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**October 4 - October 17, 2024** 

### **Ak-Chin Native American** Recognition Day Festivities



Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Dance Group performs at this year's NARD Celebration.

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

On Saturday, September 28th, 2024, Ak-Chin Him Dak Museum staff organized their annual Native American Recognition Day Celebration.

day started with a morning run/ walk; with members, residents and employees receiving shirts

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for their participation. performances cards.

After the walk, everyone gathered at the Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial

light breakfast snacks Park for traditional Community Elder, Delia cultural demonstrations; Carlyle did a blessing this included painting, before runners and basket weaving and walkers started the route beaded art. Information to PD; the top finishers booths were also set received medals and gift up, along with vendors selling merchandise, food and drinks.

> Maricopa Pantry



Author Phoebe Fox looks on as Elmaleen Johnson reads her poem with a little help from Linda Brill, Ak-Chin Librarian.

### **Ak-Chin Youth treated** to a visit from Author

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas

The Ak-Chin Library had a special visit from Arizona Children's Author, Phoebe Fox, on September 25.

Fox has written stories like "Julian Blooms", "Up Up Up", "Panda Proud", "Starry's Haircut", "Starry Gets Lost", "Starry's New gave out free snow Friend", "Babies Nurse"

and "Babies Bond."

A few of her books were illustrated by former National Basketball Association player Jim Fox, who happens to be her father-in-law.

A few interesting facts about Phoebe is she has a YouTube channel called MamaFox Books,

a website under the same name, and has a series called Storytime Saturdays, where she reads stories for young readers through video recording.

During her visit to the library, she read her book "On the Verde River," which mentions the many animals and plants

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At left, bassist, Keanu Reeves and lead singer Bret Domrose of Dogstar performing their last concert of the year at Harrah's, September 25, 2024.

### **Dogstar's Excellent** Performance at Harrah's

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

On Saturday, September 25, 2024, the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino welcomed the American alternative rock band, Dogstar, known widely for one of their founders and bass player, Keanu Reeves.

The ballroom filled with anticipated fans waiting for the band to make their Harrah's Ak-Chin debut. In the meantime, they would enjoy the music of fellow rock band, Sons of Silver.

This show was the very last stop of their "Summer Vacation Tour" where they would Dogstar continues to Page 8

headline shows in cities such as Las Vegas, Reno, Kansas City, and Ventura, California with Sons of Silver, who also had a show at the Nile earlier this year in February, as their opening act.

Dogstar formed in the early 90's and played up to the early 2000's. Along with star bassist Keanu, the three-man band consists of lead vocalist and guitarist, Domrose, actor-musician Robert Mailhouse on drums.

Although Domrose was not an original member, he was a

highly rated addition as he was a composer and had previous musical experience playing with punk band, The Nuns, before joining Dogstar.

What started as a hobby, playing in a house garage quickly led to touring, opening shows headliners, David Bowie and Jon Bon Jovi, all the while Mailhouse and Reeves continued to star in movies and tv shows.

In 2002, the band took a long pause until 2020 when they started playing music together again, however they didn't make their way

### **1st Annual Peters** Memorial 3-on-3 **Basketball Tournament**



Peters family congratulates the Peters Team for winning this year's Men's 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Championship, September 28.

Story and photos by Ashley Vincent

family Peters held their first annual memorial on basketball tournament Saturday, September 28th, at the Ak-Chin Gym, which had a men's and women's division.

The tournament was held in remembrance of the family's lost loved ones who loved to play basketball; this was their

way of honoring them.

Eight teams entered this year's tournament; two women's teams and six men's team. All were ready to hit the new gym floor to play their hardest throughout the day; competing to be the top winners of the tournament.

The day was filled with

exciting games from start

Battling their way to championship was team "Peters" of Ak-Chin, whom also remained undefeated until the game championship where they would lose for the first time, with a close score of 28-27, awarding them another game in the battle for

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to finish.



Team Peters (gold/maroon) and Copa Crew battle for a loose ball during PAGE 5 PD DRONE PROGRAM the Women's 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament, September 28.

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### Elder Games at Recreation

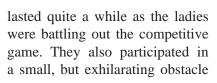


Elder Games, Ak-Chin Recreation

and Health Education had the

attendees play big checkers, which

Connie Cypriano dribbles down the court. Story and photos by Kristen Villegas For Wednesday's September 25th,



course which included side steps, rope jumping, ball dribbling and ring tossing, which was exciting

### Functional Fitness for ELDERS



Tuesdays & Thursdays Remaining 2024 Schedule

Oct 08

Nov 07

Oct 10 Nov 12 Oct 15

Nov 14 Oct 22 Nov 19

Oct 29 Nov 21

Oct 31

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### **Elder Center Operation Moving into the Service Center**

Beginning on October 14, 2024, the Elder Center will enter a significant phase of construction and renovations as part of its much-anticipated Elder Center Expansion Project.

This project aims to enhance the facilities and services offered to the community's elders. During the construction period, all activities, programs, and services provided by the Elder Department will be temporarily relocated to the Service Center building to ensure continued support and care to the elders.

As a result of the ongoing expansion work, external requests from members or departments for the use of the Service Center will be suspended until the renovations are fully completed and Elder Center staff can return to their newly upgraded space. The anticipated completion date for the Elder Center Expansion is set for October 2025, at which point normal operations will resume.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of improvement. Should you have any questions, concerns, or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Elder Center at 520-568-1760.

Thank you, Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Center Director

## Elders enjoy Santan **Mountain Casino** Story and photo by R. Peters



L-R: Rechanda Manuel, Lita Yarberry, Connie Cypriano, Wynema Miguel, Lena Cypriano and Ruby Smith visit Santan Mountain Casino, September 24.

On September 24th, Ak-Chin Elder Center Staff, Sonia Depaola, Elderly Program Supervisor and Marissa Antone, Elderly Care Worker escorted six elders to the newly opened Santan Mountain Casino.

Upon arrival the elders noticed how nice and

light the casino was, with its white tiled flooring and large windows. Once they found their favorite games and machines, they enjoyed some play.

A few ventured to the Garden outside to enjoy the warm weather. Native landscaping surrounded the garden area, with a beautiful scenic view of

the San Tan Mountains. Once everyone had a

chance to play a few of their favorite games everyone was gathered up to enjoy lunch in the food court, which offered a good variety of dining options. After lunch, everyone loaded back on the bus and made their way home.

Santan Mountain Casino is located on the Gila River Indian Community, Chandler. The casino opened this past summer. It is 160,000 sq. ft. with over 800 slot machines and 25 table games. The Sports book is 7,000 sq. ft. For more information visit: playatgila.com/santanmountain

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

\*Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Center **Craft Room, Tuesdays & Thursdays** 9 AM to 10 AM

10/8

\*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760 \*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769

Menu Subject to Change Without Notice

10/10

Salad

Biscuits & Gravy,

Scrambled Eggs, Fruit

Turkey Sandwich, Green

Leaf & Tomato, Broccoli

Soup, Fruit Cocktail

Toast, Banana

10/4 Eggs Pita Pockets, Avocado Slices, Fruit & **Yogurt** 

Tilapia or Chicken, Peas & Carrots, Wild Rice, Fresh Cut Fruit

Hashbrowns Casserole,

Pinto Beans, Pork Chop

10/11

10/7 Ham & Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Fruit

Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Green Beans, Vanilla **Pudding** 

Cream of Wheat, Boiled

Eggs, Raisin Bread, Fruit

Beef Fajitas, Pinto Beans,

Spanish Rice, Tropical

10/14

**Fruit** 

Cheese Spaghetti, Romaine

**Grapes with Cottage** 

Potatoes with Chorizo,

Refried Beans, Tortilla,

Salad, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Grapes 10/15

Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Salad

Creamy Chicken Soup, Butternut Squash, Romaine Salad, Garlic Toast, Cherry Crisp

Just one Sweet Potato gives you 102% of

**Grand Canyon Trip** 

Indian Tacos, Lettuce/

Cobb, Tropical Fruit

Tomato/Cheese, Corn on

10/9 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fried Apples

Baked Chicken, Sliced Baked Acorn, Cauliflower, Whole Wheat/White Rolls, **Plums** 

10/16

Eggs, Refried Beans, Sour Cream, Mix Berries Movie Day

Chilaquiles, Scrambled

**Angel Home Healthcare** Presentation w/Erin Kariuki White Beans w/Spinach,

Chicken Dumpling (D), Cauliflower, Acorn Squash, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls 10/23

10/17 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs,

BLT Sandwich w/ Avocado, Corn, Banana Nut Bread, Cranberry Bread (D)

(D), Carrots, Cornbread, Ambrosia Salad 10/18

Breakfast Quesadilla,

Salsa & Sour Cream,

Fruit & Yogurt

Scrambled Eggs,

Bacon, Mix Berries

Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Whole Wheat/ White Rolls, Fresh Cut Fruit

the vitamin A you need each day. This helps keep your eyes healthy as well as your immune system, your body's defense against germs. It is also good for the Heart and Kidneys.

10/21 10/22 Scrambled Eggs,

Hashbrown, Sausage, **Toast & Fruit** 

**Mandarin Oranges** 

Leaving for Grand **Canyon Trip** 

Potato Soup & Salad, Whole Wheat Roll,

Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin,

Fruit with Cottage Cheese

Breakfast Sandwich, Potatoes, Fruit Salad

**Returning from Grand Canyon Trip** 

Sauteed Sausage w/ Red Peppers & Onion, Sauteed Cabbage, Brown Rice, Pineapples

10/24 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit & Yogurt

Short Ribs w/Hominy, Romain Salad, Zucchini **Bread** 

10/25 Spam & Eggs, Hashbrown, Muffin, Fruit Salad

Chicken Enchiladas, Zucchini, Carrots, Grapes 16600 N. Maricopa Hwy. Maricopa, Arizona 85139

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Announcements and wishes

may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

#### **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 suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know

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. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file.

Allow 2 weeks for return.

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#### **Ak-Chin Indian Community NEXT DEADLINE**

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the October 18-31, 2024 issue is due by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Please submit all

announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Material submitted after the

OCTOBER 11TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate

included in the next issue.

and relevant, it will be

San Juan Kuali:ya give-away dance.

cones to attendees and Lexy Lopez's Lemme Lemonade U was a refreshing favorite, to beat the heat. Melanie Antone sold breakfast burritos in the morning and popovers in the afternoon.

Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel was the announcer throughout the day for traditional performances and shared the stage with the band Two Rivers, who played on and off.

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their giveaway dance; this

included household items,

The second group to

appear was the Anegam

traditional dancers and

singers. They displayed

colorful props, which

they held throughout

their performance and

displayed great confidence

The last group to perform

was the Chi'Chino Spirit

O'odham Dance Group.

The speaker of the group

explained the significance

to each dance, making for

ended

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decorations

impressive

Halloween

in the show.

experience.

performance

They

where

members

playing.

this the most.

other

and

goods.

from Ak-Chin's San Juan Kuali:ya Youth Dance Group, who actually



The first performance was

performed again in Santa Rosa later in the afternoon. Always a great show, the performance ended with



Traditional basket weavers



Anegam Traditional dancers



race. Right photo, (I-r) Sarah Zabawa, Sarah Delma and Amber Antone, women's race top finishers.

### **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 check in with Court Security first and the individual you are here to see will be notified.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you.

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

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the

following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the

Case: SD-07-24 Water Tank & Well in Santa Cruz Commerce Center Project Applicant/Water/Wastewater Plant Manager, Carlton Carlyle, and Airport Manager, Tim Costello, are requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct a new water tank and well in the

Santa Cruz Commerce Center. The proposed project will include:

Installation of new pumps and water tank; and

- New fence and improved access to the site; and • Removal of old equipment.
- Case: PS-06-24 Harrah's Casino Expansion-Gaming Expansion:

Justice Center Conference Room.

#### changed to Smoking area Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Stovall, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to retrofit the

former Buffet area to accommodate a new 10,000 square foot area Gaming Expansion area. The proposed project will include:

• 300 slot machines; and New 1,000 square foot bar with six (6) bar top slots; and

Future capacity of Gaming Expansion area to 356 slots at 25

- square foot per slot; and Designated smoking area separated by glass wall; and
- Updated HVAC unit; and

furnishings.

- New mechanical ducting accommodating smoke mitigation;
- Upgraded lighting, Audio Visual, and Mechanical, Electrical,
- and Plumbing ("MEP"); and New carpet, architectural and decorative wall finishes, and

### **Ak-Chin Indian Community Election November 16, 2024**

Official 2024 Candidates for This Year's Election

**Tribal Chairman Candidates: Gabriel Lopez Lemuel Vincent** Yolanda Miranda

### **Tribal Vice-Chairman Candidates: Ann Marie Antone Delia Carlyle Erica Oliver**

Application for Absentee Ballot: Any eligible an interesting storytelling voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the reservation or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place may request their an absentee ballot by either appearing in person or sending a letter to the Community Election Board at community social dance 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots will be available at Tribal/Farm Headquarters Office beginning Monday, September 23, audience to join them; 2024 through Monday, November 08, 2024 (In-Person request) between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. All everyone seemed to enjoy requests must be made personally, not through a second orthird party. All persons shall identify himself or herself using the name under which he or she is enrolled when A day of togetherness was requesting an absentee ballot. All absentee ballots ended with Two Rivers must be received by 5:00pm on the day of the deadline.

> For questions or to request an absentee ballot, please contact Vicki Smith at (520) 568-1000.



### **NOTICE OF COMMUNITY** SPECIAL ELECTION

A Special Election will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Ak-Chin Gym. This election will be held concurrently with the Regular Election. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 AM and close promptly at 2:00 PM. This election will be to elect a Council Member fill the balance of the term for the seat resigned by Council Member Lopez pursuant to Constitution Article VI, section 4

### **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve on the Community Council for the remainder of a four (4) year term that commenced in January 2023.

Nomination Forms will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters through Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, through Monday, October 14, 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

All Nomination Forms must be completed and received by not later than 5:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 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, through Monday, October 14, 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, October 14, 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 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** Pursuant to Election Ordinance, Section 14.5.4.A.1, "there

is no absentee balloting in special elections to fill a vacancy on the Council." Accordingly, though absentee ballots will be permitted for the Regular Election, there is no absentee balloting for the Special Election that will be called to elect the successor to serve the balance of the resigned Council Member seat.

### **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.

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### **Families Attend First Quarter Parent Night**



The night of September 6th-7th grade 2024, Ak-Chin Education department held their First Quarter Parent Night. Here, students parents/guardians were treated to dinner from Helen's Kitchen, an exciting raffle and given valuable information going into the new quarter.

To begin, education staff introduced themselves to families and welcomed two new employees; tutoring staff Hannah Cook and Theresa Tsanos.

To start the presentations, former Ak-Chin police officer, Adam Abel, whose current position is School Resource Officer Maricopa Wells Middle School and Maricopa High Resource Officer Jamie McCauley; discussed Electronic Cigarettes and Vapes.

This has been a huge issue amongst teens. They shared their response to this crisis, which includes adding smoke sensors in restrooms and cameras outside. They also spoke about the effects of smoking at such a young age, and the legal matters that would take place if students are found with substances.

Estrella Reyes- PM to 3 PM. Next, Maricopa Ak-Chin Helpingstine, Wells School Robert Miguel said a brief Parent Night in February."

Kristen Villegas Ak-Chin students and

advisor.

Parent

grades/

with

did a thorough tutorial

Vue. This is a site to

teachers, view attendance,

schedules, etc. Parents and

students have access to this

platform, making it easier

for everyone to stay up to

date on a child's learning.

and Maricopa High School

Advisor, DeVon Bryant

the importance of students

goals for themselves.

Elementary school kids

will have tutoring at

Tuesdays

sessions

Thursdays from 3:30 PM

expectations.

Center

tutoring

presentation on

view students

gradebooks, talk

Story and photos by

families enjoying the dinner provided from Helen's Kitchen and listening to Mr. Von discuss the tutoring schedule for the second quarter.

thank you to the education staff and parents/guardians for supporting students in their educational journey after tutoring schedule were done being presented.

The last of the night's events contained a raffle led by Matt Tess, of cool prizes and buckets; as well as a chance for parents to visit the parking lots and Maricopa Wells 8th grade fill out surveys. These "Parking lot" stations surveys allowed and closed the presentations parents the opportunity with tutoring schedules for to ask questions, provide all grades. He highlighted comments and concerns.

showing effort, creating Kenyen Thompson, Middle School and High School advocating for one's self Truant Officer, shared a and behaving within the statement on behalf of the Ak-Chin Education Department.

"Thank you to all the the Ak- Chin Education families who attended and our event. We had over 20 families join to 5 PM. Middle school Thursday. We appreciate students will have their all the great feedback on from the parents, which Tuesdays and Thursdays helps us tremendously at Maricopa Wells Middle moving forward. School from 4:30 PM to also like to thank Helen's 5:30 PM and Wednesday at Kitchen, Maricopa School the Education Center from Resources Officers, Ak-2:30 PM to 4 PM. High Chin Indian Community school students will have PD and the Education staff. tutoring at the Education A special thank you to Center on Mondays from Chairman Miguel for his 2:30 PM to 4 PM and words of encouragements Wednesdays from 12:30 to the families of the community. Please keep an Chairman, eye out for our Quarter 2

> Advisor Estrella reiterating the expectations the Education staff have for the students who will be attending tutoring this upcoming quarter.



REGISTER USING GOOGLE FORMS, SCAN QR CODE. REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 11TH. SELECT YOUR RACE DISTANCE. WALK OR RUN THE STAGE DISTANCES.

SUBMIT ALL TIMES FOR EACH COMPLETED STAGE. EARN A \$10 GIFT CARD FOR EACH STAGE

(MUST COMPLETE ALL STAGES FOR REGISTERED DISTANCE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY GIFT CARDS)

COMPLETED.

RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND MEAL VOUCHER AFTER COMPLETION.

STAGES & DISTANCES

<u>5 days</u> MARATHON STAGE 1 - 3.0 MILES

13.1 STAGE 2 - 3.0 MILES

13.1 STAGE 3 - 2.5 MILES STAGE 4 - 2.5 MILES STAGE 5 - 2.1 MILES MILES

3 DAYS 10K STAGE 1 - 2.0 MILES STAGE 2 - 2.1 MILES 6.2 MILES STAGE 3 - 2.1 MILES

(FOR 55+ AND KIDS 12 & UNDER) OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILES, RESIDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES ONLY

STAGE 1 - 1.5 MILES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1085



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## Fall Programs Enter the Chat





Ak-Chin young ones enjoy fall sessions at both Him Dak Museum and Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation.





Author Visit continued from Front that call Arizona home, first and third lines will Youth shared their poems

specifically in the Verde Valley area. In the book you can learn the names of the native species and their traits that make them unique.

Phoebe taught the group how to write a Haiku, which is a Japanese poem that consists of three lines; each line contains a certain number of syllables. The have five syllables, while the second will have 7. All together the poem should equal to 17 syllables.

Kids were given paper to write their own Haiku, and asked on a separate sheet to illustrate their poem. Those who wanted to share would read aloud their creations, along with

staff of the library.

within the group. One youth also taught the group about axolotls; which are amphibians native to Mexico City and even drew one on the whiteboard for everyone

At the end of her visit

handed

bookmarks with a QR

code to visit her website.

Reading his haiku with confidence is Eric Merriweather.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

Email us: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

Members Council 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.

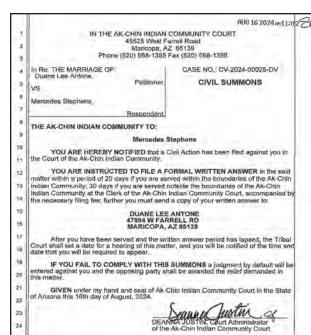
#### **EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED/ DISQUALIFIED VOTES**

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 akchinelectionboard@ ak-chin.nsn.us.



"Underrated" Team finished the tournament in second place and coming in at third was team "Doomsday."

In the women's division, being that there were only two teams present they played the tournament in the form of a round robin. "Copa Crew" Team took Championship and second place went to team "Peters".

When games concluded the family also held a 3-point contest for any players that were interested. The contest winner was Nathan Negrete of team "Underrated" out of Gila Bend, along with bragging rights, he also took home a total of \$155 and a long sleevetee recognizing him as

Nathan was also awarded MVP in the men's division, and Alyssa Estrada was awarded MVP for the women's division. Both were awarded personalized Yeti tumblers.

the "3-point Champion".

The family shared, "First taking the win from team Annual Peters Memorial "Underrated" with a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament was a great turnout.

> Thank you to all the teams who came out and battled on the court. Everyone played some amazing basketball today. All the games were exciting to watch. So much talent out there. 3-point contest was a good turnout also. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped and made this tournament possible.

The Peters family appreciates you all and can't wait to continue the tradition of competitive basketball and remember our loved ones who loved the game of basketball. We appreciate you all. Thank you."

The family will also be hosting an All-Native Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Tournament October 25-26, 2024. The deadline to enter this tournament is October 21, by 5 p.m.

For more information or to enter this tournament, contact Susie at 602-930-8458 or Jennifer at 520-



### **Esports Night at Ak-Chin Rec**

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Story Submitted By Recreation Staff

Kaleb Rivers and Jonah Dickerson enjoying a fun night of gaming.

On the evening of September 27th, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Ak-Chin Recreation's game room buzzed with excitement as kids gathered for an epic Esports Night!

The event was a smashing success, with young gamers showing off their skills in Mario Kart, Smash Bros, and Fortnite.

The energy was electric as participants raced, battled, and built their way to victory. It was a fantastic night filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition.

program Recreation coordinator, Sonya Martinez stated, "We can't wait to see these talented gamers back



for more action-packed events in the future!"

The next Esports night will be held on Friday, October 11th from 5 to 7

In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, the night will feature some of Ak-Chin's very own firefighters for some friendly competition amongst the gamers in attendance.



### **Family Fun Movie Night**

Story Submitted By Recreation Staff



Following the excitement of Esports Night, our Movie Dive-In on September 27th from 7 PM to 9 PM was an absolute hit!

gathered

enjoy the Disney favorite, "Wreck-It Ralph," under the stars. The atmosphere was magical with hotdogs,

Families

chips, and drinks on hand, and the kids had a blast with glow sticks and lightup beach balls in the pool.

It was a perfect evening of fun, laughter, and community spirit. We look forward to more unforgettable nights like this!

### **CPD's Newest Addition** Story and photo by Ashley Vincent

Ak-Chin Police was their hold up. Now

Department has exciting addition to their team, which will come in handy especially during big events, such as Masik Tas.

The Runner was invited out to accompany the PD as they ran a test flight with a drone for their newest program. Although they have had the drone since earlier this year, they unfortunately were unable to fly it being that one of the requirements to do so was having a pilot license.

"This was a long time coming," mentioned Wayne Allison, PD radio

as this program was

something they had been

wanting to happen, but

protocols and licensing

technician,

technology

that they have the ball rolling, there are other staff who are in progress of receiving their license. Officer Coronado of the

ACPD was the first to

receive his flying license and for the time being is the only personnel able to

Officer Coronado flew the drone around the baseball field at Milton "Paul"

the camera on the remote

he used to navigate the

drone, take some pictures

testing the quality, and test

how close he could get to

certain objects.

Antone Memorial Park, on learn prior to receiving his the bright sunny morning pilot license. Although, of September 27th. While in flight he was able to see the range of

some that may not be familiar with the protocols of having a drone, like myself, is that they vary from the type and model. So, the rules are not the same for all drones. For

An interesting fact for

instance, the drone the PD has cannot exceed 300 feet in the air.

The different protocols and ordinances are what Officer Coronado had to

familiarize himself with such information and to actually take the test, which he says was not easy, he was glad to have done so and is excited to be able to use the drone out in the field.

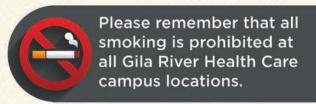
The Police Department

will be having another test flight day in the near future, testing different scenarios, such as a night test. Keep a look out for more updates and future plans that the department has for the drone.









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### COMING MID OCTOBER 2024

Patients and visitors, we are updating how you access our free Wi-Fi at our locations.

Should you have a question about this change, feel free to contact the Customer Service or Patient Registration.





## The Flu Vaccine is available to Gila River Health Care Patients

Walk-in to one of our GRHC Primary Care Departments or visit a vaccine outreach event.



Scan QR code or refer to the calendar of event: or updates at GRHC.ORG

> Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495

Komatke Health Center (520) 550-6000 Ext. 6060

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center (520) 796-2600 Ext. 2697

Ak-Chin Clinic (520) 568-3881

Pediatrics (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7337.

Scan the QR code to view more GRHC's Information, and Events!



Visit page at:
grhc.org/news-information-and-events/



### **Upcoming Holiday Closures**

Veterans Day ...... Monday 11/11/24
Thanksgiving Day .. Thursday 11/28/24

Christmas Day ....... Wednesday 12/25/24

New Years Day ...... Wednesday 01/01/25

As the end of the year approaches, we wanted to let you know about our upcoming closures.

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

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#### **Current Job Openings:**

- Police Officer (certified and noncertified)
- Detention Officer (certified and noncertified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Communications Officer
- Security Guard
- Communications Officer part-time
- Compensation Analyst
- Accountant
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant O&M Technician
- Utilities Technician
- Security Systems Technician
- Environmental Technician
- Maintenance Technician
- Tutor Education
- Bus Driver Preschool
- Youth Council Coordinator (2)

#### **Open to Enrolled Community Members or Employees Only:**

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

### www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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.

### **EMPLOYEE UPDATES**



**Nicole Nickens** Admin Tech **Events** 



**Mary Narcia** Teacher Preschool



**Rayford Vavages** Driver Elderly



Teresa Tsanos Lab Tutor Education

10/15

**Fire** 

Maintenance

10/16

Angelina Soliz,

EPD

10/17 Armond Santiago,

Custodian

Courtney Bagsby,

Fire

## hin Service Cen hursdays 6:00p-7 October 0 October 17, Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080 \*Open to All Ak-Chin Con





Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Amy, Andrea and Emily and grandsons James, Isaiah, and Noah Love, Grandma

> Hope you have a great day! From the Funner Runner Gang







Ak-Chin Service

Tuesdays

6:00p-7:00p

October 01, 2024

October 08, 2024

October 15, 2024

October 22, 2024

October 29, 2024

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#### 10/4 - 10/17 10/10 Adam Finken,

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

10/4 Amy Rodriguez, Housing

Patrick Garcia.

Loc Nguyen, Police

10/8 Jon Spezzacatena, Fire Marshall

Diana Carlyle, Student Advisor

10/9 **Ann Antone** 

Parks & Rec

Tribal Gaming Agency

10/11 Andrea Peters, Elder

10/13 Clifford Fullam-Kenealy, Tribal Gaming Agency

> 10/14 Olesya Nelson, **Finance**

Eliza Santiago, Runner

Ambria Valles, HHS

### Birthdays 10/4-10/17

**OCTOBER 4TH Neveah Antone Amy Rodriguez** 

**Gabriel Manuel Malcolm Johnson** 

### **OCTOBER 5TH**

**Douglas Pablo Dyon Aguilla Celia Medina** 

### **OCTOBER 6TH**

Roman Sierra James Arianna Bandin

#### **OCTOBER 7TH Matthew Villarreal**

Alyssa Pablo Fernando Arellanes-**Burgos** 

**OCTOBER 8TH** Lee Smith Jr. **Evelyn Garcia** Angel M. Antone

**Brittany Paddock** 

**Maria Maldonado** 

#### **OCTOBER 9TH Ann Antone Jacob Trenado**

**OCTOBER 10TH Berdina Arellanes-Burgos** 

### **OCTOBER 11TH**

**Andrea Peters** Marco Jensen

#### **OCTOBER 12TH Xzalius Homer**

Shanna F.R Narcia **Zachary Valles Delayna Antone** 

### **OCTOBER 13TH**

**Blessing Antone** 

#### **OCTOBER 14TH Joe Jerry**

Erin Martinez-Yarberry **Ambria Valles Rosa Lewis Sharon Carlyle** Eliza Santiago

### **OCTOBER 15TH Holly Lawrence**

Jose Miguel Jr. **James Boehm** Steven Ruelas

### **OCTOBER 16TH**

Michaellatino Santiago Angelina Soliz **Charity Lewis** Jalia Carra-Ponce **Emily Peters** 

### **OCTOBER 17TH**

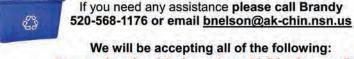
Francisco Miguel **Isaiah Peters** Jesus Corella Jr. Noah Brown

# Armonda Santiago

### **Ak-Chin Indian Community Door-To-Door Collection** Tuesday, October 15, 2024



Before **7AM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024** set your household hazardous items in the BLUE BIN by the curb or driveway to have the items collected.



We will be accepting all of the following: Keep products in original container with lids when possible.

Label products not in original containers.

- Aerosols Auto, used oil & filters
- Acids
- **Antifreeze**
- Auto, motor/gear oil **Auto batteries**
- Batteries, lead & alkaline Batteries, lithium ion
- **BBQ/Fire starters**
- Bleach
- Cleaning products Cooking oil Electronic (E-Waste - Computers,
- tv's, printers, cell phones, stereos,
- Fluorescent/CFL Light bulbs Glues and adhesives
- Helium cylinders
- Herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Lawn and garden products
- Mercury containing items Paints, oil, latex, lead based
- **Paint thinners**
- Personal care products Pesticides, solid and liquid
- **Pool chemicals** Propane cylinders
- Transmission fluids Wood preservatives



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background for most of the

show, it was visible that

he was genuinely having a

Dogstar performed most of

the songs from their newest

album, like "Everything

Turns Around", "How

the Story Ends" and "Glimmer". Their encore

included The Cure's "Just

Some lucky fans were

able to purchase sold out

meet and greet passes

with the band before their

performance and some

lucky fans even spotted

the band around the casino

If you are curious as to

what their music sounds

like, the bands catalog

is now streaming on all

major music platforms

as well as their website,

dogstarofficial.com,

which also features band

merchandise available for

purchase.

floor hours prior.

Like Heaven".

good time performing.

back into the spotlight until 2023. Their first public performance was at the BottleRock Napa Valley music festival in May of 2023, which was their first in over twenty years.

Dogstar began touring again shortly after in August visiting various cities in North America and Japan. While on tour, Dogstar released their newest album, "Somewhere Between the Power Lines and Palm Trees," in October of 2023.

Granted Reeves is the main reason for the band and their popularity, he tries his best to stay out of the spotlight during shows.

In previous interviews with magazines, he touched on how he didn't join his band to become a rockstar, he did so because playing the bass was a new interest that became a part of his life, he just generally enjoys making music with friends and the feelings he has while performing.

This was visible at the Harrah's Ak-Chin show as Keanu didn't have his own mic to talk to the crowd and stayed out of the spotlight, popping out of the background a couple of times to acknowledge fans.

Although, he was in the

### Jesse & Joy

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

September 20th, Jesse and Joy, a Latin Pop duo performed at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Ballroom for an 8 PM show.

This duo consists of gifted musician siblings, Jesse and Joy Huerta; hailing from Mexico City, Mexico.

Genre wise their music is described as pop and alternative indie rock.

If you are fans of those genres with the mix of Spanish vocals, they are worth the watch.

Feel good music with a few emotional ballads, their music creates a peaceful but energetic vibe for listeners. Joy is the main vocalist with a guitar and Jesse sings as back up, switching between piano and guitar.

Joy said during the start of the performance, "The show is the language of music and love; it's a party."

One thing noticed during their concert was the fans; this group has loyal supporters.

The crowd was heard singing songs like "Dueles" "La De La Mala Suerte", and "Chocolate", in unison with Joy. "Esto Es Lo Que Soy" was another favorite as attendees sang their hearts out.

Fans also went crazy when Jesse and Joy made their way into the seating area; some took photos and videos while Joy sang.

For more information on the next shows look on the Harrah's Ak-Chin website.



### SAVE THE DATE

**Light Parade** December 14, 2024

Free Carnival, Concert, and Rodeo December 20 - 22, 2024

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon. events@ak-chin.nsn.us









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