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Dancing For Our Stars Season 3 inspires support "All for the Kids"



Dancing for Our Stars local celebrities and professional dancers, including Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, (right center with black cowboy hat). The event was held at Harrah's Ak-Chin.

Story by Raychel Peters, photos by Victor Moreno Photography

Saturday, March 23, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Ballroom was filled with talented dancers and a crowd of close to 200 at the 3rd Annual Dancing for Our Stars fundraiser for The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor.

delicious dinner and awe-inspiring entertainment.

Exquisite performances were led by the club kids, followed by celebrity dancers who were paired with professional instructors.

The celebrity line-up included Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel who partnered with

Alyssa Mangum.

Chairman decided to enter the dance competition as a way to assist the youth and Boys & Girls Clubs, and because he wanted everyone to know that he can dance.

Alyssa Mangum, was Chairman's partner. Alyssa has been the

owner and instructor of Alyssa's Little Dancers for 15 years.

She knows that "this event helps the youth of our community," and "when it comes to the youth, I am all in."

These teams practiced for many long grueling months leading up to their performances.

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Tortilla Festival March 2024



Norma Vincent showcases her best tortilla making skills at Tortilla Festival on March 23.

Story by Ashley Vincent, photos submitted

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held their annual "Tortilla Festival" on Saturday, March 23, at the Huhugam Ki: Museum in Salt River, Arizona. The day was dedicated strictly to tortillas and everything tortilla adjacent.

The festival first started in 2019, headed by the late Sharilyn Belone, who at the time was the teacher for the tortilla making classes held in the Salt River

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Ak-Chin Circle welcomes Car Show, Chihuahua Festival, Business Expo and Food Trucks

Story by Jordan Rodriguez, photo submitted by John Stapleton



Angelo Marshall (center) poses with his Best in Show 1951-1970s Trophy and walks away with a \$1,000 cash prize.

Car and food enthusiasts alike swarmed the Ak-Chin Circle on March 16 for the 2024 Central AZ Car & Bike Show, Chihuahua Festival and Lil' Doggy Races, Western Pinal County Business and Crafts Expo and Central Arizona Food Truck Battle.

in front of the Circle to show their cars, look at some of the most unique cars in Arizona, try some cuisines from around the world, or watch dogs of all shapes and sizes battle it out in the doggy races.

It is no secret that our state has a huge car scene, from NASCAR and Drag

Racing, to one of the biggest car auctions in the world in the Barrett-Jackson, Arizonans love their cars.

At this show it was no different, it felt as if you were traveling back in time, walking around the show, you could see cars that are nearly 100 years old that look like

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L-R: Amber Antone, Marissa Antone-Bowman and Alyssa Joaquin-Dickerson share a happy moment at the Mul-Chu-Tha Half-Marathon.

2024 Mul-Chu-Tha "Celebrating 60 Years of Unity"

Story by Runner Staff, photo submitted by Alyssa Joaquin-Dickerson

During the weekend of March 15-17, Gila River Indian Community celebrated their 60th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo at Sacaton rodeo grounds.

The weekend was filled with many events, including a half-marathon, parade, rodeo, concerts and the famed Battle of the Bands. Ak-Chin members came out to participate in many of the Mul-Chu-Tha events. Amber Antone, Marissa

Antone-Bowman and Alyssa Joaquin-Dickerson participated in the half marathon on March 9.

The run was a four-part series starting in December 2023 with a 5K (3.1 mi), next was a 10K (6.2mi) in January, following was a 15K (9.3) in February, and ending with a Half Marathon (13.1 mi) in March. Amber placed second and Alyssa placed third

in their respective age group. Amber also received a free entry in the 2025 PF Chang Half Marathon for being a top 20 overall finisher.

All three ladies who are also a part of the S-kubjuv Ju:dam toka team, which was started in honor of the late Holly Elyse Antone, wore their team shirts while running the half marathon. Although, it was a proud moment to pass the finish line, it

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Elders enjoy celebrating Easter Fun at Elder Center

During the week leading up to Easter, Ak-Chin Elder Center set up crafts and activities themed to Easter for the elders to enjoy.

One day they colored and decorated eggs, which were then used on another day for their Easter Egg hunt. We love seeing our Elders happy!



Elder Men's BBQ
55+
Friday, April 26, 2024
12pm noon @ The Elder Center

HORSESHOE & CORNHOLE
 Come one, come all and enjoy a mouth savoring BBQ meal hosted by the Elder Center's Grill Masters: **Julio, Danny and Joe**



MENU
 Steak • Bratwurst • Chicken • Beans • Potato Salad
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KOHN Radio Intern Kristina Morago reunites with Chairman Robert Miguel for interview



Former Runner staff members, Kristina Morago and Chairman Robert Miguel reminisce about the old days during interview.

Story by Kristina Morago, photo by Rebecca Rosoff

It was just like old times. Back then, we were both photojournalists with the Ak-Chin Runner. Days covering stories of Community events, and doing interviews, we filled the Runner newsroom with laughter and music while

working on the newspaper layout.

Fifteen years later, in a vacant room in the Elements Event Center, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and former Runner staffer I, Kristina

Morago, now a Tohono O'odham Community College student and radio intern, reunited for an interview for "The Road to TOCC – Em Ma:cidag Wui" radio program that airs weekly on the O'odham Hewel Ni'ok Network.

When I first got accepted to be a radio intern, I always knew I wanted to create a show with Chairman Bob. For so long we have shared stories of others, and I knew there would be a day to share his story and the Ak-Chin Indian Community's story. I was excited we were finally able to find time to sit down and chat.

For the past 16 months, I have been a radio intern while attending TOCC virtually.

When the pandemic started, TOCC offered free tuition, so I immediately started taking the language and culture classes. After a couple of semesters, I decided I needed to work toward a degree, so I focused on Liberal Arts. I saw the flyer about the radio intern program and decided to give it a try.

While I have had a lot of experience interviewing people, working in radio was a totally new and challenging experience. When you start out, you are given time to practice and create radio and show identifications. Then as you move forward, you create a 30-minute show on a topic or theme that relates to TOCC. Those 30 minutes are segments 3-5 minutes each,

that play in-between music for 2 hours. The first show I did was on public speaking.

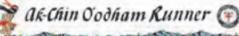
The challenge for me was working in a new editing software, Audacity. Then recording my voice clearly. As people realized it was me on the radio, they were like, are you in the KOHN studio? But actually, I create from home. When I first started, I would record late at night or early in the morning as outside sounds of a train going by, or loud music played by neighbors can be picked up in the background.

After about three shows, I hosted my first show guest. It was an interview with my GIS Instructor, discussing

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Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*Breakfast Served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM</p> <p>*Lunch Served at 12 PM to 1 PM</p> <p>*Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Craft Room Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM to 10 AM</p> <p>*Chair Volleyball Questions? Call the Recreations Department at 520-568-1760</p> <p>*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760</p> <p>*For Transportation Call Georgia 520- 568-1769</p>				<p>4/5 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit</p> <p>Harrah's BBQ at Elder Center, 12 noon</p> <p>Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn, Vanilla Pudding/Apple</p>
<p>4/8 Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrowns, Fruit w/ Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Lima Beans, Pork Chop, Broccoli, Carrots, Moon Bread, Mandarin Orange</p>	<p>4/9 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon/Toast, Fruit & Yogurt</p> <p>Baked Chicken, Creamed Spinach, Corn on Cob, Rolls, Cookies/Plum</p>	<p>4/10 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Apples</p> <p>Elder Games w/Rec at 9:30am</p> <p>Egg Salad Sandwich, Tomato w/ Cottage Cheese, Pickles, Peaches</p> <p>New Elder Orientation at 5:30 pm Elder Center</p> <p>Movie Day</p>	<p>4/11 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast, Fruit Cup</p> <p>Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs, Green Beans, Red Potato, Apple/Orange</p> <p>Elder Center Expansion Open House at 12 noon & 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4/12 Bread Pudding, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix Berries</p> <p>Quarterly Birthday Party at 12 noon</p> <p>Green Chili & Cheese Tamales, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Carlota Lime/Pear Mexican Desert</p>
<p>4/15 Eggs 6 am to 4 pm</p> <p>Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana</p> <p>White Bean Soup w/ Spinach & Sausage, Butternut Squash, Zucchini, Cantaloupe</p>	<p>4/16 Eggs 6 am to 4 pm</p> <p>Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa, Sour Cream, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Turkey Wrap, Green Leaf & Tomato, Lentil Quinoa Salad, Wax Beans, Fruit Cocktails</p>	<p>4/17 Eggs 6 am to 4 pm</p> <p>Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches w/ Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Elder Games w/Rec at 9:30 am</p> <p>Ham Macaroni & Cheese, Romaine Salad, Peas, Whole Wheat or White Roll Pears</p> <p>Angel Home Health Care Presentation w/ Erin Kariuki at 12 noon</p>	<p>4/18 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Berries</p> <p>Chicken Broccoli Stir Fry w/ Red Peppers, Fried Rice, Egg Roll, Jell-O/ Sliced Apple</p> <p>Gila River Dialysis Conference 7 am to 4 pm Dist. 5 Service Center Registration On-Site</p>	<p>4/19 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Pork Chops, Collard Greens, Sweet Potato, Potato, Whole Wheat or White Roll Grapes</p> <p>Deadline to Sign up for Men's BBQ</p>



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Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

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Celebrate EARTH DAY with Ak-Chin Indian Community Environmental Programs Friday, April 26, 2024 Ak-Chin Circle Elements Event Center 16000 N. Maricopa Road Maricopa, AZ 10:00AM-3:00PM

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 April 9, 2024, at the Justice Center Conference Room. CASE: SD-05-24: Village Regional Drainage Project: Project Applicants/Museum Director, Elaine Peters, Sanitation/Public Works Director, Delbert White and Water/Wastewater Plant Manager, Carlton Carlyle, are requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for improvements to the drainage in the Ak-Chin Village. The project consists of: Various alternatives to mitigate flooding issues that has been occurring within Ak-Chin Village; Re-configuration and regrading of existing detention basins slopes, new drainage channels, pipe crossings, headwalls, dry wells, sidewalks, re-configure Peters Ave hammer-head, and riprap protection as necessary; Existing utilities that will conflict with the project will require adjustments and/or relocations; and Existing roadways or sidewalks cut to install new underground pipes will be replaced in-kind. CASE: SD-06-24: Southern Dunes Golf Course Restrooms: Project Applicants/Water/Wastewater Plant Manager, Carlton Carlyle, and Southern Dunes Golf Course General Manager, Brady Wilson, are requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval for a new restroom facility located on the Southern Dunes Golf Course near the 16th hole tee box on the north end of the property. The project consists of: Installation of a 220 SF restroom; and Roof mounted solar panels; and A new 2,500-gallon septic tank.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU RABIES CLINIC FRIDAY—04/12/2024 Ak-Chin Fire Department 9:00AM - 2:00PM Please stay in your vehicle with your pet at all times. Dogs and cats must be 3 months (12 weeks) old before they can be vaccinated. All dogs and cats should have their first rabies vaccination followed by a booster shot within the first year. Thereafter, they should receive a vaccination every three years. All pet owners are responsible for their pets during the rabies clinic. A cat placed in a cage, burlap bag, or pillow case, is much easier to handle. Dogs should be leashed at all times during the clinic. FREE CLINIC No charge to get your pet vaccinated! SPONSORS Ak-Chin Indian Community Ak-Chin Police Department Ak-Chin Fire Department Indian Health Service USDA APHIS-VS BENEFITING Community members and pets throughout the Ak-Chin Indian Community

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.

geographic information systems. I remember I was recovering from a cold, struggling with my voice, I almost cancelled the interview. But I pushed forward and the show I was able to create was educational and informative.

While the instructor is no longer at the college, the interview is available to listen to on the TOCC website under the TOCC Podcasts tab.

I spend about 20 hours a week putting together a show. I contact people that I would like to interview, most often instructors or elders. If there's interest, I'll create a show topic for the guest, and potential questions.

When an interview time is set, it is usually through Zoom, with the interview recorded. I use the audio portion of Zoom, switch it from a mp4 to mp3 format and start editing. If we have chatted for over an hour, I edit to share interview highlights of 30 - 40 minutes.

I think about who my audience is. What interesting educational topic can I share? Listeners can stream on-line or listen from their FM radios on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

If a listener has tuned in and learned one new thing, I'm grateful, as I want to be very considerate of their time, very thankful they want to listen.

I approach my shows organically. I've learned that while I may have a radio show idea or want to be specific, it works best to let it happen or develop naturally, and to be authentic.

With about a dozen shows to my credit, I consider the show featuring Mexican chef Pati Jinich one of the organic ones. That show happened because of an unexpected meet and greet. Pati was at the San Xavier Co-op Farm when I was there.

I was featuring the farm on her new show La Frontera. Months later I reached out to her people about doing The Road to TOCC show, when the episode featuring the farm was going to air, and she immediately agreed!"

That was so surreal. My je'ebad and I spent weekends watching Pati's Mexican Table, so to meet her and get to learn more about her personally from the

interview, it's a definite highlight from my TOCC experience.

When I complete a show, it is turned in to TOCC Radio Advisor Kristin Eberhardt for review and additional edit.

The show is then forwarded to the O'odham Hewel Ni'ok to air. With five radio interns, each submitting shows, there is a selection process and a time period from show submission to air date.

I don't feel it's a competition. For a while there, I was the newest intern, and I felt overwhelmed at first, yet incredibly supported. Now with the two new interns, it's my turn to help support.

The recent show on-air was done by radio intern Belen Sanchez at Ak-Chin H&HS. I'm looking forward to her interview shows.

The interview with Chairman Bob is in the edit stage, and when submitted, will be a full circle moment for me.

The interview was the first on-location show I've done for the Em Ma:cidag Wui show. It required learning a different recording set up that may have captured some of the rain landing on the roof that day.

It will also be the first time sharing the O'odham name given to me in the Community that gave me the name "Stoã Hiosik. Most DJ interns use their first name.

When I learned I was selected as an intern, I chose to use my O'odham name to honor the voice Ak-Chin helped give me during my time there.

It was great to reconnect with Chairman Bob, I'm excited for this show. He shared about himself, but he also gave credit to those that came before, which I thought was incredibly humbling. His interview also educates others to Ak-Chin history and the importance of Him-dak.

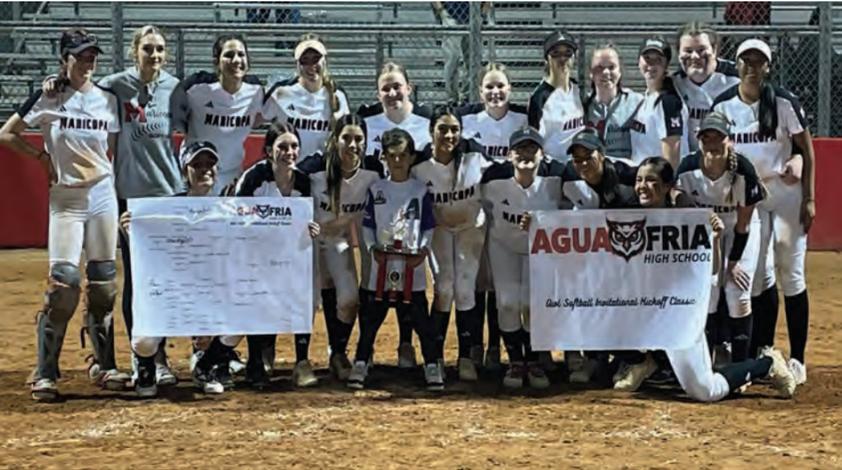
The Road to TOCC - Em Ma:cidag Wui Radio show airs every week on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on KOHN 91.9 FM.

To stream the show on-line, visit www.tunein.com/radio/KOHN-FM-919-s139631/.

An announcement of the on-air show for the Chairman Miguel interview will be shared at a later date.

COURT DOCUMENT: CIVIL SUMMONS IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 45525 West Farrell Road Maricopa, AZ 85139 Phone (520) 568-1385 Fax (520) 568-1388 CHANCE PATTEN Petitioner, Vs ANGELICA SALAS-VARGAS Respondent. CASE NO.: CV-2024-00004-PM CIVIL SUMMONS THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO: Angelica Del Carmen Salas-Vargas YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action has been filed against you in the Court of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. 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: CHANCE PATTEN 8416 S. CALLE BATOUA GUADALUPE, AZ. 85283 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. 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. GIVEN under my hand and seal of Ak-Chin Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona this 21st day of February, 2024. DEANNA JUSTIN, Court Administrator of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

Peters Dazzles in Agua Fria Classic



Photos by Jordan Rodriguez

Story by Jordan Rodriguez, Photo submitted

On February 23-24, Ak-Chin's Emily Peters and the Maricopa Rams took a trip to Avondale to compete in the Agua Fria Owl Softball Kickoff Classic to start their season. The Rams wasted no time getting their bats going, winning their first game by a score of 18-0 over the Peoria Panthers.

Later that day, Maricopa would take on the Douglas Bulldogs, Peters would go 1-3 in the 4-2 victory. To close out the tournament the Rams softball squad had a doubleheader against Estrella Foothills, Maricopa made easy work of the Wolves winning both games by a combined score of 29-4.

Peters would have an unbelievable showing at the plate, going 4-6, with four runs batted in and a

double on the day. In all Throughout the entire tournament Peters would go 5-9, batting .555, while contributing four RBIs to the teams 51 runs scored in the tournament.

The Rams would finish the tournament undefeated at 4-0 and would head home as the 2024 Agua Fria Owl Softball Kickoff Classic tournament champions.

During spring break March 13-16, the Lady Rams once again dominated on the diamond at Apollo High School's Cool Nites tourney, starting with a big win over Sunrise Mountain 9-3, and a huge win over Cortez, 17-1, and then Florence 13-4.

Maricopa would get knocked down a notch against Williams Field,

10-8 and then come back with wins against Apollo 16-4 and redemption on Williams Field with a 10-4 win. Lady Rams would move back up to the championship game, where they took the loss against Arcadia, 9-7 and place second.

Currently the senior outfielder posts a .448 average, with 21 RBIs, seven doubles, and one home run on the season. Peters has been a big contributor in the Rams success throughout her high school career. She is a four-year varsity letter recipient in softball, with her career batting average well over the .400 mark, raking in over 100 RBIs.

Her worth to the program is priceless, not only as a player on the field, but also as a person off the field.

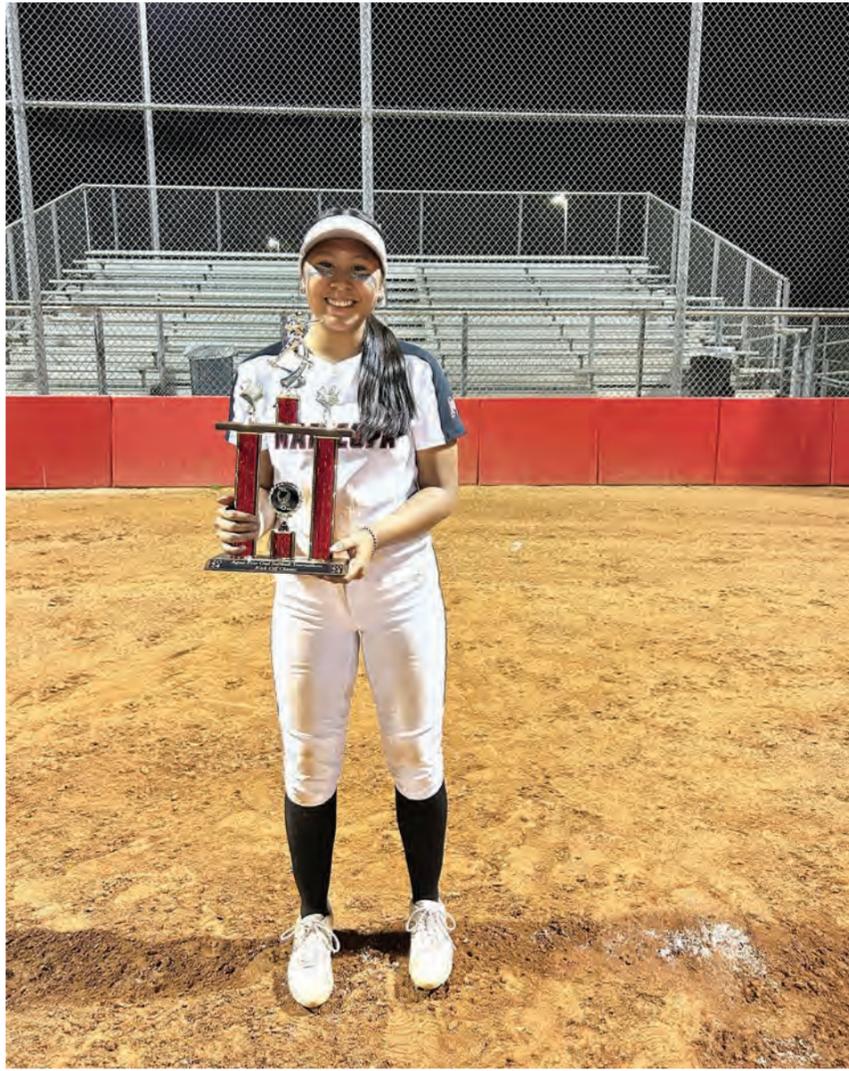


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Ak-Chin Boys Excel on Baseball Diamond

Story and Photos by Jordan Rodriguez

Five familiar names are featured on the Maricopa Rams baseball roster, Junior Myles Peters and Sophomore Adriano Jose made the varsity squad, while Zachary Garcia, Horatio Corella, and Draven Soliz found a spot on the junior varsity team.

The freshman trio on the JV side have been phenomenal, Garcia flaunts a .333 average through six

games, batting one runner in while, scoring four times himself.

On the defensive side this infielder carries a perfect fielding percentage of 1.000. Fellow infielder Draven Soliz is performing just as well, in five games Soliz has amassed a .429 batting average, with two doubles and 5 RBIs.

"I first met Zachary

Garcia during our fall baseball camp. He is a hard worker and always wanted to learn and improve at his different infield and hitting skills," said JV Head Coach Nate Rann. "Draven Soliz first came out during tryouts and he has stepped into our team as a pitcher and infielder. As a freshman he has been an early contributor on offense also, getting several hits also."



Photo submitted

Parks & Rec enjoy Easter with Community

Story by Ak-Chin Parks & Rec Staff, Photos by Jordan Rodriguez

Our Easter event was a huge triumph, drawing over 200 attendees who expressed gratitude and delight in the day! Our team of six volunteers, temp-workers and Ak-Chin Fire Fighters worked seamlessly to expedite setup, event proceedings, and cleanup, finishing an hour earlier than anticipated.

Featuring engaging music from our MC Chairman Robert Miguel, memorable pictures with the Easter Bunny taken by Runner, lively bounce houses courtesy of Babas' Bouncers & Jumpers LLC., captivating game booths, egg coloring, and thrilling egg hunts with real eggs from Hickman's Farm and plastic ones, everyone reveled in the festivities.

Thank you to Vekol for offering food vouchers

for all our guests. Thank you to Water & Ice for giving every one of our basket winners vouchers. We look forward to involving even more volunteers next year and were pleased to provide enough eggs for families to take home as well.

All things considered; this year's celebration went off without a hitch.

"Our Annual Easter Event was a fun and exciting time for all the kids and families that were in attendance," said Recreation Program Coordinator Jordan Gusse. "We loved to see all the fun the kids were having with the easter bunny and all the events that were taking place. We hope to see the continued growth of this event and we would like to thank all the volunteers and workers that made this event a success."



Copa Crew Hype Secure Adult 3 on 3 Title

Story by Jordan Rodriguez, photos by Runner Staff

This league was spread out between five weeks, with games being played on Tuesday nights at the gym.

Throughout this month-long tournament seven teams battled it out week in and week out in order to be the last squad standing.

After the five weeks were complete there was an end of the season tournament to crown a champion, where Ak-Chin would stand toe-to-toe with the Copa Crew Hype playing for all the marbles.

These two teams had loads of fun, while also giving it all they had, when all was said and done, Copa Crew Hype



Copa Crew Hype pose holding their champion t-shirts after coming out victorious in the championship game.

would find themselves on the winning end of the scoreboard by a score of 24-13.

“The 3v3 league was a good turnout this round,”

said Ak-Chin Recreation Program Assistant Kathleen Miguel. “I look forward to planning another one in the future.”



just came off the assembly line. It truly felt like you were taken back in time.

“The 2024 Central AZ Car & Bike Show did not disappoint in our vision to bring different cultures and communities together! The event drew over 200 car show exhibitors,” said event organizer Honey Reed. “We have expanded into one annual car show. We are focused on diversity, family engagement, and strong social support for youth.”

Ronnie & Honey Reed began hosting car meets with “Car Day In The Copa” supported by their local Car Club “Maricopa Cruisers”. The car meets were held the last Saturday of every month and originated in 2015. With the help of community partners, the event has raised over \$15,000 donated to local charities.

Reeds Classic Motor Company hosted its first annual car show in February of 2021 with over 100 cars participating. For the second car show, they partnered with Copa TV (John Stapleton) and had a vision of producing multiple events simultaneously.

2024’s event did just that, as those who were in attendance witnessed. There was pretty much something for everyone to enjoy, from the classics to the hot rod cars, an amazing championship dog race that seemed like would never end, a worthwhile networking event for the business-



mindful and food trucks that tempted every palette.

This year’s winner included:

- Doggy Race winners - Olivia – 1st, Arthur – 2nd
- Food Truck winners:
 - Best Taco- El Chaparro
 - Best BBQ- G’ Mama’s
 - Best Between Two Buns- Culinary Mafia
 - Best Dessert- Creamyleta
 - Best Asian- SGVK
 - Best Latin Inspired- Sofritos Tan Rico
 - Best One-of-a-Kind- Shrimpies
 - Peoples’ Choice Fogo and Soul

The 2022 show bought over 200 vehicles and they expect this show to grow each year with the help of the incredible team they have. The 2023 car show bought over 300 vehicles.

The event is family-friendly and encourages the community to come out and “meet some cool neighbors”.

Reeds Classic Motor Company also chooses to have paid staff as opposed to volunteers to demonstrate its commitment to giving back to the community.



Ak-Chin Fire Department Fire Hydrant Testing

Story submitted by Jon Spezzacatena, Ak-Chin Fire Marshal

In the months of April and October you will see the Ak-Chin Fire Department out in the Community testing hydrants. Fire hydrants play a critical role in protecting lives and property in the event of a fire emergency.

Scheduled hydrant testing ensures these vital components are in optimal condition, ready to deliver the necessary water flow to combat blazes effectively. As we approach the testing season, it’s time to understand the importance of this process and its impact on Community safety.

Hydrant testing is not merely a routine maintenance task; it’s a proactive measure aimed at ensuring the reliability and functionality of firefighting equipment. By assessing water pressure, flow rates, and overall performance,

testing allows us to identify any issues or deficiencies that may delay firefighting efforts. Addressing these issues promptly helps maintain a robust firefighting infrastructure and enhances emergency response capabilities.

Firefighters rely on these hydrants as primary water sources during fire suppression operations. Therefore, ensuring their proper function is paramount for effective response and containment of fire incidents.

By conducting regular testing, we can lessen the risk of encountering non-operational hydrants during emergencies.

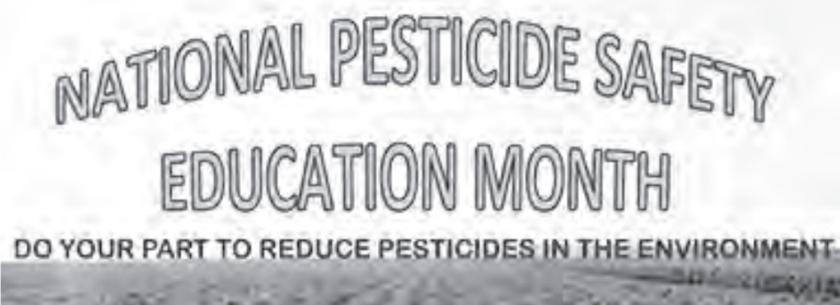
During hydrant testing you might notice some brown water coming out of your faucets and also in your toilets. If this occurs it can usually be cleared up by running

the cold water from your tap for about 20 minutes. If brown water is still appearing then you will need to contact water operations at 520-568-1155.

Check if the brown water is coming from hot or cold water only. If water is brown from hot water only, then it could be that your water heater needs to be flushed out.

Scale inside of the water heater fell to the bottom and muddied the water, or the inside could be rusting and a lot of rusted scales fell off the tank top or wall to the bottom, muddying it up. This rust is also an indication that your water heater is reaching the end of its lifespan and you need to have your water heater inspected.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Marshal Jon at 520-568-1316.



Did You Miss it?

Story submitted by Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Pesticide Control Specialist

Every February, EPA celebrates Pesticide Safety Education Month to help communicate to everyone the importance of Pesticide Safety. This education is directed to everyone who may use or may be exposed to the use of pesticides.

For over 50 years, beginning with pesticides used to control pests to protect our food supply, EPA has put in place measures and training to insure the safe use of these pesticides. Far and away, agriculture has been a major user of pesticides covering millions of acres each year.

Mandated regulation to insure the safe pesticide use and applications have been in place for decades in agriculture. With these mandates, enforcement always follows this tenant: “The Label is the Law”.

Agriculture has also employed the strategy of using less pesticides using IPM or Integrated Pest Management. Essentially employing strategies of crop pest monitoring and applying only when needed to reduce the use of pesticides and making them much more effective with proper pest identification and application timing.

IPM has become a time tested “tool” in the agricultural toolbox and has reduced pesticide use by millions of pounds without giving up yields. This “IPM toolbox” strategy is also available to use in our homes. Like in agriculture, we can improve pest control, reduce pesticide costs, and risk exposures in our home environments. This is excellent for good home health for everyone including children and pets.

One of the most economical and most cost effective IPM tools in pest proofing your home is:

Spring Cleaning or what is also referred to as “pest proofing” your home.

Three time-tested IPM tools to consider are:

1. Glue boards: Considered Pesticide devices (Free samples at Mother Earth Day Celebration).



2. Physical Barriers: Sealing cracks and crevices in doors and



windows create effective barriers and by all means the use Screens on windows and doors are very effective.

3. Instant Personalized Protective Gratification: Of course, personal defense in the use repellents and flyswatters are

effective and can be kept close for immediate action. Repellents are insecticides and must be kept out of reach of children. (Samples will be handed out at the Mother Earth Day Celebration on April 26, 2024). (The “ole” death of many” with high-tech advanced targeting upgrade! Bulls Eye included)

Please be safe this year and remember to “Read the Label”!



Spring Intersession - Week Two



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Gym and Weight Room will now be available on the Weekends!

Open Gym Hours :

Sat 8am-2pm

Sun 8am-12pm

Weight Room Hours:

Sat 8am-4pm

Sun 8am-4pm

For More information Call 520-568-1740
Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us



Tortilla Festival continued from front hand out free samples.

There were different vendors available and a number of different games, stations and demonstrations that everyone could participate in such as making tortilla dough from scratch, a burrito race, a tortilla toss, even a butter station for the fresh tortilla samples.

There was even a game to test your tortilla making skills by turning a dough ball into the biggest tortilla you can make, and another where you try to make two tortillas the best you can while being blind folded.

A delicious lunch was also provided, each dish had a traditional ingredient incorporated such as, cholla bud salsa, mesquite pudding, and drinks infused with prickly pear syrup.

The crowd was entertained with live music provided by Two Rivers, who also consisted of Ak-Chin members Milo Antone, Nick Narcia, and the recipient of the 2024 Mul-Chu-Tha Battle of the Bands Best Drummer Award, Marco Thompson.

The Tortilla Festival is an annual tradition that the Huhugam Ki: Museum wish to continue for as long as they are able to, and invite everyone out for the 2025 festival, which is an open event, drawing in over 400 attendees.

They are hopeful to get a crowd just as big next year, maybe even bigger.



Community.

In 2006, she started tortilla making classes within the community which lead to tortilla camps. There, youth and adults were able to learn how to make tortillas from scratch including how to get a fire started for their tortillas.

Before her unfortunate passing, Mrs. Belone worked for the Salt River Community for 30 years. Sharilyn was a master tortilla maker with over 60 years of experience as she began making tortillas when she was a young girl.

In 2020, the festival was put on hold for a couple of years due to Covid and the restrictions that were placed in the community.

In 2023, the Huhugam Ki: Museum decided to continue what the late Mrs. Belone started because it was something special to her, the department and the community.

Huhugam Ki: Museum Director, Gary Owens expressed that without Sharilyn, the knowledge she provided, her love for tortillas and wanting to teach others how to make them, the festival would not have taken place.

This year the Huhugam Ki: Museum incorporated the sister tribes, Ak-Chin, Gila River, and Tohono O'odham into their festival. They asked each tribe for possible demonstrators to show how each make their tortillas.

Representing Ak-Chin were community members Norma Vincent and Melanie Antone, along with the help of Velacita Lopez and Lerline Peters of the Ak-Chin Language Department.

Each tribe was given a time span of two hours and all the ingredients needed to make their tortillas.

Once finished they were given the opportunity to sell what tortillas they made as well as



GIRLS



MELIÑ S-HODAM WUA'I

ALL INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

3 - 5 May 2024
46753 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139
More information (520) 568-1740 or recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
ENTRY FEE \$150

BOYS




Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation Presents

Co-ed High School 3v3 Basketball League

Registration Opens: 3/13
Registration Closes: 4/3
Games on Sundays starting 4/6



For More Information Contact Jordan Gusse @ 520-568-1754 or Email: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us





Mylauni Antone with Reservation Dogs actor D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai.



Ak-Chin Council, entry #12 representing Ak-Chin at Mul-Chu-Tha parade.



Elder of the Year, Mrs. Eugenia Apkaw and family.



Elder of the Year, Mr. Urban Giff happily waves to parade attendees.



L to R: Junior Escalante, Mary Kim Tittle, Executive Director of the U.N.I.T.Y. Organization, Keikiana "Kiki" Lowry and Doria Garcia



Ak-Chin S-kubjuv Ju:dam toka team competing in the Mul-Chu-Tha toka tournament.



Ryan Justin in the Masters Roping.



Ak-Chin Shongivul team: Zachary Garcia, Horacio "Paydoe" Corella, Jesus "Buddy" Corella, Draven Soliz, and Davin Garcia proudly displaying their new Mul-Chu-Tha sweatshirts.



A handful of Ak-Chin Men's Basketball team gather with Delia Carlyle after a game.



Chizzum Justin and Charles "Loper" Justin, placed third in the 4-Tribes Roping.



Battle of the Bands - L-R Molina's Music (Dominique - guitar, Steven-accordion). T.O. Mumsigo (Dyami - guitar).



Battle of the Bands - Two Rivers (Nicole - scratcher, Nick - guitar).



Battle of the Bands - Ak-Chin S-kubjuv Ju:dam toka team.

was also bittersweet as they remembered the last time they all completed the Mul-Chu-Tha Half Marathon back in 2022, which at the time was virtual.

The ladies ran throughout the Ak-Chin boundaries together and were kept hydrated by Miss Holly. She followed them the whole way providing protein and water when needed, because of this they each dedicated this year's run to Holly for being so supportive of them.

"We did it!!! We did it for ourselves!! We did (it) for our family & community!!! We did it for those who can't!! We did it for Holly Elyse Antone." Amber shared on her fb.

Community member, Marco Thompson who played with the Two Rivers Band, participated in the Battle of the Bands on Saturday, March 16. Marco won the Best Drummer award during the Battle of the Bands event.

Along with Marco, Ak-Chin members Nick Narcia (Two Rivers), Nicole Narcia (Two Rivers), Dyami Jackson (T.O. Mumsigo/Project Kumbia), Marcelino Jacuinde (Project Kumbia), Steven Sam (Molina's Music) and Dominique White (Molina's Music) also participated in the Battle of the Bands competition.

Ak-Chin Council participated in the parade on Saturday, handing out fruits and greeting the crowd, as did Youth Council member, Doria Garcia.



Battle of the Bands Best Drummer Winner, Marco Thompson

"Me and my good friend Junior Escalante were asked by the lovely Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation to be her Security Officials in the parade and act as acting Chaperones." Doria shared.

Saturday morning traditional games were also played and Ak-Chin was well represented by the S-kubjuv Ju:dam toka team in the Toka Tournament. A men's team also participated in the Songivul tournament, and Ak-Chin Men participated in the Men's basketball tournament.

Also on Saturday, Ryan Justin participated in the Masters Roping in the morning. Later that day, Ryan's son Chizzum Justin along with papa Charles "Loper" Justin placed third in the Four-Tribes roping event.

A great highlight, especially for Mylauni Antone was getting to take a picture with D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Ta, who played Bear Smallhill on Reservation Dogs, an FX TV comedy series on Hulu.



Students recognized and rewarded for Academic Achievement

Submitted by Iris Smith

Saddleback Elementary held an awards assembly on March 25. During the assembly two community students were recognized: Hunter Narcia 2nd grade received the Personal Success Award, and Kingston Narcia 4th grade received the Pride Award



Hunter Narcia receives the Personal Success Award

Submitted by Diana Velazquez, Ak-Chin Student Advisor/Tutor

Several elementary students were recognized by Ak-Chin Education for having good academic standing in the third quarter. On March 5th and March 6th, elementary students earned a field trip after the conclusion of 3rd quarter. Students from K-5th went to two different locations.

K-2nd grade students were taken to Ak-Chin Circle,

where they enjoyed the movie, Wonka, with popcorn, candy and drinks. Afterwards they ate pizza and played in the arcade. Names of students:

- Saddleback Elementary: Kaleb, Ezri, DeliAnna, William, Harlee, Lindsay, Layla
- Maricopa Elementary: Andrea, Ardon, Dominic 3rd - 5th grade students went on a field trip to

Fat Cats in Queen Creek. They enjoyed the movie, Wonka with popcorn and drink. Once the movie ended, students bowled and played mini-golf.

Before the end of the fieldtrip, students enjoyed the arcade where they could earn tickets. Names of students:

- Saddleback Elementary

School: Itzehl, Serenity, Caleb, Makenna, Sarah, Aurelia, Sedra, Yaniah, Arrow, Abraham, Cecil

- Maricopa Elementary: Dallyss, Jessica, Ariaah, Morgan, Zoe, Sophia, Emily, Dalia
- Legacy Traditional Academy: Kylee



Kingston Narcia receives the Pride Award





Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

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MASK UPDATE

Starting April 1, 2024

Masks are optional, but recommended for patients and visitors ages 2 years and above:



- With flu, cold, or COVID-like symptoms
- With weak immunity (Ex. Elders, on dialysis or cancer treatments)
- Positive COVID-19 test in the past 5 days

Masks are available upon entry.

If you have flu, cold or COVID-like symptoms, please report to our staff members upon arrival.

NATIONAL FOOTHEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



TIPS FOR HEALTHY FEET

1. Inspect your feet daily, including the bottoms of your feet. A good time to check is after bathing.
2. Use a handheld mirror to see those hard-to-see/hard-to-reach places.
3. Dry well in between toes after bathing to reduce the risk of athlete's foot
4. Use lotion on dry skin areas to avoid cracks/fissures. It is best to apply within 15 minutes after bathing, sparing the spaces between toes.
5. Replace walking shoes every six months or 500 miles whichever comes first
6. Do not walk barefoot. Well fitted shoes serve as armor to protect your feet from the environment.



If you have questions and would like to schedule an podiatry appointment:
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-3321 ext. 1258
Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000 ext. 6520
Hau'pal (Red Tail) Hawk Health Center (520) 796-2600 ext. 2664



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Thought of exercising but thought personal training is too pricey?

- Life Center Fitness Centers offer personalized 1:1 training programs for kids (10+) and adults at no cost to GRIC Members
- Prefer working out independently but would like some guidance, our fitness staff can create an individualized workout routine for you.

For more information please stop by any of our Life Center locations or call: 520-562-3321 Ext. 7940



REMINDER!

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

CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY 5/27/2024

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

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

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



ZUMBA fitness

Ak-Chin Service Center
Tuesdays 6:00p-7:00p

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

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080
 *Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members



TRADITIONAL SONGS
 O'ODHAM NEOK
 ARTS & CRAFTS

AK-CHIN NEOK KI

SUMMER PROGRAM

START DATE :
MONDAY JUNE 5-15, 2024
6TH - 12TH GRADE
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

START DATE :
TUESDAY JUNE 20-29, 2024
K-5TH GRADE
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Space is limited , First 18 people to sign up

Open to all Members and Residents.
 Transportation will be provided, within the Ak-Chin Boundaries.

Any Questions contact Language Program @ (520)568-1338

Week of the Young Child



The Pinal Early Childhood Coalition invites you to a weeklong celebration focused on early learning and the educators who support the positive development of young children.

April 6 - 12 | #WOYC24

JOIN US FOR FUN
FREE events for families with children birth to age five years old.

- Crafts, activities, music
- Raffle prizes
- Community resources





April 8th | San Tan Valley
 In partnership with FUSD Partners Preschool
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Where: Walker Butte K-8 Field
 29697 N. Desert Willow Blvd.,
 San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

April 10th | Maricopa
 In partnership with Ak-Chin Indian Community and Molina Healthcare
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Where: Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park
 46851 W Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

April 12th | Eloy
 In partnership with City of Eloy
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Where: Central (Main Street) Park
 601 N. Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131

For more information call: (480)-253-1456



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- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Maintenance Technician (5)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Lifeguard (4)
- Security Guard
- Community Events Manager
- Community Events Planner
- Oral Historian
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Museum Technician (2)

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only:

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. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.



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Wishes

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jason, Michael Sr., and Darryl
 Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday to Pate and Tanay
 Love your family

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 5TH - APRIL 18TH

4/05 Jacolby King	4/10 Amanda Green	4/15 Reynold Narcia
4/06 Drevon Deloney	4/11 Angel Stephens	Brian Carra
Elena Cypriano	Gloria Alejandro	Sandra Shade
Alexis Stephens	Miranda Iniestra	4/16 Antonia Baptisto
Jason Garcia	Michael Peters Sr.	Darryl Peters
4/07 Nicole Coester	Heather Thomas	Valerie Ruiz
4/08 Cayla Thomas	Fred Jerry Jr.	Glenna Francisco
Jeffrey Ruelas	4/12 Angel Hoffman	4/17 Jace Dickerson
4/09 Nikolai White	Deeandra Lewis	4/18 Tianah Pilone
Nathius Jacuinde	Isaiah Narcia	
Garin Cuatt	4/13 Mel Kaniatobe	
Michelle Miranda	Jessica Batopis	
Leondro Antone	4/14 Pate Justin	
	Janay Ulloa-Justin	




FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE CLINIC

Wednesday
April 10, 2024
9:00a - 3:00p
Vekol Market Parking Lot

Services Provided:

- Family Planning counseling and education
- STD testing and treatment
- HIV testing and counseling
- Birth Control and Pregnancy education
- Well-Woman Exams
- Pap Smears and Breast Exams
- GYN Diagnosis and treatment
- Emergency Contraception
- Prenatal and Post-Partum Care
- Preconception Counseling
- Prevention Counseling and Education

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL
 Call or Text us at (520) 371-0132
***** The Mobile Unit is NOT Handicap Accessible*****

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 4/5 - 4/18/24

5 th Marc Matteson, Health Education Rosalva Madrid, TGA Jacolby King, Environmental Protection	8 th Belen Sanchez, Social & Health Services	16 th Brandy Rivera, Retail Glenna Francisco, Maintenance
6 th Joan Jackson-Deal, Human Resources Jason Garcia, Sanitation	9 th Nikolai White, Sanitation	17 th Jace Dickerson, Fire & Safety
7 th Nicole Carlyle-Coester, Community Government	12 th Ralph Gomez, Environmental Protection	18 th Teancum Thatcher, Law & Order
	15 th Sandra Shade, Planning Devonrick Hampton, TGA Adrian Angul, Sanitation	

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Goes Dark for Earth Hour



Hour, a worldwide movement organized by the World Wildlife Fund, is one of the many ways the property demonstrates its leadership in energy conservation and environmental sustainability.

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino: For nearly 30 years in Maricopa, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner. Harrah's Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

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

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino features 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with swim-up bar.

Harrah's Ak-Chin has been named a Most Admired Company by Arizona Business Magazine and Best Companies AZ, and Phoenix Business Journal has named the property one of the "Best Places to Work in the Valley" four consecutive years. Harrah's Ak-Chin was also awarded a Volunteer Service Award from the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

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The duos were willing to do whatever it took to catch the judge's eye and take their best shot at winning the mirror ball and bragging rights.

In order to raise funds, the teams encouraged their families and community to support them by voting for them during the dance competition or by donating money to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor.

Chairman Miguel and Alyssa raised over \$13,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs and garnered over 350 votes, at \$10 per vote.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the organization's mission "of providing young people with access to quality programs and services that will enable them

to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor serve the youth in Pinal County, Arizona

with after school programs with 1 Club in Arizona City, 5 in Casa Grande and 2 in Maricopa; and a before school program in Maricopa.

Please visit their website: <https://dancingforourstars.net/> to contribute and join in making a difference one bouncy dance move at a time.

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APRIL EVENTS

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Caramel Popcorn Day APRIL 6

6.5¢ or 2 for \$10

NATIONAL PRIME RIB DAY APRIL 27

347 GRILL

MOVIE RELEASES

- 4/05 The First Omen
- 4/05 Monkey Man
- 4/12 Civil War
- 4/12 Shrek 2 - 20th Anniversary
- 4/19 Abigail
- 4/26 Challengers
- 4/26 Unsung Hero

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APRIL 2024

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<p>7 DIAMOND</p> <p>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS DIAMOND PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>8 BUNGEE ARE BACK!</p> <p>SWIPE & WIN ON MONEY MONDAYS</p>	<p>9 COOKWARE SET BY SERVAPPETIT® GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>10 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>LUCKY WINNING WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG</p>	<p>11 MILITARY SALUTE THURSDAYS</p>	<p>12 PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>CHELSEA HANDLER</p>	<p>13 PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>FOREIGNER</p>	
<p>14 PLATINUM</p> <p>GIFT CARD SUNDAYS PLATINUM PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>15 SWIPE & WIN ON MONEY MONDAYS</p>	<p>16 COOKWARE SET BY SERVAPPETIT® GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>17 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>LUCKY WINNING WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG</p>	<p>18 MILITARY SALUTE THURSDAYS</p>	<p>19 TEE UP AT THE AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB</p>	<p>20 CODE GREEN SWEEPSTAKES</p> <p>CODE GREEN GIFT HOT SEATS</p>	
<p>21 GIFT CARD SUNDAYS</p>	<p>22 BUNGEE ARE BACK!</p> <p>SWIPE & WIN ON MONEY MONDAYS</p>	<p>23 COOKWARE SET BY SERVAPPETIT® GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>24 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>LUCKY WINNING WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG</p>	<p>25 MILITARY SALUTE THURSDAYS</p>	<p>26 Seven Stars</p> <p>SEVEN STARS® PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>27 WIN YOUR WHEELS!</p> <p>MONTHLY CAR GIVEAWAY SEVEN STARS® PROGRESSIVE REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	
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