
520.568.1291

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING**

Please put your Blue recycling bin by the curb every Thursday morning. Rinse out plastic and metal food containers. Break down cardboard boxes before putting in the blue bin.

**Metal**  
Aluminum Cans  
Soda Cans  
Steel Cans

**Paper/Cardboard**  
Cereal/Snack Boxes  
Newspaper  
Envelopes  
Egg Cartons

**Plastic**  
Any #1 & #2 Plastics  
Water Bottles  
Juice Containers  
Milk Jugs

**Do not put these items in the Blue recycling bin.**

Household Hazardous Waste	Glass	Greasy Pizza Boxes
Wood or Construction Debris	Styrofoam	Napkins, Tissue, Paper Towels
Plastic Bags	Food Waste	Clothing

For recycling questions contact:  
Ak-Chin Environmental/Tribal Council Department at 520-568-1376  
Ak-Chin, Maricopa, Arizona 85139

**Bee**  
**Careful**  
**Outside**

The excessive heat and unpredictable weather aren't the only thing we have to "bee" leery about, as the community has seemed to become a hideaway for several beehives to flourish and grow in the most inconvenient of places.

In recent months the Ak-Chin Fire department has been called out to help control these busy beehives that have made every day activities slightly difficult for residents.

The bumbling insects haven't shown much aggression towards us humans, but the pesky bunch can pose minor to life threatening situations. Arizona has 10 different species of bees flying around state, most are non-harmful to humans, but when provoked of course the bugs will go off on the opposing threat.

Like majority of insects, Bees are an important part of the ecosystem in a variety of ways; they nourish wildlife and of course contribute to our way of living. They cross pollinate plants and flowers, including ones that we harvest and eat on daily basis, and produce sweet honey that sits on grocery store shelves for our everyday consumption.

Although, our flying buzzy-friends can cause a commotion with us human beings, trying to extinguish the hive minded bugs without the proper know-how will only make a seemingly simple task blow up into a swarming frenzy.

Here are some stinging tips to remember when trying to disassemble a bee situation:

- It is best not to spray any pesticides on the bees/hive as it will only provoke an attack.
- Do not attempt to touch or throw objects at the hive as a means of getting rid of it, again this will provoke an unwanted attack.
- Keep in mind there are only one or two of you verses a single colony of bees, which can reach up to the thousands in a single hive.
- Staying away and calling an expert to handle such sticky situations is going to be your best bet.

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
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**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ELECTION**

The 2020 Community Election will be held on Saturday, **November 21, 2020**, at the Service Center. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 am and close promptly at 2:00 pm. This election will be to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman position, as the terms of Chairman Robert Miguel and Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez will expire.

**NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman for a four (4) year term commencing in January 2021.

Nomination Forms will be available at Tribal Headquarters through Marilyn Thompson beginning **Monday, August 17, 2020** through **Monday, September 14, 2020** between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Members may self-nominate. Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination in writing and the acceptance must be notarized. All Nomination Forms must be completed upon receipt. Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, **September 14, 2020**. Nominations other than self-nominations must be accepted and notarized no later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 14, 2020**.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR NOMINATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION FORM.**

**AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

All candidates will be required to sign a notarized Affidavit of Qualifications for Community Council Member. Affidavits will be available at the Tribal Headquarters through Marilyn Thompson beginning Friday, **August 21, 2020** through Monday, **September 21, 2020**, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Affidavits must be completed and turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, **September 21, 2020**.

- ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:**
1. Is currently an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and has been an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election, where such membership is not based on adoption under Section 2 (b) of Article II of this Constitution, AND
  2. Is at least twenty-five (25) years of age, AND
  3. Has been residing on the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation or on land owned in fee by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election, AND
  4. Has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty in any tribal, state or Federal court or of an offense which would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty under the laws of Arizona.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person as instructed below or by sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots may be requested in-person from Marilyn Thompson at Tribal Headquarters beginning October 14, 2020 through November 20, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Absentee ballots may be returned either in-person or by mail. Absentee Ballots which are returned by mail must be notarized and postmarked no later than **October 30, 2020**. In person drop off of Notarized Absentee Ballots must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, **November 20, 2020**.

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution provides that the duties of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Council Members shall be established by ordinance enacted by the Community Council. All members of the Community Council shall obtain the training required to properly perform these duties including, but not limited to, training on financial management and the conduct of meetings. Candidates with questions about the duties of officers should contact the Election Committee.

**CODE OF ETHICS**

Council Members are subject to a Code of Ethics, which is adopted pursuant to Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution.

**ELIGIBLE VOTER LIST**

Copies of the Eligible Voter List will be posted at the following locations:

- Community Headquarters Office
- Vekol Market
- Justice Complex
- Service Center
- Him-Dak Museum

Members are encouraged to verify that their name is on the Eligible Voter List. If your name is not on the Eligible Voter List and you think it should be, contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 568-1029. In order to be on the Eligible Voter List you must be 18 years of age or older and be an enrolled member of the Community on or before Election Day.

**QUALIFIED/DISQUALIFIED VOTES**

QUALIFIED - Any ballot with at least one (1) vote.  
DISQUALIFIED - Any ballot with more than one (1) vote.  
**NO WRITE – INS**

**PARENTS – CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR THE VOTING POLLS.**

**\*A CORRECTION WAS MADE TO THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS SECTION – In person drop off date.**

**Should Read:** In person drop off of Notarized Absentee Ballots must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2020.

**Not:** November 13, 2020 as previously posted.

We apologize for the confusion,  
Election Board

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

## Ak-Chin Indian Community RV Park Feasibility Study, Business Plan and Conceptual Design

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking professional services to conduct a RV Park Feasibility Study, Business Plan and Conceptual Design. The Project Area totals approximately 35 +/- acres and is located west of the State Route 347 on Ak-Chin Parkway and Narcia Street intersection. The RV Park feasibility Study and Business Plan will assist the Community in developing a RV Park with amenities.

### I. BACKGROUND

The Project Area has been identified to sit on a 35 +/- acre lot, which a 5-acre retention basin lies within the shared space. The retention basin serves as the storm drainage runoff from the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort property east of the designated proposed RV Park. Facilities within the Ak-Chin Circle includes a Fire Station, Surface Water Treatment Facility, UltraStar Multi-tainment Center and Elements Event Center. Also, a Central Plant that services UltraStar Multi-tainment Center, Elements Event Center and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort, is the adjacent property. New road system and utility upgrades were completed in 2018.

### II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION – SCOPE OF WORK

To provide a feasibly with operations startup costs of all factors that could influence the development of an RV Park on the Ak-Chin Indian Community. The feasibility to include an evaluation of the RV Market with in radius of 100 miles of the Community. The project deliverables are as follows:

1. A description of three levels of RV Park Businesses – High, Middle and Low-end business that include lots sizes, amenities, and length of stay
2. An assessment of the factors

that influence the profitability of an RV Park

3. Identification of the facility needs of the three levels of successful RV Parks
4. Analysis of the demographic and economic levels of RV Park Users with extended stay periods
5. Prepare detailed segmented analysis of local and regional RV Park market demands defined in terms of geography, income/education, spending patterns, interests and hobbies, media refences and other relevant points of access for the next five years
6. Analysis of the competitive environment within which the proposed RV Park will operate, including existing and potential competitors for the local and regional market.
7. Provide projections of utilization (occupancy rates), as appropriate, for the recommended RV Park for the first five years.
8. RV Park projection trends for next five years
9. Analysis of return on investment (ROI) for the proposed three levels of RV Parks for the first five years of operations
10. Provide startup operation cost breakdown for each level of RV Park Operations this includes wages and labor size
11. Provide complimentary amenities that would add to the experience and needs of the RV Park user
12. Provide infrastructure need for each proposed level of RV Park, such as utilities, telecommunications, water and sewage
13. Provide alternative conceptual layouts for the High, Middle and Low-end RV Park design within its designated 36.4 acres which includes 5 acre of retention basin to reviewed by project team.

14. Be able meet virtual throughout project contract and a number of on-site social distance field work meetings.

The Community will make available background studies, GIS shape files, aerial photography, water and sewer plans, and other available information to the selected consultant team. Limited survey information and topography is also available.

### III. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

A Virtual pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, September 3, 2020 by WebEx. To receive an invitation to connect by WebEx one must register on line by emailing request to participate in the Ak-Chin RV Park proposal by noon on Thursday, September 3, 2020 to the following email bsmith@ak-chin.nsn.us. The full RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

### IV. SUBMISSIONS

Physical submissions should be provided in a package clearly marked with "AK-CHIN RV PARK PROPOSAL." Please submit five (5) bound and (1) unbound copies of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below. Face Covering is required to enter the building to drop off proposal.

Flora Howerton  
Purchasing Manager  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Any questions regarding this project proposal must be submitted via email by 5 p.m. September 10, 2020 to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager (520) 568-1043. The deadline for submitting proposal is September 20, 2020 at 12 p.m. MST.



## Let's celebrate your hard work!

The Education Department recognizes that this school year is very different from any other year and has been difficult for families without in person learning. That is why we would like to celebrate all your hard work! We will be raffling off several incentives for K-12 students. This raffle is open to all K-12 students residing within Ak-Chin Indian Community. **(In order to enter the student must have a signed Release of Information form on file.)**

**When:** The first drawing will be held 8/31/20, held through the Community's Facebook Live. Winner will be contacted via phone/email.

**Location:** Education Department

### Process:

- Each student must submit (via email to: [liglesias2@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:liglesias2@ak-chin.nsn.us) or drop off box in front of Education) a print out from ParentVue/StudentVue or from their school displaying their attendance in gradebook.
- Please ensure the print out has student's name, grade and phone number/email.
- The time period will be from 8/17/20 through 8/28/20. All submissions must be in by 5:00 pm on 8/28/20. Drawing will then be held on Monday, 8/31/20.

The student will receive a raffle entry for the following:  
- (2) entries for 0 days missed; (1) entry for 1-2 days missed

Raffle tickets will be placed in the appropriate grade level and prize will be awarded to the winner! Prizes will be based on grade levels:

Kindergarten through 5th Grade:

6th Grade through 8th Grade:

9th Grade through 12th Grade:

# 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](http://www.CowboyLifestyleNetwork.com)

## August Community Birthdays

7 Haylee Delma Joanne Stephens Daniel White Alicia Gomez	15 Daniel Pablo	21 Sharon Pablo Armida Mattia Colleen Padilla Doria Garcia	27 Andrew Narcia
8 Raiden James	16 Virginia Thomas David Oliver Brandon Dean Christopher Vincent Lashey White Virginia Mejia Joseph R. Zabawa	22 Lorice Manuel Cruz Machado Nancy Carlyle Reginald Delores Michelle Narcia	28 Jacob Vincent Jr. Stacey Smith Delila Villegas Wilson Antone Darren Peters Stewart Peters
9 Stephanie Vincent Joanna Acosta	17 Chaning Hoffman Johnny Perkins	23 Jacoby Warren Dorissa Garcia	29 Frankie Carlyle
11 Jessica Corella Tommy Pablo Christian Soliz William Narcia	18 Juan Lopez George Lopez	24 Jeffrey Manuel Michael Peters Jr.	30 Candi Chavez Arnulfo Bandin, III Amare Santiago Amiyah Deleon
12 Ava Quinonez Joshua Zepeda Rocio Castro	19 Florine Vincent Delora Vincent Amanda Narcia Owen Santiago Jasmine Kaniatobe Lisa Miller Anthony Narcia Sr.	25 Janaya Lopez	31 Misty Quintero
13 King-Benzie Peters Arrow Bowman Azalyana White		26 Denise Lewis	

*Virtual*  
**GLOW RUN 5K**  
8.20.20 - 8.30.20

**HERE'S THE DETAILS:**

- 1) COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO HEALTH EDUCATION, REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AUGUST 13TH.
- 2) WALK/RUN YOUR 5K AND RECORD YOUR TIME USING AN APP OR PHOTOS. (COMPLETE ANY DAY AUGUST 20TH - AUGUST 30TH)
- 3) SUBMIT YOUR 5K COMPLETION FORM BY AUGUST 31ST AND RECEIVE YOUR POST RACE ITEMS.

TOP FINISHERS FOR MEDAL PLACEMENT WILL BE AWARDED. YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$10 GIFT CARD FOR PARTICIPATION, A VEKOL VOUCHER AND T-SHIRT.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO RAFFLE. OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. OPEN TO ALL AGES!

**LET'S GLOW CRAZY!**

OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080 OR MCGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

## AUGUST EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

7th Jeffrey Looper, <i>Transit</i> Jacob Dickerson, <i>Maintenance</i>	23rd Dorissa Garcia, <i>Enrollment</i> Jose Lopez, <i>Security Guard</i>
8th Melanie Toledo, <i>Library</i> Charles Babine, <i>TGA</i> Tracy Zimmerman, <i>Capital Projects</i>	24th Brenice Kaisem, <i>Law &amp; Order</i> Jeffrey Manuel, <i>Parks &amp; Recreation</i>
9th Narciso Schweitzer, <i>EPD</i>	26th Lorenzo Holcomb, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>
11th Allison Butler, <i>Transit</i>	27th Blanca Briones, <i>Human Resources</i> Michelle Garcia, <i>Early Childhood</i> Gary Carr, <i>Maintenance</i>
13th Gregory Porto, <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i>	28th Darren Peters, <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i> Wilson Antone, <i>Library</i>
15th Matthew Millo, <i>Public Defender</i> Sergio Romero, <i>Housing</i>	30th Candi Chavez, <i>Sanitation</i> Christopher Johnston, <i>IS</i> Liane Iglesias, <i>Education</i>
16th Rudy Aguirre, <i>TGA</i>	31st Sheryl Grothe, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>
17th Chaning Hoffman, <i>EPD</i>	
21st Dale Vance, <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i> Crystal Cantu, <i>Maintenance</i> Daniel Mercado, <i>IS</i>	

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Michelle and Delila and my grandsons Michael Jr., Darren, and Stewart  
*Love, Grandma*

Happy Birthday Nancy  
Enjoy your special day and relax!  
*Love your family*

Happy Birthday "D"  
Have a great birthday!  
*Love, Dad, Raych, Sisters and Ollie*

Happy Birthday to our Godson Frankie  
*Love, Goddaddy and Godmama*

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING - DELIA OWENS

OLIVIAS BOOK CLUB

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 | 12:15PM

JOIN BOOK DISCUSSION ON ZOOM  
Email: BPeters2@ak-chin.nsn.us for ZOOM Member ID & Password.

TO CHECK OUT A TABLET CALL THE LIBRARY (520) 568-1675  
QUANTITY LIMITED!  
AVAILABLE TO AK-CHIN LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS ONLY  
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DELIA OWENS



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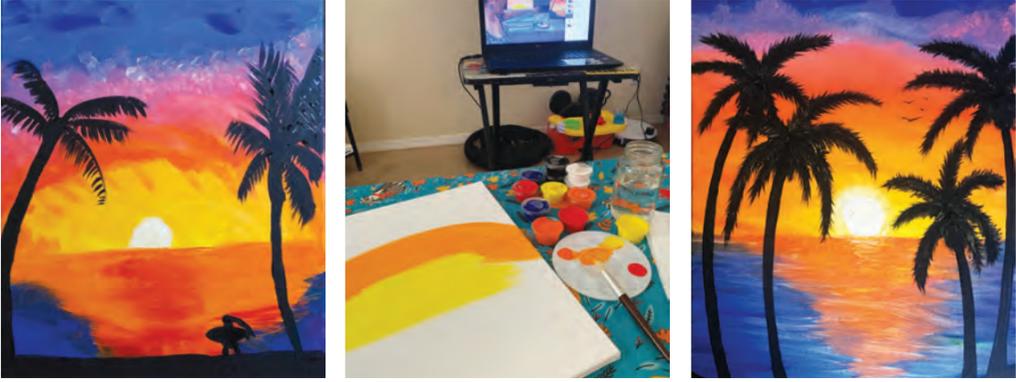
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# Coming together virtually to create and share art



Virtual paint night instructor Kauai Wilson mixes colors to complete the sunset.



Above: Beautiful artwork submitted from a variety of participants during and after the virtual class

Right: Sunrise and Sunset Duo by two sisters

Ak-Chin Library has really been working hard to create opportunities for creative engagement, despite the covid pandemic.

One of their latest experiences was a first time ever, "Virtual Paint Night". As you can see from all the beautiful artwork pictured at left, there were many participants who took advantage of the opportunity to share their artistic masterpieces.

Kauai Wilson was the instructor for the virtual paint night, held on Thursday, August 13. Kauai was also invited a couple of times last year to provide other wonderful paint night experiences. Brianna Peters, Ak-Chin Library Clerk worked with Kauai to bring the paint nights.

Artists received canvas and paint supplies from the library, while supplying their own brushes, with easel and apron being optional. Once everyone received their supplies, Brianna sent out a link for all to view Kauai's virtual class lesson.

For a couple of hours participants listened and watched, via google meets invite, as Kauai led the group, showing them how to create color schemes and blending

scenes to create a relaxing and enjoyable work of art. There were 10 in all who signed up for the evening event.

Brianna and the library also provided a fun paint experience for community children to "Paint Your Flower Pot", on Friday, August 14, with a curbside pick-up of supplies from library, supplies included 1 tiny flower pot, four paints and one paint brush.

Brianna and the library are also promoting an ART CONTEST! Artists, aged 13-17 are asked to bring their art to the library. Deadline to submit your art is Friday, August 28th. Winners will be announced on Monday, August 31st, and receive a 66 piece 'Essential Sketching Beginners Art Set'. The contest is open to all Ak-Chin Indian Community members, residents and employee children.

Brianna would like to bring the paint night opportunity to the community again and hopes more participants will request or join in the next one. If you are interested in a virtual paint night experience, or the ART CONTEST, please contact Brianna at: [BPeters2@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:BPeters2@ak-chin.nsn.us), or call her at 520-568-1677.