

2020 Ak-Chin Council Candidates

Chairman Candidates



Robert Miguel

Sape Mas Ma Ak-Chin,

My name is Robert Miguel and I am respectfully seeking your support for Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the upcoming Tribal Council Election.

I am the son of Janice Perez-Miguel, my grandparents are the late Jonas and Mathilda Miguel. My grandfather served as Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the 70's.

My grandfather taught me at an early age the way of life of the Ak-Chin people, how they struggled but continued to persevere in providing a bright future for its people. It's his teachings that I continue to utilize in moving my family and people forward.

I've been involved with a number of opportunities here in Ak-Chin such as; athletics, feast celebrations, community events, traditional and cultural teachings, which has helped



Yolanda Narcia-Miranda

Ak-Chin Membership,

I, Yolanda Narcia Miranda, humbly come before you to request your support and vote for a brighter tomorrow.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the daughter of Arthur Miranda of Phoenix, Arizona, and the late Arlinda Narcia of Ak-Chin. My maternal grandparents are the late Edward Narcia, Sr. of Ak-Chin and Elsie Losey Scott of the Gila River Indian Community. My paternal grandparents are the late Angel and Rosa Miranda of Phoenix, AZ. I am also the niece of Mildred Narcia, Elizabeth (Narcia) Valles and Gloria Narcia all of Ak-Chin.

My husband, Sami Atrawi and I have been married for 23 years. We have one set of twins, Isaac and Esperanza Miranda. Our daughter Esperanza, is married to Bryan Ramirez. I have one grandson, Yael Ramirez. Family is very important to me, and I consider all of you my family. We have a commonality

Vice-Chairman Candidates



Gabriel Lopez

Ske:g Tash en'Hajun,

My name is Gabriel Lorenzo Lopez, I am the eldest son of the late Thelma Miguel and the late Daniel Lopez, Sr. My maternal grandparents are the late Jonas and Mathilda Miguel of Ak-Chin Community and my paternal grandparents are the late Joe Frank and Eleanor (Maria) Lopez of Crowhang, Tohono O'odham Nation. I am the brother of Velacita Lopez, Lanita Lopez and the late Daniel Lopez, Jr.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated and vying for Vice Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. I have served four terms as a Community leader and I'm ready to continue serving my Community.

During my years of service on Council, we've accomplished many economic development milestones; acquiring and developing a top-rated golf course Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, expanding Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort,



Lemuel Vincent

Greetings Membership,

My name is Lemuel Vincent and I am requesting your support for my nomination in obtaining a seat as Vice-Chairman for the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council.

For those not familiar with who I am, I am the son of Norman Vincent, Sr. (Baut), Pauline Vincent (Baut). My siblings consist of Fernando Smith, Sr. (Baut), Sylvester Smith (Baut), Joe Smith (Baut), Diane Rodriguez (Baut), Carole Lopez, Glennadean Lewis, Norman Vincent, Jr., Norma Vincent and Roxanne Vincent (Baut).

My immediate family consist of my wife Nellie, my daughter Ashley Vincent, step-daughter Angelica Fernandez, step-sons Raymond Fernandez and Steven Fernandez.

First and foremost, due to the fact that there is a limited word count on the platform entry, I will get straight to the

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Seven lights bring faith and peace to Ak-Chin St. Francis

Story and photo by R. Peters



Seven candidates celebrate baptism, confirmation, and communion on Saturday, October 10, with Celebrant and Pastor, Fr. Michael Tinker (at top) at St. Francis of Assisi Ak-Chin.

From l-r: Just James Perryman (Gabriel), King-Benzie Paul Peters (Peter), Stella Angel Miguel (Elizabeth), Angelina Ciare Angulo (Florian), Estevan Miguel Angulo, Jr. (Francis), Adriana Marie Luz (Catherine of Siana), Iliana Audrina Perryman (Kateri).

The light and love of these young candidates filled the church of Ak-Chin St. Francis on Saturday, October 10.

Three received their first three sacraments, while all seven received their Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Fr. Tinker praised the young

Christians, "We're celebrating, we're singing Glory to God in the highest and peace to its people on earth. Why? Because today seven lights are being lit in our church."

During the homily, Fr. Tinker also talked about how the children can bring such peace

and simplicity during this chaotic time and how taking a moment to pray can bring a little light to us all.

What a joyous day for Ak-Chin and for St. Francis. Congratulations to all the Candidates for being a shining light in the Community.



"Voting is your chance to stand up for the issues you care about."



Elders enjoy Bingo and learn about Falls Prevention

Ak-Chin elders were recently treated to a fun and informational game of Falls Prevention Bingo to promote Falls Prevention Awareness Week, September 21-25.

Ak-Chin Injury Prevention Program coordinator Teri, set out to spread awareness on how to prevent these accidents from happening with a fun-fact-filled game of bingo. Elders were given a bingo sheet to mark off all pictures for a black-out bingo.

When falling down as an older adult it can be the cause of both fatal and nonfatal trauma related injuries. These types of injuries are fairly common, predictable and preventable.

Every 11 seconds an older adult is taken to be treated at the hospital for a fall related injury and every 19 minutes an elder adult dies from a fall injury.

Here are some things to keep in mind to regulate environmental and behavioral risk factors for falls prevention:

- Knowing what roles one can play to ensure safety for you and for those who are vulnerable to falls.
- Finding a balance or exercise program to help with



Congratulations to Jeff Manuel, who won the Falls Prevention Black-Out Bingo grand prize.

strengthening and improve stability. As we get older we lose more flexibility, balance and coordination then we had before.

- Keeping in shape and working out these abilities will have a major effect as years pass.
- Working to strengthen and improving all three will be beneficial in the long run.
- Talk to your doctor if you have had a fall incident or are worried of falling yourself.
- Review medications to with doctor or pharmacist to see if crossing your medications could increase your chances of falling to reduce your risks.

- Get your yearly vision checkups, having healthy eyesight will help in preventing unwanted accidental falls.

- Keep your homes safe. Example, keep rooms tidy and floors free from any objects that could possible cause falling, use bath/floor mats in the bathrooms, and have grab bars installed to ensure extra prevention security measures are being taken.

Talking with family and loved ones, asking for help and support in taking these measures to stay safe is always the best thing to do. Everyone can help take part in making someone's life as healthy and injury free as possible.

ELDERS CENTER NEWS:

In the last couple of months, we've been working very hard here at the Elder Center to share information and help our Elders prepare for emergencies.

We've played Emergency Preparedness Bingo; prizes have included 72-hour emergency kits, a step-by-step guide for long term food storage and supplies, solar powered flashlights, radios, etc.

We'll be wrapping up the bingo games around the end of October and we are working on preparing a Grab and Go binder for each Elder who participated in our Emergency Preparedness Bingo. We will be handing those out on our last game.

A Grab and Go Binder is a **binder that holds all your important documents in one portable spot**. The wisdom behind it is this: In the event of an emergency evacuation, it will be much quicker to grab one 3-ring binder than it would be to rummage through drawers, desks, or file folders.

Whether there's an emergency or not, having your papers stored in one place and well-organized will benefit you in many ways. You'll be able to find any paper you need for whatever reason in just a few minutes.

In the meantime, we've made a list of important documents you can gather to put in your Grab and Go Binder.

Some of these documents would be difficult to replace and with many operations shut down they may take longer to be replaced. Some of the items might not apply to you and you might have additional documents that you'll need.

If you're missing any of the documents listed, there is no better time than now to find replacements, order certified copies of legal documents such as birth certificates, and collect misplaced items.

Copy the Cards in your wallet or purse, or at least write down the information:

- ☐ Driver's License/Tribal ID
 - ☐ Credit Cards, include the phone numbers to call in case of loss or theft
 - ☐ Social Security Card
 - ☐ Health Information
 - ☐ Birth Certificates
 - ☐ Marriage Certificates
 - ☐ Immunization Records
 - ☐ Prescriptions for medications and glasses (these can be obtained from the doctors you've seen)
 - ☐ Power of Attorney
 - ☐ Living Will, etc.
 - ☐ Trust Papers
 - ☐ Wills
 - ☐ Vehicle Titles
 - ☐ Property Deeds
 - ☐ Insurance Policies (homeowners, life, care, etc.)
 - ☐ Contracts
 - ☐ Bank Account Numbers
 - ☐ Stocks and Bonds
 - ☐ Income Tax Records from prior years
 - ☐ Family members phone numbers
 - ☐ Phone Numbers for doctors, neighbors, employers
- Don't forget your pets:
- ☐ Photos of you and your pets (to prove ownership)
 - ☐ Registration and immunization records

It's a challenge to find ways to share information and find creative ways to assist our Elders with the current restrictions. We hope that our Bingo game has been fun and informative and welcome feedback.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and know we miss you here at the Center!

Community Pilgrimage ends with St. Francis Feast

The Ak-Chin pilgrimage finished up on Saturday, October 3rd, with a free luncheon on Sunday in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Feast. And although it was not quite the same, group leader and Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez felt the walk was "bitter-sweet".

"Our little group has mixed feeling about this year's pilgrimage, although we would have preferred to be walking in Mexico and walking into Magdalena, we understood the circumstances." Lopez shared.

They found comfort knowing that other walkers were doing the same thing in their communities, "so we were all walking together

in spirit."

They were able to enjoy their early morning walks on the pathway along Farrell Rd., walking in the dark along with farm roads and then watching the sun peak over the horizon. "The morning cleansing helped carry our prayers."

While on their walks they would share experiences from past pilgrimages. They had fond memories about all the people who offered them food, water and a place to stay for the night, or sleeping on the side of the road.

They also reminisced about where they would have been on certain

days and what they would be doing.

"The emotional last mile walking into Magdalena, seeing the church and paying our respects to the shrine of Saint Francis, our prayer ribbon ceremony and seeing our families. And of course, eating tacos and Sonoran hotdogs."

Gabriel ended with a thank you, "On behalf of the Miguel Family, Thank You to everyone who came by and picked up food trays and helping us and the community to honor and celebrate the feast of Saint Francis. Keep in mind the Chapel is always open to everyone who wants to come pray and worship, and bless themselves."



2020 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE.



Virtual Live Streaming Event Meet the Candidates

Ak-Chin Tribal Chairman & Vice-Chairman Candidates

**November 14, 2020 - 10:00am
November 16th, 2020 - 6:00pm**

The Ak-Chin Election Committee will be hosting two virtual events in place of the in-person Meet the Candidate Night. Please contact events@akchin.nsn.us or (520) 568-1045 for details on how to watch and participate in the live event!

October Elder Menu

16- Pork Stew
Red Quinoa, Roasted Vegetables, Cupcakes

Normandy Vegetables, Rolls, Fresh Cut Fruit

19- Bar-B-Que Ribs
Baked Potato, Asparagus, Salad, Plums

26- Cabbage Stew
Corn, Biscuits, Peach Cobbler

20- Chicken & Rice
Carrots, Spinach, Chumath, Ambrosia Salad

27- Swiss Bacon Chicken Sandwich
Broccoli/Cauliflower, Lima Beans, Berry Trifle

21- Goulash
Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Garlic Bread, Pumpkin Cookies

28- Black Eyed Peas
Turkey over Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Pears

22- Tuna or Chicken
Salad Sandwich, Butternut Squash Soup, Chips, Baked Apples

29- Beef Fajitas
Spanish Rice, Ranch Style Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Tropical Fruit

23- Pork Chops
Scalloped Potatoes,

30- Indian Tacos
Pumpkin Rolls, Lemon Rolls (D)



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Don't forget the
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

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and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.

Candidates continued from Front

Miguel

develop me into the person
and leader I am today.

I continue to be grateful
to my "Three Wise Men",
Norbert, Cecil and the
late Dave Peters, Sr., who
continue to guide me, also,
the efforts of childhood
"buddy" Stanley Antone.

During my early years
on Council I also had the
opportunity to sit with the
"great" Leona Carlyle-
Kakar as she educated me
and shared her experience
as a former leader. Many
others, which include
elders, some whom are
no longer here, have also
helped guide and develop
me into the person I've
become.

I've been employed with
my Community for 34
years in a number of
capacities; Tribal Council
for the past 7 years, 5 as
Chairman.

We continue to address
issues, concerns and
challenges; from water,
education, healthcare,
housing and other areas
of need. A new challenge
is the unexpected arrival
of COVID19, which
has altered our way of
life. Necessary services
will be a top priority for
Council as we provide
the continued health and
safety amenities for all.

Establishing great
relationships with local,
state and national officials
in bringing awareness and
support to our community
has also allowed me to
represent our community
in many opportunities;
Chairman Arizonans
for Tribal Governments
Gaming, Vice-President
Inter-Tribal Council of
Arizona, Native American
Rights Fund Board of
Directors, Maricopa
Economic Development
Association.

I've been blessed to
testify before Congress on
behalf of my Community
on various occasions
during my 7-year career
on Council.

Other opportunities
include; Panelist
and Speaker at the
following; Native
Nations Conferences,
National Indian Gaming
Association, Global
Gaming, Reservation
Economic Summit,
Arizona Indian Gaming
Association Expos, and
other Local, State and
National Conferences.

The community will
continue to endure issues
and with strong support
from membership, we
will continue to handle
challenges and prosper
as we were taught by
our former leaders and
membership.

My greatest honor
has been to represent
our Community, and I
respectfully ask for your
consideration to continue
to lead our Community as
Tribal Council Chairman.

Thank you to my wife
Connie and my children;
Robert, Jasmine, Yasmin,
Jordyn, Joe, Yvonne and
Stella for their support,
love, and understanding.

I wish all running
candidates the best of luck
during this election.

Respectfully,
Robert Miguel

Narcia-Miranda

that ties us together,
which is our Ak-Chin
membership.

My educational
background includes
an Associates of Arts
Degree, a Bachelor's
Degree in Business, and
a Master's Degree in
Education from Northern
Arizona University,
with Distinction. I am
currently in the process
of obtaining my Doctoral
Degree in Organizational
Leadership from Grand
Canyon University.

I have 18 years of
experience working
for our Community.
My tenure with the
Community includes
working for our Cultural
Resources Department,
as a Monitor and 15
years with the Education
Department, serving in
multiple capacities which
include Student Advisor,
Tutor, Truant Officer,
Student Counselor,
Education Supervisor,
and Acting Education
Department Director.

My experience working
in education allowed
me the opportunity to
collaborate with Ak-Chin
departments, serving on
the following committees:
Masik Tas Planning,
Education, Diabetes
Health and Finance.

I established professional
working relationships
with public, private,
and tribal sectors to best
serve our membership,
improving the quality of
services received.

Lastly, this global
pandemic has brought
many challenges and
greatly impacted our
community. We have
lost family members,
jobs, health, and medical
insurance.

I will advocate for the
community membership
in all areas of concern,
such as: healthcare,
education, employment,
and housing.

It is essential to improve
the economy for our
community, to provide
security for our future, and
to plan for emergencies for
unforeseen circumstances
which may impact our
community.

In conclusion, our
community is deserving
of a promising future
with a positive vision,
and a clear and focused
direction, for the benefit
of the Ak-Chin Indian
Community, as a whole.
We the people, deserve
strong leadership to direct
our future.

It would be an honor and
a privilege to serve and
lead our community as
your Chairwoman. I am
prepared to proactively
serve the needs of our
membership by guiding
our community in the
direction of a brighter
tomorrow and equality for
all.

I respectfully seek your
vote in our upcoming
election on Saturday,
November 21, 2020. Be
safe and mask up.

Respectfully,
Yolanda Narcia-Miranda,
M.Ed.

Lopez

and bringing UltraStar
Multi-tainment to our
backyards. Although
gaming is our financial
backbone, we still
need to seek other
economic development
opportunities.

Education is and will
always be one of my
priorities. I have always
emphasized that our
young people are our
leaders of tomorrow. One
day they will be governing
this community and it's
up to us to ensure that
they receive a quality
education. I hope to
continue to work on
expanding our programs
to serve our young people
better.

I am a strong believer in
our Him-Dak (language,
culture, traditions). I was
taught early that our Him-
Dak is the biggest part of
who we are as O'dham
People.

Our language is a vital
part of our Him-Dak, it
keeps our culture and
traditions alive. We need
to continue to teach our
Him-Dak and pass on our
traditions to our children.

I believe this gives them
self-esteem, self-respect,
dignity and pride in who
they are; I will ensure that
our Him-Dak is strong
and will continue for
generations to come. –

Due to the Coronavirus
pandemic, we have
seen drastic changes
in our daily lives. This
pandemic has altered how
we conduct our religious,
cultural and traditional
practices, as well as how
we conduct business.

As a current member of
Council, we have made
some tough decisions
to ensure the safety and
health of the Community.
Every decision made
during this time has
been made with the
safety, well-being, health
and protection of the
membership in mind.

Please continue to mask-
up, social-distance and
take advantage of the
COVID testing blitz
events in the Community.

I have continuously
emphasized working
together, respecting
one another, and
communicating with one
another in a positive way.
T E A M W O R K ,
R E S P E C T ,
COMMUNICATION,
and POSITIVIITY.

I have always believed
that these attributes must
come from the leadership.
By doing this, together we
can overcome obstacles,
together we will have
strength and together we
will be a community.

In closing, if re-elected,
I will continue to be
fair and impartial, my
decisions will be made
with consideration to
equality, and first and
foremost, the betterment
of the Community and
Members.

Remember to vote on
November 21st, and
best wishes to all the
candidates!

S-Sapo,
Gabriel L. Lopez

Vincent

point.

My interest in running
for a position on our
Council Board is my
belief that I can contribute
to the betterment of the
community in moving
forward in a positive
progress.

Progress in achieving
resources in areas needed
such as Educational
endeavors, Healthcare and
Social Service avenues
and Elderly matters. As
well as issues concerning
the community in all
realms that need to be
addressed.

In doing so I am
more than ready to
incorporate a strong and
hardworking attitude in
dealing with the aspects
of our sponsorships,
partnerships and
enterprises concerning
our financial stability.

I know that there is no one
council member that can
make a change, but when
there is a good cohesive
Council Board tackling
these issues the road to
success is endless.

I believe for this to occur
each individual council
member must be willing
to sacrifice themselves
for the betterment of our
community.

When speaking of
sacrifice I am referring
to the dedication and
devotion each council
member is willing to give
in creating a strong unity.

A unity to focus and give
the diligent attention in
areas, as well as to the
people, a council board is
elected to represent.

As a candidate for
the position of Vice-
Chairman, I am willing
to put forth the fortitude
in collaborating with the
present Council Board in
moving forward on a path
in which our community
will benefit.

I was once asked what I
would be willing to do
in order to provide for
my family the necessities
needed in life. Without
giving a second thought
I answered, "Anything
within the boundaries of
the law."

I consider our community
as family and I will do
everything in my power
to obtain the resources,
benefits and privileges
that our community is
afforded and entitled to.

If appointed to the Vice-
Chairman position, I am
willing not only to hear
but listen to you. For I
feel communication is
essential for working
along with the
membership as well as the
community as a whole.

In conclusion, I would like
to encourage all eligible
members to go out and
vote. Not only in the Tribal
realm but all aspects of
our Government and
Presidential elections, for
your voice matters.

Thank You ...

Sincerely,
Lemuel T. Vincent



Robert Miguel Elected Chairman of Tribal Gaming Organization

TEMPE, AZ - Robert
Miguel, Chairman of
the Ak-Chin Indian
Community, was
unanimously elected
as the Chairperson of
the Arizonans for Tribal
Government Gaming
(ATGG) during the
organization's monthly
leadership meeting, held
September 25, 2020.

The ATGG, is organized as
a joint effort of sovereign
tribal governments
and works to promote,
protect, and preserve
the general welfare
and interests of Indian
tribes by supporting
tribal government
gaming on Arizona's
Indian lands. Following
the formation of the
Arizona Indian Gaming
Association (AIGA), the
ATGG was formed in
2009 and serves as the
collective political voice
of its Member Tribes –
all which hold a gaming
compact with the State of
Arizona.

Chairman Miguel, says he
is pleased and honored
to have been elected to
the Chairmanship for
ATGG. "As an officer
of the Association, I
will continue to give
my dedication and
commitment for the
benefit of all Indian
Country through Tribal
Gaming." He added
that it is important "To
provide the necessary
services and continued
needs of our people and
this is what strives the
Association to move in a
continued collaborated
effort."

Tohono O'dham Nation
Chairman, Ned Norris, Jr.,
welcomes the expertise
and leadership of
Chairman Miguel. "I have
the utmost respect for
Chairman Robert Miguel
and with his leadership,
the Arizonans for Tribal
Government Gaming
can move forward in
strengthening the unity
of our Member Tribes
and all Tribes regarding
Tribal Gaming."

The newly-elected
chairman also serves as
the First Vice-President
of the Inter-Tribal Council
of Arizona, a member of
the Maricopa Economic
Development Association
(MEDA) Board, and sits
on the Native American
Rights Fund (NARF) Board
of Directors.

The ATGG, a 501 (c)(4)
provides legislative and
public policy resources for
tribes, policymakers, and
the public on tribal and
non-tribal gaming issues,
preserves and protects
the integrity of gaming
conducted in Arizona
and Indian Country and
maintains, protects, and
advocates for Indian
tribal sovereignty.

SciTech Institute donate Chromebooks to Library

Photo by R. Bowen



Library Technician, Matthew Cross and SciTech Institute Chief Operations Officer, Kelly Greene hold up newly donated Chromebooks.

October 12th, SciTech Institute made a special delivery to the Ak-Chin Library, donating 10 Chromebooks to use for Code Club and STEM programing held at the library.

Wanting to partner with the library the institute contacted Library Technician Matthew Cross about setting up a flat

donation of new equipment to the facility.

The Library is looking at using the donated Chromebooks for their Game Hacker program and their upcoming Girls who Code programs. For more information on these programs, please contact the Library at 520-568-1675.

Start of School Incentive Event

Submitted by Ak-Chin Education

Going to school is an everyday process; it is an ever-changing experience that prepares us for what lies ahead.

We all know that it has been an impactful year for all of us but we, the Ak-Chin Education Department, wanted to recognize the students who put forth the extra effort to succeed. Distance Learning is not an easy way to learn and we felt it would be good to offer incentives to students who worked incredibly hard.

The requirements were based on absences, zero absences gave a student two tickets and 1-2 absences gave a student one ticket; they would then be entered into a raffle. We

had 137 students (K-12) meet the requirements for the raffle and the drawing took place over Facebook Live on September 1st, 2020.

Only 3 winners were selected from Elementary, Middle

School and High School and they each received an Amazon Fire 7 tablet and drawstring backpack filled with additional prizes. The winners were Arrow Santiago (K-5), Charity Andaverde (6-8) and Haylee Delma (9-12).



Arrow Santiago



Charity Andaverde



Haylee Delma



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Him-Dak celebrates NARD with Virtual 5K

This year the Him-Dak Staff held their first ever Virtual NARD run/walk, inviting the first 135 participants to sign up. The 1.5 mile walk was a non-competitive walk to celebrate Native American Recognition Day with family and friends. All participants were to send in their picture or screenshot from their fitness app to show that they've completed the walk during NARD weekend, Sept 25-28th.

Participants who completed the walk received a goodie bag with healthy snacks

courtesy of the Health Ed. Department and a NARD t-shirt designed by Art Coordinator, Waylon Antone.

Waylon said, "Coming up with the design for our 2020 NARD event was a bit challenging as usual with any other designs. I went with dancers to show a part of our culture set in a desert background. Adding rays to the sun not only added to the design but it also helped with the feeling. The feeling of our reliable hot Arizona sun. As we are limited with

our activities/events, you can at least imagine for now our NARD celebration event when looking at the shirt. Imagine the various demonstrators, exhibits, food vendors, entertainment/ groups that is provided throughout the morning and afternoon. So, with this shirt, imagine this is one (of) our dance groups of the day sharing the culture on a nice hot sunny day."

The Him-Dak Staff would like to give a big thank you to Martina Guy-Peters for assisting with the event and all who participated.

Submitted by Holly Antone



Richard Villegas, Kevin Villegas, Maria Carlyle-Zepeda, Brenley Hackney and Armando Zepeda go out for a walk and some fresh air.



Yolanda Miranda and grandson Yael (Yaya) Ramirez.



Museum Technician Holly Antone shows off NARD shirt design.



Above: Danel and Lerline Peters.



Right: Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine with daughter Emerald and son Eidan.



Did you know early detection of breast cancer can increase the survivor rate?

Talk to your doctor about getting a mammogram, which is covered under your insurance.

Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596.



HealthCare.gov

Super Hero 5K

Submitted by: Martina G. Peters, Ak-Chin Health Education

The wait is finally over. Here are the top finishers for the **2020 Virtual Super Hero 5K**. I appreciate everyone's patience while I sorted through completion forms. We

officially beat the number of completions from GLOW RUN - 168. We had **187 individuals** complete Super Hero 5K! Awesome job everyone!

2020 SUPER HERO 5K TOP FINISHERS

OVERALL 5K MALE:

1. Adrian Fierro: 22:54
2. Rayford Vavages: 29:59
3. Kaleb Vavages: 32:31

50-59 Julene Narcia: 32:30

60+ Lawrence Wells: 1:08:00

OVERALL 5K FEMALE:

1. Sarah Zabawa: 25:50
2. Amber Antone: 28:35
3. Alyssa Dickerson: 29:07

KIDS 1.5 MILE

1-3 Finishers Award – Sorry, I couldn't put a placement on these little guys. They are all winners! Jose Lopez Jr., Jaxson Justin, Emerson Antone, Joseph Zabawa, Elena Helpingstine, Karli Hoffman, Rhian Mercado, Jonah Dickerson, Oliver Peters, & Nolan Miguel.

OVERALL 12 & UNDER 5K

1. Kaleb Vavages: 32:31
2. Zachary Garcia: 35:00:06
3. Logan Vavages: 41:31

TOP 5K FINISHERS AGE CATEGORIES:

13-18 Emily Peters: 32:45
Myles Peters: 36:10

19-29 Amber Antone: 28:35
Jose Lopez: 34:12

30-39 Sarah Zabawa: 25:50
Adrian Fierro: 22:54

40-49 Tamarita Ned: 38:26
Lebert Arviso: 38:26

4-8 GIRLS

1. Araceli Fierro: 14:20
2. Ariel Lopez: 18:31
3. Aiyianna Coronado: 19:30

4-8 BOYS

1. Caleb Ugalde: 20:16
2. Daniel Estrada: 20:20
3. Benjamin King: 21:11

9-12 GIRLS

1. Isabella Fierro: 13:11
2. Pate Justin: 16:41
3. Adriana Hernandez: 26:57

9-12 BOYS

1. Kaleb Vavages: 14:42
2. Zachary Garcia: 15:17
3. Logan Vavages: 15:30

55+ Top Finisher 1.5 mile – Elaine Peters: 28:00

STROLLER 5K & FUTURE RUNNER CATEGORY:

1. Alyssa Dickerson, Joaquin Dickerson, Jonah Dickerson: 29:07

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS –

1. Nicole Delma – Thor Kawaii T-Shirt
2. Paula Pete – Superman Crock Pot
3. Justin Zabawa - \$20 Gift Card
4. Elizabeth Antone - \$20 Walmart Gift Card
5. Darren Miguel – Batman Popcorn Popper
6. Yamiah Miguel – Wonder Woman Book & Blanket
7. Jaxson Justin – Imaginext Batmobile
8. Kaylan Peters - \$20 Walmart Gift Card
9. Kathy Cardenas-Ruiz – Wonder Woman Wristlet
10. Benjamin King – Super Adventures Black Panther Vehicle
11. Marissa Antone - \$15 Walmart Gift Card
12. Logan Vavages – Spider Man Blanket



Wilma Antone-Frausto and her grandchildren.



Jessica and John Zabawa.



Estrada-Peters gang out for a stroll.



FIRE PREVENTION TIME



What is hoarding?

According to the National Fire Protection Association "Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them. Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed. The home is so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised."

Why is hoarding an issue for the fire service?

- Hoarding can be a fire hazard and, in the event of a fire, occupants could become trapped in their home, or they could be injured by falling piles

while trying to escape the fire.

- Hoarding makes it difficult for firefighters to search for occupants and it makes it harder to fight the fire. Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading.
- Large piles of flammable items like boxes, magazines, books, newspapers, and clothing, create what is called "excessive fire load." These types of items generate extremely high temperatures and large amounts of smoke, and they require a lot more water to extinguish the fire.

2020 has been challenging for

everyone. More time at home meant, people generally spent their time doing one of these three things:

1. Left everything as-is around the house, did some minor touch-ups and yard work, but overall just enjoyed their down time.
2. Took the extra time at home to declutter, purge or sell items they felt were cluttering the house.
3. Due to the added stress of the unknown, felt the need to hoard more items and stock-pile more than before the pandemic.

Looking at number three brings to mind the old saying "one person's junk is another person's treasure." This is very true for hoarders – to them, all of the saved items have value. They fail to see that the floor-to-ceiling piles of items and boxes are creating a life safety issue for them, their family, and their guests.

In the event of a fire or medical emergency, responding firefighters would be slowed down or even stopped from helping. Seconds count during an emergency and if the fire department can't get in to help, lives could be lost.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-DESIGN 3 HUD Home Design

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") is seeking proposals for Design and CA Services; A/E Design, (Construction Administration services through Bidding and Construction Completion).

- Project Location is Ak-Chin Indian Community, Arizona
- The Design for the HUD Home Project is to be based on:
 - Affordable/Compact Housing Design
 - Follow the HUD Standards
 - 3 Bedroom 1400-1700 sf

The Design firm selected shall be responsible for obtaining building permits from Pinal County, ensure that all design meets the requirements of the Community's Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Ak-Chin Fire Department, Utility Entities, Building Codes as well as applicable County, State and Federal Agencies. All Design is to be done to MAG, Ak-Chin Standards, BIA and I H S and NAHASDA Standards.

The Request for Proposal Bid Packages will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Purchasing Office located at 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85138 starting on October 19, 2020 after 9:00 A.M. You will be required to sign-out a copy of the Bid Package.

Deadline for any proposal questions regarding this project will be **2:00 P.M. (MST) on 11/02/2020**. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Judy Purcell at jpurcell@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive **Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 P.M. (MST) on 11/16/2020** at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.

ATTENTION:

Tribal Members

Please make sure your mailing address on file with the Enrollment Office is current.

This will ensure future mailings from Ak-Chin Indian Community



*Change of
Address*

Address Update Forms are located at the Enrollment Office. (Old Fire Department)

Due to COVID-19

We're open by appointment only please call (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074.

No Walk-Ins are available

Enrollment Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
& Saturday 8am-12pm



HEALTH ALERT NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

Ak-Chin Justice Complex

October 27th - 29th

9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm

Komatke Health Center

October 31st

8 am - 1 pm

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC recommends 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.

FOR TEST RESULT INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (602) 528-3378

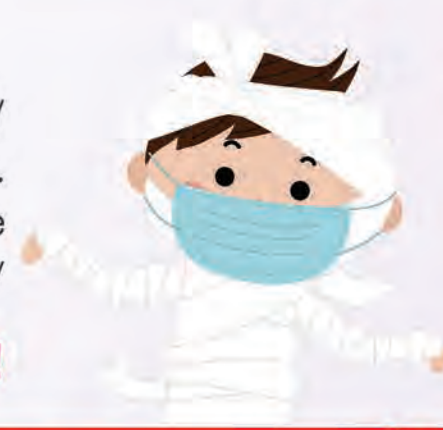
FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS
OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079

Halloween During the Pandemic

Avoid high risk activities: traditional trick or treating/trunk-or-treat/ attending crowded indoor costume parties/indoor haunted houses.

Opt for low risk alternatives: pumpkin carving with family/decorate your home/virtual costume contests/family scavenger hunt for treats/ having a spooky movie night!

Stay Safe this Halloween!



Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

October 2020



Ak-Chin Child Development

Learning from Home Activities

Sock pairing- After washing patterned/colored socks have your child find the two socks that make a pair.

Cooking- Children can be given simple tasks (with adult help) to participate in cooking such as mixing, scooping, pouring, and of course tasting! They are more likely to try new foods if they have helped make it!

Playdoh play helps build fine motor skills that children need to exercise in order to write and draw. Asking questions to your child during will help develop language and symbolism.

Floor drawing- Allow you children to take a paper and crayons to the floor and lay on their tummies using their elbows as a support. This helps build large muscle strength and allows the child to use wrist movement while drawing instead of whole arm movements!

Throughout the day ask open-ended questions to get your child's mind moving.

Tips to help talk to children about Covid-19

- Be calm when discussing the topic, Children can pick up on emotions and react in the same manor.
- Be developmentally appropriate by not giving so much information that they can't understand just the basics and answer any questions that they may have.
- Let them know the precautions that are being taken and what they should do for example covering their coughs and sneezes, avoid touching their face and washing hands properly.
- Reassure children that they are safe.



- Broccoli has more protein than steak!
- Eggs, yogurts, nuts, and legumes are high in vitamin b4 that can improve mood and sleep quality.
- Pumpkins contain potassium and Vitamin A.
- Pumpkin flowers are edible
- Pumpkins are 90 percent water

If you need additional resources about home activities, have questions or concerns or would like to talk to one of our teachers, please call us at 520-568-1700.

We are here to help!

Flower Making from Home

Due to Covid 19, this years Flower Making Session will be offered as a home based project. Participants can make flower wreaths from the comfort of their home. Session will run from July 21 - October 26, 2020.

A bag of supplies will be provided upon request. Each bag will contain enough supplies to complete 5 or 10 wreaths. Bags can be dropped off at your home, or picked up at the Art Building. Finished wreaths can also be picked up or dropped off. Please schedule a time to pick up, deliver or return. Schedule time is between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Delivery is within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries. (Open to all Members & Residents) If you are interested in participating, please call the Him-Dak Museum @ 520-568-1350.

Finished wreaths will be distributed at the Ak-Chin grave site, on All Souls Day.

SCAN & EDIT OLD PHOTOS



For Any Questions
Contact The Library at
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Before



After

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Image size



Before



After



This is to my big brother, AKA Baby J, Happy 18th B-day. I just wanted to say that I know you are growing older but I will miss cheering at your basketball games. Also, I can't wait to see you grow up. Just remember that I will always love you even though you are mean to me.
Love, Nyaila

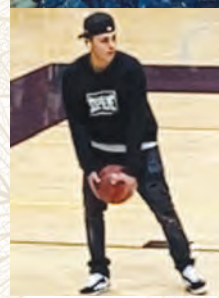
Happy Birthday Baby Jay AKA. That's my brother if you remember me saying that at your games. Anyways I want to wish you a good birthday. I can't wait to see your future and how big you grow. 18 is a big age but you know (you) can't stay small forever but even though you are mean I still love you. Hope you have a good birthday, love you, and remember make buckets.
From, Auciana

WOW! SMH... can't believe I'm already writing this b-day wish RN...

Well son just want to wish you a Happy 18th Birthday!!! I've got to say I've been blessed and grateful to have a son like you and I know over the past few years there were moments I was hard on you. But just know it was because I love you. Each year I am thankful to have witnessed you develop and mature into the respectful young man that you are today. Man, I always enjoyed and am gonna miss taking you to your club practices and games. I am very proud of you and your accomplishments. Always remember you are a role model for your sisters, you have a bright future ahead of you. I hope you continue to make the right choices. Just know whatever it may be, your whole family and I will always love, support and be here for you! Again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY SON!
Love, Dad

To: My son - Baby Jay,
My Baby already 18!! As you know there will be good and bad times in life. I pray that you will have the strength and courage to get through life's challenges and continue making the right choices. May the Good Lord watch over you and don't forget your prayers. This world is a bit crazy at this time but let your light shine. Maybe one day you can see the world and travel, you know where home is. Please learn from your mistakes and

learn from what you have seen. Be thankful for what you have and leave petty things alone. Stay humble and continue your education. Happy 18th B-day Sweetheart!! I love you and are so proud of you! You're still a very young man and you have a good heart and I see a good man to be...Make a Beautiful Life, the kind of life you deserve.
Love always, Mom



me...I'm Proud of you and what you've become in life. All your accomplishments and proud of all your set goals in life. Remember, Life isn't easy and life is what you make it. But, no matter what, just stay positive

Just want to wish My Son Isaiah Peters... Happy Birthday may all your wishes come True and all your Dreams come True. This is just another stepping stone in life. But, believe

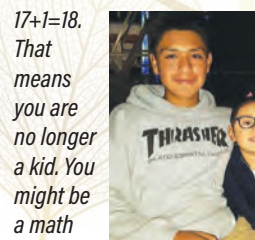
and you'll accomplish whatever you put your mind too. Happy 18th Isaiah... just ENJOY life. And if you ever need anything don't ever hesitate to ask. Happy Birthday!
Love, Your Dad



Isaiah,
Nothing comes close to the joy of being able to make your own decisions - just like how nothing comes close to the burden of being responsible for them. Make the most of your eighteenth while you can. Life is going to fly past and in no time, you'll be 30. It does not matter whether you are eighteen or eighty-one, you will always be mommy's baby boy. As your mom all I want to say is that I am really proud of the way you have grown into a fine young man. Keep going, keep reaching new heights - just remember that you my son, are special to none. Happy 18th birthday.
Love, Mommy



18 now but it's officially the last time you'll get to cry over Kylee taking your childhood toys specially your bakugans! I hope you have an AWESOME 18th Birthday.
Love, Kaylan



17+1=18. That means you are no longer a kid. You might be a math genius but I still think I'm smarter than you. Happy 18th Birthday Brother!
Love you to the moon and back, Kylee

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Emily and Ariel, and my grandsons Noah, Isaiah and Adrian
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Jenika and Tia Carmen
Love your family

October 16th - 31st Community Birthdays

October 16th

Jalia Carra
Charity Lewis
Roy Lewis
Emily Peters
Michael Latino Santiago
Angelina Soliz

October 17th

Noah Brown
Jesus Corella, Jr.
Francisco Miguel
Isaiah Peters
Armonda Santiago

October 18th

Feather Perry
Carrieanna Villarreal

October 20th

Sarah Delma
Julian Lewis
Koda Osborne
Joseph Vallejos, Jr.

October 21st

Dennis Antone
A'Miyah Deloney
Ethan Manuel
Aubree Perez
Crystal Tow
Della White

October 22nd

Claudia Antone
Carol Anne Enos
Janet Narcia
Maynard Pablo, Jr.

October 23rd

Adaisha Pablo
Ame Stephens

October 24th

Amerrah Mike
Yolanda Miranda

October 25th

Madalina Delores
Adrian Garcia
Hunter Louis

October 27th

Harlee Jose
Orenda Ortiz
Hope Vallejos

October 28th

Nicole Allison
Ramiero Andaverde
Jarred Antone
Jenika Justin
Ariel Lopez
Sophia Matuz
Jeremiah Talkalai

October 29th

Alvin Antone
Kylee Machado
Willow Nosie
Zataray Ulloa

October 30th

Patricia Medina
Kaelyn Miller

October 31st

Jonella Lopez
Liliana Rascon

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

10/16

Angelina Soliz, EPD
Bianca Chavez-Schrader,
Early Childhood

10/17

Courtney Bagsby, Fire & Safety

10/19

Ninfa Wells, Elderly

10/21

Brittany Justin, Courts

10/22

Lisa Vasquez, Maintenance
Eduardo Martinez, TGA

10/23

Ame Stephens,
Social & Health Services

10/25

Xavier Rojas, Courts

10/28

Nicole Allison, Law & Order

10/29

John Orozco,
Law & Order
Alvin Antone, TGA

10/30

David Garcia, Fire & Safety
William Winfield, Fire & Safety
David Villescaz, Law & Order

10/31

Guadalupe Jimenez, Maintenance

Pinal 40 Charity Golf Classic



Pinal 40 members, L-R: Tony Salcido, Mike Norris, Clint Shearer, David Feenstra, Dennis Dugan (President), Craig McFarland (CG Mayor), Tim Robinson, Bill Scott, James Felix, Steve Coester, Tony Dugan, and Bass Aja (2020 Golf Committee Chairman).

Pinal 40 held their annual charity golf tournament at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes on Friday, October 9. The event helps raise funds for scholarships and grants for youth and education through agribusiness.

Pinal 40 was formed in 2014, with a primary focus of promoting Pinal County, its youth, farming and agriculture related businesses.

An all-volunteer 40-member board, their fund-raising efforts have provided Agricultural Scholarships, Boys and Girls Clubs, FFA, 4-H, and other charitable youth organizations. They have raised nearly \$700,000 towards these efforts.

years. Their ongoing support helped us open two new Clubs in Casa Grande in 2016 and 2017, and their expanded support (they set aside funds in each of the past four years to help us open a new Pinal County Club) helped us open our first Club in Maricopa (at Santa Cruz Elementary School) in August.” Matt Lemberg, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor.

Pinal 40 has awarded three scholarships to two Maricopa students totaling \$6,000 (each scholarship was worth \$2,000).

- William Henderson (2018 and 2019)
- Dannon Peters (2018)

“The Pinal 40 has been our biggest non-governmental supporter over the past six

Leona Kakar was also honored by Pinal 40 in 2018 with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

OCTOBER 2020

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 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	<h2>1 MILLION REWARD CREDIT EXTRAVAGANZA</h2> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020 · 8AM - 11:59PM</p> <p>WIN YOUR SHARE OF 1 MILLION REWARD CREDITS!</p>			 PAMPER YOURSELF THIS WEEKEND WITH A TREATMENT AT THE SPA!	 REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	 MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER
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