



## West Point Leadership Workshop held at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Story and photo R. Peters

On February 18, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino hosted the United States Military Academy West Point for a one-day workshop focused on Leadership Ethics and Diversity in STEM for Native American Youth.

The workshop, which was sponsored by West Point, in partnership with Hesperus, provided the opportunity for high school students to learn ethical and technological skills needed to become effective leaders.

"Because this is the 1st Ethics-Leadership/STEM Event West Point is hosting explicitly for our Native American Youth, it's receiving an increase in visibility by State, Federal and Senior Corporate Partners who view Native American Community Engagement as a high priority." Christopher Key, Board Member, Hesperus. "This event will be used as the frame-work and model for other events

in regional areas with high concentrations of Native American communities." Key added, "Arizona was the first choice to initiate this effort given the number of Native Communities, and thought to be well received because its messaging is solely focused on the next generation of leadership; our Native American Youth."

Students were sought out from the sister tribes; Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and San Carlos Apache Tribe. Ak-Chin attendees included Kaylan Peters and Celeste Gloria.

Students were separated into different groups for hands-on small and large group sessions led by a West Point Cadet and facilitated by West Point staff and



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, surrounded by West Point Cadets after speaking on February 18.

STEM professionals. The Cadets also served as role models for those students who may be interested in attending the United States Military Academy in the future.

Sessions were held in the morning and afternoon, set up in the Harrah's Event Center. After lunch, presentations continued to provide group engagement.

The workshop sessions focused on Leadership & Ethics, STEM Workshop, Educator Workshop and Fitness Challenge.

"This program or event is considered a post-secondary outreach, studies show exposure is key for high school students in their discovery of post-secondary education and career exploration. Initially, we (myself, Kaylan Peters and Celeste Gloria) did not know what to expect from this prestigious military academy." Lenny Dempsey, Ak-

Chin Higher Education and beneficial activity'." shared.

"The students were engaged and Kaylan and Celeste presented a positive message on ethical challenges, leading by example, and staying active in high school through sports and student groups. The highlight of the day was observing both participants receive certificates, Kaylan won for being an exceptional leader and Celeste won an award for a short essay she wrote on leadership. At the end of the day, both were happy they attended, 'a worthwhile

The mission of the Center for Leadership and Diversity in STEM is to increase the recruitment and retention of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and other under-resourced populations in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This mission is aligned with the national need to increase the number of STEM experts, for a shortage of talent threatens the country's ability to drive innovation, compete internationally, and

## Chairman shares Superbowl LVI highlights

Submitted by Chairman Robert Miguel



SoFi Stadium explodes with celebration as the Los Angeles Rams celebrate historic Super Bowl LVI win on home field on Sunday, February 13.

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was invited to attend and participate in the many Super Bowl LVI festivities that took place prior to Super Bowl 2022 in Los Angeles, California. The invitation was extended to Ak-Chin as we will be a local presenting sponsor for the 2023 NFL Super Bowl, to be held in Glendale, Arizona.

Chairman Miguel had a very busy itinerary planned during his four-day trip. "Much of it was meetings with the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and NFL Executives. We also attended events and dinners to get better acquainted with one another and I basically gave a history of who

the Ak-Chin Indian Community are and tried the best to give information on the other 21 Tribes of Arizona."

While attending the many events Chairman Miguel met with many people, including the organizers of this year's Super Bowl, "to get an idea of what goes into putting the Super Bowl together. Ideally, it really does take up a whole year to organize the event, which is considered the top sporting event in the entire world."

He also had the opportunity to meet star athlete Franco Harris, who played as a running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1972-83. "I was able to meet and have a lengthy

conversation with Pittsburgh Steelers Great and NFL Hall of Famer, Franco Harris. Franco really was interested in Native American Tribes in Arizona and their way of life. We exchanged contact information and planned to stay in touch as the Super Bowl in Glendale neared, he had interest in coming out to Ak-Chin to golf and visit the community."

Chairman Miguel attended the NFL Honors, where awards were given to players for their play during the 2021 year; from MVP, Defensive Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Coach of the Year and other prestigious awards. He also attended the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee

## Legacy Traditional School presents Willy Wonka Jr.

Photos by J. Peters



Students perform their finale song, bringing their run of shows to an end.

On February 18th students from Legacy Traditional School debuted their rendition of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr., an adaption to the famous story of a man seeking an heir for his sweet empire. The performance featured classic songs such as "(I've got) Golden Ticket, Cheer Up and of course Oompa-Loompa-Doompadee-Doo.

With 4 shows scheduled through February 18th - 26th, the first performance the students were on a rocky road with a few technical errors, but nothing could discourage them from

putting on a magical show for the audience.

On the final show of Willy Wonka Jr. on February 26th, the cast and crew closed out their production with a fantastic final performance.

Brothers, Antonio Rodriguez and Mateo Rodriguez joined in on the fun, improving their acting skills playing the roles of Grandpa George,

grandfather to Charlie Bucket and Mr. Salt, father to Veruca Salt.

The Rodriguez brothers played their key roles with skill and a comedic demeanor, prompting a few laughs from the audience. The two have been a part of Legacy's past theatrical performances and have said they want to continue their acting careers.

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**Yes... you've seen this before**  
I have asked those pesky Care workers to do their Intake Reassessments. With social distancing in mind we can take information over the phone or when you pick up your meal. Please allow them to visit with you and get these done. Please bear with us!

**We'll try to make it as painless as possible!**



**What is an Intake?** Our services are paid for with federal grants and with those grants come rules and requirements that we must follow. One of these requirements is Intakes.

A client intake form is a questionnaire our department uses to document the information to show that you are qualified to receive services from our department.

It asks an elder to provide information that can help our department both determine whether that Elder is qualified for services, and shape a strategy to address that Elders needs, interests, and services.

**We are required to keep a record of every elder who receives our services.** Whether it is for 46 meals a month, 23 meals a month, or 1 meal a year. **All services must be counted, recorded, and reported to the various**

**funding sources.**

The first Intake we do is when you first become an Elder. (Age 55) From this we have proof of eligibility. **Each year thereafter we are required to do an Intake reassessment.** It takes anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes depending on if there are any changes.

We also do a reassessment if you have not used our services in the past but it is determined you need or want them.

For example, if you turn 55 and don't need or want our services but something changes. Maybe you become sick or have an injury or illness that makes it difficult to cook for yourself. Maybe you don't have transportation and need a ride to the clinic. These services must be documented and you must have an up to date Intake on file to receive them. **If you receive a food box or gift card for food,**

**those services must be documented and you Must have a current Intake on file.**

**If you pickup or receive meals from our department you must have an intake and allow intake reassessments each year or when it is determined you want or need our services. If you need or want transportation from our department we must have a up to date assessment. If you receive food boxes or gift cards from our department you must have an Intake on file.**

At this time, we can take intake information over the phone or when you pick up a meal. We will be stopping by to visit with Homebound Elders and Caregivers.

Thank you. May you be happy and stay healthy this new year.

**The Elder Staff**

Celebration of Life  
for  
**Arthur Rivas Miranda**



Morning Mass  
March 5, 2022  
7:00 a.m.  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
Ak-Chin, AZ

Gravesite Service & Military Funeral Honors  
March 5, 2022  
8:00 a.m.  
Ak-Chin Cemetery  
Ak-Chin, AZ



**The Ak-Chin Elder Center will be offering First AID/CPR training For Community Caregivers and Grandparents raising Grandchildren**

**We will offer two sessions, with a maximum of 6 participants in each session. Join us March 22nd or 23rd!**

**Class will be held from 9:00am to 11:30am at the Ak-Chin Elder Center**

**Call to reserve your spot. 520-568-1760 or 520-568-1770**



**COMMUNITY MEETING**  
**February 28th, 2022**  
**6 pm**

*For questions or to sign up/view meeting, please call 520-568-1000.*

**Emergency numbers to contact the Ak-Chin Police Department**

In case you are unable to reach the Ak-Chin Police Department through the main phone number (520) 568-1200. Please utilize the following information for Police|Fire|EMS services. Please remember for Emergencies DIAL 911.



For Non-Emergencies the following numbers can be used.  
Land Line (520) 568-1526  
Land Line (520) 568-1527  
Land Line (520) 568-1528  
Cell Phone (520) 510-9214

**MARCH**  
**Elder Breakfast & Lunch Menu**  
*\*\* Menu items subject to change\*\**

<p>4 Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, biscuit, yogurt, milk \ Baked Chicken, Normandy Vegetables, Asparagus, Rolls, Apples</p> <p>7 Chicken Fried Steak, biscuit with gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrown, cottage cheese &amp; peaches, juice \ Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Cantaloupe</p> <p>8 Hamburger, green chili, &amp; egg burrito, cliff bar, sliced apples, juice \ Chicken Burrito, Yellow Squash, Rice, Jell-O</p> <p>9 Bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuit, diced</p>	<p>potatoes, grapes, juice \ Egg Salad Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Pears</p> <p>10 Oatmeal, boiled eggs, toast, cereal, banana, milk \ Split Peas, Pork Chop (D), Brown Rice, Beets, Salad, Pineapple</p> <p>11 French Toast, sausage links, Scrambled eggs, cottage cheese &amp; pineapples, juice \ Beef Fajitas, Zucchini w/Corn, Black Beans, Yogurt w/Berries</p> <p>14 Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, sliced apples, cereal, milk \ Fish or Chicken Sandwich, 3</p>	<p>Bean Salad, Broccoli, Cookies</p> <p>15 Biscuit &amp; sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, cottage cheese &amp; pears, juice \ Lima Beans, Ground Beef w/ Potato (D), Wax Beans, Carrots, Moon Bread, Tropical Fruit</p> <p>16 Sausage &amp; egg scramble, diced potatoes, toast, cottage cheese &amp; peaches, juice \ Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Salad, Apple Rings w/ Cottage Cheese</p> <p>17 Bacon &amp; Egg Burrito, fig newton, sliced apples, juice \ Roast w/ Vegetables, Cabbage w/ Bacon, Rolls, Pistachio Cake</p>
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For questions about the Injury Prevention Program please call or email Teri De La Cruz at 520-568-1087 TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.usn.us

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# Ak-Chin Sanitation-Public Works receives refresher on asphalt training



**Top: Ak-Chin Sanitation-Public Works filling asphalt cracks around the Ak-Chin Recreation facility. Below: Crew receives training on equipment. Photos submitted by Delbert White, Sanitation-Public Works Director**

On Tuesday, February 1, Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works received a refresher course on asphalt training.

The purpose of the refresher course was to introduce new staff members to the machines that the department utilizes to repair and fill in cracks in the asphalt. The training was conducted around the Ak-Chin Recreation and Library parking lots.

The crew met with reps Daniel Darling and Jason Raya from Crafcro, a company from Chandler that has been coming out to provide the training.

“We’ve been trying to get started since the pandemic started,” Sanitation Director, Delbert White shared. They have had to reschedule the training numerous times due to the pandemic, scheduling conflicts and shortage of

staff. “We just got vacancies filled and allows us to move forward with previous plans.”

Delbert said the staff was excited to get the training going and they will soon be working with community departments to schedule their parking lots for asphalt repairs. “We will be crack filling, recoating the parking lot asphalt, repainting parking lines, emergency curbs, handicap parking symbols and so on and to make it clear we are NOT repaving roads. its more maintenance projects, such as pot holes, crack filling and recoating.”

Delbert also mentioned, “We are excited to get started with new staff and we will definitely be training on some more equipment we have in the fleet that is used as a part of the maintenance projects.”



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

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Virtual Hearing, via WebEx, regarding the following case at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In lieu of an in-person attendance, members of the public may contact the Community's Planning and Development Department at (520) 568-1070 to obtain a phone number and access code to participate in this meeting.**

**CASE: SD-02-22: Desert Willow Subdivision:**

Project Applicant/Housing Director, Marlene Garcia, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to subdivide approximately 38 acres of undeveloped land north of Ak-Chin Parkway, between Smith Road and Court Street.

- The project consists of:
- Subdivision of approximately 38 acres of land dedicated for 60 residential lots, new Rights-of-Way, open space easements and landscape areas, and access easements for Community utilities, refuse collection, and emergency service type vehicles;
  - Development of sixty (60) 3-bedroom, single family residential units with a garage;
  - New Community utilities such as water, sewer, electrical, telecommunications, storm drain, etc;
  - Active and passive amenities such as shade ramadas, multiple trails, bench seating, and landscaping; and
  - Two permanent monument signs displaying the name of the subdivision.

# Employee shares experience on 60 Days In



JOHNNY RAMIREZ

We would like to thank Mr. Johnny Joe Ramirez, who works as a Central Plant Operator for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, for volunteering to share his experience on A&E's 60 Days In.

*even if A&E wanted me to change my name.*

Who/what was biggest influence to you during your 60 days (inmate/counselor/officer)? *There was a young man by the name of "Blue Black". He was so encouraging even what he was going through in life.*

60 Days In is a television docuseries on A&E, that follows volunteers who go undercover and spend 60 days in as an inmate. Johnny was featured in the Season 4, as a gang member. Season 4 aired 14 episodes from January to March, 2018.

What was biggest highlight being on show? *The highlight has to be that I was able to see my future if I hadn't changed my ways as a young man and took life seriously and grew up. Instead of being the problem to society, I am now the solution to my community.*

How did you come to be on the A&E show? *I had seen season 1&2 before and one day I commented on A&E's Facebook website and they reached out to me and heard about my life story and asked if I would go in.*

What was biggest takeaway from being on the show? *This showed me what my son is going through that is locked up for 12 years. Made me understand his walk, in jail.*

What was show about? *A&E introduces 7 individuals from all walks of life and puts them undercover as real inmates into a jail facility to gather information to why drugs and corruption is happening in the jail from the correction officers.*

In what ways have you been able to give back to your community? *I found by giving back to my community is what I remember what I was missing growing up and that by having to be present in activities. Such as coaching baseball, football, etc. Also volunteering in events such as carnivals, parties, cleaning up my neighborhood. Talking to young men that just need guidance or even young women. If we all do our part even if it isn't your own kid then our community can overcome the problems young people are facing.*

How long were you on show? *I was in there for 60 days (Season 4) January 1, 2018.*

Where was show location? *This jail facility was in Atlanta Georgia, Fulton County Jail.*

What do you think was most significant about your life story that caught A&E's attention? *The struggles of life as a young man and that I had to change my behavior and grow up to succeed in life.*

Anything else you would like to share? *I like to use the platform God has gave me and to speak at events and to help others that are going through the same thing. If my story can help a young man or woman than I know I did my job to my community and to my state.*

What was your undercover character charged with? *My charge was armed robbery with a deadly weapon.*

Going undercover, what was your name? *I used my real name Thank you*



Johnny with his family; 2nd son Joseph, wife Nancy and baby girl Alexis.

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The Ak-Chin O'dham 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.

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**DEADLINE**  
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the March 18-31, 2022 issue is due by **FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH**

Material submitted after the **MARCH 11TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

# Yaél Ramirez participates in this years Copa Tots Olympics

It was a beautiful Saturday morning at the Copper Sky fields, where a little competition called the Copa Tot Olympics was taking place. Among the athletes was Yael Ramirez with his support team, grandma Yolanda Miranda, his mother Esperanza Miranda, father Bryan Ram and his baby brother

Geared up and ready to go these little tots had to complete 5 stations. #1 obstacle course, the athletes had to run through a tunnel and hula-hoops, across a "balance beam" and zig zag their way through a line of cones. #2 T-ball, athletes competed to see who could gather the most distance, the further

Story and photos by J. Peters



Yael Ramirez karate kicks the soccer ball towards the goal at station #3.

Below: Yolanda Miranda, Esperanza Miranda and Yael Ramirez post Olympics.



Hezekiah Ramirez. With his family cheering him on little Yael took the competition by storm, rocketing through the Olympic games, earning him a gold medal and the title of MVP in all categories, along with a participant medal and Copa Tot Olympic shirt.

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### At Home Learning Activities for Spring Break

#### Gross Motor

- Use tape to create a line or another shape to walk on and balance.
- Play red light green light and switch the movements (running, hopping, skipping etc.).

#### Literacy

- Draw letters outside in the dirt using sticks.
- Read together. Then reenact the story.

#### Mathematics

- Sort toys by different characteristics (big, small, colored, animal, soft, hard).
- Collect rocks outside and use them to make the outlines of shapes
- Count objects around the house such as shoes, socks, food items, etc.

### Websites for you and your child to explore:

<http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents/>

<https://theinspiredtreehouse.com/child-development-resources-for-parents/>

### MY HEALTHY CHECKLIST

HEALTH

Based on 1,200 calories per day

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

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 Phone: 520-568-1700 Fax: 520-568-1701

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Left: Mateo Rodriguez playing Grandpa George, huddled on the bed with the other Bucket relatives

Above: Antonio Rodriguez portrays Mr. Salt along side his fellow actor playing Veruca Salt.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

CELTIC  
 CLAY PIPE  
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 EMERALD  
 GREEN  
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 LEPRECHAUN  
 MARCH  
 MUSIC

ORANGE  
 PARADE  
 PATRON SAINT  
 POETRY  
 POT OF GOLD  
 RAINBOW  
 SERPENTS  
 SHAMROCK  
 SHILLELAGH  
 SHOEMAKER  
 SONGS  
 TOP HAT  
 TREFOIL  
 WHITE

Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally and can bend at a right angle.

There are no unused letter in the grid, every letter is used only once.

# Firefighter Ceremony held for North Hidden Valley and Thunderbird departments

Submitted by: Allen Allcott, Ak-Chin Fire Marshal



Top L to R: Jim Hier, Steve Fruchey, Pastor David Zimmerman, Captain Shatzai Rimek, Charlie Rimek, Sheriff Mark Lamb, Battalion Chief Randy Hampton, Chief Charles Millar, Chief Allen Allcott, Assistant Chief James Martinez, Captain Shane Burroughs, Zack Lange. Bottom L to R: Hannah Fruchey, John Fruchey, Alan Whitesel, Chris Barbaglia, Scott Coley, Sam Ellis, Kristine Warner, Eric West, Alan Shrock, (not shown) Steve Subrick.

Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb, joined by North Hidden Valley Fire Chief Chuck Millar and Thunderbird Fire Chief Allen Allcott, conducted the swearing in ceremony of 16 volunteer firefighters after they successfully completed the Arizona State Certified Fire I & II Academy.

A graduation celebration was held for the newly graduated volunteer firefighters and their families on January 15, 2022, at North Hidden Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The dedication of those sixteen men and women, along with the support of their families during the

year-long program, came to fruition when they received their firefighter badges during the ceremony.

Seven of the firefighters volunteer with Hidden Valley Fire and nine of the firefighters volunteer with Thunderbird Fire.

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## REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be **FRIDAY March 11th**

# 2022 New Year's 5K Top Finishers

OVERALL 5K MALE:	TOP 5K FINISHERS AGE CATEGORIES:		
1. Eugene Peters Jr. 21:40	13-18 Bailee Arviso 22:48	40-49 Eugene Peters Jr. 21:40	
2. Isaiah Peters 23:44	Kaleb Vavages 33:07	Tamarita Ned 22:48	
3. Rayford Vavages 33:07		Rayford Vavages 33:07	
OVERALL 5K FEMALE:	19-29 Amber Antone 31:33	50-59 Julene Narcia 37:40	
1. Bailee Arviso 22:48	Isaiah Peters 23:44	Dale Hinz 1:06:33	
2. Tamarita Ned 22:49	30-39 Felippa Peters 53:20		
3. Amber Antone 31:33			
		<b>KIDS 1.0 MILE 0-4 BOYS &amp; GIRLS</b>	

Exercise • Eat Healthy • Relieve Stress • Drink Water • Be Happy

5-8 BOYS	9-12 GIRLS
1. Jose Lopez Jr. 12:08	1. Sophia Rodarte 12:07
2. Elena Helpingstine 13:57	2. Aurora Peters 21:01
3. Julian Rodarte 14:16	
5-8 GIRLS	9-12 BOYS
1. Claudia Rodarte 12:54	1. Logan Vavages 12:20
2. Evangelina Helpingstine 13:57	2. MJ Pablo 22:18
3. Ariel Lopez 14:28	

## ALLIANCE FOR ABSOLUTE JUSTICE-WOMEN

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**SPEAKERS**

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Puyallup Tribe Child Advocacy Center-Children of the River Child Advocacy Center, WA

**Carolyn DeFord**  
Human Trafficking Project Coordinator Puyallup Tribe, WA

**Dr. Colleen Lelli**  
Director of the Barbara & John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma & Domestic Violence Education Cabrini University Radnor, PA

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Red Tail Hawk Health Center

**March 5**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Red Tail Hawk Health Center

**March 19**  
**10 am - 2 pm**



SCAN FOR VACCINE INFORMATION

## Ak-Chin Indian Community COVID TESTING DATES

**March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 pm - 7 pm**

Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Healthy Kids & Families



Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Monday - Friday  
8 am - 4 pm

Komatke Health Center

Monday - Thursday  
8 am - 4 pm

## Headstart, School, Child Exams, and Sports PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

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Please call GRHC Pediatric Department: **520-562-1200 EXT. 7337** at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital / Komatke Health Center for:

- Phone appointment with your doctor
- Drive-through immunization appointment (HMH only)
- In-person appointment and immunization appointments
- Saturday walk-in immunizations (HHK only)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

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March - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

April - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**

**9 AM TO 9:45 AM**

March - 12th, 19th, 26th

April - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

All classes taught on ZOOM. Exercises for all levels. Classes are open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, & Employees & their families.

Questions? Please contact Health Ed at (520) 568-1085, mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us or Cecily Peters at az.ha.san.fitness@gmail.com



## NEW EMPLOYEES



Roberto Palanti  
Lead Mechanic  
Maintenance



Mathew McNeil  
Groundskeeper  
Sanitation



## Wishes



Happy 12th Birthday Nakotah "Berry" Antone!!! Every year I'm always in utter shock that you are turning one year older. You are such a bright and amazing kid and I'm forever grateful for God brining you into my life. Again, Happy Birthday my sweet baby boy. Love Mom

Happy Birthday Bema!! We hope you have an amazing birthday. Thanks for being awesome. Love Kotah Berry and Mer (your favorite big sister)

Happy birthday to the coolest Dad (Stan the Man) ever!!!! Thanks for all that

you do for us. Love Your bratty kids, Mer, Holly, Bema and Jay

Happy Birthday Papa!!! Thanks for spoiling us and letting us get away with everything. We love you! Love your Grandkids Kotah Berry, Kaleb And Sister

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Dante, Cayden, Cody, Marcus, Jr., Devin and Narin and to my granddaughters Emma and Alexandra Love, Grandma

S-keg Masik Tas (Happy Birthday) Kotah! I am so proud of all the things you

have done and can't wait to see the things you will do. I hope you take advantage of the opportunities given to you and make waves! But for now, enjoy your special day and always know that we will always be here for you and more importantly, know that you are loved. Love you "Kotah Berry" -Holly & Sam



## JOB OPENINGS

- Police Officer (certified and non/certified)
- Communications Officer
- Maintenance Technician
- Applications Software Technician
- Deli Clerk
- Temp/Reserve Firefighter EMT
- Accountant
- Gaming Agent

Open to Enrolled Community Members and Current Community Employees:

- Recreation Programs Coordinator
- Recreation Programs Assistant
- Parks Maintenance Technician
- Groundskeeper - Parks/Rec

Please visit our website at [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us), for Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply. If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.



February 23rd - March 12th  
Ages 5-17 years old:  
Email the library the following:

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- Cell number to text
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Program open to Ak-Chin Members & Residents

**Attention to: All Community Members, Non-members and Residents Past Due Fines**

If you are delinquent on your fines, or if you are unsure if you have any fines.

Please contact the courts at earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Ak-Chin Indian Community

**Past Due fines will be sent to Valley Collection Agency**

**You can avoid any of the above collections by the following:**

- You may come to the court to make payment arrangements and you must be consistent on your payments.
- You may come to the court to dispute the matter and request a hearing.

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### EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Yancy Jencsok, Courts
2nd	Alyssa Joquin, Retail
3rd	Harry Grizzle, Law & Order
	Wilma Antone-Frausto, Early Childhood
4th	John Janzen, Capital Projects
5th	Gabriel Lopez, Law & Order
7th	Delbert White, Sanitation
8th	Anthony Martinez, Law & Order
	Leighsa Homer, Early Childhood
9th	Julio Gloria, Elderly
12th	Gabriela Potter, Finance
	Christine Dodwell, TGA
14th	Brenna Antone, Maintenance
15th	Dwayne Antone, Sanitation

# March Birthdays

<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 1</b> MAVERICK SANTIAGO OLIVIA VINCENT NOLAN MIGUEL FERRIN SOPE	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 6</b> NAKOTAH ANTONE GLENNADEAN LEWIS CODY NARCIA JOSE GUTIERREZ JR. DAMONIQUE LEWIS	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 12</b> LISA CHAVEZ	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 21</b> JOEL VINCENT ERIC CHAVEZ	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 28</b> MARIA SANTIAGO
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2</b> KRISTINA GARCIA SONJA WHITE	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 7</b> EMILY LEWIS ALEXANDRA LOPEZ DELBERT WHITE	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 13</b> SAMANTHA CASTRO AMELIANO JACUINDE	<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 22</b> MANUEL GARCIA NICOLE VINCENT GEORGE LEWIS, JR.	<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 29</b> MONICA RUIZ MEGAN QUINTERO LEONA KAKAR DANNON PETERS
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 3</b> COURTNEY MIGUEL WILMA ANTONE ARDON GREEN	<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 8</b> LEIGHSA MIGUEL	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 14</b> BRENNA ANTONE CRYSTAL MADDOX DAVIN GARCIA	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23</b> MARK PABLO MARIE ORTEGA MELANIE ANTONE BRANDON ANTONE DEANNA RASCON CHRISTIAN ALVAREZ	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30</b> MARVIN SHADE ALLISSIA BANDIN AALIYAH BALDERRAMA
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 4</b> DEION NARCIA MARIO TWOHEARTS MADELEINE VAN SICKLE	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9</b> JONATHAN NARCIA STANISLAUS ANTONE CHARLENE WHITMAN	<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 15</b> ANA BLANCHARD JOSEPH GREEN JR. ANASTASIA SOKE NARIN LOPEZ LEROY NARCIA DWAYNE ANTONE	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 24</b> YAMIAH MIGUEL YANIAH MIGUEL JESSIE WILLIAMS	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 31</b> ZAYDYN NORRIS MARIA HERNANDEZ ROBERT VELASQUEZ SHANNON PETERS COURTNEY DELORES
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 5</b> DANTE PETERS GABRIEL LOPEZ CAYDEN PETERS SHARALEE DOMINGUEZ-ZAPATA KERIANNA JUSTIN EMMA NARCIA DANNIKA LEWIS	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 10</b> MERCEDES ANTONE MARCUS DELORES, JR. IRENE MEDINA	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16</b> TRACY WIND MARIELLA NORRIS KALVIN ANTONE	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 25</b> DAVID WHITE, SR. JACOB SANTIAGO MARIO ORTEGA	
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 11</b> ROBERT STEPHENS JR. ANGELISA CUATT MILDRED NARCIA BREON STEPHENS DEVIN PETERS GIULIANNA SANDOVAL ANTONENKO ALVAREZ	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 18</b> KARLIE SMITH KANE MIGUEL	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 20</b> JOSE HERNANDEZ CARLTON CARLYLE JR. SARAH CARLYLE GABRIEL JAMES DARIA GARCIA	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 26</b> EVELINA LOPEZ KERWIN UGALDE	
			<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 27</b> BENEDICT MIGUEL CELIA SOTO	



Super Bowl continued from front



Chairman Robert Miguel at the NFL Honors Red Carpet Show the week of Super Bowl LVI

Welcome Reception, held at the Los Angeles Country Club, where the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and NFL Executives dined for the evening.

“This dinner was probably the highlight of my trip as I was able to have a lengthy conversation with Andy McCain, the son of the late Senator John McCain. The late Senator McCain was instrumental in Ak-Chin’s water right settlement back in the 70’s and 80’s and up until his death. Andy McCain is a part of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Team.”

Chairman Miguel shared the benefits that sponsoring the 2023 Super Bowl will bring to the Ak-Chin Community.

“We’ve sponsored and supported the last two Super Bowls in Arizona. It will continue to give Ak-Chin worldwide marketing exposure. During the two weeks leading up to the Super Bowl, Arizona will have the “eyes” of the world on them, not only with the Super Bowl,

but the Waste Management Phoenix Open Golf Tournament in Scottsdale. There will be millions of people descending upon our area, a who’s who you might say will be celebrating with us. There are a number of opportunities that will be planned here in Ak-Chin to bring more introduction from utilizing the casino, entertainment center and golf course for concerts and events. We will be getting a number of tickets to raffle off to the members and field trips will be hosted by NFL for Ak-Chin youth and adults.”

The 2022 Super Bowl had the Los Angeles Rams and Cincinnati Bengals playing on Sunday, February 13 (same day as the WMPO) at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. The Rams defeated the Bengals, 23-20. This was the second time in Super Bowl history that a team played and won on its home field. Tampa Bay Buccaneers had home field advantage when they won the Super Bowl in 2021. Just imagine what could be in store for Arizona at Super Bowl LVII.

Chairman Miguel also wanted to share with membership that he apologizes for not being present at the February Community meeting, and will provide an update in the next Runner issue.

protect national security. This national need coincides with a need from within the United States Army for officers with a higher level of scientific and technological literacy who can effectively lead in an increasingly complex operational environment.

The United States Military Academy at West Point is one of the country’s most highly regarded undergraduate engineering schools, requiring competency in STEM among all its cadets. While West Point has always placed a strong emphasis on STEM, it recognizes the urgent need to do more to increase diversity and innovation in the STEM



AK-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel with Lisa Benitez, Chief Diversity Officer, United States Military Academy West Point and Matt Brogdon, Executive Director, Hesperus

workforce. The Center has developed a comprehensive program that extends from the middle school level up through the graduate and professional level, seeking to build an overall stronger STEM career path. Hesperus is a United States non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Native American community.

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13 <b>WE'RE THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF PLAY</b>	14 <b>COFFEE &amp; DONUTS ARE A WINNING COMBINATION ON ANY DAY THAT ENDS IN Y.</b>	15 <b>CHILL OUT BY OLLI™ GIFT GIVEAWAY</b>	16 <b>CHILL OUT BY OLLI™ GIFT GIVEAWAY</b>	17 <b>HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY</b>	18 <b>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b>	19 <b>PLACE YOUR SPORTS BETS AT THE 24/7 KIOSKS</b>
20 <b>ASK A SLOT ATTENDED ABOUT OUR NEWEST SLOT MACHINES!</b>	21 <b>THESE CRANBERRIES PACK A PUNCH OF FLAVOR! ENJOY THE DRINK OF THE MONTH.</b>	22 <b>CHILL OUT BY OLLI™ GIFT GIVEAWAY</b>	23 <b>CHILL OUT BY OLLI™ GIFT GIVEAWAY</b>	24 <b>PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b>	25 <b>PLAY YOUR WAY!</b>	26 <b>PLAY LATE NIGHT KENO ON FRIDAYS &amp; SATURDAYS</b> OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT
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