



## Annual Elder Tea Party returns to BIA House



Him Dak staff and elders enjoyed the intimate gathering for the Elder Tea Party at the Historic BIA House on February 8.

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

On February 8th, the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum hosted their annual Elder Valentine's Tea Party at the Historic BIA House, where eight elders were able to gather in the BIA House dining room for an elegant tea party.

Museum staff offered a choice of caffeinated Earl Grey or Green tea. For caffeine-free options they had wild berry, peach passion and honey vanilla chamomile teas as well as lemonade and coffee.

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Elders sipped on their tea while they enjoyed a lunch of their annual Elder Valentine's Tea Party at the Historic BIA House, where eight elders were able to gather in the BIA House dining room for an elegant tea party.

While sipping their tea they played a few games that were set up by Museum staff members.

For the first game they had to

guess how many mints were in the cute Valentine jar, the closest to 44 and winner was Elvera Stephens.

The second game was a brainstorming activity, where they had to make up as many words as possible in one-minute from the words "Valentine's Day". The winner was Jeanette Peters with a whopping 21 words.

The third game was a spin on the game hot potato or the



## Ak-Chin students finish strong with MHS Girls Varsity Basketball

Story by Raychel Peters, photos by Runner Staff

Over the past basketball season, the Runner has gone out to cover five community students who just finished their season with Maricopa High School Varsity Lady Rams Basketball.

On February 1, Maricopa held their Senior Night, where they decorated the gym with school colors, red and black and recognized all seniors. Ak-Chin members Taylor Santiago and Mylauni Antone were among those celebrated alongside their family, peers and teammates.

Santiago played shooting guard for MHS. She has played varsity for 3 years. In her first game of the season, she scored 12 points, had 6 assists, and 4

rebounds.

Mom, Veronica Santiago says, "My baby Taylor has always been a hard-working student athlete since preschool; she is so amazing and is the second oldest of four with two baby brothers and an older sister...I could go on and on how awesome she is but I'll stop here...We're all so proud of her!"

After graduation, Taylor will be attending the University of Oregon, majoring in human physiology.

Mylauni "Mulan" Antone, played for Maricopa her sophomore and senior years. She has worked hard this season, by putting more effort

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## Ak-Chin participates in 85th Annual Tohono O'odham Rodeo & Fair



Above, Ak-Chin Council along with members of Arizona Indian Gaming Association, walk along the parade route at Tohono O'odham Nation Wapkiel Ha-Tas Rodeo & Fair parade on Saturday, February 3.

Story and photos by Raychel Peters

As we end the year with our Annual Masik Tas (Birthday) Celebration, the Tohono O'odham Nation begins the new year with their Rodeo and Fair.

February 1-4, 2024, Tohono O'odham Nation welcomed everyone to their 85th Annual Tohono O'odham Nation Wapkiel Ha-Tas Rodeo & Fair, held at Eugene P. Tashquith Sr. Livestock Complex, Sells, Az.

There were many things to see and do over the weekend in the Nation, as they hosted

a parade, rodeo, pow-wow, traditional games, carnival, musical entertainment and delicious O'odham food.

Ak-Chin had several participants out on Friday, February 2nd to participate in the All-Indian Jr. Rodeo.

Ak-Chin Council participated in the parade on Saturday, while many members entered events for the All-Indian Rodeo and Wild Horse Race.

Ak-Chin Toka teams, S-kubjuv Ju:dam and Al Ha'ascu Jujudam also participated

in the 2-day tournament, Saturday and Sunday. It was also shared that a few entered the dance contest.

Some enjoyed themselves so much that they drove to and from Sells, all weekend to take in all that the 85th Annual Rodeo and Fair had to offer.

Chairman Robert Miguel also went multiple days making that 4-hour round trip at least twice.

He shared, "Congratulations to the Tohono O'odham Nation on another wonderful

## Ak-Chin Preschool enjoys Valentine Dance Party



Queen Paislee White and King Daniel Lozano, Jr. were crowned at the Valentine Day Dance Party, February 13.

Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

Music, balloons and laughter filled the air at the Ak-Chin Preschool Valentine Dance on February 13th. The staff and children started the day with a party and Valentine's Day card exchange in their individual classrooms.

At around 10:30 all the classes came together for the dance party with DJ Mr. Richard. When the preschoolers weren't dancing, they were playing monster ball toss, ring toss, plink drop game or they could be seen decorating cookies,

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# Love is in the air at the Ak-Chin Elder Center



Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

The fog that filled the sky the morning of February 9, didn't stop these ladies from coming to the Ak-Chin Elder Center for a little afternoon crafting fun.

The ladies used lace, ribbon, foam heart shaped sheets and hot glue guns to attach decorations to their brown paper bags.

The ladies decorated

their Valentine's Day bags in preparation for the Valentine's Day luncheon held at the Elder Center on Wednesday February 14th.



On Wednesday February 14th the Elders gathered for a Valentine's Day lunch that included games and fun. They had chicken alfredo with broccoli, spring salad, bread sticks and for dessert they had strawberry cake.



Glenna Francisco and Virginia Zepeda enjoy the Elder Valentine Lunch.



Malinda Pete posing in her heart glasses and headband.



the Left-Right game.

As Staff member, Dannon Peters told a story everyone listened attentively and every time she said the word "left" or "right" they would pass a pin cushion in that direction to the person next to them.

At the end of the story, Jeannette Peters was the last one to hold the pin cushion at one table, she gifted her prize to her mom Evelina and Jeannie Stephens was the winner at the other table.

The fourth game was "Name that Song", where each participant received 1 point for every song title correctly guessed and 1 point if they could name the artist.

Everyone was very

excited about this game, as they were already singing and guessing to the music even before the game started.

Staff member, Autum Manuel, played about 10 seconds of the song and then allowed time for everyone to jot down their answers before playing the next song.

In the end Jeannette Peters and Elvera Stephens were able to identify the most songs correctly.

The fifth and final game really put their memory to the test. A tray was placed in front of elders with 11 items on it.

Everyone was given a minute to look at the tray and try to remember what

they saw. Afterwards, everyone had one minute to write down all the items they could remember.

Jeannette also won this game, but decided to give it to the next winners, who were all tied; Carmen Narcia, Florinda Peters and Raychel Peters. At the other table Connie Santiago and Elvera Stephens tied for second but Elvera decided to let Connie have the prize.

The grand prize raffle basket filled with goodies went to Evelina Lopez.

As a thank you for attending the Elder Valentine's Tea Party all ladies received a small bouquet of flowers, a tea towel and flower seed mix.



## ELDER FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1769</b></p> <p><b>* Breakfast Served from 7AM to 8:30AM</b></p> <p><b>* Lunch Served from 12NOON to 1PM</b></p>			<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Turnover</b></p> <p><b>Beef Tacos, Shredded Green Leaf, Tomato, Cheese, Black Beans, Zucchini, Oranges</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit</b></p> <p><b>Elder Gym Time 9am - 11am</b></p> <p><b>Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Vegetable Soup &amp; Turkey Sandwich, Peas, Grapes</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Center Closed - President's Day</b></p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Apple Sauce</b></p> <p><b>Pozole w. Hominy, Shredded Cabbage, Diced Onion, Lime, Asparagus, Wheat or white roll, Apple</b></p> <p><b>Goodwill Shopping Day</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Veggie Omelet, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit &amp; Yogurt</b></p> <p><b>Philly Cheese Steak, Stuffed Red Pepper, Normandy Vegetables, Lima Beans, Plums</b></p> <p><b>Erin Kariuki Angel Home Health Care 12pm - 1pm Presentation on scams</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Chorizo &amp; Eggs, Beans, Tortilla, Grapes</b></p> <p><b>Crusted Tilapia or Baked Chicken, Black Beans, Rice, Pineapples</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</b></p> <p><b>Bean or Chicken Tostadas, Broccoli, Corn, Peaches w. Cottage Cheese</b></p> <p><b>Elder Gym Time 9am - 11am</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit</b></p> <p><b>Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Romain Salad, Sweet Potato or Potato, Wheat or White Rolls, Cantaloupe</b></p> <p><b>Elder Gym Time 9am - 11am</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast Burrito, Salsa, Fruit w. Cottage Cheese</b></p> <p><b>Indian Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Fruit Cocktail</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 1pm</b></p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</b></p> <p><b>Tuna or Chicken Patties over Romain Salad, Avocado, Plums, Strawberry filled Crepes</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>29 Egg Sandwich, Hash Browns, Fruit Salad</b></p> <p><b>Cabbage Stew, Brown Rice, Carrots, Biscuits, Banana</b></p>	

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Don't forget the DEADLINE for the **March 7 - 14, 2024** issue is due by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

Material submitted after the **FEBRUARY 23RD DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

*Preschool Dance continued from Front*



taking pictures at the photo booth and coloring at the craft table.

Before the festivities ended, Daniel Lozano, Jr. and Paislee White were crowned Valentine King and Queen, they received a crown and a rose as their classmates clapped.

*Tobono O'odham Rodeo & Fair continued from Front*



*Emma Enos (left) and Johnathan Enos (right) participate in the Tohono O'odham Nation Jr. Rodeo, February 2. Photos submitted by Elaina Enos*

celebration as they highlighted their traditional and cultural history with a number of events and activities. As one of the Four Sister Tribes along with Tohono O'odham, Salt River, and Gila River, it's always great to showcase our unity during these great celebrations."

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- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Community

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

- You may come and make a payment arrangement and must be consistent.
- You may come to the court and dispute the matter and request a hearing.

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

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following case at 6 p.m. on Tuesday February 27, 2024, at the Justice Center Conference Room.**

**Case: SD-01-24 Data Center and Warehouse:**  
Project Applicants/Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton, Chief of Police, Manuel Garcia, Information Systems Director, Keith Franklin, and Fire Marshall, Jon Spezzacatena are requesting Preliminary Site Plan Approval for a new 15,294 sq. ft. Data Center and Warehouse on approximately 7.2 acres of land in the Public Use Zone. The site will be located South of the Ak-Chin Police Department.

The project consists of:

- 6,000 square feet set aside for future expansion; and
- Paved drives, as well as loading/unloading area; and
- Thirty-one (31) parking spaces including two handicap accessible parking spaces; and
- Walkways, site walls, dumpster pad, stormwater control, and underground utilities.

**Case: PS-01-24 Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Self-Parking/Valet Parking Remodel**  
Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Stovall is requesting Preliminary Site Plan Approval for Self-Parking/Valet Parking Lot remodel. The project consists of:

- Demolishing/re-pavement of existing lot; and
- New lighting with bird deterrent; and
- Shade structures with lighting for three parking rows; and
- Parking lot remodel increasing parking spaces from 259 to 354; and
- Relocating existing drainage structures; and
- Relocating west parking lot access for better ingress and egress; and
- New pedestrian crosswalk from parking lot to North entrance; and
- New landscaping within parking lot and perimeter; and
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# Ak-Chin students attend RECHARGE Conference



Story and photos submitted by Ak-Chin Education

On Friday, February 2nd, American Indian middle and high school students had the opportunity to participate in Arizona State University (ASU) RECHARGE Conference.

The annual conference is hosted by ASU Office of American Indian Initiatives and Access ASU at the Tempe campus. The conference includes engaging activities and inspiring presentations on culture and identity, college readiness, financial aid, majors, and campus resources.

This year, Ak-Chin

Education staff transported and chaperoned seven Ak-Chin high school students from Maricopa High School and out of district high schools to the conference. During this event, keynote speaker Charley Hogan, 16 and a junior in high school who starred in her first Netflix movie "Frybread Face and Me" shared her experience and journey in being a part of the movie.

Speakers included Dr. Quinton Boyce, professor at ASU and staff from Phoenix Indian Center both speaking on the importance of post-

secondary education. After the morning speakers, students attended two morning sessions and picked two topics of their choice which included eight different breakout sessions. Next was lunch and the resource fair where different programs from ASU spoke about their programs, Phoenix Indian Center, Tohono O'odham College, etc.

The day ended with session three and closing remarks. Students who participated enjoyed the conference and learned a lot about the ASU colleges.



## Valentine Craft at Him-Dak Museum

Story by Tyaun Marshburn photos by Runner staff

The Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum invited members and residents to get their creative juices flowing by doing Valentine themed crafts on February 7th at the

Ak-Chin Art building. The crowd was small so it was easy for everyone to get the one-on-one attention they needed to create their masterpieces.



MHS continued from Front a good practice and everyone making jokes" this season.

Kylie is a sophomore and two-year varsity player for MHS. She played power forward and contributed her fair share of rebounds, blocked shots and scoring drives. She was a little discouraged at the end of their season, but she was happy to be able to play with her community and NABI team players this season.



Kylie wins the jump.

For the senior night game, they played against West Point high school and won 48 to 27.



Taylor sinks a 3, during the Senior Night game.



Teagan and Mylauni are tough on defense.

into practices and games. She shared a highlight, "hitting a three pointer during one of our last games." Her plans after high school are to be an esthetician and make-up artist.

Teagan, who has been a tenacious point guard this season, feels her defense has been onpoint.

"I would say my highlight is when we played Tolleson for the second time, I played pretty good in the game, (creating) turnovers and my defense was pretty good as well."

Mom, Melanie Antone shared, "So proud of her dedication to not only her team but to her family, friends, youth council (she currently holds the seat as secretary) and last but very not least her passion for dance.

Alana Oliver played small forward. This was her first year playing basketball for Maricopa. One of the moms shared that she worked hard, playing with the other girls on the NABI team to earn a spot on the varsity this year. Alana said she liked, "having

With all that she has on her plate she still manages to lighten the mood anywhere she goes with her goofy personality and humor. I couldn't ask for a better kid and can't wait to see what she brings to the world in the years come! Congratulations kid, Class of 2024!!!! We love You."

Rounding out the Ak-Chin players for this season, we were able to also see Teagan Delma, Alana Oliver and Kylie Gardner.

## February is American Heart Month!



Protect your heart by eating healthy, staying active, and managing stress. Heart disease can run in families, so talk with elders about your family history.

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# 2024 Valentines Day 5k & 2k



Story and photos by Tyaun Marshburn

The rain showers that started Friday night into Saturday morning did not stop the show for the 2024 Valentine's Day 5k & 2k on February 10th, at Ak-Chin Service Center.

The route had to be changed due to the weather but I'm sure all 74 participants were happy they didn't have to run through the mud.

The winners of the 5k run are as follows: overall

male 1st place; Antonio Rodriguez 2nd place; Albertino Santiago and 3rd place; Rayford Vavages. Overall female 1st place; Flora Howerton, 2nd place; Gwen Pilone and 3rd place; Elexis Lopez.

For ages 14 & younger 1st place; Antonio Rodriguez, Logan Vavages. The winner for age group 15-19 was Kaleb Vavages. For ages 27-35 Elexis Lopez

(female) & Alexander Lopez (male).

For ages 36-45 Albertino Santiago (male). For ages 46-54 Gwen Pilone (female) And for ages 55+ Flora Howerton (female).

Once the walkers and runners were done, they enjoyed a balanced breakfast provided by Vekol Market. The breakfast consisted of a burrito (sausage, chorizo

or potato), fresh fruit and yogurt.

Since the Valentine's Day 5k & 2k was held on the same weekend as the Superbowl, participants were encouraged to dress in their favorite NFL team apparel. On the registration form, participants were also asked a few questions, one being who would win the Superbowl. 54% of all our registrants selected Kansas City Chiefs, while 46% selected San Francisco 49ers.

February is also Heart Health Month. There was a scavenger hunt with important questions and fill in the blanks surrounding the topic of heart health. One of the fill-in-the-blanks that shocked me was "Every hour per day spent watching TV is associated with an increased risk of dying from?" the answer was Heart Attack, Stroke, Cancer.

Ak-Chin Health Education department would like to thank

Ak-Chin Farms, Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works, Ak-Chin Police Department and Security, Ak-Chin Fire Department, GIS Department, Vekol Market, Runner Staff, and Waylon Antone.

"Thank you for all your help to help us prepare and to host this event. A special thank you to all the participants. We are glad you were able to join us on a rainy Saturday morning. We appreciate all of you! Thank you!"



1	What is a common warning sign of a Heart Attack?	Shortness of Breath, Nausea/Vomiting, Back /Jaw Pain POSTER: FAST
2	COMPLETE THE SENTENCE: Every hour per day spent watching TV is associated with an increased risk of dying from _____ or _____	Heart Attack Stroke Cancer POSTER: 101 HEART HEALTHY FACTS
3	Your heart beats about how many times per day?	100,000 POSTER: BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH
4	What are common Causes of Heart Failure? POSTER:FAST	Heart Attacks, High Blood Pressure, Viral Infections Poster: HEART DISEASE
5	When Blood Pressure is elevated, the heart must work harder to pump blood through the arteries. This can cause thickening of the heart muscle. What is that called?	Arteriosclerosis POSTER: HEART CONDITIONS
6	What is a common warning sign of a Stroke?	Numbness/Weakness of face arm or leg. Confusion, Trouble Seeing, Trouble Walking, dizzy, balance, Severe Headache POSTER: FAST



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# 2024 HIM-DAK SPRING ART PROGRAM

March 04 - March 15

K-12th Grade  
(For Members and Residents)

We will be having one Art Program Session  
from March 4th - March 15th (2 weeks)

Registration is limited to the first 15 kids  
signed up per grade group/session.

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grade Groups: K-1st, 2nd-4th, 5th-8th, 9th -12th

We will have a morning and afternoon snacks and lunch.

No Transportation Provided

For kid/s drop off and pick up,  
please enter on North side of Art Building

**ATTENTION:** For any child/ren attending the "Water is Life" 2024 Spring Program  
at the gymnasium after the Him-Dak Art Program, a registration form  
would still need to be completed to attend the "Water is Life" Spring Program.

For any questions call:  
Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum at 520-568-1350 or  
Email Waylon at: wjantone@ak-chin.nsn.us



## FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

<b>1-Feb</b> Anthony Giovanni, Fire & Safety Christopher Cypriano, Maintenance	<b>11-Feb</b> Kain Marrietta, Law & Order Jeannette Peters, Him Dak Museum Kyle Chavez, Law & Order Salinda Lopez, Human Resources Mary Diaz, TGA	<b>20-Feb</b> Aaron Apodaca, Retail
<b>4-Feb</b> Francine Sanchez, Early Childhood	<b>12-Feb</b> Grace Pablo, Housing Department	<b>21-Feb</b> Randon Quasula, Maintenance
<b>6-Feb</b> Caleb Gilbert, Fire & Safety	<b>13-Feb</b> Griselda Fonseca Saldana, Maintenance Justin Burke, Fire & Safety	<b>23-Feb</b> Shanya Hutcheson, Retail
<b>7-Feb</b> Matthew Tess, Education Roman Orona, Environmental Protection	<b>15-Feb</b> Diana Velazquez, Education	<b>25-Feb</b> Alexander Lopez, Parks & Recreation
<b>8-Feb</b> Concepcion Miguel, PRC Jade Rodriguez, Law & Order	<b>19-Feb</b> Debbie Soliz, IS Lisa Garcia, Council	<b>27-Feb</b> Terry Zicafoose, Early Childhood
<b>10-Feb</b> Julia Dickerson, Education		<b>28-Feb</b> Kathleen Cardenas-Ruiz, Finance Raymond Whitman, Transit Rebecca Alvarez, IS

## Wishes

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jose, Junior and  
Alexander and my granddaughters Jane and Kylie  
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Jose  
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- Motor Pool Technician
- Network Systems Technician
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>2/01</b> Ian Narcia Christopher Cypriano Angelina Arellanes-Burgos Chyenne Anderson Adam Bowman	<b>2/08</b> Deana Quinonez Elizabeth Baptisto Geneva Antone Marcos Olivas Jr.	<b>2/13</b> Koren Marrietta Karin Smith	<b>2/19</b> Tyra Williams Jane Lopez Marcos Santiago Kerrin Miguel Jonas Miguel Philbert Narcia Jr. Lisa Garcia	<b>2/24</b> Junior Peters Keira Attakai Kylie Gardner
<b>2/02</b> Preciousrose Warren Jonah Dickerson David Manuel Jr.	<b>2/09</b> Aiyana Campbell	<b>2/14</b> Valentina Narcia Michaela Peters Lewis DeliAnna Justin Perillo Johnny Stephens	<b>2/20</b> Unique Santiago Maria Narcia Rechanda Manuel	<b>2/25</b> Corianna Nevarez Vallejos Alexander Lopez
<b>2/03</b> Elizabeth Antone	<b>2/10</b> Alexandra Carlyle Isaiah Osife Draven Soliz Julia Dickerson	<b>2/15</b> Terry Aguilla Jr. Carole Lopez Aleena Antone Cheyenne Vallejos	<b>2/21</b> Calvin Van Sickle	<b>2/26</b> Christian Castro Havier Stephens Jr.
<b>2/04</b> Latasha White	<b>2/11</b> Marlon Peters Kyle Chavez Mary Diaz Jeanette Peters	<b>2/16</b> Lanita Lopez Gianna Garcia	<b>2/22</b> Perris-Jade White	<b>2/27</b> Woodrow Marsh Shyla Thomas
<b>2/05</b> Dominique Nosie-Romo Charles Carlyle	<b>2/12</b> Destiney Delowe Erin Pete Grace Pablo Caleb Ugalde	<b>2/17</b> Jose Lopez Mara Delores	<b>2/23</b> Joseph Narcia Octaviana Ormsby Victor Ortega Ryleigh Delores Joshua Dominguez	<b>2/28</b> Raymond Miguel Rebecca Alvarez Robert Narcia
<b>2/06</b> Stella Miguel Audrina Antone		<b>2/18</b> Edward Martinez Annalise Manuel		<b>2/29</b> Traci Thomas Cody Miguel
<b>2/07</b> Bercco Thompson Jr. Eugene Peters Jr.				

# Chris Young to Perform at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino



(MARICOPA, Ariz.– Jan. 26, 2024)–Chris Young, a pillar in the country genre with his distinctive baritone and memorable storytelling, is coming to The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. The multi-platinum artist, one of Billboard's top country artists of the decade, has amassed over five billion career streams and 13 No. 1 hits, eleven as a songwriter.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024  
 Doors: 7:00PM  
 Show Time: 8:00PM  
 Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino  
 Tickets: \$99.50; \$69.50; \$59.50  
 Ages: All Ages

Harrah, who opened his first bingo hall in Reno in 1937.

In addition to craps, sports betting, slot machines, video poker, video keno, statewide progressives and blackjack, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant and Dunkin'®.

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For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, visit [www.harrahsakchin.com](http://www.harrahsakchin.com). Must be 21 or older to gamble.

Capping 2021 as Billboard's Country Airplay Song of the year, Young's "Famous Friends" took home Collaborative Video of the Year at the 2021 CMT Music Awards and earned 3 Country Music Association Awards nominations, 7 Academy of Country Music Awards nominations and his first American Music Awards and iHeart Radio Music Awards nods.

Chris Young will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 17, at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. Tickets start at \$59.50.

Harrah's Ak-Chin also boasts one of the two bingo halls within the Caesars portfolio, continuing the proud heritage of William F.

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# FEBRUARY 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND <b>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p> <p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS - NOON - 10PM</p>		<p>2 <b>LOUNGE HAPPY HOUR</b></p> <p>WEDNESDAYS - 4PM - 10PM</p>		<p>3 <b>TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP</b></p>	<p>4 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>	<p>5 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>
<p>6 <b>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS</b></p>	<p>7 <b>TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB</b></p>	<p>8 <b>BILLY RUSSELL LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</b></p>	<p>9 <b>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>10 <b>SHOW SOME LOVE WITH VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS FROM THE SPA!</b></p>	<p>11 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>	<p>12 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>
<p>13 <b>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS SUPER BOWL LVIII PARTY</b></p>	<p>14 <b>DUNKIN' DONUTS ARE A MONDAY'S BEST FRIEND!</b></p>	<p>15 <b>BILLY RUSSELL LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</b></p>	<p>16 <b>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>17 <b>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p>	<p>18 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>	<p>19 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>
<p>20 <b>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS</b></p>	<p>21 <b>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p>	<p>22 <b>BILLY RUSSELL LUXURY HANDBAG COLLECTION</b></p>	<p>23 <b>\$500 EVERY 15 MINUTES 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</b></p> <p>FOREVER YOUNG WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>24 <b>THIRSTY THURSDAY #NATIONALMARGARITADAY</b></p>	<p>25 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>	<p>26 <b>AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS</b></p>
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