



Kylee Carlyle performs in her first Mozart Concert

Story and photos submitted by Diana Carlyle

My name is Kylee Carlyle and I attend Legacy Traditional School. On Thursday, February 29th, we had our first Mozart Concert of the year, for fifth grade.

Mozart band had gotten its name from, well Mozart. Mozart was one of the best composers in history. In fact, he was considered a child prodigy, along with his sister, Maria Anna Mozart, they were both considered gifted, especially when it came to music.

Since Mozart was seven years old, he spent most of his childhood on tour. Mozart's father put his career on hold to travel with him, and that is how he became as famous as he was and still is to this day, not just as a professional musician, but in academics too.

Mozart became one of the most influential composers of classical music, but unfortunately, Mozart died at the young age of 35.

For our practice time, it took almost all school year just to perfect our pieces of music. Everyone in class plays different instruments, like: flutes, clarinets, trumpets, euphonium, and percussion.

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Ak-Chin Community member, Kylee Carlyle (center) with band-mates Monroe Goodrich and Tiana Rieves perform their first Mozart Concert, February 29.

Our class loves their instruments, whether they have been playing for two years or just started their first year, either way each and every student loves their instrument.

I have been playing the flute for

two years now. Around 20 kids are in the class give or take, and our teacher, Mrs. Garza, is our most amazing teacher, guided us throughout this whole thing. She is a great teacher, and she deserves her credit for helping us through this whole journey.



Abraham Jose adds another ring to the collection

Story by Jordan Rodriguez, photos submitted

Ak-Chin's Abraham Jose and the rest of his Arizona Scorpions team went undefeated at the AAA 10U Ice Breaker Classic in Metro Phoenix, adding more rings to the collection. During this two-day tournament, that took place February 3-4.

Abraham and his teammates went 4-0, scoring 36 runs, while only allowing seven.

The Scorpions Squad currently ranks inside the top ten teams in the state by USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association), with an overall record of 31-19-1 at this point in the season. Since this team has been so successful, they have recently moved up to the 10U Majors division.

You could say that Abraham was born to

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2024 Mega Volleyball Champs

Story by Runner staff, team photos submitted by Sonya Martinez, Ak-Chin Recreation Coordinator



Ak-Chin FD team, l-r: Carlo Moreno, Jacob Dickerson, Jr., Jennifer Boehm, Lindsey Valles, Michelle Shiley and Matt Shepard.

It was a leap night of fun, February 29, as employees teamed up for a night of camaraderie and endless entertainment as they worked together to volley that MEGA beach ball back and forth over the night.

At the end of the tournament, Ak-Chin Fire would come out as

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US EPA National Office visits Ak-Chin Environmental Programs

Story by Roman Orona, Ak-Chin Environmental Programs Manager, photos by Jordan Rodriguez



Ak-Chin EPD employees Ralph Gomez and Roman Orona show EPA representatives our environmental work. Pictured l-r: Robert Seaman, Luke Hullinger, Ralph Gomez, Carolyn Hoskinson, Roman Orona and John Katz.

On February 27, Ak-Chin Environmental Programs welcomed visitors from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US

EPA) National Office in Washington D.C. and the Region 9 headquarter office in San Francisco, CA.

The site visit and tour were with Carolyn Hoskinson, US EPA National Director, Office of Resource

Conservation and Recovery; Luke Hullinger, Program Analyst, Office of Resource Conservation

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Antonio Rodriguez excels in DECA

Story and photos submitted by Jennifer Boehm

Antonio Rodriguez, Freshman at Maricopa high school has had a successful year in the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) program.

In November Antonio was selected to attend the Ultimate DECA Power Trip conference in Austin Texas, where he attended career development sessions and participated in role play/ competitions in marketing.

In January he competed in the District Conference held in Mesa, AZ, where he placed 3rd in Marketing Management Team Decision Making, which qualified him to compete in DECA State Career Development Conference (SCDC) 2024.

From February 29th - March 2nd, Antonio attended SCDC held at the Arizona Grand Resort where he placed

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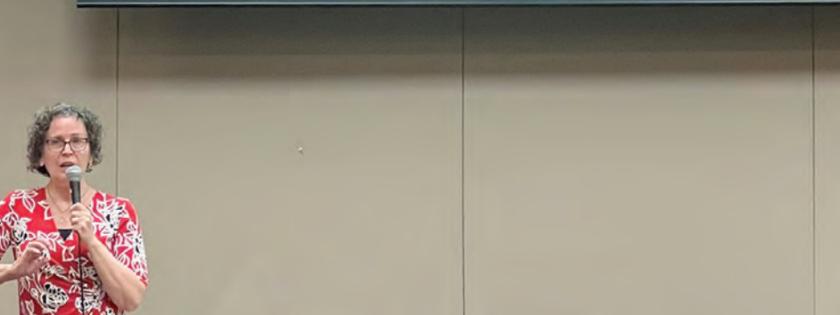
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Q - Who can I Give my Things To?

- Individuals (Your spouse, your best friend, a child, etc.)
- Groups of people (Your children, your grandchildren, your nieces and nephews, etc.)
- People or groups of people with limitations ("my grandchildren who are married at the time of my passing," for example)
- Churches, charities, political organizations, and other entities



Helen Burtis, from ASU College of Law India Legal Program

Advance Care Planning for Caregivers Training

Story and photo by Raychel Peters

Several members of Ak-Chin Elder Staff, and unpaid caregivers had the opportunity to participate in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Area Agency on Aging, Region 8 Family Caregiver Support Program Training on Advance Care Planning.

The training was held on February 27, at Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix AZ, and geared for caregivers as well as grandparents raising grandchildren.

"This training aimed to equip family caregivers and tribal staff with essential knowledge

about various legal documents commonly needed by caregivers. These include Powers of Attorney, Do Not Resuscitate orders (DNRs), and Advance Directives." stated Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Program Director.

The training was facilitated by Helen Burtis, from the ASU College of Law Indian Legal Program, who provided valuable insights about these documents. She covered their appropriate usage, how to complete them accurately, their significance and also shared sites to find more information and many of

the documents.

Leslie and her staff were very interested in the training and shared that they hope to bring something similar to the elder center.

"The knowledge gained from this training was truly invaluable. Looking ahead, our Elder Center is enthusiastic about offering similar training sessions to those interested in understanding the roles of Power of Attorney, Do Not Resuscitate orders, and other Advance Directives. We firmly believe that such education benefits everyone involved."

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Hosts Sunset Program



Story and photo by Jordan Rodriguez

On February 28, the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge, AZ offered its visitors a unique way to view the monument at night, free of charge.

The ruins, rich in history, date back well over 800 years.

In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison set aside one square mile of Arizona Territory surrounding the Casa Grande Ruins, making the ruins the first prehistoric and cultural reserve established in the United States. 26 years later, President Woodrow Wilson named

the Casa Grande Ruins as a national Monument.

Fast forward 100 years and the monument brought in over 111,000 visitors in 2023, an attendance increase of over 33,000 travelers.

The National Park Service believe the increase in visitors can be attributed to the drop of price teamed-up with post-COVID recovery efforts.

"Casa Grande Ruins National Monument welcomes visitors from all around the world," said Superintendent Dave Carney.

"We enjoy sharing the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers."

Continuing research, repairs, programs, and remodeling the visitor center are all part of the continuing effort to provide visitors with the best experience possible, and to fulfill the National Park Service's mission to protect, preserve and make available for present and future generations the many wonders of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.



Elder Calendar

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

***Breakfast served from 7AM to 830AM**
***Lunch served from 12PM to 1PM**
*****Harrah's BBQ will be Friday, April 5th at 12 noon.**
Please call the Elder Center to RSVP, 520-568-1760***
***For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1760**

<p>3/18</p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast/Fruit</p> <p>Smothered Pork Chops, Sauteed Spinach, Wild Rice, Rolls, Grapes</p>	<p>3/19</p> <p>Chorizo & Eggs, Tortillas, Grapes with Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Hamburgers, Green Leaf Tomato, French Fries, Baked Beans, Cookies</p>	<p>3/20</p> <p>Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon/Fruit</p> <p>Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Biscuit, Pears, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>3/21</p> <p>Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Banana</p> <p>Ground Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Zucchini, Black Beans, Watermelon</p>	<p>3/22</p> <p>Breakfast Sandwich, Potatoes, Mix Berries</p> <p>Black Eyed Peas, Chicken, Yellow Squash, Moon Bread, Jell-O</p> <p>Deadline to Submit Elder Committee Guidelines & Surveys 12 Noon</p>
<p>March 18 - 21 Staff Attending Title VI Training</p>				
<p>3/25</p> <p>Spam & Eggs, Hashbrowns, Toast, Fruit & yogurt</p> <p>Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Rice, Pudding</p>	<p>3/26</p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast/Fruit</p> <p>Egg Coloring 9 AM</p> <p>Bar B Que Ribs, Sweet Potato, Plain Ribs & Potato (D), Salad, Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Council meet with Elders @12 Noon</p>	<p>3/27</p> <p>Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit w/ Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Tuna or Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Apples/ Oranges</p> <p>Angel Home Health Presentation w/ Erin Kariuki 12 Noon</p>	<p>3/28</p> <p>Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Salad/Granola Bar</p> <p>Baked Ham, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake</p> <p>Easter Party w/ Egg Hunt 12 Noon</p>	<p>3/29</p> <p>CENTER CLOSED</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>
<p>4/1</p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Apple Slices</p>	<p>4/2</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Fruit</p>	<p>4/3</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Yogurt & Fruit</p> <p>AZ Diamondbacks vs. NY Yankees Game</p>	<p>4/4</p> <p>Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Mix Berries</p>	<p>4/5</p> <p>Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit</p>

January Community Meeting brings in the membership



There were close to 40 members in attendance for the first Community Meeting held at Ak-Chin Service Center on Monday, January 29.

Story and photo by Raychel Peters

The first Community Meeting of 2024 brought out a pretty good crowd to Ak-Chin Service. I'm pretty sure the main reason for such a draw was the fact that the last meeting was held September 25, 2023, and so the membership had many questions that were unloaded during the January 29 Meeting.

Council members present included Chairman Robert Miguel, Vice-Chairman Lemuel Vincent and Councilmembers Cecil Peters and Lisa Garcia.

Chairman Miguel began the meeting with his update that focused on the numerous tours that are scheduled throughout the year with local and national dignitaries, as "it's election year" and they are coming to visit and seek support.

Chairman talked about the honor of being a speaker during the Tribal Legislation Day at Arizona Capital, and having his family in the audience.

He was also asked to speak during Gila River Indian Community's Inauguration, as requested by re-elected Governor Stephen Lewis.

He concluded his update with brief comments about the numerous meetings, both in-person and WebEx with ITCA, AIGA and internal department meetings.

Vice-Chairman Vincent's update included his focus on taking care of things in the community, attending water policy conference in Santa Fe, in regards to Post 26, water drought contingency meetings. He also talked about

WebEx meetings and in-person meetings on healthcare, water rights, departments and ongoing housing project behind recreation facility.

Councilmember Peters shared on various meetings in-person and WebEx, as well as approving department budgets, meeting with Capital Projects about possible new chiller plant for infrastructure on new admin building and wellness center.

He then shared on meetings for casino renovations and with National Indian Health Board on research from 2018, on diabetes and renal care, as well as meeting with the Community Treasurer Brandon Peters on possible lease program for department vehicles and a debriefing meeting on 2023 Masik Tas.

He ended his update with the tour to Pascua Yaqui Wellness Center and meetings and tours with Farm Manager Damian Murietta, that focused on farm equipment.

Councilmember Garcia presented on work session with the treasurer on Harrah's management agreement and working on policies for rental assistance program and home owners' assistance program.

Lisa encouraged those renting or homeowners to contact Brandon.

She also shared on the Medicare assistance program through Ak-Chin Purchase Referred Care program.

She informed membership that she had attended the Maricopa Unified School District

state of district luncheon, as well as attending the First Things First regional board meeting, Final Four Event Conference, and discussion on the new Desert Willow subdivision.

She concluded her update with meetings on the Sonoran Desert Parkway and Colorado River Tribes WebEx meeting on the drought which council also discussed with legal counsel to work with the state and tribes on a draft for the drought plan, casino renovations, voting and Monday morning meetings.

During the Community Member Q&A, questions and concerns focused on: community meeting schedules and council attendance, options for WebEx for community meetings, broadband concerns, Ak-Chin Circle renovation concerns, Hwy 238 and 347 concerns on social media and Maricopa news articles, dialysis center update, playground update for farm area, car rental/lease discussion, new home construction costs, elder building renovations, pet issues on safety, spay and neuter services, Harrah's expansion, business and hotel rooms, Event sponsorship opportunities and member incentives, Planning & Zoning meetings, Council recall process and elder concerns.

Once the membership ended their Q&A council held a raffle before calling the meeting, which ended at approximately 9pm.

Look for February's meeting in our April 5th issue.

Congressman Gallego visits Ak-Chin among busy campaign



Ruben Orona, Chairman Robert Miguel, and Congressman Ruben Gallego discuss EPD projects.

Story submitted, photo by Jordan Rodriguez

Arizona Congressman Ruben Gallego, who is running for Senator, recently made a visit to the Ak-Chin Community, where he and Chairman Robert Miguel were able to take a tour of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The first stop of Congressman Gallego's visit was at the Ak-Chin Farms Potato Processing Plant, where Ak-Chin Farm Manager Damien Murrieta walked him through the machinery area of where pecans and potatoes were cleaned and processed for delivery to various distributors throughout Arizona.

The next stop was a walking tour of the Ak-Chin Water Reclamation Facility, where Environmental Programs Manager, Roman Orona gave a brief tour of the water plant.

A discussion of how our

reclaimed waters are used within the community and other areas of need.

The final stop was at the Purchased Referred Care (PRC), where PRC Manager, Connie Miguel shared comments of the fairly new department, which deals with direct payments from the community to health care providers who are associated with the community's network. PRC has been in existence for just over a year now.

"Congressman Gallego is a great friend of mine and has been very supportive of the community during his time in office," Chairman Robert Miguel said.

"He not only is a huge supporter of Ak-Chin, but works tirelessly for all Tribes in Arizona. I've known him for 11 years, and he's been consistent, reliable, and committed for all of Arizona."

Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6 p.m. on Tuesday March 26, 2024, at the Justice Center Conference Room.

CASE: SD-03-24: Ak-Chin Circle Business Suites Complex:

Project Applicant/Airport Manager, Tim Costello, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for a new 16,000 sq. ft. retail shell building on approximately 1.89 acres next to the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Complex. The project consists of:

- Allocated space for a new dialysis center and for 3 retail suites;
- Walking paths, slope and drainage work, utilities, landscaping; and
- Seventy-six (76) parking spaces.

CASE: SD-04-24: Mainline Waterline Enhancement:

Project Applicants Airport Manager, Tim Costello and Water/Wastewater Plant Manager, Carlton Carlyle are requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for a new 16-inch waterline to be installed at the Ak-Chin Regional Airport. The project consists of:

- The installation of the new 16-inch waterline; and
- Installation of fire hydrants.

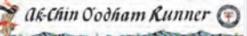
ATTENTION Community Members Past Due Fines/Restitution

If you are delinquent on your fines/restitution, or not sure if you have an outstanding balance. Please contact the courts at (520) 568-1385 at your earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- 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.



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NEXT DEADLINE
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the April 5 - 18, 2024 issue is due by **THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH**

Material submitted after the **MARCH 28TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

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2 IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
3 45525 West Farrel Road
4 Maricopa, AZ 85139
5 Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1388

6 CHANCE PATTEN Petitioner, CASE NO.: CV-2024-00004-PM
7 Vs CIVIL SUMMONS
8 ANGELICA SALAS-VARGAS Respondent.

9 THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:
10 Angelica Del Carmen Salas-Vargas

11 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

12 YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER in the said matter within a period of 20 days if you are served within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, 30 days if you are served outside the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community at the Clerk of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee; further you must send a copy of your written answer to:

16 CHANCE PATTEN
17 8416 S. CALLE BATOUA
18 GUADALUPE, AZ. 85283

19 After you have been served and the written answer period has lapsed, the Tribal Court shall set a date for a hearing of this matter, and you will be notified of the time and date that you will be required to appear.

20 IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUMMONS a judgment by default will be entered against you and the opposing party shall be awarded the relief demanded in this matter.

21 GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 21st day of February, 2024.

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24 DEANNA JUSTIN, Court Administrator
25 of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

Students enjoy Spring Program – Week 1 Highlights

The Ak-Chin Community Events team put together a fantastic 2-week program, themed “Water is Life”. Through the planned activities with departments and special guests, the kiddos have learned a lot about how important water is to everything on earth.

“We kicked off the program with Fisheries Biologist David Ford, who is also a cartoon illustrator and ventriloquist!” Michelle Trujillo, Events

Manager shared. “The kids heard a presentation about the science of water, drew some fish, and then met Rosco the puppet dog!”

Throughout the week, the Events team, presenters and departments brought great activities to the Ak-Chin Recreation Center for all to enjoy.

Activities included: indoor and outdoor games like dodgeball, mini-volleyball,

bingo, scavenger hunts, water games and firefighter equipment demos. More activities not so physical included: movies, poems, computer time, drawing, arts and crafts.

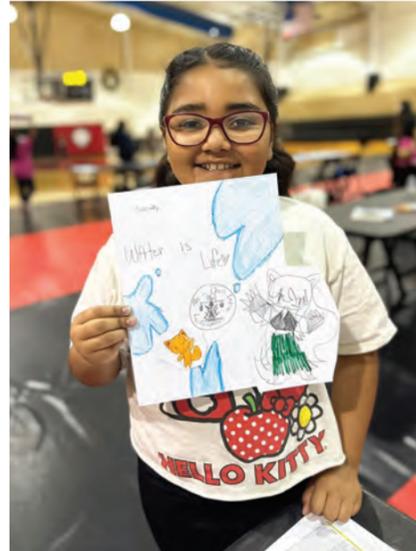
For lunch, the kids enjoyed meals from Vekol Market, sponsored by departments.

“It is such a pleasure to get to know your kiddos and design some fun activities for them...” Michelle added.

Be on the lookout for our next issue, which will feature more fun activities for Week 2.

The Ak-Chin Him Dak Art Program also opened their doors for students to enjoy morning activities while on spring break.

Their schedule included arts, crafts field trips and community department activities.



Celebrate National Nutrition Month!

Choose healthier food options for you and your loved ones.

Sometimes it can be difficult to make good food choices, but there are many resources that can help. For more information on healthy eating, please visit [IHS.gov/diabetes](https://www.IHS.gov/diabetes).

As a tribal member, you can enroll in the Marketplace, Medicaid, or CHIP year-round: review your coverage options to stay healthy.



COME JOIN THE AK-CHIN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Spring Parent Night

Date: March 27th, 2024

TIME: 5:30PM TO 7:30PM

Location: Ak-Chin Service Center

Please join us for another successful interaction with MUSD!!!

Please RSVP with the QR code

For Questions, contact the Ak-Chin Education Department at (520) 568-1280



Digital infrastructure. Real impact.

For many, a life without the internet is unimaginable. High-speed internet has become increasingly important to day-to-day life as people depend on it for everything from education and work to socializing and health care. On behalf of the state, the Arizona Commerce Authority is honored to work with local, tribal and industry partners to administer almost \$1 billion in funding to bridge the broadband divide and deliver high-speed internet to all Arizonans.

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Learn more about this historic effort at azcommerce.com/broadband

Our concert was extended from the time it was last year, as last year we only played three songs. While this year we played five songs.

Over all, most kids in our class loved to play our finale song, Zombie Attack! This was probably due to the amount of time we spent practicing on that one piece.

From Mrs. Garza, First and foremost, a huge thank you to all the parents and students

Kylee continued from front
 who have committed to this ensemble, without you, there would be no music! Thank you to our Administration, Homeroom teachers and facilities staff who work with us to create a well-rounded program that we have prepared for you. Thank you for allowing me to nurture and educate your children to grow a love for music!

Band Director,
 Mrs. Garza,
 Legacy Traditional Schools - Maricopa



Kylee Carlyle & Mrs. Wade at Legacy Traditional School Maricopa

be a baseball player, with his father, brother, uncles, and cousins playing baseball, it's fair to say baseball is in this family's blood.

"That's just what we do," said Abraham's Mother Marla Antone.

"I remember taking Abraham to a baseball tournament that my husband and my oldest son played in at Parker when he was only a few months old. Being around baseball with his dad, brothers, uncles, and cousins playing he looked up to them, so naturally he just picked up on the game and the love for it."

Abraham plays multiple positions on his team, but spends most of his time behind the plate, where Marla says he takes after his dad.

Between wanting to be a catcher like his father and how the position came so natural to him, it was easy for Abraham to keep up with it.



Abraham continued from Front
 Just 46 feet away from his primary position, behind the plate, is the other forte for Abraham, pitching, where he takes after both his uncle and older brother.

All of these role models and advice from family has helped mold him into the player he is right now, a player that is running out of places to keep his rings.

"The end of last year we would joke of how he can't win any more rings as he doesn't have any more fingers to put his rings on, which then he had a total of nine," said Antone.

"But that didn't stop him because in all he has 12 rings now."

With the way Abraham and the Scorps are playing, it looks like he will need to make room for more rings in the future, with so much potential there is no telling what Abraham can do.



top 10 in Marketing Management Team Decision category.

In December and February of the school year he participated in Market Day, running his cake pop business - Hard Rock Bakery, where

he collectively earned around \$1,400 selling over 1,000 cake pops!

We are so proud of his success in his first year in the program and look forward to more growth in the future!

Environmental Programs continued from Front



and Recovery; John Katz, US EPA Region 9 (Arizona, California & Nevada) Manager, Zero Waste Section; Robert Seaman, US EPA Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste Liaison, Chairman Robert Miguel, Delbert White Sanitation/Public Works Director, and Environmental Programs staff.

The site visit was to highlight the Ak-Chin Indian Community on the great work being conducted regarding its environmental work.

It was also to hear from those successful programs the environmental/programmatic issues still facing the Community in conducting its environmental stewardship.

A lot of discussion centered around ways both the federal government agencies, specifically the US EPA can better coordinate with its Tribal partners in conducting the environmental work that Tribes are doing throughout the US but specifically within Region 9 (Arizona, California, & Nevada).

With 148 Tribal Communities within

Region 9, better coordinated efforts and environmental stewardship would need to include prioritizing the Tribal cultural environmental practices often referred to by the US Government Agencies as Indigenous Knowledge.

This site visit was to discuss and hear ways in which the federal partners could do a better job at elevating the Tribes as equal partners on all aspects of environmental protection.

A tour was conducted to show the areas of concern specific to the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The areas including the washes and the flooding, the water source and its protection, and ways in which native vegetation would assist in cleaning the water, composting – thus reducing the cost to the Community, methane emissions from food waste, and growing cultural relevant vegetation.

The tour was all about using discarded resources to reusing them in a way that would benefit the AIR, LAND, WATER, ANIMALS, and PEOPLE in a wholistic manner.

Mega Volleyball continued from front
 this year's champions, besting Limp'N Ain't Easy who came in second and Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation taking third.

Sonya Martinez, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, shared, "The night was filled with so much laughter and fun with some bumps and tumbles throughout the night."

Ak-Chin Recreation also added another fun moment, with their Leap Year Trivia questions on lily pads that were taped to the walls, for a chance to win a few prizes.

"Everyone showed great

"It was amazing seeing everyone come together in their team to successfully volley the mega volleyball."

Congratulations to all employee teams for participating in this year's Employee Mega Volleyball Tournament.

Be sure to keep an eye out for Ak-Chin Recreations upcoming events, "seeing as they will be filled with just as much fun and laughter." Sonya shared.



2nd Place: Limp'N Ain't Easy



3rd Place: Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Francis of Assisi Ak-Chin Roman Catholic Mission
 16657 N. Church St., Maricopa, AZ 85139

SUNDAY MASS AT 12 NOON

March 17th
 Fr. Brian Kennedy

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY 2024

<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> March 24th 12PM Fr. Julius Tvrdy</p> <p><i>Holy Thursday</i> March 28th 7PM Fr. Julius Tvrdy</p> <p><i>Good Friday</i> March 29th 8PM Fr. Julius Tvrdy</p>	<p><i>Holy Saturday</i> March 30th 8:30PM Fr. Julius Tvrdy</p> <p><i>EASTER</i> March 31st 12PM Fr. Julius Tvrdy</p>
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We Need Your Input!

Pinal County Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Update

Over the last 5 years, the Pinal County region recorded over 22,000 crashes that led to 360 deaths and 10,473 injuries, including 1,120 serious injuries.

Our vision is zero deaths. The Pinal County Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Update will provide a regionally focused, data-driven framework for increasing traffic safety on roadways across Pinal County. The Plan focuses on strategies and actions drawn from best practices proven to reduce traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

Scan to participate in an interactive map exercise and be entered in a drawing to win a gift card by completing our survey!

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Fall Prevention for Elders provided by the Injury Prevention Program

Where: Service Center
 Time: 10:00 am-11:00am
 When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS FOR ELDER

let's Be Stronger, as We get Older

Join us!



JOB OPENINGS

- Administrative Support Assistant - Human Resources
- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Deli Clerk (2)
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Lifeguard
- Maintenance Technician (4)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Youth Council Coordinator (2)

To review the full job description and apply visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us, Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the closing date. Great benefits - Health Insurance (medical/dental/vision), Vacation/Personal Sick leave, 14 Holidays & 401K. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.

Wishes

Happy Birthday Grandma and YooYoo
May your birthdays be blessed with joy and happiness.
We are truly grateful to have you both in our lives.
Love, Cecil, Raychel and kids

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Narin and Ozzy and my granddaughters Yamiah, Yaniah, Dannon and Shannon
Love, Grandma



Happy Birthday Dannon Leone
Love, dad, mom, brother, sisters, nephews, niece and CATS!

Happy Birthday Sonny, Seda and Dani
Love, your family

Happy Birthday Rebecca
From your Funner Runner Team!

Yoga

Ak-Chin Service Center

6:00p - 7:00p

Thursdays

*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

- April 11, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- April 25, 2024

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

AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS
SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH 2024

Easter Special EGG HUNT & EGG COLORING

Meet The Easter Bunny, Fun Outdoor Hunt, and FREE Lunch

RSVP <https://forms.gle/LxCTpJRkM9n3utJl6>
Volunteers <https://signup.com/go/pocBBun>

Easter egg decorating, Egg relay race, Egg Hunt, and Lunch Voucher

Start At 10:00 AM
AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS & RESIDENTS ONLY

Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park
46851 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139
(520) 568-1740 recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us



ZUMBA fitness

Ak-Chin Service Center

Tuesdays 6:00p-7:00p

- April 02, 2024
- April 09, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- April 23, 2024

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Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 22ND-24TH 2024

Entry Fee \$ 150

REGISTRATION OPENS: 02/26/2024
DEADLINE: 03/08/2024
AWARDS: 1ST - 3RD PLACE SHIRTS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: JORDAN GUSSE
CALL: 520-568-1754 OR 520-251-8272
EMAIL: RECREATION@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 3/15 - 4/4/24

15-Mar Dwayne Antone, Sanitation	David Lopez, Law & Order
16-Mar Genevieve Alvarez, Social & Health Services	27-Mar Jesus Estrada, Sanitation
17-Mar Karam Abu-Hamdan, Capital Projects	Fernando Lopez, Sanitation
18-Mar Diana Garcia, Planning	Celia Soto, Social & Health Services
19-Mar Matthew Hearn, Fire & Safety	29-Mar Dannon Peters, Him Dak Museum
21-Mar Eric Chavez, TGA	Rebecca Rosoff, Runner
22-Mar Nicole Vincent, Law & Order	30-Mar Belen Olvera, Retail
Manuel Garcia, Law & Order	31-Mar Shannon Peters, Retail
23-Mar Rene Carlyle, Retail	1-Apr Marilyn Thompson, Community Government
Mark Pablo, Environmental Protection	Marcus Stephens, Sanitation
Deanna Justin, Courts	2-Apr Julie Campbell, Finance
Sergio Hernandez, Sanitation	Bernett Lopez, Housing Department
Christian Alvarez, Him Dak Museum	Elsa Trujillo, Maintenance
26-Mar Jaime Sanchez, Courts	Casey Turgeon, Capital Projects

WIC

Do you qualify for WIC?
• Pregnant
• Breastfeeding women
• Infants
• Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit s & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs

Tuesday, April 02, 2024
8:15am - 11:45am

Ak-Chin Service Center

Questions?
Need to make an Appointment?
Call: (520) 562-9698

Gila River Indian Community WIC Program




Yoga

Ak-Chin Service Center

6:00p - 7:00p

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BIRTHDAYS 3/15 - 4/4/24

3/15 Dwayne Antone Ana Blanchard Narin Lopez LeRoy Narcia Joseph Green Jr. Anastasia Soke	3/21 Joel Vincent Ozzy Garcia Eric Chavez	3/26 Evelina Lopez Kerwin Ugalde	4/01 Marcus Stephens Ruby Smith Marilyn Thompson Jacquelyn Lewis Dyami Jackson Hope Vallejos
3/16 Tracy Wind Kalvin Antone Mariella Norris	3/22 Nicole Vincent George Lewis Jr. Manuel Garcia	3/27 Benedict Miguel Celia Soto	4/02 BlueSky Thompson Skye Gonzalez Augustine White Jessica Dean
3/18 Karlie Smith Kelly Antone Kane Miguel	3/23 Mark Pablo Melanie Antone Brandon Antone Deanna Rascon Christian Alvarez Marie Ortega	3/28 Maria Santiago	4/04 Eileen Quintero Paula Pete Isabella Luna
3/19 Acsul Garcia	3/24 Yamiah Miguel Yaniah Miguel Jessie Williams	3/29 Monica Ruiz Megan Quintero Leona Kakar Dannon Peters	
3/20 Gabriel Sierra James Carlton Carlyle Jr. Jose Hernandez Sarah Carlyle Daria Garcia	3/25 David White Sr. Jacob Santiago Mario Ortega	3/30 Marvin Shade Allissia Bandin Aaliyah Balderrama	
		3/31 Zaydyn Norris Maria Hernandez Robert Velasquez Shannon Peters Courtney Delores	

Injury Prevention Program Presents

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CERTIFICATION CLASS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CPS TECH?

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY ELEMENTS EVENTS CENTER
16000 N. MARICOPA RD, MARICOPA, AZ
APRIL 22ND - 25TH 2024
SAFEKIDS.ORG - COURSE # AZ20240306304
FEE \$ 95 2- YEAR CERTIFICATION





Talkin' Trash

By Brandy Nelson

For the months of November, December and January we recycled a total of 9.68 tons of material.

contamination noted in the recycling!!

Great job to everyone, that is a huge achievement. Please continue with the amazing work and kept it simple:

Let's Get Back To The Basics Of Recycling

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:



For any questions or if you would like a recycling presentation, please email Brandy Nelson at BNelson@ak-chin.nsn.us

APRIL 27 SATURDAY | 5 - 9 PM | COPPER SKY

COPA CULTURAL NIGHT MARKET

A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY + THE ARTS.

JOIN US FOR COPA CULTURAL NIGHT MARKET AT COPPER SKY REGIONAL PARK!

COPA CULTURAL NIGHT MARKET IS MARICOPA'S PREMIER MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT. RETURNING FOR THE THIRD YEAR, THIS EVENT IS A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY AND ARTS. THIS EVENT FEATURES ENTERTAINMENT, PERFORMANCES, A BEER GARDEN, FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, SHOPPING, ART DEMONSTRATIONS, AND MORE!

COPANIGHTMARKET.COM

ARROYO GRILLE 520.426.6832 | ARROYOGRILLE.COM
48456 WEST HWY 238 IN MARICOPA

MARCH DUNES DOG DEAL \$7
SPRING BREAK BALLPARK SPECIAL

SHORT ON TIME? ORDER TO GO! 520.426.6832

Must present dog on leash. Fee includes only one dog. Specials cannot be combined with other specials or offers. Taxes not included. Open 10:00am-10:00pm. No cash. Valid by the way only. Mar 2024. See website for restrictions.

Privately owned by the Ak-Chin Indian Community

ARROYO GRILLE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WEEKLY SPECIALS

WEDNESDAYS
CLASSIC FISH FRY \$14

THURSDAYS chef's special \$20
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS prime rib \$32

Weekly Specials Served after 5pm • Quantities are Limited

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MOVIES • RESTAURANTS • BOWLING • ARCADE • LASER TAG • GROUP EVENTS

MARCH EVENTS
Ak-ChinCircle.com

Spring Break March 4th - March 18th
Purchase a game card (up to \$20) and we will match that amount

Spring Break Raffle ENTER TO WIN \$5
Drawing will be March 30th at 5pm

MONTHLY MOVIE MUST-HAVE COMBO \$16

POP CORN LOVERS DAY \$15

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup \$4

Easter Brunch \$11

MOVIE RELEASES

- 3/01 Dune: Part II
- 3/08 Kung Fu Panda 4
- 3/08 Love Lies Bleeding
- 3/08 Imaginary
- 3/15 Arthur The King
- 3/15 The American Society of Magical Negroes
- 3/22 Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire
- 3/29 Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire

FOOD TRUCK BATTLE MARCH 30th 11AM-4PM

SHAMROCK Margarita \$8

WINE OF THE MONTH Glass \$7, Bottle \$24

Ak-ChinCircle.com

SUNDAY MARCH 31
11 AM-2 PM

Easter BRUNCH

Ak-Chin Circle
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Traditional Breakfast \$14
Two egg any style, (your choice) bacon, sausage, Crispy fried breakfast potatoes, Choice of wheat, Sourdough or White toast

New York Steak and Eggs \$22
Six ounce New York steak served with two eggs any style, smashed rosemary fingerling potatoes, Choice of wheat, Sourdough or White toast

Belgium Waffle \$16
Topped with fresh strawberries, blueberries and fresh whipped cream served with maple syrup

Breakfast Burrito \$16
Choice of Bacon, sausage, or Chorizo with Scrambled eggs and mixed cheese topped with a serrano tomatillo green Chile sauce, served with fried breakfast potatoes

Prime Rib of beef \$32
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, Asparagus, Creamed horseradish and Au Jus

Salmon \$39
Capers, White wine, Lemon, Fresh Thyme, Wild Rice, Seasonal Vegetables

Kid Plates (12 and under)

Easter Egg Pancakes \$8
Stuffed with chocolate chips or blueberries, topped with fresh whipped cream finished with sprinkles

Kids Scramble \$7
Two scrambled eggs topped with cheese served with tatter tots

Buttered Noodles \$8
Penne pasta with fresh butter, served with garlic bread

Kid's Burger \$8
Served with American cheese and fries

Dessert

Midnight Chocolate Cake \$7
Carrot Cake \$6

Regular Menu Available at 2pm

Reservations highly suggested (520) 233-2426

30 YEARS OF PLAY | **Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO** | **MARCH 2024** | **CAESARS REWARDS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PADDY'S PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 & FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 <small>PROMOTIONAL KIOSK - 6AM - 11:59PM</small>						
	<p>LUCKY WINNING WEDNESDAYS MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2024</p> <p>LUCKY WINNERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN FREE SLOT PLAY, REWARD CREDITS* OR EVEN \$5,000 IN CASH!</p>			<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS</p>		

*Valid only at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and must have a Caesars Rewards card and valid photo ID to participate. Management reserves the right to change or cancel these promotions at any time without prior notice. *Must be 21 or older to gamble and bank advantage of these offers. *How to Stop Before You Start Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-522-4700 or 1-800-NEXT-STEP. ©2024 Caesars Entertainment, LLC. See official rules at the Caesars Rewards Center for complete details.