



## Ak-Chin Community athletes participate in numerous sporting events around Phoenix

### Michael Enos earns first Ring with Mambas Football 10U



Above, Michael Enos (kneeling-4th from right) with his Maricopa Mambas 10U football team, proudly hold up their championship trophies. At right, Micheal Enos shows off his championship ring. Story by R. Peters, photos submitted by Maricopa Mambas

Community member Michael Enos, son of Nathan and Lusan Enos, has earned his first championship ring, with the Maricopa Mambas 10U football team.

The Mambas played Independence Jr. Patriots

for the 10U National Youth Sports (NYS) Division Championship on May 21st, at Camelback High School.

"It was a great, intense game as we had a come from behind victory," shared head coach Ruben Adame.

The Mambas were down, 6-13 at halftime, but that did not keep them from finding the will and determination to get the win.

In the second half, the Mambas outplayed the Jr. Patriots, and won the game, 19-13, earning

their championship rings and trophy.

The Maricopa Mambas have been playing for three seasons, starting as a 9U team. During their second season they came up short in the championship game, so this win was

bittersweet.

Michael has been playing for the Maricopa Mambas since they started as 9U. This will be his fourth season with the Mambas, who will be

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Ak-Chin Warriors Co-ed Softball team enjoys a moment, after a busy day of playing in the Lori Piestewa Softball Tournament at Bell Bank Park on Saturday, July 16. Story and photo by R. Peters

## Ak-Chin participates in 19th Annual NABI

The 2022 Native American Basketball Invitational kicked off with a weeklong schedule of games played at seven valley locations, as well as an educational summit and NABI championships played at the Footprint Center Pavilion in downtown Phoenix.

Ak-Chin had both a boys and girls team entered in the 2022 NABI tournament.

Wesley and Bernardina Gonzales coached the girls, while the boys were coached by Thomas Carlyle and Jose Miguel, Jr. Both teams had a three-game guarantee during pool play, followed by a double-elimination tournament.

Ak-Chin Girls were very young and inexperienced

going into this year's NABI tournament. They played teams from Oklahoma, North Dakota and Arizona, during regular pool play, July 18-19. Ak-Chin matched up with Rockhawks from Montana for their first tourney bracket game on July 19, then played CALI SMOKE from California on July 20. Ak-Chin Girls had a few good plays, unfortunately

### Ak-Chin represents at Lori Piestewa National Native American Games

July was a super busy month, especially for all athletes from the Ak-Chin Indian Community who traveled to and from the many sporting events that took place around Phoenix.

During the weekend of July 15, Ak-Chin had members play in four of the six sports during the Lori Piestewa National Native American Games that were held at Salt River Recreation Baseball Fields and Bell Bank Park in Mesa.

Ak-Chin Warriors Co-ed softball, who had a full roster of Ak-Chin members, took to the fields at Ball Park on Saturday, July 16, after their scheduled games for Friday were canceled due to weather delay.

They played three back-to-back games Saturday morning, winning all three games and placing first in their pool.

The first games ended in a tie, and the tiebreaker rule was enforced, where a runner is placed on second base and the first team to score wins. They went 8 extra innings in



Above, Ak-Chin Boys and Girls basketball teams gather together for a photo after a game during the 2022 Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament, Tuesday July 19. Story and photo by R. Peters

ly they lost all games, with an overall 0-5 for this year's NABI.

Ak-Chin Boys have been playing with one another for quite some time and it definitely showed as they worked the boards and put up great numbers in each game. The boys ended pool play with a 2-1 record, play-

ing against teams from Minnesota, Oklahoma and Arizona. Going into the tournament bracket on July 19, Ak-Chin Boys looked really good as they played against TEAMTESGI from Arizona. They kept the scores close against N8V Longhorns from New Mexico, unfortunately the boys were eliminat-

ed 0-2 in the tournament, posting an overall 3-2 record for 2022 NABI.

It was a bittersweet moment for community members Xendryk Silas-Antone, Victor Andaverde, Frankie Carlyle, Adrian Montana and Richard Villegas, as this was their last year playing for Coach Thom-

as and NABI. Hopefully, we will see these young men join up with older AKC Alumni and continue to play in adult leagues/tournaments.

Congratulations to both teams for getting the chance to experience all NABI provided and for representing Ak-Chin.

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# Elder Chair Yoga at the Elder Center gaining more interest

Story and photos by J. Peters

Early morning chair yoga sessions have been brought to the Ak-Chin Elder Center.

Every Monday and Thursday at 9 AM elders can join yoga instructor Christy Burnette for a 30-minute modified yoga

session. Community elders took advantage of the sessions, dedicating themselves to increase their health, mobility, and balance using simple techniques taught by Ms.

These sessions are open to elders, caregivers of elders, and grandparents raising grand kids. For questions or to sign up please contact: (520) 568-1760.



Elders enjoy their chair yoga session with instructor Christy.



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moving up to the 11U, 11-man tackle unweighted division.

“Michael has come a long way from when we started.” said Coach Adame. “He is a big part of our offensive and defensive... Michael is a fearless player, as he can be in front of the biggest kid on our opposition and he goes about it like it’s no big deal.”

Maricopa Mambas stress to the kids to have each other’s back, both in and off the field. They work hard during the season to teach the fundamentals of football and strive on team building during family bonding.

In addition to head coach Adame, the coaching staff includes; Andre Bell, Kwincey Edwards, and Carl Lamor.

The Mambas have also “been blessed to have had some of the Rattlers players work and condition with our kids and also attend arena football games together as a team.” Team mom, Devon Adame shared.

Parents Nathan and Lusan are super proud of their son and support him and his team in every way possible.

The time and commitment are tough, but the family makes the time to attend practice, games and activities during the season, such as parties, meetings and tailgating.

“We have become a team family, so the boys become a brotherhood, that’s one thing coach Ruben tells them.” Lusan shared.

Lusan has been asked to help with fund-raising this season and she’s excited, “we gonna hook it up.”

Lusan no doubt will be making her delicious popovers with all the fixings, and Indian tacos, as they were a huge hit with the team.

Coach Adame also shared that Michael “has the biggest heart and loves the game. We are grateful to have him be a part of this team along with his FAMILY as they are a big part of the support system for him and the TEAM!!”

Congratulations to Michael and the Maricopa Mambas for winning their first championship – best of luck with your new season 11U Mambas.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Ak-Chin Indian Community General Plan Update

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) is seeking qualified consultants to conduct an update to the Community’s 2003 General Plan. The current General Plan contains goals and policies for land use, transportation, cost of development, the natural environment, and preservation of cultural resources. The selected consultant will partner with Community staff, departments, the membership, and the Council to visualize and develop General Plan Elements and an implementation plan as part of the update. Additionally, the consultant will facilitate Community engagement, present recommendations, and solicit feedback.

### I. BACKGROUND

The Community encompasses approximately 33 square miles of land, which designate areas of land for Residential, Public Use, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Preserved Sensitive, and Riparian areas. The Community’s General Plan is the tool for guiding the future of the Community. The General Plan Elements will establish development needs and sets the goals and objectives together with the land use map, to direct future development.

### II. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING AND QUESTIONS

A Virtual pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. MST on Monday, August 15, 2022 via WebEx. To receive an invitation to connect by WebEx one must register by emailing a request to participate in the General Plan Update pre-proposal meeting by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager at the following email: FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. The RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

Any questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted via email by 12:00 p.m. MST on Friday, August 19, 2022 to the Purchasing Manager. **The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. MST.**

### III. SUBMISSIONS

Physical submissions shall be provided in a package clearly marked “AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.” Please submit five (5) bound and (1) unbound copies of your Proposal to the Purchasing Manager at the address listed below.

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



Above: Cory Butler-Byrd, defensive back for the Arizona Rattlers, with Maricopa Mambas (l-r): Maverick Olsen, Isaac Adame, Khaymon Brooks, and Michael Enos, at a Rattler’s game. Cory did workouts with the Mambas kids.

## Runner tours Casa Grande Valley Newspapers, Inc.



From left: Donovan Kramer, Jr., Casa Grande Valley Newspapers Co-Publisher/Managing Editor, Justine Peters, Runner photojournalist, Teagan Delma and Auciana Miguel, Summer workers and Melva Bekis, Casa Grande Valley Newspapers Composing Supervisor, tour the print room.

On Thursday, July 14, Runner staff members took a tour of the Casa Grande Valley Newspaper, Inc. office in Casa Grande.

The staff was interested to see where the Ak-Chin O’odham Runner was printed.

Staff met with Donovan Kramer Jr., Co-Publisher, Managing Editor and Melva Bekis, Composing Department Supervisor for Casa

Grande Valley Newspapers. Donovan and Melva shared information and pointed out various print equipment during the tour.

Casa Grande Valley Newspapers, Inc. is a family owned and operated newspaper and commercial printing company. It publishes 6 community newspapers, 4 specialty publications, 3 news websites and a digital marketing division.

## Elder August Breakfast-Lunch Menu

**5 Potatoes with Chorizo,** Beans, Tortillas, Fruit | **Hot Dogs,** Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Ice-Cream

**8 Cream of Wheat,** Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit | **Chicken Fried Rice,** Green Beans, Egg Rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

**9 Crepes,** Boiled Eggs, Avocado Slices, Mix fruit | **Tofu Tacos,** Yellow Squash, Carrots, Apple Sauce

**10 Breakfast Casserole,** Toast, Oranges | **Taco Salad,** Lettuce, Tomato, Fresh Mixed Fruit

**11 Over Night Oats,** Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit | **Baked Chicken,** Broccoli, Wild Rice, Salad, Rolls, Tropical Fruit

**12 Breakfast Burrito,** Hash brown, Yogurt, Granola Bar | **Egg Salad Sandwich,** Tomato/Cucumber w/Cottage Cheese, Chips, Jell-O

**15 Chicken Fried Steak,** Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Watermelon | **Lima Beans,** Pork Chop (D), Carrots, Asparagus, Moon Bread, Berries w/Yogurt

**16 Cream of Wheat,** Boiled Eggs, Raisin Bread, Fruit | **Chicken Salad over Shredded Lettuce,** Tomato, Cucumber, Crackers, Orange-Apple

**17 Cinnamon Roll Waffles,** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit | **Beef Stuffed Bell Pepper,** Brown Rice, Creamed Spinach, Pineapple

**18 Scrambled Eggs with Salsa,** Avocado Slices, Toast, Peaches with Cottage Cheese | **Green Chili Tamale,** Rice, Beans, Peach Cobbler w/Ice-Cream

**19 Oatmeal,** Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana | **Fish or Chicken Sandwich,** Cole Slaw, Mixed Vegetables, Cookies

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

# 2022 Harrah's Ak-Chin Summer Youth Program

Submitted by Erica Oliver, HDS Manager



Harrah's Summer Youth Program alongside HDS employees.

The Summer Youth Program, at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, provided on-the-job training, community service activities, cultural workshops, and development opportunities for Ak-Chin high school students during their summer break.

Work experience

consisted of opportunities within the casino's hospitality departments ranging from the Hotel, Housekeeping, Food and Beverage, Warehouse, and Facilities.

The summer youth participants, along with the HDS Associates, and HDS Interns, participated in an off-property community service event,

packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, in Mesa, AZ on July 13, 2022.

In total, 123 food boxes were packed, which amounted to 26,568 meals. I am very grateful to the Ak-Chin Indian Community, in providing transportation for the

*Harrah's Youth Program continued to page 8*

## Water Conservation

Article submitted by: Ross Stimac, Water Quality Specialist, Environmental Programs

The Southwestern region of the United States has been subjected to a 22-year long megadrought. A megadrought is defined as an extended drought that lasts more than two decades. In the journal Nature Climate Change, a study was conducted that found since 2000 the southwest has experienced its driest period in 1200 years. The study conducted in Nature Climate Change found past soil moisture contents and snow water content for past time periods by using tree rings throughout North America. With this drought being one of the most severe ever in the southwest, Park Williams, a geographer for UCLA, says it will take multiple wet seasons in order to start repairing the effects of this major drought.

Climate change is a major reason why these drought conditions are worsening. With greenhouse gasses trapping heat in the atmosphere, soil and vegetation are drying out. According to the United States Drought Monitor, 95 percent of the western United States has experienced drought conditions since February of this year. Finally, according to the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation, two of the largest reservoirs in North America, Lake Mead and Lake Powell, have reached their lowest recorded levels since tracking began.

When it comes to conserving water, small changes can make a big difference. The Arizona Department of Water Resources found that the average Arizona resident uses 146 gallons of water per day, which is 56% higher than the national average. By practicing water conservation, we can significantly lessen our water waste. From the bathroom to the backyard, these tips can help you start conserving in new ways today. How you can make a difference:

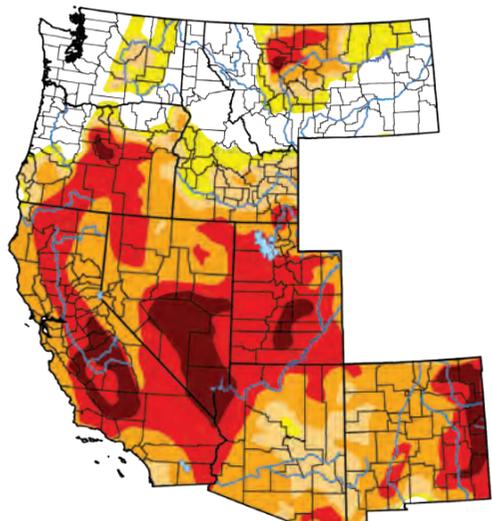
- Know how your landscaping or sprinkler timer works. Decrease watering as weather cools or whenever it rains in your area.
- Only water the lawn when necessary. If you water your lawn and garden, only water in the early mornings or evenings because wind and evaporation are lower.
- Don't over-water native plants. Learn how much water they need and realize that they are

desert plants and will die from too much water.

- Plant grass only where children and pets use it, not just as a decoration.
- Sweep your driveway instead of hosing it down.
- Don't fill your washing machine with water if you don't have a full load of clothes in it.
- Run your dishwasher only when it's full. Do not pre-rinse unless you need to, as most new dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing.
- When cooking, peel and clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.
- Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes.
- Only use the garbage disposal when necessary (composting is a great alternative).
- Turn off the water to brush teeth, shave and soap up in the shower. Fill the sink to shave.
- Take 5-minute showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires up to 70 gallons of water.

### U.S. Drought Monitor West

July 19, 2022  
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**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD FOR 3 HOMES – BEDROOM ADDITIONS & 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 1:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, August 11, 2022, by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us), by noon on Wednesday, August 10, 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 Thursday, August 18, 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 Tuesday, August 23, 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.



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

### AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON A DESIGN-BUILD FOR THE AK-CHIN CIRCLE BUSINESS SUITES COMPLEX PROJECT

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design-Build Agreement. The project for Design/Construction consists of the following:

The proposed project area totals approximately 3.0 +/- acres and will be located at the intersection of Narcia Street and Tobi Drive, next to the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Complex. Development of the business office complex will consist of two office buildings of approximately 16,000 sf. each.

The scope of work will consist of (Part-1) design and preconstruction services of an initial 16,000 sq. ft. building and incorporating the conceptual design of the second 16,000 sq. ft. office bldg. into the overall site plan for expansion in the future. The initial office building will incorporate an existing tenant looking to relocate and will require approximately 7,500 sq. ft. (Part-2) construction will be initiated by acceptance and concurrence of the GMP that will be provided by the Design-Builder, upon design completion.

A Recommended Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting will be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, August 11, 2022 by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us), by noon on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. The full RFP will be provided electronically shortly after registering.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be Wednesday, August 17, 2022 by 5 p.m. (MST). Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). Also, Cc: Project Director, Perry Vettraino at [pvettraino@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:pvettraino@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, August 24, 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.

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# Camp Innovation at Ak-Chin Library

Photos by A. Miguel and T. Delma

Arizona Science Center Camp Innovation held two weeks of fun scientific activities for children around the county. Our own Ak-Chin Library was a hosting spot for Ak-Chin and Maricopa youth who signed up for the week-long program.

a whole sleeve of captivating science projects for students.

Activities included; learning what it takes to build a water filtration system to help amphibians swim in cleaner waters, to creating their own oven by using the power of the sun and simple materials, and even learning what it takes to create a heat shield to help protect a spacecraft from burning up when entering back into the

Camp Innovation is designed to keep children engaged in educational programing to help improve their academic futures. The interestingly fun activities involve



**Instructor dispenses project materials to kids.**  
earth's atmosphere. things along the way.

These fun experiments cured the summer break boredom, while teaching the kids exciting new

The Camp was held July 5th-15th. The first week was reserved for 1st-3rd grade, and the second week was reserved for 4th-6th grade. There were approximately 15 participants who attended at the library.

Ak-Chin Library also provided lunch and snacks for all the children during their time at Camp Innovation.



**Kids working hard on creating a water filtration system using everyday items.**

## Piastewa Games continued from Front

the first game to claim victory over team Unfinished. During the second game they only had to play one extra inning before defeating Runnin' Turtles. They easily won their third game against Seneca Bears.

in the Co-ed Competitive volleyball division, with team Skoden. They had pool play games on Friday and Saturday.

Coming in 0-3, Wesley and his team lost their first bracket play on Saturday evening and were eliminated.

The Warriors returned Saturday evening for the tournament bracket play. Their first game, scheduled at 6pm was almost canceled due to another weather delay.

Community member and college basketball star, Jose Miguel, Jr. played with team OTF in the Adult basketball division.

Invitational (NABI).

Lil Natives youth baseball had several Ak-Chin little leaguers playing on their team for the Lori Piastewa Baseball tournament held at Salt River Recreation

fields. Please look for their participation results in the next Runner.

Congratulations to all the teams and players for participating in the 2022 Lori Piastewa National Native American Games.



**Far left is Jose Miguel Jr. with his OTF teammates, who were Champions in the Showcase Bracket.**



**Frankie Carlyle and Richard Villegas enjoy time on the court with team TE from Salt River during the Piastewa Boy's Varsity basketball division.**

**ART SESSION: CERAMICS**

**COME CREATE!**

**LEARN & CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Location: Art Building (Him-Dak Museum)  
 Session Begins: July 19, 2022  
 Session Ends: September 01, 2022  
 When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)  
 4:30PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)  
 (Come in anytime between the times above/work at your own pace)

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**GAME HACKER**

**SCATCH 3**

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

Join us for Game Hacker in person.  
 Every Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM.

If you have questions, contact us at  
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 or 520-568-1675

**Spots are limited!**

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



**Morgan Peters (second from left) and Angel Antone (center) with Native Net Ninja team.**



**Wesley Gonzalez goes up for a spike.**

About an hour later they were allowed back on the field and looked to win their first game, scoring early and staying ahead for a few innings, unfortunately the winds and their luck changed and they were eliminated in the first round of the tournament.

After a 0-2 pool play record, they were seeded in the Showcase bracket and played Sunday, defeating NFL 44-25, then advancing to the championship round where they beat Los Natives, 73-63, winning the Championship.

Native Net Ninjas who had members Morgan Peters and Angel Antone participating, also did well during their pool play for the Women's Open Volleyball division, winning their matches against Spiked Punch, Get Some, Calm Your Tips and City Girls.

Young Community members, Frankie Carlyle and Richard Villegas participated in the Boys' Varsity Basketball division with TE from Salt River.

They played Saturday, and were 0-2 in pool play. TE also advanced to the Showcase Sunday bracket and placed second, defeating Apache Boys 69-63, and losing to Pine Ridge Thorpes, 49-54.

Native Net Ninjas were top seed in their bracket and also looking good, as they won their first set in bracket play on Sunday, unfortunately injuries prevented the Ninjas from advancing.

Although, Frankie and Richard did not see action on Sunday, as they were making their way to the opening ceremonies for the 2022 Native American Basketball

Wesley Gonzales, community member and employee, participated

## NABI continued from Front



**Mylauni Antone reaches for the ball before it goes out of bounds.**



**2022 Ak-Chin Girls team takes time for photo before their game on July 18.**

Congratulations also to the 2022 NABI College Scholarship Awardees, Alonzo Adams and Baily Nez who both received \$10,000 scholarships, and the

2022 NABI Champions – Girls – Rez Bombers and Boys Champions – AZ Warriors.

NABI is recognized for being the largest Native

American Basketball Tournament in the US, with over 1300 student athletes participating in the week-long program, that includes many educational

opportunities, including the NABI College & Career Fair, NABI Educational Youth Summit and NABI College Scholarship Fund.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

# 2022 GLOW RUN

AUGUST 18TH, 2022  
 STARTING AT 6:00 PM  
 START LINE NEAR AK-CHIN RECREATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FITNESS!  
 IN-PERSON ONLY EVENT • 2-MILE WALK OR RUN

REGISTER BY SCANNING QR CODE.  
 REGISTRATION CLOSING AUG. 16TH.  
 RECEIVE A T-SHIRT, DINNER, & ENTER OUR RAFFLE.  
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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH ED AT 520-568-1085 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



**Ak-Chin Boys work together on defense.**



**Frankie Carlyle pushes his way to the basket.**



GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE  
(520) 550-6079  
GRHC.ORG/HUB

# Ak-Chin Indian Community COVID TESTING DATES

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
5 pm - 7 pm

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5 pm - 7 pm



**Ak-Chin Multipurpose Justice Complex, Maricopa, AZ 85139**

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# Reminder!

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

# CLOSED

**LABOR DAY**  
**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Normal business hours will resume 9/6/22.

**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**  
**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Normal business hours will resume 9/19/22.

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

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

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

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# GAME HACKER

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

Join us for Game Hacker in person.  
Every Wednesday 4 to 5:30PM.

If you have questions, contact us at  
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or 520-568-1675

**Spots are limited!**

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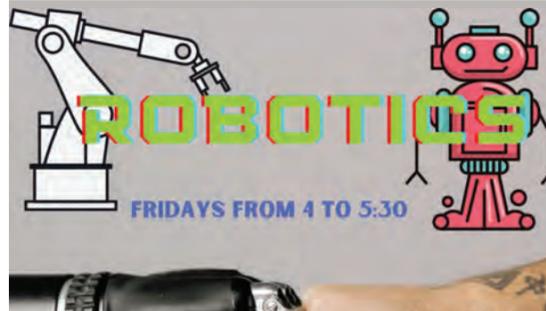


## Gardening Club is here!

the club part anyways

More information contact the Library at  
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This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services NAB-250364-OLS-21.



# ROBOTICS

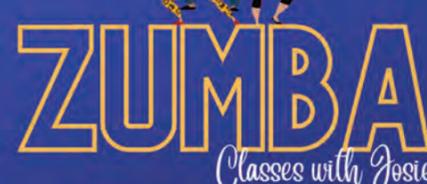
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Ak-Chin Health Education Presents...



# ZUMBA

Classes with Josie

**Classes Starting August 9th**  
**Tuesday Evenings**  
**6:00 PM - 7:00PM**  
**Ak-Chin Recreation Gym**



Register using GOOGLE Forms. Scan QR code to register for class.

Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, their families, Residents, and Ak-Chin Employees and their families.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080.



## Flower Making Session

**In Person or Take Home**

Program runs from:  
August 2nd - October 18, 2022

In Person is every Tuesday  
Time: 4:30 - 7:00 pm  
Place: Him-Dak Art Building  
(Transportation provided within the Ak-Chin Community, please call before 4:00 pm.)

For take home bags, please call the Him-Dak to schedule a pick up or drop off time.

Open to all Ak-Chin Community Members and Residents, who would like to make crepe paper flower wreaths for All Souls Day.

**520-568-1350/1354/1355**



## JOB OPENINGS

- Detention Officer (Certified and Non-Certified)
- Economic Development Analyst
- Homemaker part-time (1) - Open to Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Only
- Network Systems Technician
- Newspaper Assistant
- Parks Maintenance Technician
- Police Officer (Recruit/ Non-Certified)
- Police Officer - Certified
- Senior Planner
- 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.

## Wishes

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Rachel, Joanna, and my grandsons Christian, King-Benzie, Joseph Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Rach, Aaron and Percy

Hope you all have a super-duper birthday!!  
Love your family

Happy Birthday Johnny!  
Love, Goddaddy and Godmama

## AUGUST EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Arnold Aguirre, Law & Order Lenny Dempsey, Education	8/2 Jennifer Boehm, Fire & Safety	8/4 Nicole Delma, Early Childhood Jason Wilhite, Fire & Safety	8/5 Anthony Narcia, Environmental Protection	8/7 Jeffrey Looper, Transit Jacob Dickerson, Maintenance	8/8 Melanie Toledo, Library Tracy Zimmerman, Capital Projects	8/9 Zeus Zuniga, IS Nareiso Schweitzer, Environmental Protection	8/11 William Narcia, Law & Order Pete Bejar, TGA Christian Soliz, Human Resources Allison Butler, Transit	8/12 Darlene Smith-McClelland, Education	8/13 Gregory Porto, Fire & Safety	8/15 Matthew Millo, Public Defender Sergio Romero, Housing	8/16 Rudy Aguirre, TGA	8/17 Charing Hoffman, Environmental Protection	8/21 Daniel Mercado, IS Dale Vance, Fire & Safety	8/23 Dorissa Garcia, Enrollment	8/24 Jeffrey Manuel, Parks & Recreation Brenice Kaisem, Law & Order	8/26 Lorenzo Holcomb, Law & Order	8/27 Blanca Briones, Human Resources Michelle Garcia, Early Childhood Gary Carr, Maintenance	8/28 Darren Peters, Fire & Safety Wilson Antone, Library	8/30 Candi Chavez, Sanitation Christopher Johnston, IS	8/31 Sheryl Grothe, Law & Order
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# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Aribella Vincent Sadie Rivers	2 Jennifer Boehm Wynema Vincent Jessica Narcia	3 Jaxson Brown Nicole Delma Amelia Osife Nathan Enos Aliyah Vincent	4 Rachel Lozano Esperanza Santiago Yondell Antone Anthony Narcia, Jr.	5 Alicia Gomez Joanne Stephens Haylee Delma Daniel White	6 Raiden James	7 Azalyana White Arrow Bowman King-Benzie Peters
8 Tahlia Johnson	9 Daniel Pablo	10 Virginia Thomas Virginia Mejia David Oliver Brandon Dean Lashey White Joseph Zabawa Christopher Vincent	11 Johnny Perkins Jasper Justin Channing Hoffman	12 George Lopez Juan Lopez	13 Lisa Miller Owen Santiago Delora Vincent Jasmine Kaniatobe Amanda Narcia Anthony Narcia, Sr. Florine Vincent	14 Andrew Narcia
15 Sharon Pablo Doria Garcia	16 Cruz Machado Michelle Narcia Nancy Carlyle Lorice Manuel Reginald Delores	17 Dorissa Garcia Jacoby Warren	18 Michael Peters, Jr. Jeffrey Manuel	19 Janaya Lopez	20 Denise Lewis	21 Darren Peters Jacob Vincent Jr. Delila Villegas Stacey Smith Stewart Peters Wilson Antone
22 Frankie Carlyle	23 Amiyah Deleon Arnulfo Bandin Amare Santiago Candi Chavez	24 Misty Quintero	25 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	26 Happy Birthday!	27 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	28 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

# Counting Crows rock Harrah's Events Center

Story and photos submitted by K. Morago

Build it and they will come. Since the opening of the Harrah's Event Center, Harrah's Ak-Chin has brought musical acts and performances that would probably pass by the Ak-Chin - Maricopa area.

On July 22nd, the Events Center was filled to capacity for a show by alternative rock group Counting Crows. Hitting the music scene with their 1993 debut album "August and Everything After," the group brought the 2022 Butter Miracle Tour to the area for an unforgettable show.

Opening their set with "Recovering the Satellites" from their second studio album, front man Adam Durwitz and fellow bandmembers performed their hits "Mr. Jones," "Omaha," and "Rain King," but there were also fan favorites "When I Dream of Michelangelo," "Palisades Park," and "Angel of 14th Street."

With over twenty million albums sold, the Grammy nominated band's music is filled with lyric and melodies on seven albums, including their 2021 EP Butter Miracle: Suite One. The musicianship was filled with synergy that brought the crowd forward toward the stage.

In southern Arizona, a good band always has an accordion and Counting Crows didn't disappoint. A band member brought out one of the largest accordions seen on the Harrah's stage for their last song "A Long December." The band returned for a two-song encore, "Round Here," and "Hangingaround," bringing out opening act Stephen Kellogg for the final song.

The music continues at the Harrah's Event Center. Country artist and Opry Member Chris Janson visits Harrah's Ak-Chin on Saturday, August 13th and 80's pop band Boy George & Culture



Club performs for one show on Friday, August 19th. Both shows start at 8:00 pm.



Harrah's summer youth enjoy a day of bowling.



Harrah's summer youth program and HDS Associates don protective gear as they prepare food boxes.

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- 8/26 The Bride

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Aug. 13 & Aug 22

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AUGUST 14

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AUG 14

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**Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO** **AUGUST 2022** **CAESARS REWARDS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT <b>THE LOUNGE</b> FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS	1 TELL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ABOUT THE BIGGEST CASINO REWARDS PROGRAM!	2 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	3 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	4 BOOK A PLAYCATION & SPEND THE EVENING POOLSIDE	5 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	6 WOLFGANG PUCK™ KNIFE SET GIVEAWAY
7 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	8 INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT AGAVE'S RESTAURANT	9 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	10 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	11 RESERVE A PRIVATE CABANA DURING YOUR NEXT STAY!	12 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	13 CHRIS JANSON CONCERT
14 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	15 GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST THE DEALER IN ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD'EM	16 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	17 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	18 KENO	19 BOY GEORGE & CULTURE CLUB CONCERT BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	20 JOSH TURNER CONCERT
21 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	22 TREAT YOURSELF TO SOMETHING NEW AT THE GIFT SHOP	23 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	24 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	25 SNACK ON SMALL PLATES WITH YOUR PARTNER IN FUN AT DAK & FORK!	26 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	27 BINGO JACKPOTS ARE HEATING UP & YOU COULD BE THE WINNER!
28 BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA	29 EXCHANGE YOUR REWARD CREDITS FOR FREE SLOT PLAY!	30 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	31 ULTIMATE TAILGATE SET GIVEAWAY	<b>BONUS REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</b> FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS AUGUST 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28, 2022 8AM - 11:59PM EARN 150 TIER CREDITS ON FIVE FRIDAY AND SUNDAYS IN AUGUST AND ON THE FIFTH VISIT YOU'LL RECEIVE 15,000 BONUS REWARD CREDITS!		

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