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The "Lopez Band" were declared the winners of the Ak-Chin Preschool Battle of the Bands which was held at the Harrah's Event Center.

Lopez Band captures "Battle of the Bands" competition

Story and Photo by KD Morago

It was a late start, but after awaiting the inaugural Battle of the Bands contest to begin, it only took the opening waila tune to get the crowd dancing at the Harrah's Event Center on Saturday afternoon, May 1st. With five bands planning to participate, it was down to two bands that actually competed for the winner-take-all contest, hosted by the Ak-Chin Preschool Parent Committee.

No reason was given for the dropping out of the three bands, but Denise Jackson-Miguel, chairperson of the committee said, "First of all, I would like give a great big apology for the no show of the bands. As we know things do arise in our everyday lives and unfortunately this was one of those days, where our line up of band was affected."

She gives credit to Clayton Antone who provided master of ceremonies duties, and who played a variety of music before the event began and during breaks. As an added treat, the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development Program children sang an O'odham song they learned at school.

The first band up was Papago Warrior, which is comprised of eight members from the Tohono O'odham Nation. The crowd favorite warmed up with a variety of waila tunes before playing the three songs to be judged by a five member panel. The panel consisted of Javier Zepeda and Cecil Miguel of Ak-Chin, Mario Valenzuela from Gila River Indian Community, and Alyssa and Martha Cruz from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

The panel judged in numerous categories from crowd participation, coordination among all band members, and tempo.

Next up was The Lopez Band, who also comes from the Tohono O'odham

Nation, San Xavier District. After their warm-ups, they performed old school waila classics, to the enjoyment to everyone attending. The judge's scores were tallied and The Lopez Band was announced as the winner. They received the \$500.00 prize and played for the remainder of the evening.

The event gave the Ak-Chin Parent Committee the opportunity to raise additional funds for the annual end of the school year graduation trip, planned at Legoland in southern California. The Parent Committee held a food sale and sold t-shirts. T-shirts from the event are still available for \$10.00 at the Early Childhood Center.

The Ak-Chin Parent Committee would like to thank the following:

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH CLAY FOR YOUR TIME. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT! Much appreciation goes out to the audience who waited their time anticipating for bands to show. Many Thank Yous to the bands that competed, PAPAGO WARRIOR & THE LOPEZ BAND. Each band gave a great performance and their music was enjoyed by the audience.

To the parents and family members, who came out to show their support, all the gratitude in the world. Your time in decorating the building, cooking the food, working more that the 2 hour shifts offered and practically giving up your weekend to help the children, is ever so much respected. Once again thank your to all who helped to make the first ever "Battle of the Bands" in Ak-Chin, a great success.

In all, after much delay and disappointment, the event turned out well. With all efforts the preschool parent committee raised over \$1700!

Arizona Immigration Law encroaches Community and State

Story by Runner Staff

For those who may not have already heard or seen all the news surrounding the Community and state, there has been a growing concern in the nation over Arizona's new Immigration Law SB1070, which makes it a crime to be in the state illegally.

It also gives police the ability to detain anyone who looks illegal, specifically Hispanic, and question their validity of citizenship.

Many argue that this will lead to racial profiling and infringes upon one's civil rights and liberties.

Last Friday, April 30th, high school students across the valley, including Maricopa high schoolers, gathered respectively at their schools to protest against the immigration law.

At approximately 8 am, a group of over seventy Maricopa high school students peacefully walked out of class and picketed the streets of Maricopa to show their objection to the recently signed bill, which will take effect in late July or early August.

The protestors made it as far as Sonic restaurant, escorted by Maricopa police, and even went to Maricopa City Hall, in support of a student who got sidetracked during the assembly.

Later that afternoon, just south

of Stanfield, a Pinal County Sheriff's deputy was involved in a shootout with five alleged drug smugglers. The deputy, who was patrolling alone, was shot during the exchange of gunfire. The incident, which took place in an area well known for drug smuggling and illegal crossing, has people believing the hostility of the overall event stems from the tightened security of illegal immigration enforcement.

The following day, a call was put out to bring signs, drums, banners and loud speakers to let Governor Brewer know just how disgusted people are with SB1070. The May Day rally took place on May 1st, at the Arizona State Capitol.

Even the NBA has been planning to take a stand against the law. During the Western semifinals playoff game #2, the Phoenix Suns showed their solidarity to the Latino community by donning "Los Suns" jerseys at Wednesday's game. At the same time, the Rev. Al Sharpton led 2500 individuals on a peaceful march to the State Capitol.

All in all, the new law has caused uproar, and unfortunately, the state of Arizona and all its residents are going to feel the backlash for quite sometime.



Photo courtesy of Jim Williams, InMaricopa.com

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Happy Birthday!

Happy Belated Birthday Bone,
I hope you enjoyed your day and didn't over do it. I love you son and I will always be here for you. Take care of yourself and the girls.
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my love Guadalupe Orona!
I love and miss you very much baby!!!
Love always your "G. Worm"



Bacon, you've been making children of all ages go hog wild over you and we at the library wanted to tell you how very special you are to us. Thank you for being you, hooves and all. Happy seventh birthday Bacon, you're our favorite glory hog at Ak-Chin!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our beautiful grandchildren Isaac and Esperanza Miranda!
I look back and still remember the two little babies I held so carefully with Love and Admiration, that will never change. Well, you two are now twelve year's old and I still and will always hold you close to my heart. We Love you very much, not just on your birthday but everyday. I know this day will be extra special,

"Happy Birthday to you both", Love you
Fr: Grandma and Grandpa

Happy Birthday to my wonderful husband Armando Zepeda Jr!
Just want to wish you a very happy birthday. It's just another year older so don't sweat it Charlie Brown. You say you won't and know I won't too, to forever be so in love with you so close your eyes softly my devotion in true. Take me in your dreams to be forever with you.
I LOVE YOU BABE LOVE,
Your wife Desirae Zepeda

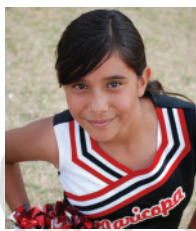
Happy Birthday to my best friend 'Mondo'
Just because it's your day doesn't mean you have to NOT share your cake and your gift. Thanks for everything you buy me when no one else would, what else can I say you're the best JUNIOR!
Love always
Angel "wild mike" Antone

Happy Birthday to "OUR" uncle "Duty"
My sister and I want to wish you a very happy birthday thanks for everything you do for us, we love you!
LOVE always Bugos & Lizard

Happy Birthday "LeeBoy"
Just wanted to wish you a very happy day, you deserve it, behave!
Love the BRO'S

"Gookie", "Rocio", and Araya ...wanted to wish you guys a Happy Birthday and

Belated Happy Birthday!
Hope you guys have/had fun on your special days...
Love you guys.
From, "Sha", Skip and family



Happy Birthday,
S-kig Masic Tas,
Feliz Cumpleaños,
Yom Haledet Samaech,
Buon Compleanno!!!!
Isaac & Esperanza we love you more then words or any gifts in this world. You both are so special in your own ways. Watching you both grow and mature into young adults has been unbelievable. You have made us so proud. We want to wish you both a wonderful birthday. We love you and Thank God for you both. Mamma & Abba Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Happy Birthday my sweet Ana!
Auntie Connie

Happy Birthday my sister Mable Alvarez & brother in law Cruz Alvarez!
Have a blessed day!
Jeannie

Wishing a Big Happy Birthday Colleen!
From your Mom

Happy Birthday Elena N.

Happy Birthday to my two wonderful children Lorenzo & Janice!
Thanks for all your help, I don't know what I'd do without you. Just to let you know Im there for you spiritually every day!
God's Bless on you
Love & Prayer Mom

To my Grandson Mathew McNeil White
Wishing you a very happy birthday! Hope you enjoy and we all love you Mr. Sun!
Love you all from Grandma (Alverna)

Happy birthday to my Granddaughter Jordin and Grandson Billy Justin!
Have a very nice day on your birthdays and many more. Enjoy you guys on your day!
Love you all from Grandma Malinda- and also may the good Lord be with you all and watch over you

Way and Jake
Happy Birthday to two of the most hard working and spirited of the Runner bunch!
Bob, Raych, Diana and the Gov.

Happy Birthday!

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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 that, too.

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the May 21st - June 3rd, 2010 ISSUE is due by MONDAY, MAY 17TH. Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than MONDAY, MAY 17TH. Any material submitted after the MAY 17TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. But, if appropriate and relevant, will be included in the following issue.



Happy Birthday!

2010 May Community Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 Richard Brady Marlene Garcia Vivian Lewis Antonio Rodriguez
2 Selena Hernandez	3 Samuel Paddock Jr. Sonya Pena Joseluis Santiago	4 Irene Arredondo Dorothy Vasquez Geraldine Vincent	5 Lucy Jerry Jalen Norris Blas Valles	6 Elena Norris Jordin Pete Evone Santiago	7 Mathew McNeil Justin Romo Sr. Nathan Smith Gayle Yarberry	8 Curtis Antone Ramon Batopis Jadon Ormsby
9 Guadalupe Orona David White Jr.	10 Troy Miguel Stephan Quinonez	11 Esperanza Idan Isaac Idan Davidson Ugalde Sr.	12 Willie Antone Ariana Narcia Daimon Ugalde	13 Adam Bowman Laurel Coble Gilbert Joaquin Derek Manuel Raymond Narcia Christopher Pablo Maxine Thomas	14 Gibson Romo	15 Haley Miguel Gracela Ortega
16 Kristen Antone Waylon Antone Reannon Manuel	17 Renee Boehm	18 Amy Batopis Ashley Batopis David Peters Sr.	19 Leslie Burnett Johnnie Ormsby	20 Frances Stephens Darrian Justin	21 Lisa Alejandro Terry Enos	22 Christian Thomas
23 Cecelia Norris Jacob Vincent Sr.	24 Deidra Carlyle	25 Mabel Alvarez Delia Carlyle Desiree Luna	26	27 Brian Manuel Jr. Colleen Norris Maria Thomas	28 Janice Anderson Henry Garcia Lorenzo Mejia	29 Frederick Antone Marla Antone Carmen DeLeon Yvette Oliver Elaine Peters David Stephens
30 Jolie Peters Jeycee Zepeda	31 Ryan Justin					

Ak-Chin Elders Visit Rawhide

Elder News Briefs



Elena Norris takes a moment to view crafts for sale

Fifteen elders traveled to Rawhide Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 17th. The Elders enjoyed a delicious \$5.00 breakfast of steak and eggs outdoors, and listened to the music of the Rawhide house band. The band led the breakfast crowd in a birthday singing-a-long to Rupert Stephens who was celebrating a birthday on that day.

Craft and food vendors were set up through the south part of town and the Elders took time to pick up some fruits and vegetables, plants, and gift items. The Rawhide Farmer's Market will continue on Saturday mornings from 8am to 1pm through May. More information about the Wild Horse Pass activities at www.wildhorsepass.com.

Stir-Friday at the Elder Center on Friday, May 14th

Ak-Chin Library Master Chefs Melanie Toledo, Jeannette Peters and Jeffrey Stoffer will be the Guest Cooks for May at the Elder Center. On May 14th at NOON, the trio will be stirring up a nutritious lunch of chicken, vegetables and rice for the Elders. They are designating Friday, May 14th as StirFriday and promise to have fortune cookies. Elders will be surprised by another group of Guest Cooks during the month of June.

Healthy Breakfast Program served 7:30 to 9:00 AM

The new Healthy Breakfast Program at the Ak-Chin Elder Center proved to be very popular in its first week of operation. Served daily from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, a healthy continental breakfast is available for all Elders residing in Ak-Chin aged 55 or over. It was decided to start the breakfast at 7:30 AM to accommodate those Elders who work in the community and the early birds.

Included in the breakfast are a good variety of fresh fruits, healthy cereals, oatmeal, yogurt, low-fat bagels, waffles and toast. Plenty of coffee and juice are also included. **All elders are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Matter of Balance Classes Starting on Tuesdays

The Elder Center in cooperation with the Diabetes Prevention Program an evidenced based nationally known program called Matter of Balance will be available for all Ak-Chin Elders beginning the first week of May.

This class will help Elders with chair exercises as well as education to help keep homes safe from falls. Classes will be awarded for those who attend the first class, during the middle of the 8 week series and at the class graduation in June. **To register call the Elder Center at 568-1760.**

Harrah's to Celebrate Ak-Chin Elders May 18th

The Management Staff at Harrah's joined by their chef and other kitchen staff are hosting a Barbeque at the Ak-Chin Elder Center on Tuesday, May 18th. Lunch will be served at NOON and will include all of the barbeque favorites of hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken cooked on the outdoor grill. This event is planned by Harrah's to Honor and Celebrate the Elders of Ak-Chin.

All elders age 55 and over living in the Community are invited to attend. Reservations for this event must be called in to the Elder Center at 568-1760 **by Monday, May 10th at 5pm.**

Diamondbacks Game for Elders Coming Up

Elders will have the opportunity to attend the Arizona Diamondbacks Game vs LA Dodgers on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, at 1:40 PM. The tickets include "all-you-can-eat" baseball fare of hot dogs, sodas, nachos and chips.

The first 20 elders living in the community will be able to attend this 4th of July baseball game. To make reservations contact the Elder Center at 560-1760.

Elders Out of State Trip

The Ak-Chin Elders have selected a trip to the Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial in Gallup, New Mexico with side trips to the Painted Desert, the Zuni Pueblo and the Grand Canyon for their 2010 Out-of-State excursion. Elders will leave Ak-Chin around August 11th or 12th for this 4 day/3 night trip.

Any Ak-Chin Elder Community Members, age 55 and over, may participate in the out-of state trip. **Please call the Elder Center at 560-1760 by May 14th to reserve a place for the out-of-state trip.**



Elder Breakfast now being served

Above, Jenny Holsen and Frances Stephens enjoy the new Healthy Breakfast being offered week day mornings at the Elder Center.

Jeannie Jertson, Senior Services Director was able to receive a grant to offer the breakfast meal Monday through Friday. The program will run through June.

Ak-Chin Elder Center Menu for May 2010

Friday, May 7: Mother's Day Lunch
Pork ribs, cole slaw, mashed potatoes and cake

Monday, May 10:
Chili stew, potato salad, dinner roll, peaches, Milk Coffee and Tea

Tuesday, May 11:
(R) Split peas w/fry bread, (D) Pork Chop w/ Bread, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail, Milk, Coffee and Tea

Wednesday, May 12:
Beef stroganoff w/noodles, bread slices, corn, cookies, Milk, Coffee and Tea

Thursday, May 13:
Indian Tacos, popover, applesauce, Milk, Coffee and Tea

Friday, May 14:
Guest Cooks for Stir Friday (Library Staff)

Monday, May 17:
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, (D) white sauce, green salad, garlic bread and pineapples

Tuesday, May 18:
Harrah's BBQ

Wednesday, May 19:
Chicken & rice w/red chili stew, fried cabbage, chumuth, peach cobbler, Milk, Coffee and Tea

Thursday, May 20:
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, rolls, pears, Milk, Coffee and Tea

Friday, May 21:
Goulash, green beans, bread, mandarin oranges w/whipped cream

Ak-Chin Elder Center-Ge Gelik Ha Ki
(520) 568-1760

Call us for Services:
Transportation, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Caregiver Support Program & other Elder Support Services:

Lunch Served Daily 11am-12pm
Open: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Elderly calendar for May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open Daily: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm. Breakfast 7:30am - 9am Lunch served Daily 12:00pm - 1:00pm Call for services: Transportation, Congregate Meals, Caregiver Support 520-568-1760						1 Happy Birthday!! Vivian Lewis
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30	31 Elder Center closed!!!! Memorial Day!!!!					



The family of Clarissa "Button" Mike would like to thank everyone that helped the family during our time of loss. Words are not enough to express to all the family, friends & departments that we appreciate all that was said, done and just for being there for us. The many thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated as we know we could not have made it through this difficult time without them.

A special thank you to the Ak-

Chin Indian Community Council for all that was offered and provided for the services for Button.

To the Ak-Chin Fire Department, our sincere gratitude for all that you did to assist our loved ones during this time. Your service and dedication to this community never goes unnoticed-thank you!

Although it has been a very difficult time, it is a blessing to know that you were there for us. Button will

be greatly missed but will forever be in our hearts.

May God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Chelsey & Tyler
Theodore Enos
Teresa Valisto & Family
Tery Enos & Family
Theda (Melva) Enos-Corona & Family
Wendy Wagner & Family

Council Update

As the Community continues to progress, the economy shows signs of hope of recovery and we look to the opportunities and resources as well as the needs and demands of the community.

In evaluating the Community's obstacles and areas to progress, so do other Native American Communities. In the week of April 26th thru the 29th, Councilman Antone and I traveled to Washington D.C. for Congressional Week, along with ITCA (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona) and other tribal leaders. Some of the items of discussion with Congressional Leaders and Executive Staffers were:

Adam Walsh Act: Tribes are in general support of the national efforts to require registration of sex offenders under the Adam Walsh Act. Tribes are concerned that the requirements of the Act will result in unprecedented intrusion into Tribal jurisdiction, which is unwarranted and unnecessary. Unfortunately, the Act was written without adequate consideration of current Tribal practices and the unique circumstances on Native communities.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Appropriations/Budget: Tribes of Arizona are requesting that Congress increase funding for critical programs and services provided by the BIA to strengthen the governance of Tribes in Arizona.

Child Care & Development Block Grant Reauthorization: Child Care Programs provide an invaluable service to children and families by assisting low-income families to access quality childcare for parents who are working, in education, or training. The continuation and enhancement of these services will ensure that tribal child care programs will continue to provide services to families in Arizona's Indian communities.

Energy Bills: ITCA has been tracking three energy bills with the hope that more tribal specific provisions will be included. S.1462 American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, H.R.2454 American Energy and Security Act of 2009, H.R.2998 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Hoover Allocations Act of 2009: Tribes in Arizona recognize the importance for energy development and self-governance of obtaining an allocation of Hoover Power.

Indian Health Service Appropriations/Budget: The President's Budget request is an improvement over the period from FY 2002 to FY 2008, and included funds to address national budget priorities identified by the FY 2011 tribal budget formulation process. The member Tribes of ITCA recommend that additional funding is needed to be included in FY 2011 to address the long standing unmet needs in construction.

Older American Act Reauthorization: The reauthorization of the Older Americans Act of 2011 provides an ideal opportunity for Congress to ensure that the necessary system of services is in place to meet the needs of the current

aging population as well as the needs of the American Indian elders.

Special Diabetes Programs for Indians Reauthorization: The member Tribes of the ITCA seek passage of H.R. 3668 and S.B. 3058 that would reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) for an additional five years and appropriate \$200 million per year.

Surface Transportation: Tribes in Arizona have identified the need to support surface transportation reauthorization provisions to advance program accessibility and flexibility, and funding opportunities for tribal governments.

Tribal Law & Order Bill: Tribes in Arizona are requesting Congress pass this legislation. The Tribal Law and Order Act generally seeks to bring greater local control to tribal law enforcement agencies to combat reservation crime, and establish accountability measures or federal agencies responsible for providing public safety in Indian Country.

Southwest Land Exchanged and Conservation Act: ITCA continues to be strongly opposed to S.409 that provides for taking public land, which includes land withdrawn from mining laws in 1955 for protection from mining activities, located in southeastern Arizona and transferring it to the subsidiary, Resolution Copper, of two foreign conglomerates, Rio Tinto, PLC and BHP-Billiton, Ltd in exchange for land owned by Resolution Copper.

HEARTH Act: The Tribes in Arizona are in support of the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act (HEARTH Act), which would authorize any Indian tribe (currently only available to Navajo) the discretion to lease tribal trust lands without the prior express approval of the Secretary of Interior.

The meetings were beneficial and Councilman Antone and I were able to schedule meetings with key people in addressing Ak-Chin based concerns.

As stated in our last update, all areas continue to progress. Defining economic growth and considerations for the Community, Council is weighing out the feasibility structure on how and what to consider.

On an Animal Control informational side: The Arizona Dept of Health Services (AZDHS) and Indian Health Services (HIS) has come across the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever which affects our canine population. The drawing of blood samples from dogs will be identified and also the number of homes being visited and questionnaire that will need to be completed. More information to follow once Council gives the green light to proceed. The dates considered are the 19th and/or 20th of May.

Thank you,
Louis J. Manuel, Jr., Chairman
Ak-Chin Tribal Council

April Community Gathering features movie night



Novalee Narcia (center) shows off her movie night door prize to her grandmother Jenny Holson (right) and father Joey Narcia (left)

The Him-Dak Eco Museum hosted the April Community Gathering and chose to do a movie night. The movie was a documentary titled, "Native American Medicine: Linking Traditional & Modern Complementary Healing." Made in 2001, the sixty minute movie provided a general overview of traditional plants that are used in healing by native peoples throughout America. It featured spiritual leader John Twobirds, and showed a variety of

healing ceremonies.

Before the movie was shown, everyone enjoyed a dinner of tostadas, rice and beans. A variety of baked sweets were served for dessert. At the conclusion of the movie, a brief discussion of native plants took place. Staff then raffled off door prizes of movie night buckets filled with goodies to encourage family movie time to the thirty members in attendance.



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Amber Alert official meets with Native American Police Agencies

Photo and story by: R. Miguel



Jim Walters, of Fox Valley Technical College; who is the liaison for the Amber Alert in Indian Country; was in Ak-Chin recently. He met with officials from agencies that included; Ak-Chin, Salt River, Ft. McDowell, Gila River, Pinal County and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The purpose of the meeting was for Walters to listen to the problems that have arisen in Indian Country that pertained to runaway children, and to formulate policies and procedures that will help regulate legal problems that may arise when locating and returning runaways.

Runaways in Indian Country have increased throughout the past few years and many have made their way into the city, and unfortunately found themselves under the ownership of sexual predators and human trafficking.

These sorts of problems are what Walters hopes to prevent, by implementing an Amber Alert that can have a quicker response for a missing child or runaway.

The agencies and Walters have planned another meeting in the near future.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever tested in the Community

A dog living in the Community has recently tested positive for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). The dog was among those tested at Gila River where RMSF has surfaced in recent months. Ak-Chin Community members will soon be asked to volunteer to have their animals tested to see if there are more positive cases in the Community. Below is information on RMSF.

If you have any questions about RMSF or the testing, please contact Vice-Chairman Leslie Carlyle-Burnett at 520-568-1019.

FACT SHEET ON RMSF

Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) is the most severe tick-borne rickettsial illness in the United States. This disease is caused by infection with the bacterial organism *Rickettsia rickettsii* (rick-ETT-see-uh rick-ETT-see-eye).

How do people get RMSF?

The organism that causes RMSF is transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. The American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) and Rocky Mountain wood tick (*Dermacentor andersoni*) are the primary arthropods (vectors) which transmit RMSF bacteria in the United States. The brown dog tick *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* has also been implicated as a vector under certain circumstances.

What are the symptoms?

Patients infected with *R. rickettsii* usually start having fevers and feeling nauseous following an incubation period of about 5-10 days after a tick bite fever begins, initial symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, muscle pain, lack of appetite and severe headache. Later signs and symptoms include rash (especially on arms and/or ankles), abdominal pain, joint pain, and diarrhea.

RMSF can be a severe illness, and the majority of patients are hospitalized. The disease can be difficult to diagnose in the early stages, and without prompt and appropriate treatment it can be fatal. RMSF is the most frequently reported rickettsial illness in the United States. It also occurs in Mexico and in Central and South America.

Can animals transmit RMSF to me?

Yes, but not directly. People get this disease when they are bitten by a tick that is carrying the bacterium *R. rickettsia*. Because ticks on dogs can be infected with *R. rickettsii*, dogs and people can get RMSF from the same ticks. These ticks can also bite other animals and pass RMSF to them. Dogs that are allowed to roam free can become "tick buses" that spread infected ticks all over the community.

How can I protect myself from getting RMSF from my pets?

- When returning from potentially

tick-infested areas, check yourself and your children for ticks, especially in the hair. Additionally, ticks may be carried into the household on clothing and pets. Both should be examined carefully. Immature ticks can be quite small (as small as a pinhead), so look carefully.

- To prevent ticks from getting on your pets, use appropriate tick collars, spot-on treatments, sprays or dips (according to the label) or consult your veterinarian.

Mortality/morbidity

The mortality rate from RMSF in the United States has historically been around 4%, with death usually occurring eight days after onset of symptoms. Patients treated five or more days after onset of symptoms experienced three times the mortality rate of patients treated earlier. Patients who died received antibiotics an average of 2 days later than patients who lived. Mortality in patients older than 60 years is roughly twice that of younger patients.

Mortality rates as high as 30% were reported for RMSF in the pre-antibiotic era compared with 4% currently. A significant portion of this persistent mortality likely is due to delay in diagnosis and treatment. Long-term morbidity is most usually seen in patients in whom treatment has been delayed. Long-term scarring, blindness, and deafness have been documented.

How can ticks be controlled?

The most effective strategy to control ticks is an integrated approach which includes:

1. Use appropriate spot-on treatments, tick collars, sprays, or dips to control ticks on pets. Follow the label and your veterinarian's instructions.
2. Apply appropriate pesticides to control ticks in your yard. You can use a pest control service or do it yourself. Be sure to use a pesticide product specifically labeled to kill ticks, and follow label instructions for the pesticide product. Repeated applications may be indicated.
3. Remove tick habitats on your property, including leaf litter, brush, and yard clutter (boards, mattresses, old furniture, etc.).

Community-based integrated tick management strategies may prove to be an effective public health response to reduce the incidence of tick-borne infections. However, limiting exposure to ticks is presently the most effective method of prevention of tick-transmitted diseases.

For more information, contact:

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TGA participates in Community Job Fair

Story and photo submitted by:
Nicole Carlyle-Coester, TGA Chief of Enforcement

The Ak-Chin Tribal Gaming Agency participated in the Ak-Chin Job Fair and Resource Round up held at the Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort on April 27th.

TGA was among several other Community Departments, educational institutions and other businesses and organizations that displayed and educated the attendants with information of what they can offer to the public.

The largest responsibility of the Tribal Gaming Agency is to ensure that the assets of the Ak-Chin Indian Community are protected. TGA operates on authority of the State Compact,

the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and related state and federal gaming statutes.

There are four main departments in TGA: Licensing, Compliance, Auditing and Enforcement. Pictured are staff from Enforcement (from left to right) Agent Supervisor, Michael Padilla, Senior Agent, Dodie Makil, Gaming Agent, Ana Hernandez and Gaming Agent Isaiah Alvarez. There are a total of 16 Gaming Agents within the Enforcement Unit. Each shift works days, swings and graves.

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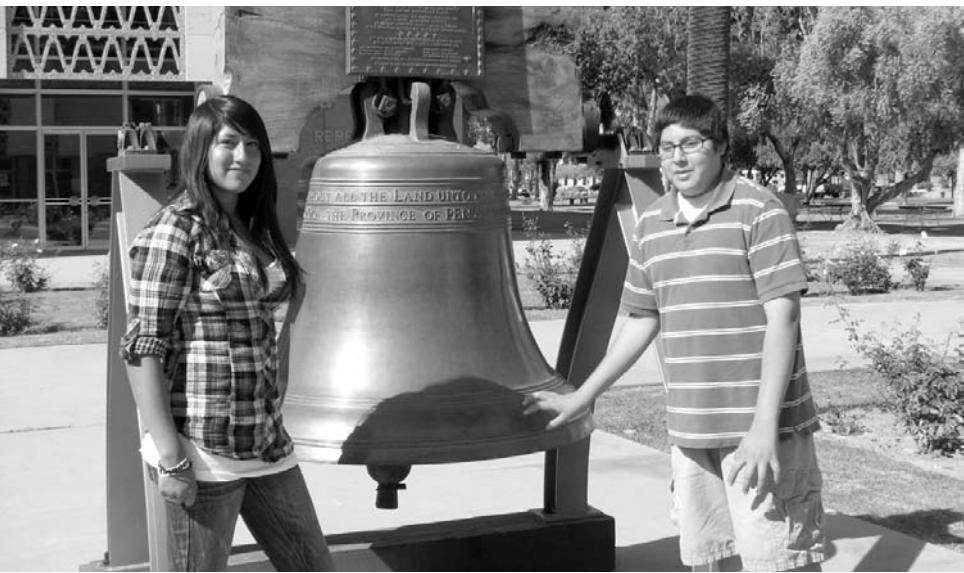
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Ak-Chin Youth visit Capitol



Ak-Chin Youth Council members Cecily Peters and Richard Quintero participate in the Youth Leadership Day at the State Capitol in Phoenix.

Story and photo KD Morago

Ak-Chin Youth Council members Richard Quintero and Cecily Peters participated in the 4th Annual Youth Leadership Day at the Arizona State Capitol on Wednesday, April 14th. Accompanied by Marla Antone, Youth Council Coordinator, the two spent the day with other youth from around the state for the one day conference themed, "A Passion to Serve."

The day's activities began with an opening session on the House Lawn. A welcome and overview was provided by event organizers from the Governor's Youth Commission and the My Life leadership program.

Concurrent workshops took place, covering a wide variety of topics, and both Peters and Quintero selected "Fundraising in Changing Times" workshop. Led by Nancy Grace from Graceful Fundraising, she shared insightful ideas on how to set up events and offered a variety of suggestions on how to ask for money.

Lunch was on the House Lawn with Austin Gutwein as the keynote speaker. Gutwein founded Hoops of Hope when he was only 9 years old. In 2004, he watched a video of orphans in Africa who lost their parents to AIDS.

He knew these kids weren't any different from him, only that they were suffering and he chose to shoot 2,057 free throws on World AIDS Day to represent the number of kids who would be orphaned in that single day at school. Friends and family sponsored Gutwein and almost \$3,000.00 was raised.

From that, Hoops of Hope was created and is the biggest shoot-a-thon in the world. Thousands from around the world participate, shooting free throws for children in need. To date, over \$1.8 million has been raised. The money goes toward those orphans and provides food, clothing, shelter, dormitories and a new school. His keynote address emphasized that no matter how hold you are, you can make a difference.

After lunch, the youth completed a service project of cleaning around the Capitol grounds. For the afternoon workshop session, Peters and Quintero chose to learn more about Gutwein's efforts and attended "One on One with Austin Gutwein." During his session, he showed photographs of his visits to Africa and the orphans he is helping.

After the session, it was time to close out the day back on the House Lawn and then return to Ak-Chin.

'First Things First' visits Ak-Chin



Story and photo by KD Morago

The Ak-Chin Indian Community hosted the April 21st "First Things First" meeting at the Service Center. Interested community members were invited to share their ideas and thoughts about how to support children from the ages of birth to five years old and their families. Representatives from various Ak-Chin departments participated in the roundtable discussion.

The event was sponsored by the Pinal Regional Partnership Council. Ak-Chin Chairman Louis Manuel, Jr. is the tribal representative to the Council and is also its Chairman. Carol Antone, Cultural Resources Manager provided an overview of the Community to the group attending. The Partnership Council also took a tour of the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Development Center.



Liz Burks, retired Librarian from Apache Junction, reads a book to children during the "All About Reading" presentation at the Ak-Chin Child Development school.

Presentation gives tips to parents on reading with their child

Story and photo by R. Miguel

Liz Burks a former Librarian for the city of Apache Junction gave a presentation to students and parents present at the "All About Reading" event at the Ak-Chin Preschool. The presentation gave ideas and tips to parents with helping their child or children with their reading mechanics.

A tip included making reading fun with rhymes. Burks had the parents follow up with a rhyme after she initiated a story with a rhyme. For instance, she said a rhyme that started with a "hey diddle diddle" and a parent came up with their own rhyme to match. She also encouraged parents to sit with their child and make up a story to which the child would get involved by adding on their own version of a story to the one made up by the parent.

"Reading is a key to a child's success in their education," Burks said. "It makes it enjoyable when a child knows that their parents are involved with what they're doing. So it is very

important to get involved with their reading at a young age."

Some parents according to Burks worry sometimes that buying books, computers or any other objects that will help their child's education, is too expensive.

But Burks did give a tip on objects they may use at home that won't cost anything. For instance, paper sack lunch bags and socks can be used as puppets children can use to tell stories, its creative ideas like that, Burks encourages, "it's much more fun".

When encountering dangerous chemicals and objects in the home, Burks stresses that having your child draw their own labels to place on the objects, because drawing is also fun.

She also encourages parents to have their child write or draw their own shopping list which makes it fun to shop. A few other tips were given throughout the night and free books were given out to all participants.

Perfect Attendance for April 2010

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Amelia Flores of the Colorado River Indian Tribe, speaks during the Tribal Libraries Gathering. Flores is one of the founders of the Gathering.

8th Annual Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries

Story & Photo submitted by Melanie Toledo

The 8th Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries was held at the San Xavier Recreation Center on the Tohono O'odham Nation on Friday, April 30th. Chairman Ned Norris of the Tohono O'odham Nation was the guest speaker and Chairman Austin Nunez of the San Xavier District gave the opening remarks to the event.

Over 30 people signed up for the event and traveled as far as the Pueblo of Laguna, located in New Mexico. Over 11 tribes were represented at the Gathering. Tribal librarians have been gathering since 2006 and various tribes or organizations have hosted the event.

The Gatherings are usually held twice a year and the next Gathering will take place at the Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Library on October 8, 2010.

The current co-chairs of the Arizona Tribal Libraries Group are: Melanie Toledo, Ak-Chin Indian Community Library and Oscar Hernandez, Dr.

Fernando Escalante Community Library, located on the Pascua Yaqui reservation.

The 8th Gathering focused on the history of the Gathering, the review of the Arizona Tribal Libraries Mission Statement, Goals and Library Needs, tribal libraries participation in Arizona State Library Association (AzLA) Native American Library Interest Group (NALIG) and voting on starting a new chapter in American Indian Library Association, a national organization.

In addition, tribal librarians learned about how to use a Wiki for planning future Gatherings and met 2010 *Library Journal's* Mover & Shaker, Janice Kowemy, Director of the Laguna Pueblo Library.

In addition, the Gatherings offer a chance for tribal librarians to visit and learn from each other, as well as network with students and librarians not affiliated with tribal libraries.



Johnathan and Brandon Dean watch as Dave Henson from the Ak-Chin Fire Department dons a breathing mask during the Explorer presentation.

Ak-Chin Fire Department looks to implement Explorer Program

Story & Photo by R. Miguel

The Ak-Chin Fire Department hosted a meeting for youth ages 14 to 21, who would be interested in participating in an Explorer Program that the department hopes to implement in the next few weeks.

The program would give future recruits the opportunity to learn about the variety of jobs and certifications that they will encounter as they pursue a career in the Fire Science field.

During the meeting, Ak-Chin Fire Fighter, Glenn Boothe, explained to the youth in attendance that the Explorer Program was available to him as a youth and decided to pursue a career in Fire Science upon completion of high school.

According to Ak-Chin Fire Department staff, the program will allow youth to receive some training in the medical and fire fighting areas.

"You will learn how we handle certain situations, how to use and identify

the variety of equipment that we use and participate in community activities that we may be involved in," Boothe said. "This is a great opportunity to get started into a career at a young age."

To be active in the Explorer Program, there are a few criterion that a recruit must abide by, such as; maintaining a 2.0 gpa which the Department will monitor with the assistance of school officials, signing a code of conduct and dressing in a uniformed attire in compliance with the department.

The next Explorer Program meeting is set for Tuesday, May 18th, 6 p.m. at the Ak-Chin Fire Department. The program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.

For more information about the program, you can contact the Ak-Chin Fire Department at 520-568-1300. The program is open to all youth, you don't have to be a member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

2010 Diabetes Expo

Story & Photos by KD Morago

The Ak-Chin Indian Community participated in this year's Diabetes Expo held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza on Saturday, April 24th.

The Expo drew large crowds which featured workshops, demonstrations, and informational exhibitor booths.

Attendees were able to listen to renowned speakers, receive health screenings, and attend food and fitness demonstrations. Many booths provided free product samples and had informative tips on successfully living with diabetes.

The Ak-Chin Diabetes Prevention Program was one of many booths

which participated and helped educate the public regarding the effects of the disease.

DPP staffers Marc Matteson and Thomas Yazzie answered questions on the displays they presented.

At the other booths, you could have taken a spin at winning free products, or receive a free office massage. Others displayed samples of the newest diabetic supplies available. Because the disease affects people of all ages and backgrounds, a fun area for children was also featured.

The event was free and is held each spring.



TOP: The Ak-Chin Diabetes Prevention Program staff; Thomas Yazzie, Certified Fitness Instructor and Marc Matteson, Program Coordinator showcase a booth at the Diabetes Expo.



LEFT: Salt River Senior Steppers play a game of chair volleyball with attendees to this year's Diabetes Expo. Prior to the game, the Steppers shared their love of line dancing as a form of exercise on the Fitness Stage.



RIGHT: Ak-Chin member Florinda Peters takes a spin on the wheel of chance to win some Minute Rice.



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Ak-Chin parents, students and employees listen to a presentation given by Eva Safrenick, Pincipal at Maricopa Wells Middle School.

4th Qtr. Parent-Night/School Orientation

On April 21st, the Education Department hosted the 4th Qtr. Parent-Night/School Orientation at the Ak-Chin Community Center. The evening was very successful as 46 people attended the event, this included parents, guardians, students, guest speakers and Education Department staff. Ms. Jana Narcia, Education Director started the evening with a Welcome.

The first speaker, Ms. Eva Safrenick, Principal, Maricopa Wells Middle School was introduced by Ann Antone, Ak-Chin Advisor/Tutor. Ms. Safrenick's topic was: "Update on Maricopa Wells Middle School."

The second speaker, Ms. LizBeth Cone, Intervention Specialist, Social Services Department was introduced by the Director. Her topic was: "Positive Self-Esteem Enhances School Performance: How Parents Can Help Their Children's Success."

The participants were allowed to have Open Discussion on the topics presented. Refreshments were served and door prizes were given. Thanks to all the guest speakers, staff and parents/guardians who helped make this another successful event.

Submitted by: Jana C. Narcia, Education Director

University of Phoenix Visit

On April 16th, Mr. Warlance Foster, Tribal Liaison met with Jana Narcia, Education Director. Mr. Foster has recently been hired by the University of Phoenix as the Tribal Education Liaison.

He is one of two (2) Tribal Education Liaisons for the university. The other individual is Chuck Carroll. The Tribal Liaisons provide guidance and counseling to the Native Student population.

They are not located on the main campus in Phoenix, their office is in Tempe. Phone numbers for the Liaisons are: Warlance Foster –



(602)387-8873 and Chuck Carroll – (602) 387-6526.

Submitted by: Jana C. Narcia, Education Director

2010 Earth Day Art Recycling Contest Winners

Group Project Winner
"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

Name of Entrant:
Kids of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

Librarian's Name:
Jeffrey Stoffer

Post-Consumer Recycled Medium Used:
Newspaper, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles & bags

Student Category Winner
"Indian Maiden"

Name of Entrant:
Cassidy Bukovinsky

Post-Consumer Recycled Medium Used:
Halloween costume, paper cups, newspaper, rags, pony tail holder, cardboard, rope, cans, feathers, balloon, toilet paper roll, tablecloth, metal

Adult Category Winner
"The Flower"

Name of Entrant:
William Page

Post-Consumer Recycled Medium Used:
Aluminum can

Best of Show
"The Earth"

Name of Entrant:
Kyle Galley and Taylor Butler

Post-Consumer Recycled Medium Used:
Plastic bottle caps, newspaper, aluminum can tabs, exercise ball, used tire

Contest Sponsors:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Library Hours: Mondays 9am-6pm Tuesday-Friday 9am-7pm Saturday & Sunday	Asian/Pacific American Month					
	3 Peer Leadership 4:30	4 Board Gameapoolza 5:00-6:00 Preschool Storytime 10:30 & 11	5 Craft! 2:00-4:00 "Pig Party" Teen Crafts 5:00-6:30 "Memory Wire Bracelet"	6 Gaming Idol 4:30-6:00	7 Movie Night! 5:15 "Toothfairy"	1 National Dance Day
9 Mother's Day	10 Peer Leadership 4:30	11 Board Gameapoolza 5:00-6:00 Preschool Storytime 10:30 & 11	12 Craft! 2:00-4:00 "Newspaper Baskets" Teen Crafts 5:00-6:30 "Reversible Purse"	13 Gaming Idol 4:30-6:00	14 Movie Night! 5:15 "Legion"	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17 Peer Leadership 4:30	18 Board Gameapoolza 5:00-6:00	19 Craft! 2:00-4:00 "Eraser Paintings" Teen Crafts 5:00-6:30 "Photo Pendant"	20 Gaming Idol 4:30-6:00	21 Movie Night! 5:15 "Spy Next Door"	22 Dog
23	24 Peer Leadership 4:30	25 Board Gameapoolza 5:00-6:00	26 Lib Closing @ 6pm Summer Reading Season	27 Listening Lounge 12:00-1:00 Board Gameapoolza 3:00-4:30	28 Lib Closing @ 6pm Movie Night! 5:15 "Dear John"	29 Library Closed
30 Library Closed	31 Library Closed					

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Ryan Justin (heeler) and Charles Justin (header) put in a fast time as they rope their steer during the Lopez/Enos Memorial Roping at the Ak-Chin Arena.

11th Annual Lopez/Enos Memorial Roping

Story & Photo by R. Miguel

For the past few Lopez/Enos Memorial Roping events Charles "Loper" Justin and Terry Doka have been big winners; receiving buckles, saddles and money prizes for their accomplishments during the event.

The 11th Annual Lopez/Enos Memorial Roping was no different, as Justin and Doka were awarded with a buckle, saddle and a cash payout after the roping dust had settled.

Terry Doka (healer) captured the following ropings; Saddle Winner as a heeler, first and second average winner in the #14 Pick 1 draw 3 roping and fast time and third average winner in the #12 Pick 1 and draw 3 roping.

Charles Justin placed in the following ropings; Saddle Winner as a header, fast time and first average in #14 Pick 1 and draw 3 and first average in the #12 Pick 1 and draw 3.

The roping event was held at the Ak-Chin rodeo arena during a wonderful afternoon in front of rodeo fans young

and old. Throughout the day there were plenty of food vendors for hungry spectators.

Team Roping Results

Charles Justin - Heading Saddle Winner
Terry Doka - Heeling Saddle Winner

#14 Pick 1 Draw 3

Fast Time - Charles Justin/Ryan Justin - 5.49

1st Ave - Charles Justin/Terry Doka - 21.14

2nd Ave - Justine Doka/Terry Doka - 23.84

#12 Pick 1 Draw 3

Fast Time - Justine Doka/Terry Doka - 4.87

1st Ave - Charles Justin/Ryan Justin - 21.48

2nd Ave- Justine Doka/Cameron Tsinginine - 30.68

3rd Ave - Terry Doka/Shea Enos - 46.45



Earthy Enos addresses the crowd.

Earth Day 2010

Submitted by
the Environmental Protection Department

The Environmental Protection Department would like to express their gratitude to all that participated in the 2010 Earth Day festivities. Without your involvement this event would not have been possible!



Participants of the Earth Day clean-up, make their way down Farrell Road in the Ak-Chin Community after picking up trash.



Above, walk participants assist with the banner, during the Crime Victim's Rights Week walk. The walk was part of a week long series of activities geared to bring awareness to the community about Crime Victim's Rights.

Story and Photo by: KD Morago

Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week was recognized in the Ak-Chin Community during the week of April 18 - 24, 2010. Colorful banners were on display at several locations, Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa Road and Farrell Road, which featured the words: Crime Victims' Rights: FAIRNESS. DIGNITY. RESPECT.

The Crime Victims' Rights awareness began the week prior, with Shelli Kahn's annual email quizzes which were sent out each day. One quiz question was: To reach a .08 BAC level,

a 170 pound man would have to drink approximately ?? drinks in one hour on an empty stomach. The correct answer was **four**. Winners of the daily quiz received a bag of candy.

As the week began, the quizzes continued. Those who received them developed the understanding of the impacts of crime to its victims. Individuals also learned that nationally, Child Protective Services (in the U.S.) found approximately 794,000 children to be victims of child abuse or neglect. April was also Child Abuse Prevention

Month.

On Friday, April 23rd, the week culminated with a noon walk, lunch and speaker. The walk began at the EPD parking lot with words of reflection from Councilman Anthony Narcia, Sr., who also provided a blessing. Approximately thirty individuals walked from EPD to the Service Center. Social Services staff carried a banner.

Everyone enjoyed a pizza lunch and settled in to hear from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Victim Advocate Teresa Ulibarri. Ulibarri began her presentation on Fairness, Dignity, and Respect. She further provided information on steps to take if faced with a victim of crime, or you become a victim yourself.

Her presentation took an intimate turn when Ulibarri shared her personal story. She overcame several abusive relationships, and was a single parent who went to school to make a better life for herself and her children. Just when she found and married her true love, a drunk driver forever changed her life.

Using a power point, she shared of how a drunk driver caused the accident that resulted in her husband's traumatic injuries. He was riding a motorcycle to work near Tucson when

The Community's roadways had over 200 volunteers with bag in hand, working to beautify the Community at the Earth Day Cleanup Event. The participants did an astonishing job of picking up the trash; some had to be called back from the bushes to stay on the roadway!

The gym activities and booths were greatly appreciated by all, and the information was well received. The premiere of the environmental video was such a huge hit that there was an encore.

Earth Day 2010 was a success, full of fun and excitement due to the wonderful turnout. The EPD would like to thank all of the Departments and Organizations that helped out with the event particularly: Harrah's, Preschool, Recreation, Sanitation/Public Works, Ak-Chin Runner, Fire and Police.

A special thanks to Ms. Sally Anton for the beautiful opening blessing, Community Council for the continued support and Mr. Richard Joaquin for the generous donation of his chairs and tables.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended Earth Day 2010, we look forward to seeing you again for Earth Day 2011!

the intoxicated driver turned in front of him. Miraculously, he survived his injuries. But, sadly, due to the accident, he suffered from amnesia and no longer remembered her.

She advocated those in attendance to think twice before driving intoxicated. There was not one dry eye in the Ak-Chin Service Center.

If you feel you are a victim of crime, please contact Shelli Kahn, Intervention Specialist at 568-1086.

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The Ak-Chin team which consisted of volunteers, students and Police Officials from Ak-Chin and Maricopa, make their way toward Frito Lay in Casa Grande, where the group handed off the torch to the Casa Grande Police Department.

2010 Torch Run for Special Olympics

Story & Photo by R. Miguel

Members of the Ak-Chin Police Department and employees each took time out from their busy schedules to take part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics as it made its way through the Ak-Chin Community.

Ak-Chin Police Officers and participants met with the Phoenix Police Department on Friday, April 30th for a hand off of the torch on Louis Johnson Parkway.

team trekked was 21.2 miles.

This years run had a new twist in participants as students and staff from the Maricopa Unified Schools District Special Education Programs walked roughly one mile down the Maricopa-Casa Grande highway before their were bussed to Frito Lay for the final leg of the run.

Following the run, the Ak-Chin Police Department provided a luncheon for all runners, walkers and bikers who participated in this years event.

The torch made its way to the Mesa Community College football field on Saturday, May 1st for the Arizona Special Olympic games.

After taking it through the community, the group made their way down Maricopa-Casa Grande highway and met the Casa Grande Police Department for the torch hand off in front of Frito Lay. The total distance the Ak-Chin



Special Education students from the Maricopa Unified Schools District participated in the Torch Run walk down Maricopa-Casa Grande highway.

ASU Spring Pow-Wow



With nineteen drum groups from different parts of the United States, the Arizona State University Pow-wow was held on the ASU football practice field in Tempe the weekend of April 16th. In its 24th year, the Pow-Wow was co-sponsored by the Ak-Chin Indian Community. The Pow-Wow is part of the American Indian Culture Week, which also include a Mr. and Miss Indian ASU pageant which was held Thursday, April 15th.

Photo by KD Morago

Job and Resources Round-Up



Many interested individuals stopped by the Ak-Chin Human Resources "Job and Resource Round-Up held on April 27th in Harrah's Ballroom. Representatives from different Ak-Chin departments, colleges, vendors and contractors participated.



Ak-Chin members stop by and visit a booth at the H.R. Round-Up

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**“Congrats”
to the
Ak-Chin
Preschool Class
of 2010
Fr: The Ak-Chin
Runner!**

Ak-Chin Preschoo Bingo Fund Raiser



Sandy Cowger (left) and Tammy Escamilla (right) hope their bingo number is called during the Ak-Chin Preschool bingo fundraiser. The funds raised from bingo will be used on Ak-Chin Preschool graduates for their yearly trip.

Congratulations
To my hard working girl Nevaeh Marie, for completing Preschool! Mommy and Daddy are so proud of all you've accomplished this year! You never cease to amaze us with all the new things you learn, new phrases you say, drawings you make and funny things you do! I am so proud to be able to say "The Chevinator" is my daughter :o)
Love you pass the stars!!!
Mommy, Daddy and your sisters!!!

Tia Myla, Congratulations on your graduation. Mommy and Daddy are so proud and love you very much

Congrats Kaylan
I'm so proud of you, get ready for the BIG school
Love, Mommy and Isaiah

Congrats Nadiyah Hall
Love, Mom, Dad, and Terresa

To all my friends and teachers at Ak-Chin Preschool/ Daycare!
I'll miss you!
Love ~Nevaeh Marie Cantu

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Teaching and Support Staff at Ak-Chin Preschool/ Daycare. Ms. Faith, I've said it before, I don't know how you do it, but you do! Nevaeh has progressed SO MUCH this year and I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart!!! We are going to miss your patience, knowledge, love and kindness that you've shared with her!
Love, Stacie and Richard Cantu

Happy Mother's Day!

To: Nessa

You have been a good mother and I know you will continue being a great one as the years to come. I know they are a handful at times but the is part of being a mother and with all the love you have you will over come all that is going to come your way....keep up the Great Job.....Wallie Happy Mother's Day!
Love: MOM

Happy Mother's Day to my mom Colleen

We may have had our problems in the past. But I understand now, it was hard raising us. Thank you for making me who I am. LOVE YA! My brothers and I will cook your Mexican food for you.
Love Your Son, Thomas

To my Momma Felicia, I love you too much!
Happy Mother's Day Mom
Love Jamison

To the ladies at the Preschool
Happy Mother's Day and May that SPECIAL SOMEONE treat you like a QUEEN on the well deserved day!
Fr: "Sha"

willing to help me, always giving me words of encouragement when I needed strength. I wish you the best and hope everything all works out for you! Thank-you for all that you do for us and the grand babies and of course your delicious food...thanks again...and have a wonderful Mother's Day!
With love from your Daughter-In-Law,
Celina Rose Miguel

Love your Godchildren Briana, Bianca, Frankie and Johnny

To all mothers - a very Happy Mother's Day not only today but every day of your life cause when you become a mom it's a 24hr life, even if your kids are grown. You're the mom. May our Creator shower his Blessing on you this day and every day!
From one mom to another

To: Chu chu

Though you have not experience the actual part of giving birth. You have been close to raising that little man in your life and what I have seen he respects you and loves you with all his heart he is one lucky dude to have a Godmother like you....
Happy Mother's Day
Love: MOM

Happy Mother's Day wishes go out to all my sisters; Millie, Liz and Gloria.

And a very extra special one for my wonderful daughter and mom Yolanda! I know the Lord has blessed us all in our everyday living with our children and grandchildren. Wishing each and every one of you the best of this special day!
Love, Linda

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers at the elder staff,
May your day be filled with joy.
From, Marina Vincent

Happy Mother's Day to my wife Celina
I just wanna say I hope you enjoy your day & even though I don't tell you every day I appreciate everything you do for me & our little family!
Love your husband Jose Sr.

Happy Mother's Day Julene
Thank you for being such a wonderful & loving mom to your kids & Nova!
Love you, your Mom Jenny

Happy Godmother's day to Rosie and Tillie
Many blessings on the both of you!
Your Mom - God Bless You

Virginia Thomas,
Happy Mother's Day!
Thanks for all you have done for us, we love you! ☺
Johnny Lopez, Joe Lopez, Erno Lopez, Priscilla Allison, Linda Smith, Candy Enos and Bert Thomas

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful ladies in the Thomas Clan!
Love you all ☺ Debbie Baptisto

Happy Mother's Day to my daughters!
Love Mom Evelina

Happy Mother's Day to all my granddaughter "Moms"!
Love your Grandma Evelina

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in my family-Delphine, Lillian, Mable, Frances, Patricia & Kay
God bless you and keep you in His love and care! Jeannie

To all the moms, grandmas, aunts and sisters I want to wish you all a Happy Mother's Day - all enjoy and may the Lord Bless you all!
From Alverna Flores

Happy Mother's Day Janice & Gen!
From your sister Alverna

Happy Mother's Day to our Grandma and Yoo-Yoo
We love you both and are grateful to have you in our lives. May we continue to grow our hearts and lives with your love and guidance.
~ Love ~ Cecil, Raychel and kids

Happy Mother's Day Vera
Happy are we to see your smiling face, thankful are we to be graced by your love.
Love, Raychel

Happy Mother's Day to Rachel (he means mama)
Love your baby boy Christian

To all the moms in our lives - THANK YOU!
Love Cecil, Raychel and Kids

Happy Mother's Day Mom
Te quiero mucho y gracias por todo lo que has echo y sigues haciendo por mi y los mostritos
Love, Diana

Happy Mother's Day Wita
Love, Isaiah and Kaylan

Mothers Are Special

There is no love like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth
Like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time
And when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one
For all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on
Through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love
From the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.
Anonymous

Nana, Diana, Adriana, Irma, Veronica, Delia, Deanna, Jake, Paulina, Colleen, Maria, Rene, Courtney and Elsie
Here's wishing you ladies a Wonderful Mother's Day! You all deserve to have the grandest day of all.
Fr. Skip, "Sha" and family

Janice, Genevieve, "Kafuna", Costella, Juanita, Jennifer, Connie, Salinda, "Tooners", Denise, Celina, Vanessa, "Chu-Chu", Billie, and Winfreda....have a Happy Mother's Day because you all deserve the best.
Fr: "Sha", Skip and family

To my Sisters and nieces
Georgia, Lucinda, Sonya, Ambria and our 2nd Mom to our kids, "Goo"
...letting you all know what a great job you guys are doing with your families and hoping you all have a moment to yourselves on that special Mother's Day. Puji, thanks to you and the girls for always watching our "terrors", especially for the spur of the moment short getaway to Laughlin.
We really appreciate all you guys do for us and our family. Love you guys!
Fr: "Sha", Skip and family

To Felicia Vincent
Happy Mother's Day to you!!!
You are so special and deserve the best... Your caring way and tender heart has made the boys feel right at home. I want to thank you for making my kids feel welcome and part of your family too. We love you with all our heart. Love U Kim- Oh and we can get the IPAD for MOMS day ;)

Happy Mother's Day to our grandma Pauline Vincent
We love you very much. Sorry we don't come over often but we will always remember you.
Love, Krislyn, Biscuit and Tommy Pablo

Happy Mother's Day Mom
We wanted or hope you can find the time to take it easy on this day. Mom you have been thru so much lately and it hurts to see you like that. But we all know that you are "1 Strong Lady" that can overcome anything.
I thank you for being the Mom & Best Friend to Joel and I. We are very "Thankful" to have you as our "Mother or Madre"! You are one special person in our lives. Despite everything you have been thru you always held your head up high no matter what. I am so proud to call you "My Mom"! So let's go and have fun at the D-backs game and enjoy some drinks also!!! We Love You MOM!!!
Love, Joel & Deanna

Happy Mother's Day to Grandma Delia
We love you grandma with all our hearts!!
Have fun with mom at the D-backs game but not too much!! We love you Grandma!!!
Love, Joey, Nanie, Jr., Dots & Dee-dee

Happy Mother's Day to Mama Chu-Chu, Grandma Stella & Ba-nessa
I hope you guys enjoy your day with me!!
I love the beans & chu-muth you make me.
I hope you enjoy your day. Don't worry Mama Chu-Chu I am still here with you I will make you laugh.
Love, Jr.

Happy Mother's Day to All Our Family & Friends
We hope you guys relax and enjoy your day!!
Love, Joel & Deanna & Kids

Happy Mother's Day to Smokie & Craig
I hope you guys enjoy your day with the kids and just relax.
Sincerely, Dee-Bo

Happy Mother's Day Mom!!
I know I don't say this often as I should but Thank-you for all that you've done for me from the day I was born all that you still continue to do, the little things and big things. Enjoy your day!
Love your son, Jose Miguel Sr.

To Genevieve Miguel,
You're a special woman with a big kind heart. Whenever I needed something you're always

Happy Mother's day from Melanie!
Happy Granny's day from S'Mishi!
Happy Great-Grammy's day from Yummy's!
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ We love you! ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

Happy Mother's Day Mamma!
Have a wonderful day and thanks for being such a good mother, grandmother & Mother-In-Law. May God Bless you and keep you in good health and great spirits.
Love & Prayers, Baby, Sam, Bubb, Sister Jack & Max

Happy Mother's Day Mildred Narcia
Elizabeth Valles
Gloria Narcia
Have a Blessed Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers in the family!
Hope each one of you will be able to relax and enjoy this special day for us Mom's!
From Jake and Kids

Happy Mother's Day to my Mother Delia!
Again Mom we can't thank you enough for all that you have done for me and the kids or anyone else. I know times have been tough but you have always kept your head up and did what you thought was best. We couldn't ask for a better Mom than you! I know at times you have wanted to give up but the Strong person that you are didn't allow you to give up. I know you will enjoy yourself at the D-backs game, but just have fun and relax. I will make plans to take you out and have our day together. Again mom I love you and Happy Mother's Day!
Love Jake

Happy Mother's day to the Greatest Grandma!
We just wanted to say Happy Mother's Day Grandma! We want you to know you are the best Grandma ever we couldn't have asked for better! Thank you for everything that you buy us and for taking us places even though we can be headaches.
Enjoy your special day Grandma!
Love Briana, Bianca, Frankie and Johnny

Happy Mother's Day to our God Mama Raychel!
We wanted to wish you a Happy Mother's Day! Take a breather and relax on your special day! We can't thank you enough for all the goodies you give us!
Happy Mother's Day God Mama

Mother/Daughter Challenge



Michelle "Missy" Justin races toward the basket looking to score for her team.



The Ak-Chin Recreation Department had events for all ages at the Mother/Daughter Challenge.

Aging Conference



Cisco Mattia uses his basketball skills to make as much shots as possible.



Mildred Narcia received the 2010 Arizona Indian Council on Aging member of the year award.

Elder's Cinco De Mayo



Ak-Chin elders feast on Mexican food on Cinco de Mayo.



Malinda Pete tosses a ring while Johnny Lopez tries to keep steady.



Plant Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
Reference Code INT50253522-01

Department Ocean State Power Admin
Role US Senior Foreman Maint Supervisor OT
Location Coolidge Generating Station, Coolidge, AZ
Contract Type Regular, Full-time

General Information
This position is located at the new TransCanada Coolidge Generating Station (CGS). CGS is a natural gas fired 575 megawatt gas turbine simple cycle peaking power plant located in Coolidge, Arizona.

Responsibilities
Reporting to the Plant Manager the Plant Operations and Maintenance Supervisor provides ongoing management functions for the day to day operations and maintenance of the Coolidge Generating Station.

Qualifications and Education
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience in the operations and maintenance of gas turbine peaking and/or combined cycle power generation plants to include auxiliary equipment and water treatment systems.
- Has a good understanding of commercial and O&M contracts
- Demonstrated strong leadership and strong interpersonal communication skills.
- Good supervisory skills- demonstrated ability to create and maintain a positive and collaborative team environment.
- Conflict resolution skills.
- Possess optimistic "can do" attitude.
- Self starter and demonstrates initiative.

Looks forward, anticipating future needs and responses.
- Demonstrates authority and asserts influence over events to achieve goals.
- Accepts responsibility for successes and failures.
- Shares credit and recognition.
- Inspires others' commitment and values differences in people.
- Ability to set priorities and goals.
- Strong verbal and written communications skills.
- Competent computer skills with proficiency in the use of the MS Office Suite and email.
- Must be able and available to travel within the US and Canada.

Education / Experience:
- Associates / Bachelor degree in engineering and/or business management desired but will accept solid equivalent industry and related military experience.
- Minimum of five years experience in power plant O&M or equivalent industry / military experience.
- Minimum of five years combined cycle and/or peaking plant experience or equivalent military experience.
- Minimum of two years of power plant related leadership experience or an equivalent combination of leadership training and experience.
- Plant commissioning and start up experience.
- Experienced in Computerized Maintenance Management System development and implementation.
- O&M Contract and/or Power Purchase Agreement management experience.
- Experience with GE LM6000 aero derivative gas turbines with SPRINT and high temp SCR#s highly desirable.
- Must hold a valid drivers license.



Administrative Assistant
Reference Code INT50239071-01

Department Ocean State Power Admin
Role US Associate 3
Location Coolidge Generating Station, Coolidge, AZ
Contract Type Regular, Full-time

General Information
This position is located at the new TransCanada Coolidge Generating Station (CGS). CGS is a natural gas fired 575 megawatt gas turbine simple cycle peaking power plant located in Coolidge, Arizona.

Responsibilities
This position reports to the Plant Manager and is responsible for providing administrative support to the plant operations group.

Qualifications and Education
- Strong computer skills as applicable to the MS Office Suite of programs as well as SAP, AVANTIS or equivalent purchasing and maintenance management system and financial/budgeting software.
- Excellent decision making skills, communication capabilities, team interaction and integration.
- Strong analytical (budgeting/financial) and organizational skills.
- Ability to exercise initiative and prioritize work to maximize efficiency.
- Ability to travel within the US and Canada.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Education / Experience:
- Background in business administration and/

or business arts supplemented with a diploma/ degree would be considered an asset.
- 3-5 years of previous industry experience is desired.
- Must hold a valid drivers license.

Please apply to both postings (Plant Operations and Maintenance Supervisor and Administrative Assistant) by **May 13, 2010** at transcanada.com/careers using the My Career tab in HR InterActive. All applications will be acknowledged.

Direct inquiries related to this posting to:
Jeff Dooley, Leader
Stacy Sweeney, Recruiter
Consistent with our employment practices, TransCanada reserves the right to consider the cost of relocation when making internal hiring decisions. *TransCanada is an equal opportunity employer.*

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current openings in the Community:

- Detention Officer
- ◆
- Communications Supervisor
- ◆
- Parks and Recreation Director
- ◆
- Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Check with Human Resources for the latest job announcements.

Please pick up applications at the Human Resources Office or e-mail your resume to resumes@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Complete your application in full and be sure to sign your name. Submit applications before the closing date as late applications will not be accepted.

If you are claiming Indian Preference, proof of tribal enrollment **MUST** be submitted at the time of application.

CHECK IT OUT!

Stop by the Library May 3rd through May 21st and check out the new Fire Station drawing boards, fill out a comment sheet and tell us what you think about it.



EAST ELEVATION

ELEVATION STUDY



FIRE STATION 561
AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY, ARIZONA
APRIL 28, 2010



2010 May Recreation Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Open Gym 8:30a-5p Open Wt Rm. 8:30a-5p HS Boys & Girls BB 5:30pm	8 Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial
9	10 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p	11 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p T-ball games 5:45p	12 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p	13 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p S.R. T-ball Tournament	14 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-5p S.R. T-ball Tournament	15 S.R. T-ball Tournament
16 H.S. Boys & Girls BB 9:15a	17 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p T-ball games 6:45p	18 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p	19 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p	20 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-8:30p	21 Open Gym & Wt Rm. 8:30a-5p	22
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30	31 Gym Closed Memorial Holiday					

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
EMPLOYEE UPDATE



Velacita Lopez
Specialist Asst.
Cultural Resources

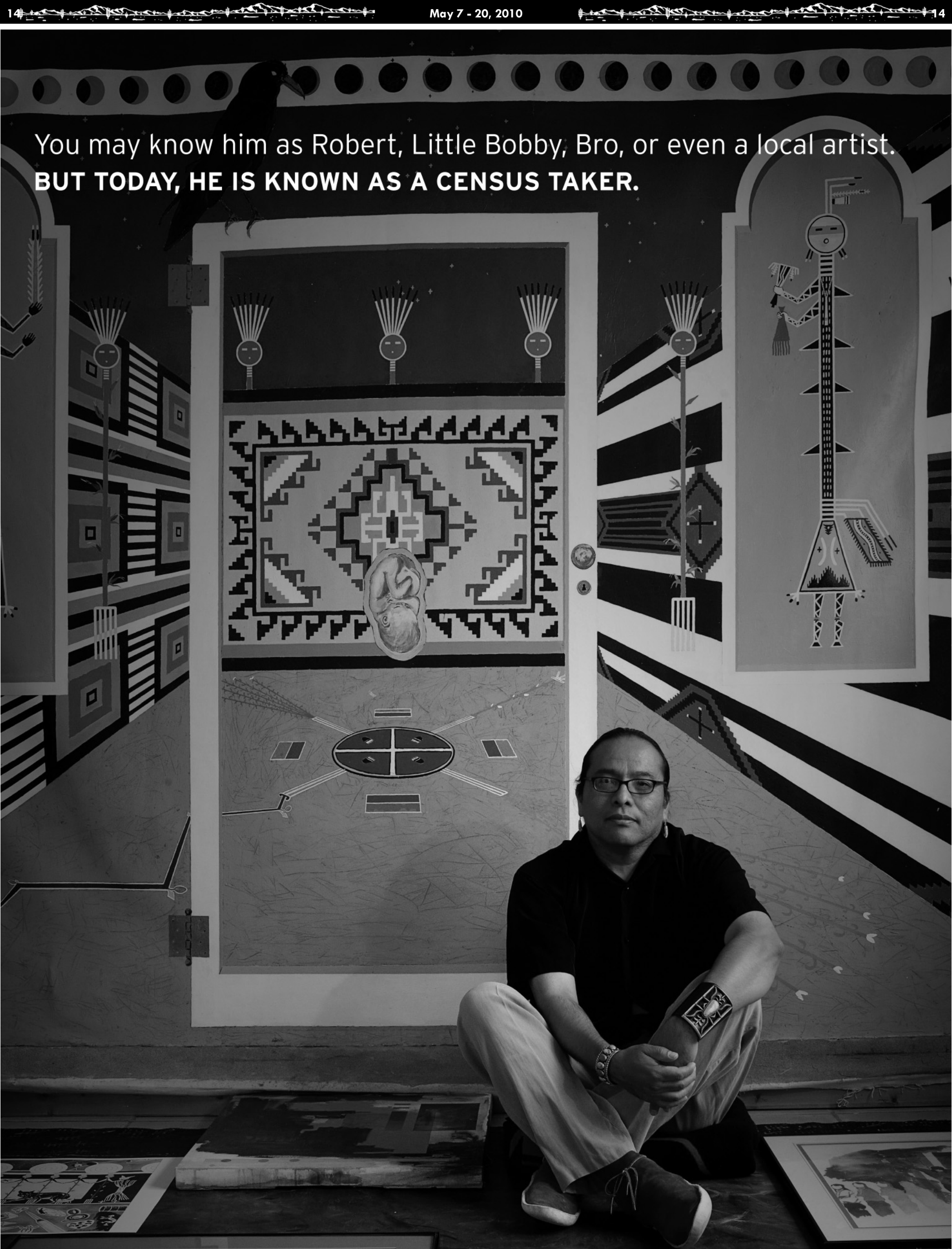


Diana Peters
Graphic Artist
Runner



Brian Burke
Prosecutor
Prosecutor's Office

You may know him as Robert, Little Bobby, Bro, or even a local artist.
BUT TODAY, HE IS KNOWN AS A CENSUS TAKER.



If Robert happens to stop by, just remember, he is someone from our community who is working for the 2010 Census. He and others are only asking for a small amount of your time to complete the 2010 Census form. It's only ten questions that help determine the need for schools, housing, roads and hospitals in our communities.

WE MOVE FORWARD WHEN WE PARTICIPATE. | 2010CENSUS.GOV



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

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Valley High School and joined the name in July 2006. He is the son of Carrie Kills Enemy At Night (Choctaw, Nation decent Atoka Oklahoma) of Chino Valley, and Alphonso Lee Antone of Tohono O'Odham Nation, Ariz. (Gu-Vo District, Kukatch Community).

Antone's wife, Janis, and daughters, Jasmine Rain and Autumn Rose Antone remain at home. His mother reports that her son said when he joined the Navy, "Mom, don't worry, be proud! I do this so my little girl can have her ceremony and drink the mud, that all little Tohono O'Odham girls can always drink the mud." She also said he is following in his Choctaw relatives' footsteps, who were also Navy veterans, and she quotes a Choctaw warrior as saying, "Falumichi Likeyu (I won't retreat). Shucknashopa keyu (I am not afraid)." She also says her son will remember all his high school friends, takes his tribal community and his tri-city area community with him to Qatar, as an honor to serve in the U.S. Navy overseas.

Aaron Holland Antone, an aeronautical mechanic in the U.S. Navy out of Oak Harbor, Wash., will be deployed in May overseas to the U.S. naval base in Qatar in the Middle East.

Antone is a 2003 graduate of Chino

Eddie Gray stops in Ak-Chin

Story & Photo by KD Morago

Walking... most of us do it every day, some more than others. For some, walking is about getting through the day to day activities. For others, it's about exercise and a passion to stay healthy. For Marine veteran Eddie Gray, his walk of two years has been about raising awareness of veteran issues.

A journey which began in April 2008, in his home state of Montana, Gray has walked the west coast states and stopped in Ak-Chin Community during the weekend of April 24th.

During his trek, he has spoken to State Lt. Governors, city and county politicians, tribal leaders and people from all walks of life.

He travels at night, carrying a backpack which weighs up to 100lbs at times. His goal is to walk the southern states traveling to Florida, then up the East Coast, and then back to Montana. He expects the walk to last another two to three years.

When asked the purpose, he shares the story of how living in rural Montana made it difficult to get quality healthcare for an elder family member, who served in World War II, as well as current servicemen and women returning from the Iraq war.

He often hears stories in the different regions of the country he has visited and shared those with



Eddie Gray

individuals in a position to make a difference.

During his visit here in Ak-Chin, Gray has taken time to meet with the Ak-Chin Tribal Council, Ak-Chin veterans, and spoke to the students at the Learning Center. Gray also took time to attend the Battle of the Bands event and share some words with those in attendance. At the event, Clayton Antone presented Gray with a silver stone featuring the Man In The Maze symbol.

Gray has chronicled his walk by writing in a journal. He plans to write a book after the experience. His journey can be followed on-line at eddiegreywalksamerica.net

April/May 2010 Native American Mass Schedule

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

*St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission
Ak-Chin Indian Community*

Sunday Mass at 12 P.M

Parish Community Announcements:

Catholic Council of Elders

Hosted By: St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission
Salt River Indian Community April 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM

Annual Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebration

Hosted By: Holy Family Roman Catholic Mission & Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Mission

Held at: Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Mission at 10:00 AM,
Gila River Indian Community

Confirmations 2010

❖ Sunday, May 16, 2010
St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Mission
Ak-Chin Indian Community at 9:00 AM
Father Fredrick J. Adamson, V.G.

❖ Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 12:00 PM
Father Fredrick J. Adamson, V.G.
St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Mission
Sacaton, AZ-Gila River Indian Community

❖ Thursday, May 27, 2010 7:00 PM
Kieran Kleczewski, Ph. D
St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic Church
Komatke, AZ-
Gila River Indian Community

❖ Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 12:00 PM
Father David Sanfilippo, V.G.
St. Lucy Roman Catholic
Mission Gila Bend, AZ-
San Lucy Indian Community

❖ Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Diocese of Phoenix
St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
Bapchule, AZ-Gila River Indian Community



Request of Administration of Communion and Viaticum
Dean Peters E-mail: dean.p.peters@gmail.com
Cell: 520-251-8378



Next Community Meeting

Since May 31st is a Holiday,
Monday, May 24, 2010
Ak-Chin Service Center
6-8 PM

NEW LIFE AK-CHIN FAMILY CHURCH

WHERE GOD IS CHANGING LIVES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us @ 16785 Hohokam Street
(Johnny Stephen's house)

*Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

Our times for service are as follows:

Sunday morning	10:00 a.m.
Sunday evening	6:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

For more information or prayer, contact one of our pastors.

Pastor Carlos Marin 520-560-2679
Associate Pastor Johnny Stephens 520-705-3052

GRIC and GRHC Partner in First Annual Walk to Promote Cancer Awareness

"Raising Awareness in the Community"

Sacaton, Arizona (April 27, 2010) - In a collaborative effort to promote awareness of the various types of cancers in the Community, the Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Health Care partnered together for GRIC's First Annual Cancer Awareness Walk in District #6, Komakte, Arizona, on Saturday April 17, 2010. The activities commenced at 7:30 a.m. and concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The function powerfully integrated this year's theme, **"Raising awareness in the Community,"** into the day's activities and set the tone for future cancer awareness events. The event included a traditional blessing by Harry Antone, an approximately 1-mile walk (beginning at the Komakte Health Center and ending at District #6's Kalka Park), posting of the colors by the Pee Posh Veterans (District #7 Color Guard), stories given by cancer survivors and inspirational speakers, a performance of the District #2 Hashan Kehk basket dancers, and remarks from District #6 Councilman, Anthony Villareal, Sr., and Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel.

Closing prayer and comments were given by Priscilla Antone, Community at Large Member for the Health and Social Standing Committee, and Gila Crossing School Board Member. Several Community and external vendors also



The Gila River Health Care Corporation and the Gila River Indian Community partner to host the first annual Cancer Awareness Walk in Komakte, Arizona, located in District #6.

Photo courtesy of EHabib/GRHC

participated in the event.

The Community's First Annual Cancer Awareness Walk directly resulted from the enthusiastic collaboration of Gila River Health Care and the Tribe—the Gila River Cancer Support Group and West End Health Committee. These groups were continually made aware

that all cancer walks took place outside the Community. As this realization intensified with the growing number of invitations to these outside events, the idea to hold the Community's own annual cancer awareness walk was born. The groups agreed that having the Community create its own cancer event

would be more effective and dynamic than attending an outside function. The committees came to the agreement, therefore, that the Community should hold its own cancer awareness walk.

It truly was a one-of-a-kind event, drawing well over 200 people. Eager participants included members from all seven districts and also staff members from GRHC. People of all ages walked including students, elders, and young children. The air held a sense of excitement—excitement bred from knowing that cancer is preventable, treatable, and may be one day eradicated. There was also a deep sense of reverence for those in the Community who had or were battling the disease. Ditas Fallis, Cancer Care Coordinator, said, "It was memorable, beautiful." Other said that it was a "healing day" and that "it captured the heart of the Gila River Indian Community." Cancer survivors led the walk. Others wore T-shirts with the names or pictures of loved ones who battled cancer or succumbed to it. For all participants, the event was a time of joy, remembrance, and honor for those touched by the disease. The amount of participation and involvement from the District #6 Community, the rest of the Community, and GRHC was indeed heartwarming.

Doug Stone headlines Harrah's

Country music artist Doug Stone performed at Harrah's on Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st in the Oasis Lounge. Friday's show was full of music, humor, and a dancing audience. Stone sang and played most of his dozen hits acoustically with a single guitar.

In between songs, the Georgia native would interact with members of the audience and share personal heartwarming stories of love and love lost. "Fourteen Minutes Old," "Don't Tell Mama," "I Thought It Was You," "Why Didn't I Think of That," and

"Little Houses," were some of the songs on his setlist. He dedicated "In a Different Light," to all the ladies in the audience.

Stone also introduced the audience to his new project "My Turn," and performed songs from the new CD. The CD is available only on his official website www.dougstone.com. His first debut single seventeen years ago was "Better Off in a Pine Box," and he ended his show with that song. He thanked the audience for coming out and got them to yell out, "Yee haw!"



**AK-CHIN CULTURAL
RESOURCE OFFICE**

INVITE YOU TO MAY'S


**AK-CHIN O'ODHAM
WOMEN'S MEETING**

MAY 14, 2010

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

**16 YEARS AND OVER
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 568-1372**





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**The
Ak-Chin
"Peer Leadership Program"
WANTS YOU!**

KIDS, ages 10-18
JOIN US Mondays
4:30-6:00 pm at the Ak-Chin Library

Participate in fun activities and events
while working to make your
Community a Better Place to Be!

For more information contact
Hilary Cummings 480-326-7999



2010 VEHICLE BIDS

The Ak-Chin Indian Community is accepting bids for vehicles no longer in use by the community. Vehicles may be viewed at 16600 John Wayne Parkway (formerly known as Maricopa Road). **All vehicles are sold "AS IS".**

Only sealed bids will be received at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, AZ. Please enclose your name, vehicle you are bidding on, and phone number where you can be reached on your sealed bid.

The deadline to receive bids is May 12th, 2010 at noon. Bids will be opened on the afternoon of the 12th and the successful bidders will be contacted by 4 P.M. that afternoon.

All payments will be received at 42507 West Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona no later than 5 P.M. on May 14th, 2010. **Cashiers Check, Money Order, or Certified Checks will only be accepted.**

The successful bidders will have 24 hours to remove the vehicles from the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Matthew Benson 602-350-2834

PROP 101 NOTICE

The state will conduct a Special Election on May 18. This is a consolidated election, so your regular polling place may not be open. Find where to cast your ballot by visiting – <https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/Home.do>

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 12.1; RELATING TO TEMPORARY TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAXES.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

1. Article IX, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended by adding section 12.1 as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

12.1. Temporary taxes; repeal from and after May 31, 2013

A. A TEMPORARY TAX IS LEVIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING STATE REVENUES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

B. THE TEMPORARY TAX IS LEVIED AND SHALL BE COLLECTED BEGINNING ON JUNE 1, 2010 AND SHALL CONTINUE FOR THIRTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THE TEMPORARY TAX IS REPEALED.

C. THE TEMPORARY TAX IS LEVIED AS A SEPARATE RATE INCREMENT IN ADDITION TO THE STATE TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX RATES AND THE USE TAX RATE. THE RATE OF THE TEMPORARY TAX IS ONE PER CENT OF THE TAX BASE FOR EACH TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE

CLASSIFICATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO A RATE OF FIVE PER CENT OR MORE AND ONE PER CENT OF THE TAX BASE FOR THE USE TAX.

D. THE TEMPORARY TAX IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME EXEMPTIONS, DEDUCTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR EACH TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX CLASSIFICATION AND FOR THE USE TAX.

E. THE NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE TEMPORARY TAX IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES BUT SHALL BE CREDITED TO, AND SEPARATELY ACCOUNTED IN, THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

1. TWO-THIRDS OF THE REVENUES SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

2. ONE THIRD OF THE REVENUES SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES.

F. THE TEMPORARY TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER, AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PROVISIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR OTHER TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAXES.

G. THE REPEAL OF THE TEMPORARY TAX UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUING VALIDITY OF OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID TAX OBLIGATIONS THAT ACCRUE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING ANY PENALTIES AND INTEREST THAT ACCRUE THEREAFTER BY LAW ON THE UNPAID OBLIGATIONS.

H. THE TEMPORARY TAX UNDER THIS SECTION IS REPEALED FROM AND AFTER MAY 31, 2013.

2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at a special election called to be held for that purpose on May 18, 2010 as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.

Contact: Mary Kim Tiila (602) 339-2641

More than 4,000 expected for Indians in Sobriety Campout

San Carlos, Arizona—"It hurts me to think about lost time with family especially the children," said Isabel Sisto, 65, San Carlos Apache, as tears streamed down her face. Sisto struggled with alcoholism earlier in her life but she's been sober 25 years. "To see (family members) now struggling. It's hard. Sometimes I don't see hope (for them) but (I know) it's possible."

Sisto's story is all too familiar on Indian reservations across the country. According to a 2008 national survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control one in ten or 11.7 percent of Native Americans die from alcohol related traffic accidents or alcoholic liver disease compared to 3.3 percent of the U.S. as a whole. Alcohol related deaths may actually be higher as the study did not include deaths related to some diseases for which alcohol is a high risk factor such as tuberculosis, pneumonia and colon cancer.

While the statistics are grim, what excites Sisto and Harrison Bonito, also San Carlos Apache and a recovering alcoholic, is a movement they actively participate in called Indians in Sobriety. Founded in 1986 in Tucson, the grassroots program offers hope to those struggling with drug and alcohol abuse. Each year tribal communities host a campout to celebrate sobriety birthdays of people like Sisto and Bonito. It's also a chance for participants and advocates to share successful recovery methods. This summer it will be held July 22 – 25 on the San Carlos Apache Reservation, which is 120 miles east of Phoenix.

"Once I became sober I never thought about going back. I'm a different person now. I'm a spiritual person. I'm involved with the medicine people and I go to sweats. I get a lot of strength from that," said Bonito, 53, who is 28 years into sobriety.

Understanding why so many Apaches abuse alcohol is a topic Louis Lorenzo, San Carlos Apache, is passionate about. He's eager to share his research on Apache history and the historical trauma they suffered in local newspapers and at community events. "Alcohol was introduced to the Apaches on purpose," Lorenzo recently told students from Ft. Thomas High School attending a Teen Town Hall. "That was the beginning of social problems on the reservation such as alcohol abuse, child molestation and domestic violence. Apache men began to cut off the noses of their wives because they didn't want other men to look at them." He refers to a period in the 1870s when the San Carlos Apache Reservation was established in what was considered unlivable desert terrain. Conditions were so bad, U.S. soldier's dubbed San Carlos agency "Hell's forty acres."

The site is now home to the Old San Carlos Memorial, about 50 miles away from Point of Pines Lake where the 24th annual gathering of Indians in Sobriety will take place.

Lorenzo, 43, sober for 15 years, works for the tribe's Social Services

department and is the Chairperson of this year's Indians in Sobriety Campout. He, Bonito and Sisto are part of a Campout Committee planning to host as many as 4,000 people from around the country. Bonito will assist with the men's sweat lodges during the campout. It's something he did back in 1996 when San Carlos first hosted the event.

The campout is a family event. While the adults are busy with AA meetings, talking circles, sweat lodges and other sessions tackling substance abuse, kids can have fun doing a variety of activities including fishing, hiking and arts and crafts. There will also be family activities. Highlights of the event include a Sobriety Countdown, Sobriety Pow Wow, Honor Ceremony, a traditional potluck feast and nightly Apache Social Singing & Dancing.

The timing of this year's Campout complements another movement taking place on the San Carlos Reservation. Last year tribal leaders stressed healing and reconciliation as they commemorated the 100th anniversary of the death of Geronimo, a controversial yet revered figure in American history. While the commemoration led to disagreements among Apaches about whether he should be honored, efforts surrounding the event raised more awareness about the onset of historical trauma Apaches endured during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The commemoration is now an annual event. Some mental health experts agree due to the massive losses of lives, land and culture from European contact, Native Americans continue to deal with chronic trauma and unresolved grief across generations, which contributes to many social problems.

The goal of the Indians in Sobriety Campout is to help those who still bear the effects of historical trauma. Apache medicine men will conduct a spiritual ceremony at the Campout as a call for forgiveness so the healing process can begin for all nations.

"Everybody needs help. You have to take it one day at a time especially the young people. We need to teach them alcohol and drugs are not the way," said Harrison.

Sisto agrees. "As Native people, we all struggle. It's important to help each other out. (Alcoholism) it's like being in a sand pile. We have to help each other walk in sobriety. It can happen with effort and faith. Everything is possible with faith. I'd like to extend an invitation to everyone, including non-Natives, to come to our reservation."

All AA groups, speakers, presenters, Native youth groups and facilitators interested in attending are urged to contact the planning committee as soon as possible. Also needed are volunteers and spiritual leaders to run sweat lodges for both men and women. For more information: go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~indiansinsobriety/index.html> or email Louis Lorenzo at louislorenzo@yahoo.com or call him at (928) 475-7335.

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May 26th

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6:00pm



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Friday 5/7/10

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Bingo and Food Sale! Lots of Prizes

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Milton "Paul" Antone

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Saturday, May 8, 2010

Fun Run & Walk
Starts at Ak-Chin Fire Department to Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park.
Registration at 7:00 am - Run/Walk at 8:00 am

Ceremony at 9:30 am - at Milton "Paul" Antone Memorial Park.

- ★ Demonstrations from Fire & Safety ★
- ★ Entertainment (D.J.) ★
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Presentations

BASIC INFO:

1. Registration form must be signed by parent or guardian.
2. Program is for students who have completed 1st thru 12th grade and reside within the community.
3. Transportation will not be available - Children must be picked up and dropped off.
4. Daily Attendance Required.
5. Snacks will be provided.

For further information contact the museum at 520-568-9480.



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