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Mateo Rodriguez takes Abraham Jose represents in 10UAAA Arizona Allfirst place in Muay Thai Tournament

Story and photos submitted by Jennifer Boehm

Mateo Rodriguez has King. been training for two years in Muay Thai at Sunshine's Muay Thai and Boxing in Tempe, AZ, along with his younger brother Benji

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This past weekend, Mateo attended his first tournament -Rise of the in his first win. Prospects on August 24th in Tucson, AZ. He

competed along with four other members of his gym.

and trainer, Sunshine Fettkether is a decorated fighter in both Muay Thai and Boxing and was in Mateo's corner along trainer Daniela

Mateo took first place in the Junior Division after three 1.5-minute rounds in a unanimous decision fight against his competitor Jayden Boroski.

Sunshine's gym had a great tournament as all five fighters took home first place medals in their division.

Mateo had family and was the Tucson to cheer him on National

State Baseball Team

Story and photos submitted by Marla Antone

Kansas City, Missouri, destination friends make the drive to for the 2024 USSSA All

selected this year for the 10UAAA Arizona All-State Baseball Team.

Championship, July 30 We the family would – August 5th. Abraham like to thank everyone Jose was honored to be once again who helped

get Abraham to the National All-State Championships; his second year in a row. We appreciate the support and encouraging words given to Abraham, we believe he represented the Ak-Chin Community and Tohono O'odham Nation well.

Going into tournament we had a understanding how things were run so we were excited about this year's tournament. We were told this was the largest USSSA event with over 2,000 players participating in the 8U-14U divisions.

There were a few changes from last year that were implemented to this year's tournament. example; there was no MLB game to attend for the All-State USSSA teams that were participating so another

-0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0-**Phoenix Indian Center's New Location** in Midtown Phoenix



Phoenix Indian Center staff and invited guests conduct ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open their new Central Phoenix office, August 23.

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

Friday, August 23, 2024, the Phoenix Indian Center celebrated their new space with a grand opening ceremony filled with exciting speakers and a tour of the facility.

The grand opening began at 9 AM with introductions from Jason Coochwytewa, Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, the CEO of Phoenix Indian Center and a blessing from Robert Stone.

After the ribbon cutting and a small intermission refreshments, people were invited inside to hear words Jason Chavez,

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Director or Tribal Affairs and Diandra Benally, General Counsel of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation; along with current staff members of the facility, sharing their jobs and what goals they have within them, also giving insight to what's to come.

Dr. Schoonmaker, president of Tohono O'odham Community College shared a few words with the crowd regarding the new shared space with Phoenix Indian Center, also

the college's

sharing

mission.

After closing concluded, statements people were given an opportunity to tour the facility.

Phoenix Indian Center has serviced a variety of Native Americans/ Indigenous people since 1947 and specializes Stephen in assistance to urban native people who reside away from reservations; with programs like youth development, workforce development, language/ cultural studies, civic engagement prevention services.

Located at 4041 N.



Members from Ak-Chin Indian Community and nearby tribes, listen in as Ak-Chin Fire staff provide information on their fire recruitment program.

Ak-Chin Fire host Recruit Meeting for Tribal Members

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

Saturday, August 17th, at 9AM the Ak-Chin Fire Department hosted an informational meeting for their upcoming fire recruit program, geared towards members of Ak-Chin and members of other recognized tribes. This was an opportunity for participants to get a glimpse of the firefighter life and all that it entails.

The meeting was held by Ak-Chin members currently working for Ak-Chin Fire. The fire staff spoke of their experiences regarding the job; they highlighted moments that impacted them the most and did not hesitate explaining the challenges recruits would face once they began the program.

The meeting allowed participants for the ask questions regarding training, work expectations, physical/ mental readiness, etc. The fire staff then shared the benefits of working for Ak-Chin, specifically; upon completion of the program, they would choose three recruits to become full time recruits, while the others would be given a parttime position.

meeting After Jennifer Boehm, one of the Fire Captains with Ak-Chin Fire took everyone on a tour throughout the fire house; this included visits to the living quarters and other areas. Participants were also assisted by fire staff as they tried on fire gear used during an emergency; to get a feel of what is expected during emergencies.

excited With many attendees, Ak-Chin Fire Fire Recruitment continues to page 3

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On August 21st, the Ak-Chin Elders had a special guest presentation during their lunch time. Erin Kariuki of Angels Care Home Health in Casa Grande spoke with the elders present at lunch about the importance of our senses and ways to help keep them sharp.

She touched on each sense; sight, smell, taste, hearing, touch; and how the daily choices we make can easily affect our senses either in a good way or bad way, it is up to us what we choose.

A notable fact that Erin stated was how we clean our ears and how age effects the wax in



our ears. The older we become the wax in our ears dries up faster so we should be cleaning our ears regularly because our ears control our balance and having too much wax can put one at risk for failing, also

noting we should not stick cotton swabs into our ear.

All elders in attendance were given handouts with helpful tips to keep their senses up to par.



Elders enjoy visit to San Xavier Mission



Story and photos by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Programs Director

On August 14th, the Ak-Chin Elders took a day to visit the San Xavier Mission.

The elders entered the beautiful, centuriesold church, they sat quietly, taking in the atmosphere and reflecting on the

sacredness of the space. The day was marked by intense heat, which made their time inside the cool, dimly lit church all the more comforting.

After their visit, the elders enjoyed a delicious lunch at Little Mexico in Tucson, where they had

a great time chatting and enjoying their meal.

Afterwards, headed back to Ak-Chin, satisfied with their outing. However, they decided that the next trip would be planned for the cooler months.

Functional Fitness for ELDERS



Tuesdays & Thursdays

Remaining 2024 Schedule

Oct 08 **Nov 07** Sep 10 Oct 10 Nov 12 Sep 12 Oct 15 Nov 14 Sep 17 Oct 22 Nov 19 Sep 24

Oct 29 Nov 21 Sep 26

(Walk for Gratitude) Oct 31

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by The Injury Prevention Program Questions??? Call Teri De La Cruz at (520) 568-1087

*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM *Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM

Menu Subject to Change Without Notice

*Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Center Craft Room, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM to 10 AM *Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760 *For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769

MONDAY THURSDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY 9/6 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit Salad Tuna or Chicken

Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana

Baked Chicken, Butternut Squash, Broccoli, Mandarin **Oranges**

Potatoes with Chorizo, Avocado Slices, Tortilla, Fruit with Cottage Cheese

Sandwich Bar, Pasta Salad, Chips, Jell-O

11 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix **Berries**

Elder Games @ Rec 930AM

Cobb Salad, Rolls, Fresh Cut Fruit

Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches with Cottage Cheese

12

Split Peas, Chicken Taco (D), Carrots, Cookies

13 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit

Apple/Orange

Sandwich, Corn on Cob,

Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Grapes

16 Ham & Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Fruit

Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips, Cole Slaw, Ambrosia Salad

17 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad

Bar-B-Que Ribs, Baked Potato, Green Beans, **Peaches**

18 Veggie Scrambled, Avocado Slices, Toast,

Scone & fruit Elder Games @ Rec

930AM // Movie Day Lima Beans, Pork Chop (D), Zucchini, Moon

Bread, Apples

19 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fried Apples Soup & Salad, Rolls,

Watermelon

20 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit Salad, Granola Bar

Carne Asada, Taco Salad, Lettuce/Tomato, Jell-O Cake

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ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement. If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have members who expressed the desire to become certified to work for the community.



Above, Ak-Chin firefighter, Jacob Dickerson, Jr. provides information about his job in fire service.



Above, attendees and fire staff work together to assist putting on safety gear.

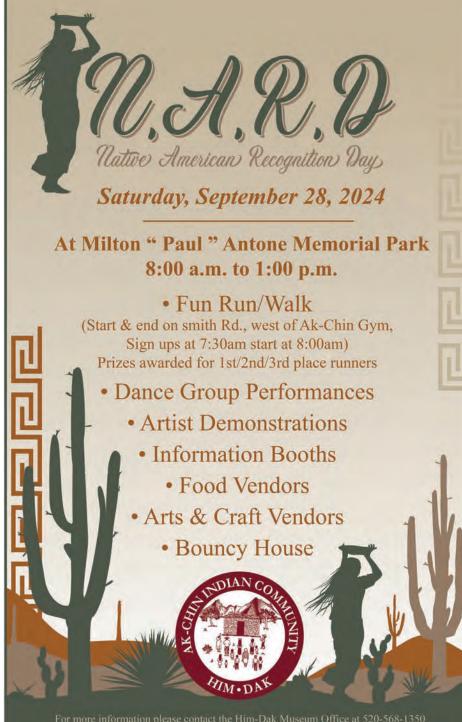


Amber Antone successfully dons a fire helmet.









Ak-Chin enjoys wonderful weather for Glow Run

contnued on with their Glow Run. Afterwards, a delicious healthy light dinner was waiting for all, compliments of Ak-Chin Health Education.





All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words.

Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request.

suggestions or comments

about "YOUR" newspaper,

let the Runner Staff know

that too.

Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should

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NEXT DEADLINE Don't forget the DEADLINE for the

September 20 -October 3, 2024 issue is due by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc.

no later than **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Material submitted after the SEPTEMBER 13TH

DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.





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Art Activities at Him Dak

Story and Photos by Kristen Villegas

For the past couple of weeks, the Him Dak Museum has been holding Ceramics and Flower Wreath Making Classes for members, employees and residents.

Ceramics classes are held at 11am and 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

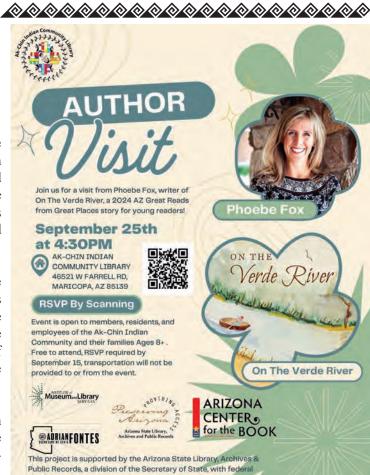
The ceramics class is one where you can test your true patience and attention to detail.

flower wreath

making sessions are held on Tuesdays, from 4:30pm - 7:30pm and is definitely for people who love all things floral, with intricate and vibrant arrangements.

Both programs are still going on. This is your chance to dive into your creative side and challenge yourself with these fun, free programs.

For more information please contact the museum at 520-568-1350.







funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Service

Maricopa Pantry Food Donation

Story and Photos by Kristen Villegas

On August 27th, 2024 the Maricopa Pantry donated treats that the library displayed for interested people to come and take.

Held in the lobby of the Education and Library building, the foods included

were apples, Oreos, Fritos,

Sour Patch Kids and upon going to the front desk of the library, Terry's Chocolate Oranges.

People also had opportunity to fill out a survey for the summer programs at the library which were also displayed.





TUE SUN MON WED THU FRI SAT 5 SUMMER 12pm-2pm ENDS CLOSED 12 10 11 15 Story Code CLUB CRANDPARENTS | Fall @1pm 12pm-2pm **Patriot Day** Challenge Begins 16 19 15 17 18 20 Mary Cline @1pm @12pm 22 23 26 27 25 28 Visit CLOSED CLOSED Native 29 50 Library Hours Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm Sat: 12pm-4pm After School Meals Monday - Friday 4pm-6pm Sun: Closed Saturday 1pm-3pm



Central Ave in Phoenix, this is a great place for anyone to come and connect with others, as they host numerous social gatherings every month.

Questions? Call us: (520) 568-1675 or Email us: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

> Jolyana Begay Kroupa assists Robert Stone, as he prepares to say a land blessing before the ribbon cutting.



4 Anyone 18 & Under!



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ELECTION

The 2024 Community Election will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Service Center. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 AM and close promptly at 2:00 PM. This election will be to elect members to serve in the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions, as the terms of Robert Miguel and Lemuel Vincent, will expire.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve on the Community Council for a four (4) year term commencing in January 2025.

Nomination Forms will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters through Vicky Smith or Mercedes Rivera, beginning Friday, August 16, 2024 through Monday, September 16, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Members may self-nominate. Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination in writing and the acceptance must be notarized. All Nomination Forms must be completed and received by not later than 5:00 PM on Monday, September 16, 2024. Nomination Forms must be returned to Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera at Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR NOMINATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION FORM.

AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates will be required to sign a notarized Affidavit of Qualifications for Community Council Member. Affidavits will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office through Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, beginning Wednesday, September 11, 2024 through Monday, September 16, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Affidavits must be completed and turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, September 16, 2024.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- Is currently an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and has been an enrolled member for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election.
- Is at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Has been residing on the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation or on land owned in fee by the Ak-Chin Indian Community for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election
- Has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty in any tribal, state or Federal court or of an offense which would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty under the laws of Arizona.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person as instructed below or by sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots may be requested in-person from Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office beginning Wednesday, October 16, 2024, through Friday, November 8, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Absentee ballots may be returned either in-person or by mail. Absentee Ballots which are returned by mail must be notarized and postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 13, 2024. In person drop off, of Notarized Absentee Ballots, must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, November 15, 2024.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution provides that the members of the Community Council shall obtain the training required to properly perform their duties including, but not limited to, training on financial management and the conduct of meetings.

CODE OF ETHICS

Council Members are subject to a Code of Ethics, which is adopted pursuant to Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution.

ELIGIBLE VOTER LIST

Copies of the Eligible Voter List will be posted at the following locations:

Community Headquarters Office

Vekol Market

Justice Complex

Service Center Him-Dak Museum

Members are encouraged to verify that their name is on the Eligible Voter List. If your name is not on the Eligible Voter List and you think it should be, contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 568-1029. In order to be on the Eligible Voter List you must be 18 years of age or older and be an enrolled member of the Community on or before Election Day.

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED/DISQUALIFIED VOTES

QUALIFIED - Any ballot with at least one (1) vote. DISQUALIFIED - Any ballot with more than three (3) votes.

NO WRITE - INS

PARENTS – CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR THE VOTING POLLS.

Community members with questions about the Election Ordinance or the election process (including the candidate nomination and qualification process) may contact the Election Board at akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us.





8 AM - 4 PM

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Ak-Chin Indian Community

Request for Proposal for

Stock Contractor Services for

Masik Tas Rodeo Events

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community")

contractor to provide animals for rough stock and

scheduled on December 20 – 22, 2024. Contractor

and experienced in care, preparation, and retrieval

competitions and must understand rodeo rules and

The Community is located 35 miles south of Phoenix

of Maricopa is a neighbor to the Community. Rodeo

in the northwestern part of Pinal County. The City

events will take place at Ak-Chin Circle Outdoor

Parkway behind Ak-Chin Entertainment Center at

Ak-Chin Circle next to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino

Full Proposal Requests will be available September

6 2024. RFP may be picked up at the Purchasing

Maricopa, Arizona 85138; or via email request

Please email questions and clarity of the RFP by 4

p.m. on September 19, 2024. Response to questions

and clarity will be sent out to all that requested a

Deadline for submitting proposals is October 3,

and one (1) unbound copy of your proposal

labeled "Stock Contractor Services Proposal for

2024, at 4 p.m. Please submit Five (5) bound copies

Masik Tas". Proposals can be mailed or dropped off

"Stock Contractor Services Proposal

for Masik Tas Rodeo Events"

Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager

RFP within 24 hours of business day.

Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road,

to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager, at

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

at the address listed below:

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Resort.

Arena located off of Narcia Road and Ak-Chin

how those affect/apply to the rodeo contestants.

must provide stockmen that are knowledgeable

of a variety of livestock throughout the event

is seeking services of a qualified and licensed stock

roping events for the Community's Masik Tas Event



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON 2023 (3)

HOMES DEMO & REBUILD PROJECT

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract. This Construction projects consist of (3) Homes:

- Demolition and removal of all materials
- Pad build up/compaction
- All permits
- All inspections/survey Rebuild/plans provided
- Closeout documents/as-builts
- Safety meetings/construction meeting minutes

A MANDATORY PRE-BID VIRTUAL meeting is scheduled for 9:30am a.m. (MST) on Thursday, September 12, 2024, by WebEx. To register for a WebEx invitation email Fhowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us, by 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Registered attendees can pick up an RFP Packet thumb drive at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138.

at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened. This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the

Community Procurement Procedure. Request for

Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package

and related information may be obtained from the

Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office,

42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona

The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals

until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, September 19,

2024 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located

85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all preproposal. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such

time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No proposals shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Proposals without consent of the Owner.





AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-**BUILD FOR 2023 (3) HOMES - BEDROOM** ADDITION PROJECT and 2023 (3) HOMES - HANDICAP BATHROOM CONVERSION

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. This project is to design and construct bedroom additions & ADA bathrooms on scattered homes in the Ak-Chin Community.

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Capital Projects

Ak-Chin Indian Community Request for Proposal for Stock Contractor Services for Masik Tas Roping Events

The Ak-Chin Indian Community ("Community") is seeking services of a qualified and licensed stock contractor to provide animals for roping events for the Community's Masik Tas Event scheduled on December 19, 2024. Contractor must provide stockmen that are knowledgeable and experienced in care, preparation, and retrieval of livestock throughout the event competitions and must understand roping rules and how those affect/apply to the roping contestants.

The Community is located 35 miles south of Phoenix in the northwestern part of Pinal County. The City of Maricopa is a neighbor to the Community. Roping events will take place at Ak-Chin Circle Outdoor Arena located off of Narcia Road and Ak-Chin Parkway behind Ak-Chin Entertainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle next to Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Full Proposal Requests will be available September

Office at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138; or via email request to Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager, at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Please email questions and clarity of the RFP by 4

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p.m. on September 19, 2024. Response to questions and clarity will be sent out to all that requested a RFP within 24 hours of business day.

Deadline for submitting proposals is October 3, 2024

"Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas". Proposals can be mailed or dropped off at the "Stock Contractor Services Proposal for Masik Tas Roping Event"

Flora Howerton, Purchasing Manager Ak-Chin Indian Community 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road Maricopa, AZ 85138 Proposals will be privately reviewed by Owner.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and irregularities and to accept any proposal considered advantageous The Community's Selection Committee will review

and rate all submissions, and consult with the Community Council on the final selection. The Community's Selection Committee may select applicants for interviews. All candidates will be

content requirements are not followed.

Proposals will be disqualified if instructions and

SUBMISSION

at 4 p.m. Please submit Five (5) bound copies and one (1) unbound copy of your proposal labeled address listed below:

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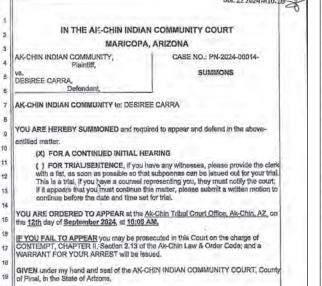
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ATTENTION! The Ak-Chin Tribal Courts at this time will only allow the parties who

have a case pending before the court to be in the courtroom. All other parties including family members and/or friends are prohibited.

PROBATION/PRE-TRIAL CHECK INS Individuals checking in with Probation and/or Pre-Trial Services you may

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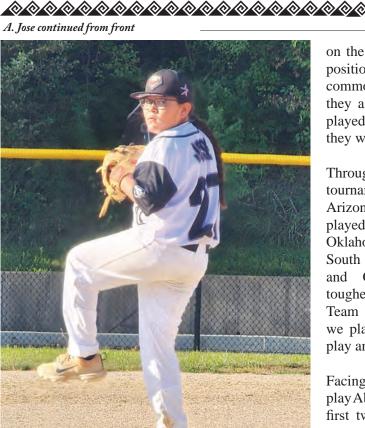
DATED this 22nd day of July, 2024



The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without

consent of the Owner.



venue was chosen for the opening ceremonies, which housed over 5,000 players and families that attended that day.

Also, Abraham had the opportunity to have customized trading cards that he could trade with other players during the ceremonies, opening (Abraham did make sure to keep some for family and friends back home), and Abraham's best change or should I say addition was that he had customized jerseys with his last name and

number on the back.

For the itinerary it stayed pretty much the same as last year with teams having a practice day, which was on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday was registration where jerseys were given out with a bag full of items given to each player from the USSSA organization for making

the tournament.

Wednesday, Abraham was able to squeeze in batting practice at a nearby batting cage before facility just attending the opening ceremonies. Thursday was the start of the baseball games, starting off with pool play for the first two days and finishing it off with bracket play for the rest of the weekend.

The Arizona All-State Team 10U faced some pretty tuff teams this year as their pool play record was 1-2, this becomes important because your record in pool play determines where your team will sit in the bracket.

Abraham did his best as he was placed in more positions other than catching and pitching during his time in Kansas City. I believe everyone on the team were put in positions they weren't commonly placed in, but they all stepped up and played whatever position they were asked to.

Throughout tournament, Team Arizona Maroon 10U played against, Arkansas, Oklahoma, **USSSA** South East, Nebraska, and California. Their toughest competitor was Team Oklahoma, which we played once in pool play and in bracket play.

play Abraham pitched the first two innings of the game. The first inning he struck out 2 with no one scoring, second inning he struck out one, but at the end of the inning 4 runners had scored. A pitching change was made in the third inning, we ultimately lost that

Facing Oklahoma in pool

During bracket play the first team we faced was Team Nebraska, which we won that game, then we had to face Oklahoma Although again. Arizona wanted

get redemption it just wasn't in the cards. The defeat against Oklahoma brought us down to the loser's bracket to face California.

Facing California was

a game of back and forth, we'd get ahead and then they would get ahead. Both teams wanted to win as the loser would be out of the tournament. Sad to say that was our last game of the tournament as Team California won.

face great competition, which we had throughout the tournament, as Team Oklahoma ended up being the Champions of the National All-State Tournament and Team Arkansas took 2nd place out of the 24 teams participating in our division.

In the end it was good to

It was a great learning experience for all, and although Team Arizona didn't come out as champions, teammates enjoyed their time on and off the field as they created good friendships

out of it.

Everyone's comment to each other was "see you on the field" players parents alike, as we will most likely face each and every teammate in the upcoming season back home.

The Arizona All-State

Team was made up of

players from different Arizona teams are affiliated with the USSSA organization. If players wanted to have a chance to be selected to play in the National All-State Championship, which was in Kansas City, MO. this year, they had to register for the Winter All-State Event that was held back in December 2023. Each state has their own events and requirements.

As for Arizona, this year the selection was based on skill evaluations and game play. Abraham not only participated, but was also named one of the MVP players for his division. Abraham was actually one of

six players from the Scorpions Arizona team who registered, which three including Abraham made the team. Not only did Abraham have familiar faces as teammates for the All-State Team, the coach, "Coach Steve" from the Arizona Scorpions was also selected to be the head coach.

Congratulations and great job to all and their selections. This tough defeat in Kansas City isn't stopping Abraham as he will continue to play with Arizona Scorpions. His season started as soon as he got off the plane from Kansas City with practices and tournaments already scheduled.

His next tournament will be in Prescott, AZ at the end of August. Abraham said, "I can't wait to start playing with the Scorpions, I really missed the team."

Good luck to everyone starting up their baseball season again, and... see you on the field!







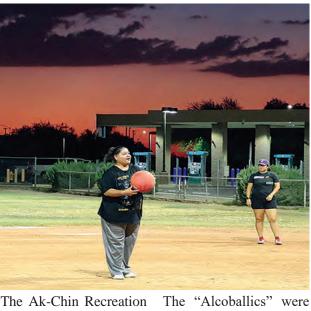
M. Rodriguez continued from front





Group Pic: Trainer Daniela Nava, Trainer Cesar Tabanico, Dylan Hutchins, Sara Spaan, Mateo Rodriguez, Trainer/Owner Sunshine Fettkether, Trainer Joel Lube, Joseph Morales. Not pictured: Miguel Perez.

Kickball Season in Full Gear



hosted their second round

of kickball games for the 2024 season. Although the pouring rain canceled the first game, the second game played on at 7 p.m.

humidity after the storm

which also brought an

abundance of mosquitoes.

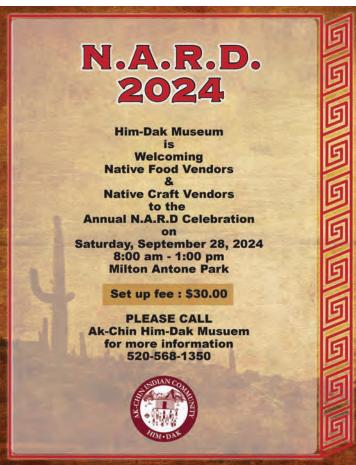
The players endured the

victorious of night's beating game, "Warriors" by a double digit score.

The series of games will continue on Thursday nights, ending with a league games tournament on Thursday, September 19th, starting at 5:30 p.m.







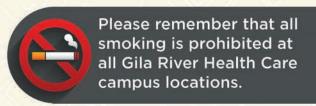


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CLOSED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN
RECOGNITION DAY

Friday, September 20th Saturday, September 21st

Normal business hours will resume Monday, September 23, 2024. Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

<u>Pharmacy Hours</u>

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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- Accountant
- Child And Family Therapist
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant O&M Technician
- Security Systems Technician
- Environmental Technician
- Library Manager
- Graphic Artist
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Student Advisor/Tutor

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only:

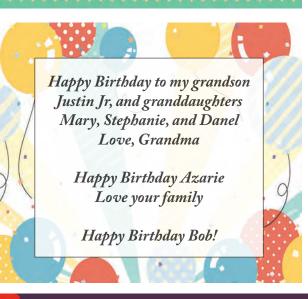
- Oral Historian
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Museum Technician (2)

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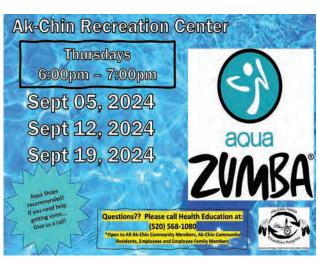
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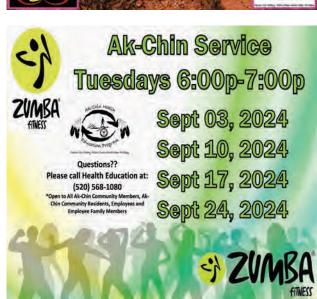
It has been 4 years Dave and you still bring the tears but also lots of laughs. Miss You Dearly.











Birthdays September 1 **Ember Navarrette**

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Daniel Chavez Vanessa Soliz **John Batopis**

SEPTEMBER 2ND

Jocelyn Antone Jennifer Smith Bernadette White

SEPTEMBER 3RD Theresa Ormsby

Michelle Justin Kyla Narcia

SEPTEMBER 4TH Bianka Stephens

Tommy Jensen

SEPTEMBER 5TH

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Philbert Narcia Sr. **Harrison Smith** Robert Santos Jr. **Patricia Thomas** ER 6TH

Mila Aguilla Marcelino Jacuinde

SEPTEMBER 7TH Joseph Justin

Gabrielle Compton

Clayton Antone Jorge Stephens Matthew Manuel Randall Narcia

SEPTEMBER 8TH Alana Oliver

Darris Vincent Sylvia Gutierrez

SEPTEMBER 9TH

Linus Johnson

Kingston Narcia Azarie Carlyle Eleazar Baptisto Justin Zabawa Jr. SEPTEMBER 10TH

Kelvert Joaquin

Steven Narcia

SEPTEMBER 11TH Mary L. Narcia

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Lisa Matuz

Tatum Campbell SEPTEMBER 14TH

Romeo Jensen

Lucy R.Antone

Eva Romo

ShaMarie Florez

SEPTEMBER 15TH Stacie Antone

Krislyn Pablo

SEPTEMBER 16TH Fernando Smith Jr.

Angela Manuel Angelo Manuel **Graham Smith SEPTEMBER 17TH**

Josiah Thomas

Frederick Antone Rosalie Perry Stephanie Smallcanyon

SEPTEMBER 18TH

Danel Peters Isaiah Miguel Marin Lopez Rebecca Ruiz

SEPTEMBER 19TH Andres Hernandez Sonia Narcia **Robert Miguel** Joycelyn Kaniatobe EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 9/1 - 9/19

Barbara Hawkins, Fire Celina Miguel, Court Vanessa Soliz,

> 9/2 Erica Aguilar,

Community Gov.

Police Jennifer Smith, Tribal Gaming Agency

9/3 Michelle Justin, Community **Operations**

9/4 Tommy Jensen, **Central Plant** Bianka Mata, Him Dak Museum

9/5 Mario Campos, Maintenance Karen Fierro, Community Government Cody Morris, **Fire**

9/6 Quinn Shumway, **Prosecutor** 9/7

Clayton Antone,

Duane Antone,

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9/9 Robert Beechum, Sanitation Michael Graza, **Fire** 9/11

Stefanie Bridschge, **Detention** Mary Narcia, **Early Childhood** Francisco Viezcas, Sanitation

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9/12

Theodore Puetz, **EPD** 9/18

Tamarita Ned,

9/15

Human Resources 9/19 Andres Flores,

Tribal Gaming Agency Robert Miguel, Community Government Sonia Narcia, Elderly

AK-Chin Him Dap October 8th, 2024 Him Dak Art Building 4:30 pm - 7 pm Open to all Community Hembers & Residents Transportation Provided. Please call Before 4:00 pm (520)-568-1350





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