



## OCS and ITCA Officials tour Ak-Chin Water Operations

Submitted by Maria Dadgar, ITCA Executive Director - Photo by T. Delma



Above, Federal officials from Washington DC, Office of Community Services at the Administration for Children and Families with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, join Ak-Chin Chairman Lemuel Vincent for lunch at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Course after their tour.

Back Row (l-r): Bruce Robinson, ITCA TWS; Harold Taylor, OCS Program Specialist; Scott Gregory, ITCA TWS; Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent. Front Row (l-r): Karen Harris – OCS Program Specialist; Brian Bennon, ITCA TWS Director; Lynda Perez, OCS Division Director; Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, ITCA.

Thursday, June 16, Federal officials from Washington, DC, representing the Office of Community Services (OCS) at the Administration for Children and Families with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, along with representatives from Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) came out to tour Ak-Chin's Water/Waste Water Operations.

Brian Bennon, Director for Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Tribal Water Systems, and a recognized national subject matter expert on tribal water systems, was called upon to assist OCS in meeting with a Tribal leader and tour a Tribal Community that has a wide variety of economic development activities, such as Ak-Chin's farming, industrial park and golf course, among other economic entities that the tribe operates.

The basis for the visit and tour was to see how ITCA's Tribal Water Systems Program, which offers training and technical assistance to Tribal Water and Wastewater Operators as they manage their tribal water utility, has assisted in the tribe successfully running their water systems to support their wide variety of economic entities.

While we have approximately 3 federal agencies that contribute funding to the ITCA TWS national program, one federal agency in particular stays in very close contact with our ITCA TWS director Brian Bennon, and from time to time Travis Lane and I also participate in their special initiatives.

We have a great relationship that brings support and attention to tribal water systems across the United States.

Since the beginning of the Biden administration, ITCA has been receiving an increasing number of requests for meetings and interactions with federal government officials that oversee ITCA's federal grants.

We value having these meaningful relationships with our funding agencies and we see this as helping to educate federal officials about the unique relationship tribes have with the federal government.

You may know that for many years, the Ak-Chin Indian Community worked closely with the ITCA TWS for operational training and technical assistance, which was in part, funded through the Office of Community Services where Mr. Taylor

and his colleagues work. The Ak-Chin Indian Community has achieved a level of success that other tribes could learn from and model as they work along the continuum of training and technical assistance to achieve self-governance in managing their tribal watersystemsoperations which provide the infrastructure for economic growth and transition.

This was a tour of the Ak-Chin Indian Community so that our funding agency representatives can have a firsthand experience of visiting and touring a reservation and learning about the unique environment of tribal communities in a respectful and meaningful way.

**Who we are:** The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which serves as a tribal consortium for 21 of the 22 tribes in Arizona. ITCA coordinates its efforts through a wide variety of service areas including Economic Development, Public Health, Research and Environmental Quality programs and services. The highest elected officials for the 21 Tribes in Arizona, serves as a member of the Board of Directors for ITCA.



At left, Water Operations Team volleys the Mega Volleyball back to Fire Department, at right, during the championship game on Tuesday, June 14 at Ak-Chin Recreation gymnasium.

## Mega Volleyball is "HUGE HIT" with Employees

Story and photos by R. Peters

WOW! Who knew that hitting a humongous ball across the net could be such an exhilarating and hilarious time!!

Kudos to Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation for providing an ultimate team-building experience for community department employees to enjoy, with their one-day Employee Mega Volleyball tournament, held June 14.

Rec staff used traditional volleyball rules, with a few changes, like adding a 5-second rule to get the ball over the net, allowing a 3-man team serving option and a 10-minute game time. "Team-building was our main factor and building up employee morale, when creating rules."

Nine teams comprised of community employees spent an entertaining evening strategizing how to get a 6ft. diameter beach ball over a regulation sized

volleyball net within 5 seconds, without allowing it to hit the ground, go out of bounds, while trying to keep themselves and the ball from getting stuck in the net.

Teams included: Rec & Destroyers, Mix-Up, Fire Department, Replacement Crew, Da Raptorz, Water Operations, P.D., Preschool and H.R. Minions.

Ak-Chin Parks and Rec, who thought up the game, rules and tournament, said they had first seen the mega ball being used in another department program as a team building exercise, and thus began their research on creating the great team-builder.

"We as a department researched the game through using the internet and watched multiple videos of games being played with same ball; thought

the concepts of the teamwork and strategic components were (a) perfect addition to our employee tournaments we hold throughout the year."

As teams tried their best to keep the ball in the air, some needed multiple players to push the ball over, while those with a little more oomph and longer arm-span were able to single-handedly heave the ball to their opponent's side of the court.

At first it seemed a bit awkward adjusting to the size of the ball and rules, but once the team's got a bit more comfortable, there were many great plays at the net, and countless funny moments on the court.

The championship game pitted undefeated Fire Department against Water Operations for the winner-take-all game. Fire Department was very efficient as they worked

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## Sunflower fields in Maricopa, what's all the buzz about?



By R. Peters

A giant field of sunflowers are growing just west of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. Although, we're not sure who planted them or why, many are grateful to see the sunny summer flowers, as there have been daily passers-by and photographers out and about taking pictures. Thank you to the farmer who has provided this "Happy Place" for all to see.

# San Juan Feast offers prayer, nourishment and entertainment



Above, the Miguel's San Juan church is festively decorated in honor of their patron saint, San Juan.

Friday, June 24, Community, family and the faithful attended the Miguel family San Juan Feast held in the family compound.

the lines for the "Drive Thru Feeding" started to get busy. It was so busy that the family ran out of their traditional meal just before noon.

Dancers from Tohono O'odham Nation shared music and dance, as well as a short history lesson Pap'kola. Music by Patcho's Band provided much needed entertainment for the day.

Early that morning a rosary and procession were held, shortly after

In addition to the meal, patrons could stay and listen as the Pap'kola



Pap'kola dancers prepare for their next song.



Patcho's Band provides great waila tunes during the lunch.

## ELDER JULY

### BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

<p><b>1 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Bread Pudding, Apples // Sliders Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Corn Salad, Cole Slaw, Mix Berry Trifles</b></p>	<p><b>7 Ham and Cheese Omelet, Diced Potatoes, Toast, Cantaloupe // Ground Beef Tacos, Green Leaf, Tomato, Zucchini with Corn, Fruit salad</b></p>	<p><b>Salad, Green Beans, Mango Cream</b></p>
<p><b>4 - Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Holiday - CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>8 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana // Chicken Ranch Wrap, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Chips, Apricots</b></p>	<p><b>13 Oatmeal, Boiled Egg, English Muffin, Fruit // Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Spring Salad, Rolls, Lemon Blueberry Cake</b></p>
<p><b>5 Oatmeal, Boiled eggs, Toast, Peaches with Cottage Cheese // Grilled Chicken over Caesar Salad, Acorn Squash, Garlic Bread, Fresh Pears</b></p>	<p><b>11 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Fruit // White Bean Soup, (D) Chicken Soup, Broccoli, Rolls, Apples</b></p>	<p><b>14 Chorizo and Egg Burrito, Cereal, Fruit // Harrah's lunch</b></p>
<p><b>6 Breakfast Sandwich, Potatoes, Yogurt with Fruit // Pork Green Chili Stew, Carrots, Brown Rice, Chumath, Cupcakes</b></p>	<p><b>12 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fresh Fruit // Sub Sandwich, Pasta</b></p>	<p><b>15 Egg Bacon &amp; Onion, Enchiladas, Avocado Slices, Yogurt // Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Rolls, Peaches</b></p>

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

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\*Eligible students must not have a high school diploma/GED, some exceptions may apply\*

# Harrah's 2022 Summer Youth Program

Submitted by Erica Oliver, HDS Manager



Above, Erica Oliver, HDS Manager and HDS workers get a great group shot in front of the Community photo collage at Harrah's Ak-Chin.

The Harrah's Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program is a branch of the Harrah's Development System (HDS), which is a program department, geared to develop Ak-Chin tribal members with the skills necessary to attain a leadership role within the casino.

Harrah's Ak-Chin's Summer Youth Program provides hands-on work experience, employability skills training, cultural workshops, and leadership development opportunities for the Ak-Chin students, who are between the ages of 16-18.

Fifteen summer youth participants have been working in the casino's non-gaming departments at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, which include our Warehouse, Facilities, Hotel, Housekeeping, and Culinary departments.

In addition to learning on-the-job training, the youth participants will attend an on-property Resume Writing and Interviewing Techniques workshop.

The summer youth participants will have the opportunity to work on their leadership and communication skills, attending weekly Toastmasters club meetings, which are also held on property.

Community member and HDS Manager, Erica Oliver, has coordinated cultural workshops and community service activities which includes participating in a food packing event for a non-profit organization, Feed My Starving Children.

The summer youth participants attend HDS meetings with the HDS Associates and HDS Interns.

The purpose of the Harrah's Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program is to prepare the students for the work world, developing their hard and soft skills.

Several of our current HDS Program interns and graduates are former summer youth participants who decided to apply for the HDS Program, once they turned 18.

Applicants interested in the HDS Program must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED.

Here are a few quotes submitted from Harrah's summer youth participants:

"I really like this program. It gives me experience I will need in the future." - Jediah Smith, Facilities

"I learned a lot of things in this program and met a lot of new people. I also got to meet sweet people." - Maddie Delores, Hotel Bell Person

"My experience with the summer youth program keeps me on my feet and working 8 hours" - Zylen Silas-Antone, Housekeeping GRA

"My experience, I like the iced and hot coffee. I am not sure which is better" - Araya (Ray) Pena, Warehouse

"I have had a great experience so far." - Megan Quintero, Agave's Cook

"The summer youth program is great. It's a great experience, learning things. I didn't know what or how things were done in Housekeeping. I helped fill up all the cleaning chemicals and linen carts

used by the Housekeeping employees use during the day" - Eileen Quintero, Housekeeping GRA

"My experience with Facilities so far has been quite fun. I have learned tons of stuff like changing out items that are broken or need to be replaced" - Jesus Corella, Facilities

"It is a super cool, this place." - Jamison Vincent, House Person

"The summer youth program is a good program for the youth. It helps with different skills" - Xendryk Silas-Antone, House Person

"I work hard to get this bag" - Kevin Villegas, House Person

"My experience is good and I enjoy it. My co-workers are very positive and helpful" - Misty Quintero, Housekeeping GRA

"I like the experience that the program offers and getting to meet different people from different backgrounds." - Monique (Mo) White, Housekeeping GRA

"I am growing every day." - Julian Lewis, Hotel Bell Person

"My experience with the program has been the same as last year's program but it's nice working with the people I saw last year and meeting the new employees." - Josh Peters, House Person

"My experience with the program has been a great experience. I learned the business side of things that keeps the customers coming back to the casino and that I find totally interesting." - Ralston Justin, House Person



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**DEADLINE**  
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the July 15 - August 4, 2022 issue is due by **FRIDAY JULY 8TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY JULY 8TH**

Material submitted after the **JULY 8TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

**VOTING AT THE POLLS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Voters may bring in someone to assist them in voting as long as they are not a candidate on the ballot, the voter's employer, or an agent of the voter's labor union.

Voters may also bring in guide animals or assistive devices.

Language assistance is available at many polling places. Navajo language assistance is available on the Navajo Nation, Apache language assistance is available on the San Carlos Apache reservation, Hopi language is available on the Hopi reservation, and Paiute language assistance is available on the Kaibab Paiute reservation.

Alternative formats are available from many counties. These formats include large print, Braille, and audio recordings.

Each polling place is equipped with a touch screen machine capable of large print and an audio representation of the ballot.

Special Election Boards are available in some counties for homebound or disabled voters.

The polls officially close at 7:00 PM and no new voters may get in line after that time. Everyone in line at 7:00 PM will be given the chance to vote.

Children are allowed into the polling place with you, but should not be allowed to disrupt other voters.

**PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION**

THE VOTER SHALL PRESENT ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION WHEN VOTING IN PERSON.

BEARS THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VOTER (SEE LIST 1), OR

TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT BEAR THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ELECTOR (SEE LIST 2), OR

ONE FORM OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WITH ONE FORM OF NON-PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT BEARS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ELECTOR (SEE LIST 3)

**ID List 01**

- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification
- An identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.

**ID List 02**

- Utility bill of the elector from a date dated within 90 days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular, phone, or cable television.
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election.
- Valid Arizona Voter Registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Arizona vehicle insurance card
- Registered Candidate
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification including a voter registration card issued by the County Recorder
- Any mailing to the elector marked "Official Election Material"
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**ID List 03**

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**Other tips when voting**

- "Rush hour" at the polls occurs the first hour that the polls are open, at lunchtime, and after 5 PM. If you are able to vote mid-morning or mid-afternoon there will be less congestion.
- Be sure you are at the correct polling place so that you don't stand in line unnecessarily.
- Use your sample ballot to pre-mark your choices; bring it with you to the polls and simply transfer your selections to the official ballot once you are in the polling place.
- Update your registration whenever you move so that your information will be correct in the Signature Roster.

**2022 ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

**State Primary Election - Aug. 2**  
Voter Registration Deadline - July 5  
Mail-In Ballot Request Deadline - July 22  
Early Voting Begins July 6

**State General Election - Nov. 8**  
Voter Registration Deadline - Oct. 11  
Mail-In Ballot Request Deadline - Oct. 28  
Early Voting Begins Oct. 12

**VOTING PROBLEMS?**  
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**Cocconino County Recorder / Elections Dept.** (928) 679-7960 (TDD# 928-679-7131)  
**Gila County Recorder** (928) 402-8619 (TDD# 731-1)  
**Graham County Recorder** (928) 428-3560 (TDD# 928-428-3562)  
**Greenlee County Recorder** (928) 865-2632 (TDD# 928-865-2632)  
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**Mohave County Recorder** (928) 753-0767 (TDD# 928-753-0769)  
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**Active Early Voting List (AEVL) Tips**

**Voting-by-mail is a safe, secure, reliable, and accessible way to vote!**

Voting-by-mail allows registered voters to fill out their ballot from the comfort of their home and then mail it back or drop it off at any drop-box or voting location in their county.

Join the AEVL  
Register at <https://bit.ly/AEVL-register> or by submitting a written AEVL request form <https://bit.ly/AEVL-request>

Once you are on the AEVL, you must use your AEVL ballot once every two years to stay on the list!

There is no deadline to join the AEVL. But, to receive a ballot-by-mail for an upcoming election, you must sign up at least 11 days before Election Day.

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**ID PROVISIONS FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

Tribal IDs are an acceptable form of ID to vote at the polls. Depending on the type of tribal ID, another form of ID may be needed. Check with your Tribe or tribal subdivision to see if other forms of ID, other than your tribal enrollment ID, are acceptable to use when voting at the polls. These could include a voter registration card for tribal elections, or a home site assignment lease.

**State Primary Election**

**ELECTION DATE**  
August 2, 2022

**DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**  
July 5, 2022 at 12:00 am MST

**DEADLINE TO REQUEST VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT**  
July 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm MST

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS/BALLOTS MAILED IF REQUESTED**  
July 6, 2022

**CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS OR REGISTER TO VOTE**  
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**VOTER READY** REGISTER ID VOTE

**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline for Voter Registration	Early Voting Begins/Ballots Mailed if Requested	Deadline to Request Ballot-By-Mail	State Primary Election Day
July 5, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.	July 6, 2022	July 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.	August 2, 2022

**STATE GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline for Voter Registration	Early Voting Begins/Ballots Mailed if Requested	Deadline to Request Ballot-By-Mail	State General Election Day
October 11, 2022 At 11:59 p.m.	October 12, 2022	October 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.	November 8, 2022

1. To check your voter registration status, register to vote, request a ballot by mail or sign up for the Permanent Early List please visit Arizona Voter Information Portal at <https://my.arizona.vote>

2. Check with your respective County Recorder for more information <https://azsos.gov/county-election-info>

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**\*\* NOTICE \*\***

Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, July 4, 2022. Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Thank you,  
**Ak-Chin Sanitation/ Public Works**

**Mega Volleyball continued from Front**

smoothly together to get the ball over the net. Water Operations and Rec & Destroyers placing third.

Since this was the first time ever playing Mega Volleyball, all teams are being recognized for getting out and trying something new!

**MVP Mention:**  
*Da Raptorz-Education*

**Best Team Spirit:**  
*HR Minions*

**Best Team Effort:**  
*Preschool*

**Best Sportsmanship:**  
*Mix-Up*

**Best Uniforms:** P.D.

**Honorable Mention:**  
*Replacement Crew*

**FIRST PLACE - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**SECOND PLACE - WATER OPERATIONS**

**THIRD PLACE - REC & DESTROYERS**

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation is looking forward to planning more Employee Tournaments and Mega Volleyball events for the community to enjoy and participate in.

"We absolutely enjoy creating tournaments to help build up the morale within our Community Departments and making memories in a great environment."

**FIRST PLACE - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**SECOND PLACE - WATER OPERATIONS**

**THIRD PLACE - REC & DESTROYERS**

**HR Minions (left) and Preschool battle back and forth during the Mega Volleyball Tournament.**

**Ak-Chin Tribal Transit PUBLIC NOTICE**

Starting May 9th, 2022 Transit will be limiting shopping trips to the City of Maricopa. This is a result of the current costs of fuel to provide transportation services. Local in Ak-Chin Community Demand Response services will remain available from 7:00am to 5:45pm Monday through Friday. Transit will offer trips to Maricopa for shopping to twice a day. The reinstatement of full-time services will tentatively take place September 1st, 2022 pending the evaluation of our operations. Doctors' appointments, meetings, employment and non-shopping experiences will not be affected by this change. This only applies to shopping. Due to Professional Development, Transit will be providing limited services only on the following dates during the designated times:

**Tuesday July 26th, 2022: 8:30am to 11:30am**  
**Wednesday July 27th, 2022 8:30am to 11:30am**  
**Thursday July 28th, 2022: 8:30am to 11:30am**

Demand-response services are available within the Ak-Chin Indian Community and most commercial and government addresses located within a five-mile radius of Community boundaries. Without exception, **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE EITHER A PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF LOCATION WITHIN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

Our demand-response service is a reservation-based system which operates on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend that you make your reservation at least 2 hours in advance of your requested pick-up time. You may make a reservation up to 7 days in advance. Last minute requests may be accommodated if the schedule permits but may not always be available. The following information will be required when making a reservation: Name, phone number, pick-up address, drop-off address and requested pick-up time. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday, from 7:00am to 5:45pm. **You must be 15 years or older to make reservations for our demand-response service.**

**NO SHOWS:** If you are not present when the vehicle arrives, the driver will wait three minutes. After three minutes, the driver must proceed with the route and the passenger will be marked as a no-show. After three no-shows, our services will be declined to you for 30 days. On demand services at times can run on a heavy schedule. Please understand that once a passenger arrives at their destination the driver will not wait for a passenger to get back on the vehicle. They will proceed with the route unless special accommodations were already made with dispatch. We can always be scheduled to return and take you to another location at a future time.

**CANCELLING A RIDE:** If a trip needs to be cancelled, you are urged to cancel it as early as possible. We ask for a 15-minute notice. If a 15-minute notice is not given and a vehicle is in route, you will be considered a no show. Reliable and on time transportation can be difficult to achieve when proper protocols are not followed.

**\*Ak-Chin Tribal Transit generally does not operate on holidays recognized by the Ak-Chin Indian Community**

**AK-CHIN TRIBAL TRANSIT**  
SERVING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

**TO SCHEDULE A RIDE:**  
CALL: 520-568-1630  
TEXT: 520-340-0382

# Super Dads are celebrated at Preschool Father's Day event

Story and photos by A. Miguel



On June 17, 2022, Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development held a Father's Day event for the little kids and their fathers. The fathers were invited to eat pizza, and wings for lunch. Preschool Staff set up a photo booth for pictures. The fathers received gift bags and Father's Day balloons from their young children.



Fathers, grandfathers and father figures sit down and have a great afternoon at the event.

## REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be **FRIDAY JULY 8TH**

**ATTENTION**  
Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them to be featured in future editions of the Runner, Please let us know!

Email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us  
Phone: (520)-568-1375

# Preschool Water Day brings a splash of fun during heat wave

Story by T. Delma, and photos by A. Miguel



The day care children have a blast playing on an inflatable water slide and with water toys during this summer heat.

The Ak-Chin Child Development Program held a fun Water Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, for all the daycare kiddos.

The young kids were so happy to play with the water. Before the kids could get in the water they had to go over some rules. After they were done hearing about the rules all the kids had to ask their teachers if they could get in the water, just for added safety.

Once they were all given the ok, most of the kids ran straight to the big water slides and some ran to the little pool. All the summer workers were on hand and stood at every water activity station, just to make sure the kids stayed safe.

The kids loved playing in the water and enjoyed playing with the water toys.

### Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for  
Preschool 2022-2023 SY  
Deadline is July 29th, 2022

**Our office is open**  
8am-5pm  
Monday-Friday  
Register now!  
First day of Preschool is  
August 15th, 8:30am-2:00pm

**Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:**

- Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.
- Child is living outside of the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries and is enrolled with another federally recognized Native American Community.
- Child of a parent who is an employee of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.
- Non-member children based on availability.

**Ak-Chin Child Development offers:**

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- \*Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)
- \*Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)\*
- \*Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- \*Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)\*
- \*Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year\*
- Health and Safety Protocols in Place
- \* Some activities may be postponed or modified to fit safety protocols.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

**Pick up a 2022-2023 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development. Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment**

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at  
48251 W. Farrell Rd.  
Maricopa, AZ 85139  
(520) 568-1700.  
Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

## Book Review

BOOK REVIEW BY  
SUPER SECRET READER

TITLE  
ANATOMY: A LOVE STORY

AUTHOR  
DANA SCHWARTZ

**SUMMARY:**  
IT WAS A VERY PERCEPTIVE JOURNEY INTO THE LIFE OF VIOLA DAVIS. VERY RAW AND RIVETING BIO.

**FAVORITE PART:**  
I enjoyed the twist/big reveal of the book.

**LEAST FAVORITE PART:**  
The ending was a little too open-ended for my liking.

**DID YOU LIKE THE BOOK:**  
Yes, I liked rooting for Hazel as she continued her pursuit of education and helping others.

**RATING: 4**

## BOOK REVIEW

BOOK TITLE: CITY OF GIRLS  
AUTHOR OF THE BOOK: ELIZABETH GILBERT  
Reviewer: Anonymous Reader

**SUMMARY**  
IT WAS A GIRL WHO MOVED TO NEW YORK CITY TO LIVE WITH HER AUNT THAT OWNS A THEATRE. IT WAS DURING THE TIME BEFORE AND AFTER WW2. SHE LEARNS TO FIND HERSELF IN THE CITY AND BECOMES A SEAMSTRESS. SHE LEARNED A LOT IN WORKING FOR HER AUNT IN THE THEATRE AND USES THOSE SKILLS INTO HER OLD AGE. THEY WHOLE BOOK IS BASICALLY A LETTER TO SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL IN HER LIFE BUT YOU DON'T FIND OUT UNTIL THE END.

**LEAST FAVORITE**

FOR THE MOST PART I LIKED THE BOOKED. THE ONLY IS THAT IT WASN'T MY FAVORITE SUBJECT. I LIKE MORE THRILLERS. NOTHING WAS A SECRET, EVERYTHING WAS JUST OUT IN THE OPEN FOR TO READ... NO MYSTERY.

**ENJOY THE BOOK?**

YES. IT WAS A GOOD STORY AND SOME TIMES FUNNY!

**FAVORITE PART**  
THE END OF THE BOOK WHERE SHE GIVES THE BEST ADVICE TO THE RECIPIENT OF HER LETTER.

**RATING** 4

## BOOK REVIEW

BOOK TITLE- My Husband's Secret  
BOOK AUTHOR- Kierstan Modglin

**SUMMARY-**  
Moriarty's The Husband's Secret begins with one of the characters finding a letter written by her husband with the instructions to not read it until after his death. After confronting the husband and being told its not a big deal, she is racked with inner turmoil about whether or not to read it. Her decision sets a course of no return. The other characters in the book each face their own inner turbulence due to events beyond their control. In true Moriarty style, the stories of the characters all merge at the end during one singular, traumatic event.

**Favorite Part**

I just love that Moriarty can tell the story from each character's perspective so well that it seems the reader is a part of the narrative as well and can feel the emotions and perspectives being described.

**Least Favorite Part**

It was hard to find out about the traumatic situations that are affecting each character's life.

**Enjoy the book?**  
Yes, loved it! I love all of Moriarty's books because her stories start with a little seed of information and, by the end, turn into a full-blown mosaic of the good and challenging parts of life.

Reviewer : Anonymous **RATING : 5**

## BOOK REVIEW

Title: The Vanishing Half Author: Brit Bennett

Name: Anonymous Reader

Summary of the Story

The Vanishing Half is a story about twin sisters who run away from their small-town life to try and make it in the big city of New Orleans. The book follows the lives of Desiree and Stella as they navigate two very different lives separated from one another. The story goes on to follow the lives of their daughters, Jude and Kennedy as well. The story is told from multiple points of view - the sisters Desiree and Stella and their daughters, Jude and Kennedy, each of them seems to be searching for their true selves. The story is about different kinds of familial relationships and the choices that each of the characters makes. There are also other elements to the story such as spousal abuse and sexual identity.

**Favorite Part:**  
My favorite part of the book was Early. Although Early didn't fit the mold of a typical hero, he was one of the characters I admired in the book.

**Least Favorite Part:**  
My least favorite part of the book was more of an overall feeling. I wanted to book to delve deeper into the stories. Instead, I felt that some of the more important topics of the story were skimmed over. There were glimpses into the psyche of the characters but there wasn't anything overly captivating.

**Rating**  
3 rating

# Summer Time

Answers will be revealed in the next issue

# Dino-lobby Invasion!

Photo by A. Miguel



Education Summer school kids gathering for a photo in front of the most roar-tastic dino lobby, put together by Administrative Support Technician Tera Thornton and education staff.

# Youth Council brings fun and traditional values to O'odham Neok Ki Summer Program

Story by A. Miguel and photo by T. Delma

On June 21, 2022, Ak-Chin Youth Council got a chance to stop by at Ak-Chin Language program to do a presentation for their summer youth students.

First, Youth Council played three games with the summer school students, which were pretty fun games. The first two games were called Caterpillar Chair, and I love you but I'll love you more if. These first two games involved chairs.

The first game involved moving around in a circle while sitting. For the second game, a person would say, "I love you, but I'll love you more if (example: you like ice cream)," then everyone that liked ice cream would get up and move



to a different chair that was open.

The last game they played before the presentation was called "Sweep the House." The game had five things to listen for. 1. Sweep the house, 2. Dance partner, 3. Fire, 4. Rez car, 5. Feast house.

The game is played with one person calling out the phrases, (example: Rez car), then four people would gather up and act like they are in a Rez car. After playing the three games Youth Council

did their presentation. They shared with the students what Ak-Chin Youth Council does. They talked about how sometimes they come up with events in Ak-Chin. They also shared about stuff they have learned about Ak-Chin; traditional songs, some games, and many more things they are learning.

The Youth Council also talked about how they go to the Unity conferences, where they do fun stuff, and meet new people from other tribes.

# Him-Dak Summer Art Program continues to inspire with second session

Story by T. Delma and photos by J. Peters



Kids enjoy their time at the Summer Art Program.

We visited the Him Dak Art Program on June 23. When we visited,

there were new students that were present for the program's second

session, and they were on a snack break.

They had three classes designated for students, the younger class was eating their snacks and watching Ice Age. The first - fifth grade class students were playing games and had just got done eating their snack. The older classroom was also done with their snack and some of them were working on their art work.



On June 23, 2022, Ak-Chin Language summer program took a field trip to Ak-Chin Circle. They went bowling and had lunch. Everyone seemed to have a good time bowling. Photos by A. Miguel and T. Delma

# Ak-Chin's 2022 Summer Life Guards

Interviews and photos by A. Miguel and T. Delma

## Angel Ruelas - 12th grade - MHS

Do you like being a lifeguard? *Yes*  
 Do you think being a lifeguard is important and why? *I think so, because you have to make sure people don't drown*  
 Will you do this job again in the future? *Yes*

What did you learn from your life guard training? *I learned teamwork is important.*  
 Are you learning anything new from being a lifeguard? *I learned how to be safe and to always stay alert.*  
 Do you have anything in common with being a

lifeguard? *Swimming*  
 What is your goal for being a lifeguard? *To make to community happy and safe*  
 How do you stay alert while there are so many people in the pool? *I just always drink water and eat.*



## Angel Antone - Graduate - MHS

Do you like being a lifeguard? *Yes, because I like to swim and the sun*  
 Do you think being a lifeguard is important and why? *Yes, because we have to save lives if anyone drowns and let people have fun*  
 Will you do this job again

in the future? *Yes, for my summer job*  
 What did you learn from your life guard training? *I learned CPR and first aid training*  
 Are you learning anything new from being a lifeguard? *Yes, how to be responsible and life skills*

Do you have anything in common with being a lifeguard? *Yes*  
 What is your goal for being a lifeguard? *To rescue lives*  
 How do you stay alert while there are so many people in the pool? *By counting heads and moving around*



## Daniel Flores - 11th Grade - MHS

Do you like being a lifeguard? *Yes*  
 Do you think being a lifeguard is important and why? *Yes, because some people can't swim*  
 Will you do this job again in the future? *Yes*

What did you learn from your life guard training? *To save lives*  
 Are you learning anything new from being a lifeguard? *How to communicate, CPR, and how to rescue*  
 Do you have anything in common with being a

lifeguard? *Yes, that I'm good under pressure*  
 What is your goal for being a lifeguard? *To get my job done*  
 How do you stay alert while there are so many people in the pool? *10/20 rate*



## Elijah Jimenez - 12th Grade - MHS

Do you like being a lifeguard? *Yes*  
 Do you think being a lifeguard is important and why? *Yes, to keep the community safe*  
 Will you do this job again in the future? *Yes*  
 What did you learn from

your life guard training? *Rescues/CPR*  
 Are you learning anything new from being a lifeguard? *Responsibility/Accountability*  
 Do you have anything in common with being a lifeguard? *I love swimming*

What is your goal for being a lifeguard? *To provide safety to all the patrons and this department*  
 How do you stay alert while there are so many people in the pool? *By counting all the people in the pool and getting good sleep*



Lifeguards go through training exercises.

# AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TWO (2) VACANCIES FOR THE AK-CHIN HOUSING BOARD

## VACANCY OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

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

The Ak-Chin Housing Board:

1. Ensures compliance with the housing programs, which include but are not limited to all Ak-Chin Community homes, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) homes and Tax Credit homes in coordination with the Community Council.
2. Is responsible for preparing recommendations to the Community Council for approval or denial of Housing Board actions/decisions.
3. Is responsible for ensuring that all established policies regarding lease compliance, resident issues and home care and maintenance are followed and enforced.
4. Taking timely action on all Housing Board related matters
5. Preparing for and attending all meetings and trainings of the Board.

**Requirements: All interested parties who desire to serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board must submit a letter of interest detailing why they are interested in serving on the Ak-Chin Housing Board. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission, or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.**

Community employees must also submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Housing Board

Please send all letters of interest Attn:

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



Deadline for letters of Interest is Friday, July 8, 2022 by 5:00pm.

### Banana Nut Bread Recipe



- | Ingredients             | Steps   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1/3 cups Shortening     | Step 1. Heat oven to 350.   |
| 1/2 cup Sugar           | Step 2. Mash the bananas in a small bowl and cut up nuts but don't put it in with the bananas |
| 2 eggs                  | Step 3. Mix together shortening, sugar and eggs in a separate bowl.                           |
| 1-1/3 All-Purpose Flour | Step 4. Put flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a bowl and mix it                  |
| 1 tsp Baking Powder     | Step 5. Then mix step 3 and 4 together all in one big bowl                                    |
| 1/2 tsp Baking Soda     | Step 6. Add mashed bananas and chopped nuts while mixing bowls step 3 and 4                   |
| 1/2 tsp Salt            | Step 7. Grease your pan and pour in your batter   |
| 1 cup Mashed Bananas    | Step 8. Put it into the oven for 45 to 50 minutes   |
| 1/2 cup Chopped Nuts    |   |

## Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's SALUTE Business Impact Group, Employees and Guests Remember Nation's Heroes on Memorial Day Weekend



The SALUTE Business Impact Group at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino enlisted guests to be an active part of remembering fallen service members over the Memorial Day Weekend.

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – June 20, 2022) A donation to the local Maricopa VFW enabled the SALUTE Business Impact Group at Harrah's Ak-Chin

Casino to spread a sea of red poppies across the casino floor over Memorial Day Weekend. Poppies were available for any guest who wanted to remember fallen service members. The event, organized by Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino's SALUTE Business Impact Group, is yet another way the group creates awareness and offers support for all community Veterans and active military as well as the organization's 50+ Veteran employees.

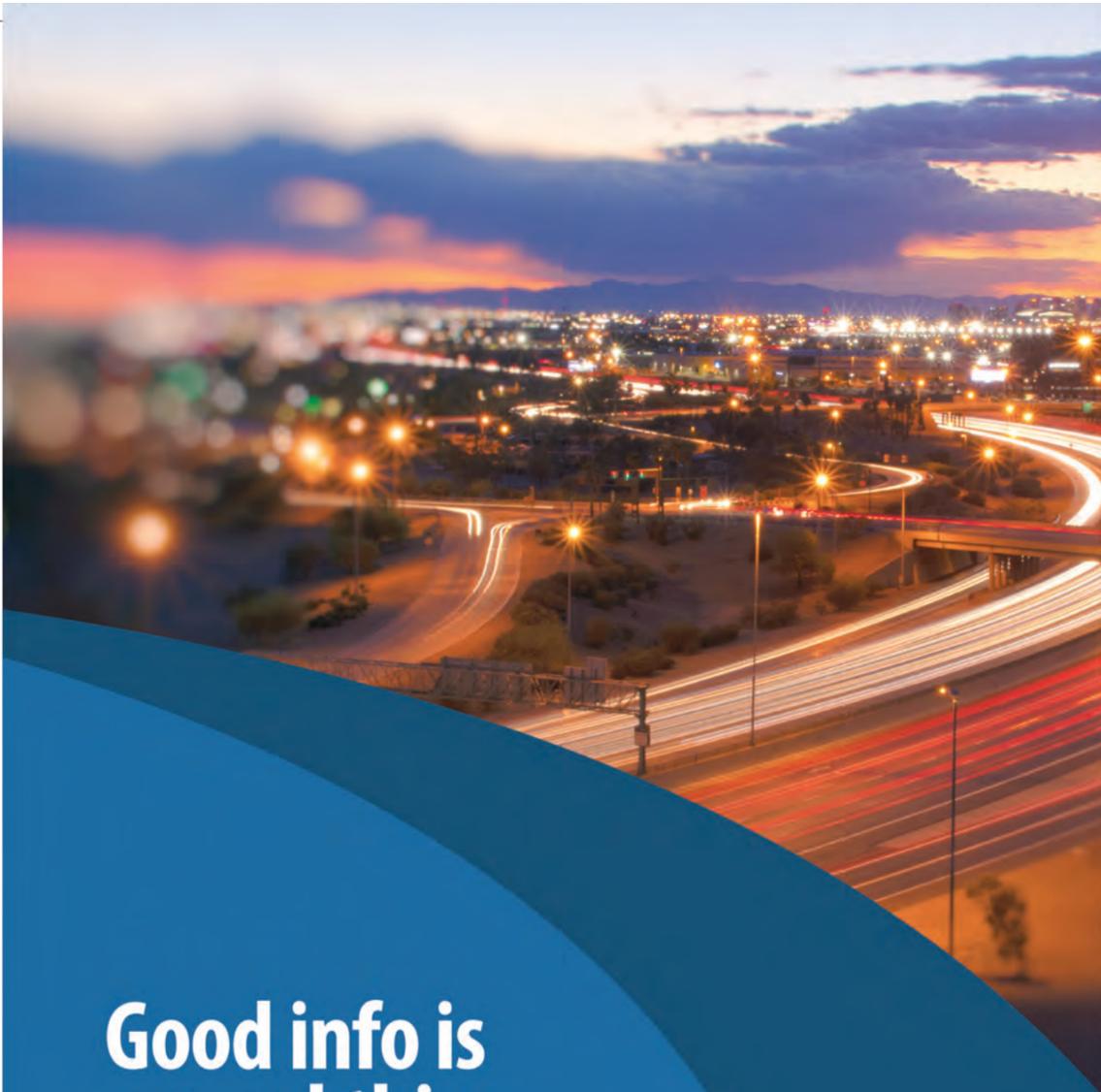
The Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino SALUTE Business Impact Group (BIG) actively seeks to bring together employees who are Veterans and Veteran allies who embrace the core values of duty, honor, and selfless service. The purpose is to cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture through grassroots efforts to assist Veterans in various ways, including fundraisers, donation drives, and volunteer opportunities.

# Notice!!

**We will be closed to the public for a short while**

The Gym, Weight Room, and Game Room will be closed beginning 6/30/22 and will resume normal hours 7/5/22.

The Pool will continue normal hours of operation. Wed-Sun 1PM -7PM. CLOSED Monday and Tuesday July 4th and 5th.



## An eleven-mile stretch of Interstate 10 between Loop 202 and I-17.



# Good info is a good thing.

Get the best info about the Broadway Curve Improvement Project and upcoming summer road closures with "The Curve" app. Download to your phone today or visit [i10BroadwayCurve.com](http://i10BroadwayCurve.com) and [#StayAheadOfTheCurve](https://twitter.com/StayAheadOfTheCurve). When complete, the project will improve your commute and help support our growing economy.



- Existing Freeway
- 2 HOV Lanes +6 General Purpose Lanes +Auxiliary Lanes
- 1 HOV Lane +4 General Purpose Lanes +Auxiliary Lanes
- New Collector-Distributor Roads: EB 48th St to Baseline Rd WB Baseline Rd to SR143 & 40th St
- New Lanes on SR 143 & US 60 (to connect to I-10 improvements)
- New Pedestrian Bridges
- Improved Sun Circle Trail Connection

# *Little Moments. Big Impact.*



## **Child care providers needed.**

Arizona is currently facing a child care crisis and needs more providers, especially for the most important early years of a child's life. When you become certified by DES, you can care for up to 4 children in your home at one time, and receive monetary assistance. Apply today and play a crucial role in a child's development, the community, and the economy. It's the little moments that make a big impact.

**To learn more visit [childcare.azccrr.com](http://childcare.azccrr.com)**



DEPARTMENT OF  
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GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE  
(520) 550-6079

GRHC.ORG/HUB

## COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE

You may also visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines.

Walk-in or schedule an appointment by calling (602) 528-1482.



SCAN FOR VACCINE INFORMATION

**Red Tail Hawk Health Center  
COVID VACCINE ONLY**

**June 23<sup>th</sup> • 10 am - 2 pm**

**Red Tail Hawk Health Center  
COVID VACCINE ONLY**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> • 10 am - 2 pm**

## COVID Vaccine Now Available for Children Ages 6 Months and Older

### AGES 6 MONTHS - 4 YEARS OLD:

Option for getting your child vaccinated:

- By **APPOINTMENT ONLY** with same day appointments available
- Vaccinations for this age group **ARE NOT** available at Vaccine GRHC Events

**To schedule an appointment, call (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7337**

### AGES 5 YEARS AND ABOVE:

Options for getting your child vaccinated:

- Walk-in at any Primary Care Department
- Schedule an appointment with Primary Care Department
- Walk-in at any GRHC Vaccine Event



JOIN THE GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE TEAM

## HIRING NOW! BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT

- Central Sterile
- Medical Assistant
- Case Manager
- Clinical Liaison
- Counselor
- Counselor Aide
- Intake Specialist
- Medical Technologist
- Registered Dieticians
- CNA (The Caring House)
- LPN (The Caring House)
- RN (The Caring House)

**APPLY NOW!**

at  
[GRHC.ORG/CAREERS](http://GRHC.ORG/CAREERS)



Scan Me For More Information

Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices, Outpatient Clinics, and Pharmacy will be

**CLOSED  
MONDAY  
JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC's main line (520) 562-3321.

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, July 5, 2022. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

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

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

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

# VIRTUAL 10K OR HALF MARATHON STAGE RUN

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE  
COMPLETE WITHIN 14 DAYS

**07.05.22 - 07.19.22**



REGISTER USING GOOGLE FORMS, SCAN QR CODE ABOVE.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 12TH.

SELECT YOUR RACE DISTANCE.

WALK OR RUN THE STAGE DISTANCES.

SUBMIT ALL TIMES FOR EACH COMPLETED.

EARN A \$10 GIFT CARD FOR EACH STAGE COMPLETED.

(MUST COMPLETE ALL STAGES FOR REGISTERED DISTANCE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY GIFT CARDS)

T-SHIRT AND LUNCH PROVIDED.

### STAGES & DISTANCES

**13.1 MILES**  
4 DAYS  
STAGE 1 - 3.3 MILES  
STAGE 2 - 3.3 MILES  
STAGE 3 - 3.3 MILES  
STAGE 4 - 3.2 MILES

**10K 6.2 MILES**  
3 DAYS  
STAGE 1 - 2.0 MILES  
STAGE 2 - 2.1 MILES  
STAGE 3 - 2.1 MILES

**2.4K 1.5 MILES**  
1 DAY  
STAGE 1 - 1.5 MILES  
(FOR 55+ AND KIDS 12 & UNDER)

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

# PRIDE MONTH

Check out a LGBTQ book

Use the Libby app

Audiobook or eBook

Submit a book review by July 31st

\*Chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card

\*Don't forget to sign up for summer reading!



Open to Ak-Chin Members, Residents & Employees. Questions? Call 520-568-1675



## YES WE ARE OPEN!!!

Come out and visit us

### LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9AM TO 6PM

SATURDAY

12PM TO 4PM

For information on Services or Items please contact us @ 520-568-1675



### NEW EMPLOYEES



DAVID HENSON  
Firefighter/Medic  
Fire



ROMAN ORONA  
Environmental Programs  
Manager - EPD

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01  
Kalene Santiago

7/02  
Daniel Batopis  
Angle Warren  
Abrianna Machado

07/03  
Fernanda Acunia-Pablo  
Sierra Paddock  
Valécita Enos

07/04  
Mathilda Miguel  
Dalia Antone  
Yessenia Santiago  
Elisia Ugalde

07/05  
Amanda Kaniatobe  
Jilayne Miguel

07/06  
Erno Lopez  
Flora Howerton

07/07  
David Garcia  
Lucio Martinez, IV

07/08  
Jason Smith

07/09  
Jeremy Johns  
Georgia Corella  
Yrene Zepeda  
Chizzum Justin

07/10  
Kenneth Lewis  
Anthony Lewis  
Elizabeth Machado  
Whitney Justin  
Stacy Antone

07/11  
Lyndsey Peters

07/12  
Mariah Stephens  
Leeanna Jensen  
Iris Attakai  
Evan Miller  
Gloria Martinez

07/13  
Leeann Peters  
Jaelyn Justin

Dustin Miguel  
Mason Miguel  
Martin Antone, Jr.  
Simon Bowman

07/14  
Jayden Hayslip  
Noahli Antone  
Esther Alvarez

07/15  
Jordan Stephens

07/16  
Elaina Enos  
Linda Smith  
Danny Soliz

07/17  
Jorge Alvarez, Jr.  
Taos Joaquin

07/18  
Silas Norris  
Abraham Jose

07/19  
Dorian Nosie-Romo  
Hannah Smith  
Aniya Deleon

07/20  
Aiden Antone  
Marisol Andaverde  
Briana Pena  
James Lopez  
Havier Stephens, Sr.  
Richard Carlyle  
Robin Vincent

07/21  
Dominic Lewis  
Kaycee Lopez  
Ja'Marrion Stevenson

07/22  
Mark Narcia

07/23  
Ulyceiz Ocanas  
Connor Miguel  
Bon Alvarez  
Carlos Delores

07/24  
Samantha Martinez  
Stephanie Valdez  
Doyleen Pablo  
Consuella Santiago  
Milla Cuatt

Alejandra Castro

07/25  
Xendryk Silas-Antone  
Jamar Stevenson, Jr.  
Norman Vincent, Jr.

07/26  
Tyler Mike  
Teagan Delma

07/15  
Fabian Santiago  
Sally Antone  
Kylie Hill

07/27  
Kaylan Peters  
Aurelia Peters  
Lilly-anna Johnson

07/28  
Jeannie Stephens  
Terrance Peters  
Luis Rodas  
Cheryl Lopez

07/29  
Laila Lopez

07/30  
Ashlea Anderson  
Corrina White  
Cecil Miguel, Sr.

07/31  
Lino Valles, Jr.  
Clyde Santiago  
Brenda Arellanes-Burgos  
Kristen Villegas



## JOB OPENINGS

- Applications Software Technician
- Deli Clerk (2)
- Detention Officer (Certified and Non-Certified)
- Economic Development Analyst
- Groundskeeper - Parks/Recreation
- Network Systems Technician
- Photojournalist
- Police Officer (Recruit/Non-Certified)
- Police Officer - Certified
- Senior Planner
- Sr. Network Systems Specialist
- Tribal Gaming Agency Executive Director



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.

Happy Birthday  
to my daughter Flora  
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday  
Spanky, Chizzer, Shweetie,  
Lynds and Sister  
Love your family

Happy Birthday  
to my granddaughters  
Lyndsey and Leeann  
Love, Grandma



### Employee Birthdays July 1 - 14

7/2  
Dalena Crawford, Maintenance

7/3  
Rayford Vavages, Maintenance  
Sierra Paddock, Finance

7/4  
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# Stress relief through laughter added benefit at DT Comedy Show

Story and photos by R. Bowen



Above: Ambur James



Below: Host Rob Rodriguez, and Comedian Lola Hernandez



On Saturday, June 25, 2022, Maricopans and visitors found laughter to be the best medicine for stress relief during the DT Comedy Show.

Celebrating its ninth year, the DT Comedy Show is known for bringing a talented lineup, including local and national stand-up comedians to the stage for about the price of a movie ticket.

Audience members were treated to jokes by host Rob Rodriguez, AKA "Big Rob", Lola Hernandez, DT, Mando Man and headliner Ambur James. For countless audience members, the night's hilarity was a much-needed reprieve from the past years' challenges and rising cost of living.

The comedians' topics included a wide range of relatable moments and personal insights into some of life's most humorous situations.

Of course, Maricopa itself was not immune from a few well-placed antics. Giggles, snorts, tears of laughter and the occasional spontaneous interaction with the audience could be heard throughout the event.

David "DT" Trujillo, Ak-Chin Circle Operations Manager shared, "It's kind of surreal that we have had 29 shows in 9 years. I can still remember being nervous 9 years ago, pitching the very first show

to management. 9 years later, it's one of the longest running comedy shows in Arizona!"

DT plans to bring his comedy show back in the fall of 2022.



Above: "DT"

At left: Mando Man

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