



## Robert Miguel Elected Chairman of Arizona Indian Gaming Association

TEMPE, AZ - Robert Miguel, chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, was elected chair of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) during the recent AIGA Tribal Leaders meeting at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino & Conference Center in Pinetop, Arizona. AIGA supports Indian Gaming in Arizona by advocating, educating, partnering, and promoting Tribal Government Gaming to benefit Tribes and all of Arizona.

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## Emily Peters recognized for stellar performance at MHS

Story by R. Peters, photos submitted



Emily Peters, with her awards earned during MHS Softball awards banquet, May 12.

Community Member at 2nd base when needed. Emily Peters has just finished a fantastic year for Maricopa High School Varsity Softball. For the 2021-2022 season, she led her team in hits (49), RBIs (40), and Doubles (17). She was also #1 in Batting Average 0.538, On Base Percentage 0.576 and Slugging Percentage 0.780.

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## Congressmen O'Halleran awards \$500,000 to Ak-Chin Police Department

Story and photo by J. Peters



Congressman Tom O'Halleran presents check to Ak-Chin Police Department for enhanced equipment for its officers, at Ak-Chin Circle 347 restaurant on Friday, May 20.

On May 20, Congressman Tom O'Halleran paid a visit to the Ak-Chin Indian Community to present Ak-Chin Indian Community Police Department with a check for \$500,000 in federal funding. requested and secured the funds under the FY2022 House Appropriations Committee. The funding awarded to the Ak-Chin Police will be used to purchase equipment to enhance individual officer preparedness and response to the unpredictable and fluid environment of Tribal law enforcement. "I was honored to visit the Ak-Chin Indian Community to talk with Chairman Robert Miguel and members of the police force and celebrate the \$500,000 community project funding I secured to support the Ak-Chin Indian Community Police Department's equipment modernization initiative," said O'Halleran. "I'm looking forward to continued work together to address the needs of tribal law enforcement officers."

## Families enjoy Annual End of Year Luau at the Pool

Story and photos by J. Peters



Families enjoy a sunny end of school year luau with cooling waters and activities at Ak-Chin pool.

The 13th Annual End of School Luau took place on June 3, 2022, at Ak-Chin Recreation's pool. reaching a sweaty 103 degrees that day, the community pool was the perfect escape for families to take. together, this one-day event is the most looked to event of the year to kick off the summer season!

Children and parents from the Ak-Chin Community were invited to celebrate another year of school with an afternoon of wet and wild fun. The annual luau, which has been hosted by the Ak-Chin Police Department for the past 12 years, provided a nice dip in the cool waters for a few hours while enjoying all the PD had to offer. The Police department brought a full day of water fun to the community, providing them with games to play, foods to eat and fun to have.

As the police took care of handling the food preparation, the Ak-Chin Fire department was also in attendance to assist the little ones taking a swim or playing games with the children and families, as they all splashed in the pool like a little whale in the sea. Families coming into the luau were greeted by friendly Police staff welcoming them to event, giving out a Hawaiian style lei and having parents/guardians fill out paper work before

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# Elders continue to enjoy meals at Elder Center



Story and photo by T. Delma

On June 10, 2022 we meet George and Phyllis Lewis at the Elder Center.

George and Phyllis were eating breakfast when we got there. They were eating eggs, bacon, muffins, and oranges.

They also said they were

running late that morning for breakfast so they were the only two still eating breakfast and everyone else who had come in earlier already ate and left.

George and Phyllis were also talking about how they had to drop off their grandson, Julian at work. Julian is working at

Harrah's this summer.

We asked to take their picture and they said yes. They also wanted a copy of the photo when it was printed. George was also talking about how they were doing other stuff that morning and made them late for breakfast.



Story and photos by A. Miguel

On June 10, 2022, we stopped at the elderly center during lunch time. There were five ladies during the time of our visit.

We met Linda Jose, Evelina Lopez, Rechanda Manuel, Malinda Pete, and Mildred Narcia. We introduced ourselves to the ladies and let them know who our parents and grandparents are.

They allowed us to interview them and take pictures while they enjoyed their lunch.

We asked questions like, How



was it like growing up in Ak-Chin back in the day? What are your favorite hobbies? Who are your kids, grand kids? And can you talk in O'dham?

They all said it was good, or okay growing up in Ak-Chin. Some of their favorite hobbies, were quilting, artwork and visiting at the Elder Center.

Rechanda Manuel said she has lots of favorite hobbies.

Mildred Narcia said she used to love playing volleyball when she was younger.

They said they can speak in

O'dham.

Rechanda shared some of her childhood memories growing up in Ak-Chin.

The ladies were really nice to talk to and they even asked us some questions like where are we from, what grade we were going into, and how old we were.

After talking for awhile they had to leave and go home.

It was nice talking to the elders and getting to know them and how it was like back in the days of Ak-Chin.

Chairman continued from Front

"I am honored to have been elected chair of AIGA. In 2021, Tribal Gaming employed more than 20,000 Arizonans," said Miguel.

"This industry has been the most successful economic venture of Tribes in Arizona and nationwide. As chair, I am dedicated to upholding the organization's commitment to advancing the lives of Indian people and helping achieve their goal of self-reliance."

Miguel, a lifelong resident of Maricopa, AZ, began his employment in his community as a farm laborer and has advanced his career in various roles within the Ak-Chin Indian Community, including working as a photojournalist for the Ak-Chin O'dham Runner for more than 20 years before being elected by his people to serve on its Tribal Council.

In addition to serving his Community as Chairman, Miguel currently serves on the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) board of directors, as the first vice president of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and as a member of the Maricopa Economic Development Association (MEDA). He recently was the Chair of the Arizonans for

Tribal Government Gaming, an organization that serves as a collective political voice for its Member Tribes.

Chairman Miguel knows what Tribal Gaming has provided for Tribal Communities including employment, education, enhanced services to Tribal Members, and other economic development opportunities. Shared revenue contributions from Tribal Gaming have benefited the Arizona Benefits Fund by \$1.82 billion since 2003. "For this reason, our efforts as an association, must be united to continue to protect Indian Gaming, an industry that is great for Tribes and Arizona," said Chairman Miguel.

"I am pleased Chairman Robert Miguel of the Ak-Chin Indian Community was elected as our new chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. AIGA needs a strong leader like Chairman Miguel in these turbulent times," said Chairman Terry Rambler of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. "Chairman Miguel brings with him extensive leadership experience and his personality, character traits, team building skills, and vision are what AIGA needs at this time."

## Elder June Breakfast-Lunch Menu

17 Scrambled Egg, Sausage, Hash brown Casserole, Peaches with Cottage Cheese -- Chili Beans, Chili Meat (D), Sweet Potato, Corn Bread, Mandarin Oranges

20 Grilled Cheese, Boiled Egg, Fruit, Granola bar -- Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, German Chocolate Cake

21 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Egg with Green Chili, Grapes with Cottage Cheese -- Grilled Chicken Over Caesar Salad, Acorn Squash, Grapes

22 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Egg, English Muffin, Fruit -- Ground Beef Taco. Green Leaf, Tomato, Zucchini, Corn, Cookies

23 Ham & Egg Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Oranges -- Split Peas, Chicken Dumpling (D), Yams, Potato-D, Corn Bread, Pineapple,

24 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Egg, Biscuit, Yogurt Parfait with Mix Berries -- Baked Chicken, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Rolls, Jell-O

27 Oatmeal, Boiled Egg Toast, Fruit, Granola bar -- Pinto Beans, Chicken Tenders-D, Creamed Spinach, Apple Sauce

28 Veggie Omelet, Toast, Fruit cup, Muffin -- Roast Beef w/Gravy over Bread, Wax Beans, WW Pasta Salad, Tropical Fruit

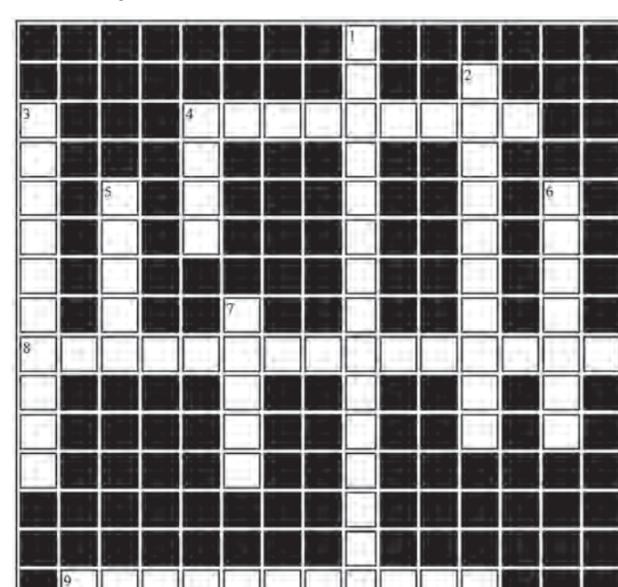
29 Pancakes, Scramble Egg, Bacon, Mix Berries -- Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Spring Salad, Rolls, Oranges

30 Potatoes with Chorizo, Beans, Tortilla, Peaches with Cottage Cheese -- Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Ice-Cream

**\*\* Menu items subject to change \*\***

## Heat Illness Crossword Puzzle

The Extreme Weather and Public Health Program Exercise your brain and learn more about heat illness.



Across

- Older adults are more vulnerable to heat illness because they may be taking prescription \_\_\_\_\_.
- The most effective way to prevent heat illness is to stay in this type of building.
- This happens when your body becomes too hot and is unable to regulate its own temperature. (2 Words)

Down

- The process of slowly becoming used to changes in climate or the environment.
- A type of heat illness that is

- considered to be a "medical emergency." (2 Words)
- This common type of heat illness causes muscle pains or spasms. (2 Words)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ or public library is a great place to go for free air-conditioning.
- The best way to re-hydrate is to drink plenty of this clear fluid.
- Drinking water, staying indoors, and resting frequently are all ways to \_\_\_\_\_ heat illness.
- The Heat and Older Adults Safety Toolkit.



## Heat Illness TipSheet

Tips for staying safe in the heat

### When it's hot outside: Preventing heat illness

**HYDRATE** before, during and after physical activity: Drink 8-10 oz of water every 15-20 minutes.

- Wear loose fitting, light weight clothing, a hat and apply sun-screen before going outside.
- Monitor length of time outdoors, rest frequently and seek shade.

**STAY in a cool environment:** Avoid exercise or strenuous physical activity outside during periods of extreme weather.

- Staying in an air-conditioned building is the best way to prevent heat illness

**STAY informed** about weather-related health & safety updates.

This tip sheet is a component of the Heat and Older Adults Safety Toolkit (HOAST) Please visit us [online](https://www.azdhs.gov) or email [extremeweather@azdhs.gov](mailto:extremeweather@azdhs.gov)

### Watch for common signs and symptoms of heat illness

**HEAT CRAMPS:** Muscle pains or spasms in arms, legs or abdomen. Heavy sweating.

**First Aid:** Apply pressure on cramping muscles or gently massage to relieve spasm. Give sips of water. If nausea occurs, discontinue water intake.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION:** Heavy sweating, weakness, cool, clammy & pale skin, nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, possible muscle cramping.

**First Aid:** Lay down out of sun. Loosen clothing & apply cool, wet cloths. Move to air conditioned room. Give sips of water unless nausea occurs. If vomiting persists, seek medical attention.

**HEAT STROKE:** High body temperature (above 103 degrees), red, hot, dry skin (no sweating), throbbing headache, unconsciousness, confusion, nausea, rapid, strong pulse.

**First Aid:** Call 9-1-1 or get to hospital. Move to air conditioned environment. Mist using water, fans or sponging. If body temperatures rise again, repeat process. Do not give fluids. (CDC, 2011)



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**DEADLINE**  
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the July 1 -14, 2022 issue is due by **FRIDAY JUNE 24TH.**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY JUNE 24TH.**

Material submitted after the **JUNE 24TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

**AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION**  
Phone: (520) 568-1740 or Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

# SUMMER POOL

**OPEN**  
Saturday, June 4, 2022

## HOURS

**CLOSED**  
**OPEN WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY**  
**PRIVATE PARTIES AVAILABLE (MUST BE AN AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBER)**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**  
1 P.M. - 7 P.M.  
**11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

FEATURING  
**DIVE IN MOVIE:**  
JUNE 25TH  
JULY 16TH  
AUGUST 27TH

HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PENDING COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*Luau continued from Front*

heading to the locker rooms to get their floaties on.

Before the young swimmers could touch the water, they had to go through a swim test provided by the Recreation lifeguards to test their individual swim abilities.

After the test, everyone received a color-coded wristband. The color system helped the lifeguards and department staff keep track of all swimmers in the pool in order to keep everyone safe during the annual celebration.



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**ON DESIGN-BUILD FOR**  
**3 HOMES -- BEDROOM ADDITION**  
**PROJECT and 3 HOMES -- HANDICAP**  
**BATHROOM CONVERSION/ADDITION**

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. This project is to design and construct bedroom additions on scattered homes in the Ak-Chin Community.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Tuesday, June 21, by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email [Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us), by noon on Monday, June 20, 2022. This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on June 28, 2022. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at [CTurgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:CTurgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 12:00 p.m. (MST) on July 8, 2022 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](mailto: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.



Emily Peters (front row, 2nd from left) stands among fellow spring athletes who were honored during the Maricopa Unified School Board meeting on June 15.

During the Lady Rams Awards Banquet on May 12, Emily received numerous awards from her coaches and trophies from her teammates, including: Offensive Player of the Year, her pin for Varsity, Dream Team First Pick and Batting Star.

She was also nominated and selected to the All-Region 1st Team for the 6A Desert Southwest Conference Region. She was the only one from her team selected to the All-Region 1st Team.

Emily shared her excitement playing in Las Vegas, Nevada – this season with her Lady Rams. "I had a great time playing High School ball this season. My teammates and I had a great and memorable season. The biggest achievement was making it to the play-in game for state playoffs."

She is a strong student-

athlete and works hard to maintain good grades. "It is tough. I have to catch up on assignments on weekends or week nights when I do not have games or practices. If I do not keep up my grades, I cannot play, so I try my best to do what I can."

Currently, Emily is playing club softball with the Oro Valley Suncats 16U Rivera/Judge.

She just finished up a tournament last week and will soon be heading to the USA Preps Stars and Stripes Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada – June 23– 26.

This July will mark 5 years that Emily has devoted to playing club ball and high school ball allows her to "gain experience and grow as a student."

Emily plans to play

softball into college and also major in Biology. She says her biggest inspiration comes from her family and friends that have played sports, especially softball. "Both have kept me motivated."

As Emily prepares for another year on the diamond, she expresses her gratitude to those who have helped in her softball career.

"I would like to thank my family and friends that have supported me throughout the years. They all have supported me in attending my games, or contributing to my team fund-raisers so that we can continue to travel. I thank you for all your support."

Emily is the daughter of Brandon and Martina Peters, granddaughter of Marlene Garcia, and great-granddaughter of Evelina Lopez.

# AKC BOYS BASKETBALL CARWASH FUNDRAISER



FB posts with photos of carwash invited all to come out and support AKC Boys fundraiser.



AKC Boys working hard in the blazing sun to get vehicles squeaky clean.



AKC Boys had great support from family and friends, as well as random passers-by.

On Saturday, June 11, the Ak-Chin Boys Basketball team and family members braved the triple-digit temperatures to hold a fundraiser carwash and food sale in the back of the Ak-Chin Runner building.

They had a good steady flow of vehicles that were brought over to be washed, food sales (burgers were super good) and even some who just stopped by to donate for the cause.

The funds will be used for future basketball tournaments.

"Our goal was to hit at least a \$1000.00. We were a little short of that goal. We as parents and the coach Thomas Carlyle were happy with what we did receive, \$740." Maria Carlyle-Zepeda shared. "I thought it was good enough being that it was super-hot out and our boys hung in there."

They raised enough money to enter their next tournament scheduled June 24-26, in Mesa, similar to the one they just attended in Vegas.

The gang is looking forward to holding another fundraiser soon, so if you missed this one be on the lookout for information on the next one.

"We would like to thank the Community for all the support they have given the AKC team so far."

# Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development celebrates end of year with Graduation Parade

Photos and story submitted by Preschool



Dominic Pierce



Ezri Miguel



Rebecca Rodas



Jose Lopez



Yael Ramirez



Victoria Gamez



Jaxson Justin



Emerson Antone

On June 1, 2022, the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development program celebrated our 8 graduates moving on to kindergarten by doing a Graduation Parade to each graduate's home or designated relatives' house within the community.

The Ak-Chin Police Department helped lead the way and stopped traffic when needed.

The Ak-Chin Fire Department provided music and lots of celebratory noise at each stop.

Health Education decorated their vehicle and following behind was the Language Department and their decorated vehicle.

Our teaching staff decorated our two activity busses with well wishes and large pictures of the graduates.

Our first stop was for **Dominic Pierce** who was waiting with his family

and a big smile when we pulled up and his teachers' Ms. Sonya and Ms. Michelle handed out his diploma.

Next was **Ezri Miguel** who was waiting with her family to receive her diploma from Ms. Francine and Mrs. Angelica. Ezri has been with our program since she was 1 year old in our childcare class with Mrs. Billie and Mrs. Nicole. She has been a regular in our before and after program with Mrs. Stephanie and Mr. Richard.

**Rebecca Rodas** was next awaiting with her family. She looked very excited to see the caravan of vehicles coming to wish her well.

Next up was **Jose Lopez** who was waiting patiently with his family and once he saw his teachers he ran up to them and gave them a big hug. Proud Grandma Mrs. Gwen Lopez was there to wish her grandson a big congratulations.

**Yael Ramirez** was next waiting with his family. He looked surprised to see the caravan of vehicles. He was all smiles when Ms. Sonya and Ms. Michelle handed him his diploma and gift bag.

**Victoria Gamez** was all done up in a beautiful blue dress with her cap

and gown on when the parade came to her house. She was very cheerful and happy to see all her teachers. Victoria had also been with our program since childcare.

**Jaxson Justin** was on his way to his Grandma's house to greet his teachers when they arrived. His family had a backdrop and a red carpet for him to walk down. Jaxson too was one of the children who has been with our program since he was 1 year old.

Last we arrived at the farms to celebrate our last graduate, **Emerson Antone** who also had been with our program since childcare. He was waiting for us with his family and especially our own veteran teacher, his Grandma Mrs. Pollie.

All the graduates will be very missed by our staff. We all wish them the very best in their future educational career. Congratulations to our preschool graduates of 2022!!!

What are you reading this summer?

Want an ebook instead of a paperback? Try one of our ebook platforms today!

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READING ALOUD TO YOUNG CHILDREN IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE BEST ACTIVITIES TO STIMULATE LANGUAGE AND COGNITIVE SKILLS. IT ALSO BUILDS MOTIVATION, CURIOSITY AND MEMORY.

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## Art Program adds a splash of color to Summer break



At the Him-Dak Museum they are creating an illusion picture, coloring it in with marker and having a good time.

The first session of this year's 2022 Ak-Chin Him-Dak Summer Art Program began June 6th and ended on the 17th.

The two week session gave children a fun and creative space to come together and enjoy their summer break.

The second session of the Art Program will begin on June 20th. We will be featuring more of the Summer Art Program in the upcoming issue.

Photos by A. Miguel



In the room of 2nd-5th graders they were watching movies while creating amazing, and cool art work.

ROBOTICS

FRIDAYS FROM 4 TO 5:30

If you have questions, contact us at library@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1675

Spots are limited!

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

## Language Program provides traditional Summer activities

Photos by A. Miguel

The Ak-Chin Language Preservation Program also opened their doors for the summer to provide their long awaited O'odham Neok Ki Summer Program.

Starting on June 6th, language staff will teach traditional songs, dances, games, and of course the O'odham Neok.



On June 6, at the Language department two girls listen to the group as they play an O'odham word version of hang man.



The class at the Language department with 16 students, are getting ready to open their lunch.

GAME HACKER SUMMER READING!

Are your kids interested in coding? Would they like to give it a try?

We're starting a new session of Game Hacker in person. Every Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM.

If you have questions, contact us at library@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1675

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MARIOKART DELUXE 8

Game Night

Join us EVERY Friday at 4:30pm during Summer Reading to see who can stay on the Rainbow Road!

CAMP INNOVATION AT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP INNOVATION. Let your child's imagination run wild in our series of week-long camp sessions that spark curiosity in science through hands-on interactive programs that incorporate learning with high-energy challenges, building, and design.

LOCATION: Ak-Chin Indian Community Library, 46521 W Farrell Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Lunch and Snack Provided

DATES: July 5-8: Grades: 1-3, July 11-15: Grades: 4-6

REGISTRATION: Call 602.716.2028 or Visit

FREE Weeklong Camps Thanks to AZ OnTrack

# INTRODUCING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY'S 2022 SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS

**Arianna Bandin - Library**

**Auciana Miguel - Runner**

**Baya Olivas - Parks and Rec**

**Christian Soliz - Parks and Rec**

Grade and school? 9th and Desert Vista

Grade and school? 9th and Maricopa High School

Grade and school? 9th and Desert Vista

Grade and school? 10th, Maricopa High School

How do you feel about working here? I like it, it's very chill and hands on

How do you feel about working here? I like it, it's fun it keeps me busy.

How can this job help you in the future? Being responsible

How do you feel about working here? I really like it, it's really fun

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? I've learned how to organize

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? One favorite thing to do is do my work in peace

Do you have anything in common with your job? Editing I sometimes edit or take photos.

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Take photos and interview.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? How to clock in is new to me

Do you have anything in common with your job? No, I don't

How can this job help you in the future? It can help by learning new job skills

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? To monitor the kids while they play games



**Giulianna Sandoval - Him-Dak Muesum**

**Haedin De Paola - Preschool**

**Kylie Gardner - Him-Dak Museum**

**Michaela Peters - Preschool**

Grade and school? 10th and Maricopa High School

Grade and school? 11th and Maricopa high school

Grade and school? 9th and Maricopa high school

Grade and school? 12th and Sequoia Pathway

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? How to manage time

How do you feel about working here? Happy

How do you feel about working here? It's awesome

How do you feel about working here? Good, I love working with kids.

Do you have anything in common with your job? I like painting and arts and crafts

favorite things to do at your job? Help the kids make new projects

Is this job hard or easy? Can be both depending on assignment

Do you have anything in common with your job? Working with younger family members

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? How to do art projects

What's is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Do the task that they give me

Is this job hard or easy? Both

office duties How can this job help you in the future? My future children and working w/coworkers



**Nevaeh Johnson - Housing**

**Perla Corona - Preschool**

**Eliza Santiago - Him-Dak Museum**

**Evone Santiago - Education**

Grade and school? 9th and Maricopa high school

Grade and school? 9th and Maricopa High School

Grade and school? Graduate, Maricopa High School

Grade and school? Sophomore, Lake Superior State University

How do you feel about working here? Good

Is this job hard or easy? It is easy

How do you feel about working here? I like working here. It's fun making crafts and art with the kids.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? Transferring phone calls.

What's is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Writing/typing

one new thing you have learned at this job? How to check things that are bad in the house

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? I learned to be careful

Do you have anything in common with your job? Yes, I think I have relatives.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? To be creative in coming up with a project the kids can do.

to collage for Graphic Design. So, coming up with crafts and teach basic art skills.

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Being able to engage/work with children.

you in the future? Transferable skills

Can you name at least



**Teagan Delma - Runner**

**William Martinez - Preschool**

**Frankie Carlyle - Education**

**Haylee Delma - Parks and Rec**

Grade and school? 10th and Maricopa high school

Grade and school? 8th and Legacy tradition/school

Grade and school? Graduate, Maricopa High School

Grade and school? 12th, Maricopa High School

What's one thing you like about working in this department? What I like about working at the Runner is taking pictures and meeting new people

How can this job help you in the future? Help me work on my teaching skills

Do you have anything in common with your job? I'm going

What's one thing you like about working in this department? That they have the art program during the summer.

How do you feel about working here? I like being here, the people are very nice and welcoming.



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? One new thing I learned is how they make banners

Do you have anything in common with your job? I like taking pictures and I sometimes write poems

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? Kitchen / sanitation

What's one thing you like about working in this department? Meet new people

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Working with the kids

How can this job help you in the future? It can help me by getting all the stuff I need for college.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? One thing that I have learned is customer service and learning new things that admin does.

How can this job help you in the future? This job can help me in the future by working with customers and improving my communication skills as I want to go into the medical field.



## Medicaid Renewal Letter

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**Isaiah Peters - Water Operations**

Grade and school? Freshman, Arizona State University



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? How water functions around the community.

this department? The people

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Taking water samples

How can this job help you in the future? Learning how to work in a team

What's one thing you like about working in

**Nicolas Olivas - Sanitation**

Grade and school? Junior, Maricopa High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? Working gets me paid

it benefits me to keep working

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Working outside

How can this job help you in the future? Have more experience to apply for other jobs

What's one thing you like about working in this department? That

**Richard Villegas - Sanitation**

Grade and school? Graduate, Maricopa High School



How do you feel about working here? Besides the heat, it's cool to work here

can look into opening my own business.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? How to pick the right shovel for weeding

After doing this job do you think you will do a job like this later on in life? Yes, but I want to go to trade school for carpentry too.

How can this job help you in the future? If I want to continue to do landscaping maybe I

**Marcos Olivas Jr. - Sanitation**

Grade and school? Graduate, Agua Fria High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? The one new thing I learned at this job is learning new social skills

in this department? The one thing I like about working in this department is the people I work with

Do you have anything in common with your job? I do have some common skills with my job, I used to work at parks and rec in Avondale

After doing this job do you think you will a job like this later on in life? Yes, I believe I will do a job like this later on in life

What's one thing you like about working

**Nicole Narcia - Him-Dak Museum**

Grade and school? 11th Grade, Maricopa High School



How do you feel about working here? Good, so I can get some money.

at this department? Put on a movie for the kids.

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Work with the kids.

What's one thing you like about working

How can this job help you in the future? Get good money.

**Taylor Santiago - Education**

Grade and school? 11th Grade, Maricopa High School



How do you feel about working here? Happy, friendly environment

in this department? We are given a fair amount of work to do

What is one of your favorite things to do at your job? Interact with the summer school kids, teacher's aide

What's one thing you like about working

How can this job help you in the future? Improve social skills and interactions



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### NEW EMPLOYEES



**Patrick Garcia**  
Court Security Guard, Courts



**Jason Thomas**  
Purchasing Agent, Finance



**Della DeLowe**  
PRC Benefits Specialist

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Love, Mom

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

# WIC

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## Employee Birthdays 6/17-6/30

<p>6/19 <b>Lynnette Houston-Volden, Social &amp; Health Services</b></p> <p>6/20 <b>Gilbert Cervantes, Law &amp; Order</b></p> <p>6/21 <b>Mayra Bandin, Early Childhood</b></p> <p>6/21 <b>Juanita Balderrama, Elderly</b></p> <p>6/21 <b>Sarah Zabawa, TGA</b></p> <p>6/22 <b>Bija Gozhone Talkalai, Law &amp; Order</b></p> <p>6/25 <b>Guillermo Ruiz, Sanitation</b></p> <p>6/25 <b>Gino Williams, TGA</b></p>	<p>6/26 <b>Rufus White, Sanitation</b></p> <p>6/27 <b>Sheila Pablo-Bandin, Education</b></p> <p>6/27 <b>Rosario Waites, Vekol</b></p> <p>6/28 <b>Judith Purcell, Capital Projects</b></p> <p>6/28 <b>Amanda Maldonado, Purchase Referred Care Coordinator</b></p> <p>6/29 <b>Susan Guerin, Vekol</b></p> <p>6/30 <b>Peter Kann, Planning</b></p>
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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<p><b>June 1st</b> Cruz Machado Jr.</p> <p><b>June 2nd</b> Astraya Warren</p> <p><b>June 3rd</b> Kiandra Smith</p> <p><b>June 4th</b> Joseph Zabawa</p> <p><b>June 5th</b> Alyssa Wind Jessica White Mario Luz Haedin De Paola</p> <p><b>June 6th</b> Marie Thomas Uriayzz Antone Ramona Kaniatobe</p> <p><b>June 7th</b> Marissa Antone Marco Thompson Zylen Antone-Silas</p> <p><b>June 8th</b> Mylauni Antone Xadrian Miguel</p> <p><b>June 9th</b> Jason Smith Consuelo Alvarez</p>	<p><b>June 10th</b> Marvin Lewis Holly Kaniatobe Ashley Vincent</p> <p><b>June 11th</b> Benjamin King Alex Bowman</p> <p><b>June 13th</b> Jeremy Carra Richard Villegas Samuel Justin</p> <p><b>June 14th</b> Amorie Narcia Ralph Martinez Brenley Hackney</p> <p><b>June 15th</b> Saul Ruelas Cecil Miguel Jr.</p> <p><b>June 16th</b> Lupe Kaniatobe Manuel Ortega Daniel Antone</p> <p><b>June 17th</b> Clorenda Humeyumptewa Raul Ruelas Kali Wind Anelia Jacuinde Mauktho Sehongva' Jose</p>	<p><b>June 18th</b> Myles Peters Shanna Narcia</p> <p><b>June 19th</b> Kellen Hoffman Josefa Lewis Michelle Smith</p> <p><b>June 20th</b> Juanita Balderrama Julianna Smith Justin Zabawa</p> <p><b>June 21st</b> Tanya Enos Bridget Carlyle Linda Jose Curtis Dean Andreas Antone Sedra Dean</p> <p><b>June 22nd</b> Davidson Ugalde Jr. Baya Oliva Bija Talkala Genisys Sandoval Pamela Vincent Pablo Alejandro Jr.</p> <p><b>June 23rd</b> Lillian Shade Charity Vincent</p>	<p><b>June 24th</b> Salvatore Johnson Jr. Autum Manuel Kevin Ormsby Nicole Narcia Adela Zabawa</p> <p><b>June 25th</b> Anthony Antone Johnny Lopez</p> <p><b>June 26th</b> Delores Rodrigues Tylen Zepeda Rufus White Savanna Gonzalez</p> <p><b>June 27th</b> Gabriel Narcia Joseph Narcia Esperanza Valentin-Kaniatobe Sheila Bandin Aiyana Narcia</p> <p><b>June 28th</b> Makaylia Allison</p> <p><b>June 29th</b> Priscilla Allison Susan Guerin Janelle White John White</p>	<p><b>June 30th</b> Martin Antone Sr. John Zabawa Ionni Flores Esmeralda Santiago</p>
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Happy Birthday



# Little Joe y La Familia, with special guest Ruben Ramos, perform at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, The Events Center, Saturday, June 11

Grammy award winners Little Joe y La Familia brought back another great show for all with their Tex-Mex, blues and country mix music styles. This year, Ruben Ramos, who's also

a Grammy winner took the stage to open the show at Harrah's Event Center to share his rock, blues and Tejano sounds for all to enjoy.



Community members; Janice Miguel (left) along with brother Benedict Miguel (right) take photo with Ruben Ramos at their family church site in Ak-Chin. Ann Antone squeezes in for a photo with Ruben Ramos and Little Joe after their performance at Harrah's on June 11.

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