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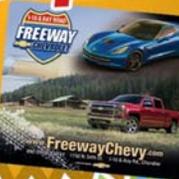
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Chandler residents cry fowl on anti-chicken bias

Zoning changes could relax rules for some neighborhoods



Fresh eggs for breakfast? A newly plucked chicken for dinner? Who wouldn't love that? One small problem: If you live in Chandler, zoning regulations rule out the idea of residents raising farmyard fowl in their back yards.

That may be about to change, at least in some neighborhoods.

The city is considering an amendment to its zoning code that would broaden the poultry-friendly laws for residents living in certain single family dwellings.

Currently, according to city spokesman Jim Phipps, only those living in areas zoned AG-1 (agricultural) and SF-33 (single family with a minimum lot size of 33,000 square feet) are permitted to raise chickens.

The new proposal would extend the necessary permission to lots that have a single-family dwelling regardless of lot size.

Although city dwellers probably don't think much about raising chickens at home, it's apparently a more common pursuit than we might have thought.

A number of Valley neighborhoods, including those in the east Valley communities of Tempe, Gilbert, Scottsdale and Mesa, seem to have addressed the issue of homegrown chickens long ago.

Now, in Chandler, the newly proposed code amendment would allow residents to keep up to five hens. However, it prohibits roosters and establishes setbacks for coops, also including requirements dealing with maintenance that are aimed at preventing the chickens from becoming a nuisance.

The proposed changes, including the maximum

number of chickens, would not apply to properties zoned AG-1 and SF-33, which would be unaffected. According to Phipps, if Chandler's zoning code were amended as proposed, residents living within the confines of homeowner associations would still need to comply with their association's CC&Rs. Many HOAs prohibit raising, breeding or keeping poultry and other animals that are not considered to be common household pets.

As of now, city officials estimate that 82 percent of all single family lots in Chandler are located within HOAs.

Thus, even with proposed changes, the city's chicken-rearing regulations may affect fewer than 20 percent of Chandler's single family properties, most of which are located around the older parts of town — north of the 202 freeway and east of the Price/101 freeway.

The initiative to allow chickens began last year when a number of residents asked the City Council to amend the City Code to permit them to raise chickens.

Staff surveyed other Valley cities and found that most cities allow residents to keep chickens, although each community differs on how it regulates the issue.

A draft copy of Chandler's proposed code amendment can be viewed online at www.chandleraz.gov/zoningcodeamendments.



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April 20 deadline to register for session Influx of new apartments spurs anti-crime workshop

By Chase Kamp

Tempe has more than 250 separate apartment communities, with six more of these multi-housing units either being built or seeking city approval.

Police Detective Jeff Lane compares them to tiny cities, saying they have unique security challenges that require particular safety measures and crime awareness.

Lane will be joined by a slew of crime and fire experts at the Tempe and Scottsdale Police Multi-Housing Training class on Tuesday, April 23, where property owners and managers can learn how to better detect crime, solidify fire codes and know their legal rights when stamping out illicit activity.

Site for the class is the Tempe South police substation on Hardy Drive just south of Elliot Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration, which is required, will be accepted through Saturday, April 20.

Lane said the aim is to get the police department to work in partnership with property management to reduce crime, enhance safety and create proper environments for families.

Some Tempe apartment complexes have as many as 600 units, Lane said, and eliminating any barriers between law enforcement and management will allow for optimum safety.

"If they try to do it alone, it's such a huge thing for one manager to deal with," he said.

On-hand will be Scottsdale Fire Department officials to discuss items like sprinklers, alarms and pool safety. Tempe police Detective Rick Page will discuss what to look for when it comes to drug use and distribution, as well as how to quell gangs and graffiti.

A property lawyer will discuss rental agreements and legal issues, while Lane himself will wrap up the course with a lecture on working alongside police.

"We're bringing in all the expertise so (people attending the

workshop) can have a contact they can call with issues," Lane said.

Lane explained that Tempe and Scottsdale police are revamping the class this year as part of a three-phase program. After completing the eight-hour course, attendees will receive a three-year certification in Phase I training.

Management can then pursue a Phase II certification by allowing an on-site CPTED inspection, or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, which examines locks, doors, windows and landscaping to ensure they are up to code.

The final Phase III certification comes with pledging to have a crime-free community, which involves having two annual meetings with the community about reporting suspicious activity and enforcing a lease addendum that allows for eviction in the event of crime.

Lane said this last step goes a long way in Tempe.

With the ASU campus to the north, many rentals go to students whose parents are the ones that ensure safety.

"They look for crime-free communities," he said, which bodes well for attracting tenants.

Even on the south side of town, parents of young children are reassured to see these measures when looking for potential housing.

"It tells them, 'We will not allow felons or crimes to happen, and if they do, we'll do an eviction,'" he said. "Parents like that because somebody who deals drugs is not going to sign that [lease]."

Those that complete the class and pledge to have crime-free communities will also get an email every time an officer steps on the property for any reason— a newly added feature this year that Lane said is a huge relief for managers of large complexes.

All apartment property owners, managers and community staff are encouraged to sign up; only 40 seats will be available.

To register, contact Det. Lane by email at Jeff_Lane@tempe.gov.

Sports . . . with Alex Zener



Winners of the 4x110-meter shuttle hurdle relay at the prestigious Arcadia Invitational meet April 5-6 in Arcadia, Calif., were, from left, Diego Parra, Tyler Stehr, Quinn Robertson and Tevin Mayfield. Their finish in 63.03 seconds gave them the No. 6 rank in the United States, even though this event is not run at the Arizona State High School meets. — Photo courtesy Chris Huch

Corona track team sprints toward a record-breaking season

The Aztec track program has been hot the past couple of weeks, setting 44 personal records and breaking four school records, according to head coach Jim Kelly.

“We had 22 athletes qualify for the prestigious Arcadia Invitational Track Meet in Arcadia, Calif., April 5-6, where several of our kids broke school records or set personal records,” said Kelly.

The 4x800 relay team of **Amberly Ricks, Hallie Swenson, Mason Swenson and Kelly Naumann** set another school record of 9:38.79 at Arcadia.

The boys shuttle hurdle relay team won an event

that is not run in Arizona.

“Our boys 4x110 meter shuttle hurdle relay team of **Tevin Mayfield, Quinn Robertson, Diego Parra and Tyler Stehr** not only won its event but cracked the top six in the nation with a time of 1:03.03,” said coach Kelly.

“**Aaron Simons** won his flight in the discus throw and set a personal record throwing the discus 176 feet,” said Kelly. “He became the second Aztec to win the open section.”

Simons also competed the day before traveling to Arcadia at the ASU Classic where he set a meet record with a throw of 170-07 feet, according to Kelly.

Mayfield also had a good Arcadia meet, winning his heat in the 110 meter hurdles while **Grace Ashu** placed third in the 300 meter hurdles.

One of Corona’s long-distance runners **Nathan Rodriguez** set a personal record in the mile at Arcadia where he ran a 4:13 while teammate **Ryan Normand** also set a personal record in the two mile, running his race in 9:22.62.

The Aztecs who did not go to Arcadia competed in the Sun Angel Classis, where several relay teams had a good showing.

“We were all proud when our boys 4X800 relay

Teacher pay raises again on the table as budget-balancing advances 'Blueprint' relies on strategies utilizing community input

By Diana Whittle

Kyrene teachers are one step closer to receiving a much-anticipated pay raise this year, thanks to the district Governing Board's agreement to strike a salary freeze off the list of budget-balancing strategies.

The decision is in keeping with "Blueprint for Kyrene," the district's current strategic plan that is based heavily on community input.

"Within Kyrene's blueprint for success is a goal to attract and retain employees," said Jeremy Calles, the district's chief financial officer.

"Our budget decisions are measured against the blueprint, and it was determined that freezing salaries would be counter-productive toward attracting and retaining employees," said Calles.

As for the remaining budget balancing strategies needed to correct an expected shortfall of \$8.9 million this fiscal year, three out of the 10 possibilities under consideration have been removed from the list, explained Calles.

Besides the salary freeze, the board voted no to increasing class size and reducing students' programs.

"While the final decision always rests with the Governing Board, we use a 'One Team' approach to determine what is best for Kyrene," Calles said.

The team includes groups made up of teachers,

support staff, administrators, parents, community members and the Governing Board, according to Calles. "We work closely with our committees and, based on those conversations, we bring recommendations forward."

The remaining strategies on the budget-balancing list include a lease/purchase agreement for the district's administrative office and the sale of a parcel of land, known as the Club West Property, for homebuilding.

Both strategies will be discussed at a board meeting on April 23, along with other alternatives.

"Obviously, when you are making budget cuts, you are going to need to make tough decisions," said Calles.

"However, we have worked diligently to find strategies on how to balance the budget, while respecting what the 'One Team' values."

Teachers' annual contracts also go to the Governing Board on April 23, with a recommended two-percent increase for fiscal 2013-14. The raise would be the first pay adjustment in several years.

"If approved, the salary increase is a part of the (\$8.9 million) deficit. This deficit will be satisfied by our list of strategies, which includes a possible use of the district's reserves," said Calles.

Closing the deficit is partially tied to being able to sell bonds and, on this front, the district is caught in a

waiting game with the state legislature. Kyrene teachers' contracts still would contain language stating that any pay increase is contingent upon passage of the bond language legislation.

"Kyrene can only sell bonds if legislation is passed that addresses the fact that local property values have declined significantly—in fact, almost in half—since 2009. This legislation would be effective 90 days after the governor signs it, so the earliest we could sell, under the most optimistic scenario, would be August," said Calles.

"This is the third year in a row that the state has reviewed this issue, and I would say that there is a 55 percent chance that they will finally get it addressed," he said.

While other school districts in the Valley also face cuts, Kyrene steadfastly follows its Blue Print, which was developed based on on-going community input, says Calles.

"We include the opinions of the Kyrene Community Alliance, which consists of business and other community members; the Parent Superintendent Council, which is mostly parents; and the K-8 Committee, which includes teachers, administrators and parents," said Calles.

Staff also attend the Ahwatukee and Chandler chamber of commerce meetings and have worked closely with Valley Interfaith Project.

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80-year-old 'rock star' among Pilates' success stories

Recovery from back injury led ASU associate to helping others heal

By Alison Stanton

Sonia Kang's story of opening her own Pilates studio, Weon Keyong Health Center in south Tempe, is reminiscent of the saying made famous by the movie *Field of Dreams*: If you build it, they will come.

In Kang's case, it doesn't matter if it is a converted garage or a larger commercial facility, she suggests. By creating a welcoming environment, where people can gather to learn about Pilates and become stronger and healthier, clients will definitely come.

Kang originally discovered Pilates after she suffered a back injury while doing yoga. Intrigued by the exercises that were helping her heal, she decided to learn more about it.

"I got on the Pilates bandwagon and went through a training program," she said.

Kang became a member of the Pilates Method Alliance in 2003, and after learning the principles of Core Dynamics Pilates, she received her PMA certification in November 2006.

Kang began teaching Pilates, fitness and nutrition courses at resorts and gyms around the Valley. At the same time, she worked as a faculty associate in the School of Community Resources and Development at the College of Human Services at Arizona State University.

As Kang got busier with her clients—many of

whom wanted to work with her one-on-one—she decided to convert her garage to a studio. She added new flooring and air conditioning units and, in 2006, began teaching Pilates classes and private lessons in the newly converted space.

"I have put more money into my garage than into my house," she said, laughing.

After Kang became pregnant with her daughter, she knew it would be difficult to maintain her home business as well as her job at ASU and began to look for a space in the community where she could teach Pilates. In 2009 she left ASU to open Weon Keyong Health Center at the southeast corner of Rural and Guadalupe roads. About a year ago, after outgrowing her first space, Kang moved that studio into a much larger location at 6473 S. Rural.

Kang and her six instructors, who she says are "hand picked," work with about 50 to 60 clients who range in age between about 40 and 80, the latter of whom she refers to as a "rock star" who attends classes regularly.

"The community here is so wonderful. People have been coming in and working with me for awhile," she said.

"I remember holding classes with some of them while my baby was sleeping nearby in a basket."

No matter where she teaches, Kang said she has "stayed true" to what she has always done—offering

education-based Pilates classes to small groups, and helping people improve their health.

"If you want to work out and sweat a lot, you won't get that with me. Or if somebody's mindset is that they want to look like a magazine cover, I can't give that to them. My job is to really educate people so things can be better for them," she said.

"I want people to come to me and see improvement and change, and I'm hoping that what I'm teaching will stick."

Brittany Lindvall, who works as an office manager at the center, said she is impressed both by the way Kang took an idea and turned it into a flourishing company, and her rapport with clients.

"I'm amazed at how quickly her business has grown. It shows how much she is liked by the community," Lindvall said.

Kang is grateful for what she says are her "smart and savvy" clients, all of whom are looking for an alternative to traditional workouts that Kang says can be hard on the body.

"In essence, we are working on health and developing efficient bodies," she said.

"My clients have seen what happens when they make the commitment to do Pilates—they put in the work, and it pays off."

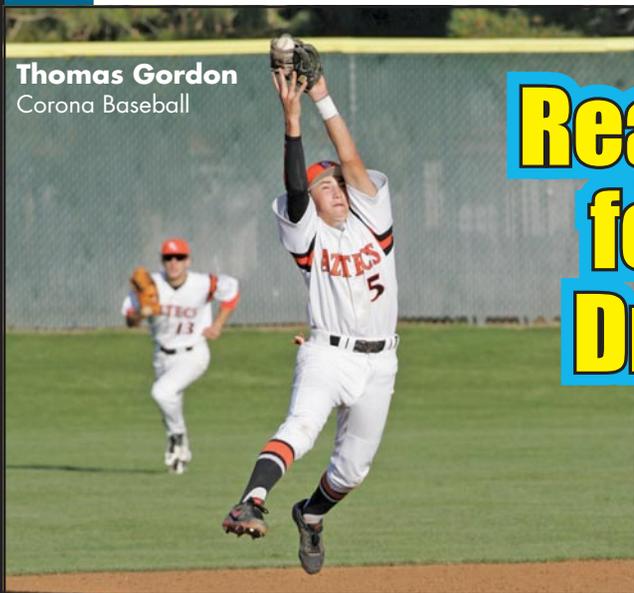
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Awards nominations are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 26. Winners will be honored at a dinner Thursday, May 30.

Each year, the community gets a chance to honor businesses and individuals for their outstanding contributions to Chandler and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

This year's awards include:

Chandler Cup — Awarded to a business that has made a significant contribution to the growth of the local economy.

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Micro Business of the Year Award — Awarded to an outstanding chamber-member business with less than five employees.

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Update Is there a surprise ending to this story? See for yourself

By Don Kirkland

Out and about with the arrival of warmer weather, Abby and I have gotten back into our morning exercise routine and, with that, the regular stops we make along the way to compare notes with my dog-walking neighbors.

One of the questions I get most often—that is, from those who know that my life extends beyond a leisurely morning stroll—relates to the handful of former Wrangler News staff members whose familiarity to our readers ended after what most assumed would be lifelong careers with us.

Although the names and faces of some of these people come to mind occasionally, the three about whom I'm most regularly asked are Kyle Maki, Tracy Doren and the former editor of our popular Discerning Diner column, Ilan Hedt.

So now, with morning walks and the realities of owning an Australian cattle dog who has important work to do (inconveniently coupled with limited patience for stops along the way, other than her own, of course), it seemed like a perfect time to give you an update on the three people whose contributions have made such a significant imprint on our little paper's growth.

Kyle, who started with us right out of high school, managed to evolve into a competent, energetic and, most importantly, always reliable member of our staff. He graduated from ASU with a degree in marketing and stayed with Wrangler News for almost 15 years.

Having transitioned last year into a new career field, Kyle is now a regional marketing rep for a prominent medical imaging company. He was married last year and will be moving with his wife Bethany into a new home in Gilbert in the next couple of weeks.

Kyle is still involved with Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club, which he, Barb Feder and I organized nearly 10 years ago. He continues to hold my deep appreciation for all he contributed to the growth and success of our company.

Ilan, who in her early 20s was one of our most talented and prolific writers, held a lifelong dream to become, of all things, a helicopter pilot. Even though her skill as a food and restaurant critic seemed incomprehensible based on her youth, her

determination to bring her dream to life was even more remarkable.

She passed her pilot training, became an instructor, moved to Australia as a magazine editor—well, you get the picture. Ilan is one of those extraordinary people with a never-ending zest for life, plus a talent to accomplish whatever goals she sets for herself, no matter how far-reaching they may seem.

A change in Ilan's life brought her a new vision of the future, and now she prefers to concentrate on challenges other than what she did so well for us in years past. We continue periodically to rerun her columns, which readers still tell us they enjoy.

Now, as to Tracy Doren, I saved her for last because it's such an important milestone that it deserved a place all its own.

We first worked with Tracy four years ago after she called one day to tell us she loved the paper and wanted to come to work for us. That bold approach seemed a trifle unconventional but we agreed to meet. The result was Tracy's two-year stint guiding our new-projects initiative, which resulted in a number of worthwhile and lasting programs.

Although she already had a college degree, Tracy felt motivated to expand her education and explore more of what life had to offer, and she left Wrangler News to explore some new and different careers.

As we all know, though, many aspects of our lives seem to come full circle, and in the case of Tracy and Wrangler News, that appears to be the case.

Tracy has returned as our new publisher—a role that will bring into full focus her qualities as a business-woman, advocate, "people person," media-proficient adviser and, not least, mom to four kids—into a job that will help extend Wrangler News' reach even further into our community.

We know you'll enjoy knowing Tracy, if you don't already, and I can assure you that you'll find her an enthusiastic campaigner for your projects, your programs and your future successes.

Her email is tracy.doren@wranglernews.com. Her phone number is 480-966-0837. Give her a call one of these days—that is, if you don't hear from her first.

Parent summit planned April 25 at Centennial Middle School Experts delve into myriad ways to guide kids' success

By Alison Stanton

Parents of school age children typically have a lot of questions. From wondering how to help their incoming kindergartener navigate the first few weeks of school to preventing an older child from using drugs or alcohol, parents often feel like they could use some guidance.

Amanda Hamm, prevention manager for the Kyrene School District, is a parent herself.

She understands first-hand how important it is for parents to have access to good information to help their children succeed in school.

With that goal in mind, Hamm and other Kyrene employees have been busy planning the second annual Kyrene Parent Summit – Education for Parents, which will take place on Thursday, April 25, at Centennial Middle School in Ahwatukee.

Hamm said Kyrene Prevention Services teamed up with the Kyrene Foundation; MASK: Mothers Awareness on School Aged Kids; the Tempe Police Department; Thrive to Five, and many other groups to offer the Kyrene Parent Summit, which also includes dinner and child care.



During the program, Hamm said parents can attend two 1-hour sessions on a wide range of topics.

The classes include “Getting Ready for Kindergarten,” which is ideal for parents of children ages 3 to 6 and will feature a panel of kindergarten teachers and a Q&A session; “Addressing School Concerns,” which is perfect for parents of kindergarteners through eighth graders and will cover when to address a teacher, principal or District leader; and “Setting High Student Expectations,”

which is meant for parents of kindergarteners through fifth graders and will teach parents skills to help their children thrive in college, their careers, and life.

A group of parents helped Hamm and the others come up with the topics that will be covered during the Summit.

For example, she said many expressed a desire to learn more about the Common Core Standards. After gathering for dinner at 4:45 p.m. in the school’s Multipurpose Room, Hamm said Dr. David Schauer, Kyrene School District superintendent, will welcome the parents at 6 p.m.

The first class will start at 6:15 and the second at 7:20. Parents who are short on time can attend just one of the classes, Hamm said.

“I really think that being a parent can be hard. It’s not an easy thing that we do, and there’s no training manual,” Hamm said.

“The Kyrene Parent Summit will include a lot of great information, and it’s a way for parents to learn more about relating to their kids—whether it is developmentally related, socially related or community-related.”

Admission is \$5, kids free. Dinner is included.



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Elder Expo Forum addresses range of issues involved in caring for aging parents

People who take on the responsibility of caring for aging parents or other seniors are being invited to attend an Elder Care Fair & Expo from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at Arizona Community Church.

The event will feature 25 to 50 companies that will provide information on their care services or products for the elderly throughout the east Valley.

Services include independent living and assisted living communities as well as long- or short-term hospice programs.

In-home care providers and the smaller individual care homes in the area will also be represented, as will other specialty agencies and organizations whose services are aimed at seniors.

All are invited to the free event, which includes door prizes and refreshments. Speakers are scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m.

Information: bobdalespear@cox.net or 480-821-8566. Or call the church, 480-491-2210.

Arizona Community Church is at 9325 S. Rural Road, Tempe.

Success of DUI programs brings \$80k to Tempe for enforcement initiatives

Based on what officials say is an enviable track record of demonstrated success, the Tempe Police Department has received an \$80,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to help fund additional efforts at reducing the number of driving-under-the-influence cases, with an emphasis on youth alcohol enforcement.

Molly Enright, public information officer for Tempe PD, says the department has built a reputation for its aggressive DUI enforcement program, which contributed to the award.

"Youth alcohol education and enforcement is a top priority every year," she said. Based on demonstrated commitment and results, the grant was awarded to enhance Tempe's fight to reduce DUI-related crime.

Tempe will utilize the funding to enhance DUI enforcement downtown and on streets citywide, including what Tempe PD calls Large Party Liquor Enforcement.

The additional dollars also will enhance the department's existing Covert Underage Buyer Program in partnership with the Arizona Department of Liquor License, Control and Investigations, and limit the purchase of alcohol with fraudulent ID in liquor establishments.

Tempe Police Chief Tom Ryff said the department's efforts to reduce consumption among young people are an important focus in Tempe.

"We see the often tragic results of underage alcohol and drug use on a daily basis," Ryff said. "The Tempe Patrol and Traffic Bureau are to be commended for their outstanding and professional work, in a high-risk environment, to keep our community safe."

"It is their efforts on the streets and in pursuing the grant that secured this funding. We engage in DUI and Large Party Patrol Operations across Tempe throughout the year, but without the leadership of Alberto Gutier and the partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, many of these additional enforcement operations simply would not be possible."

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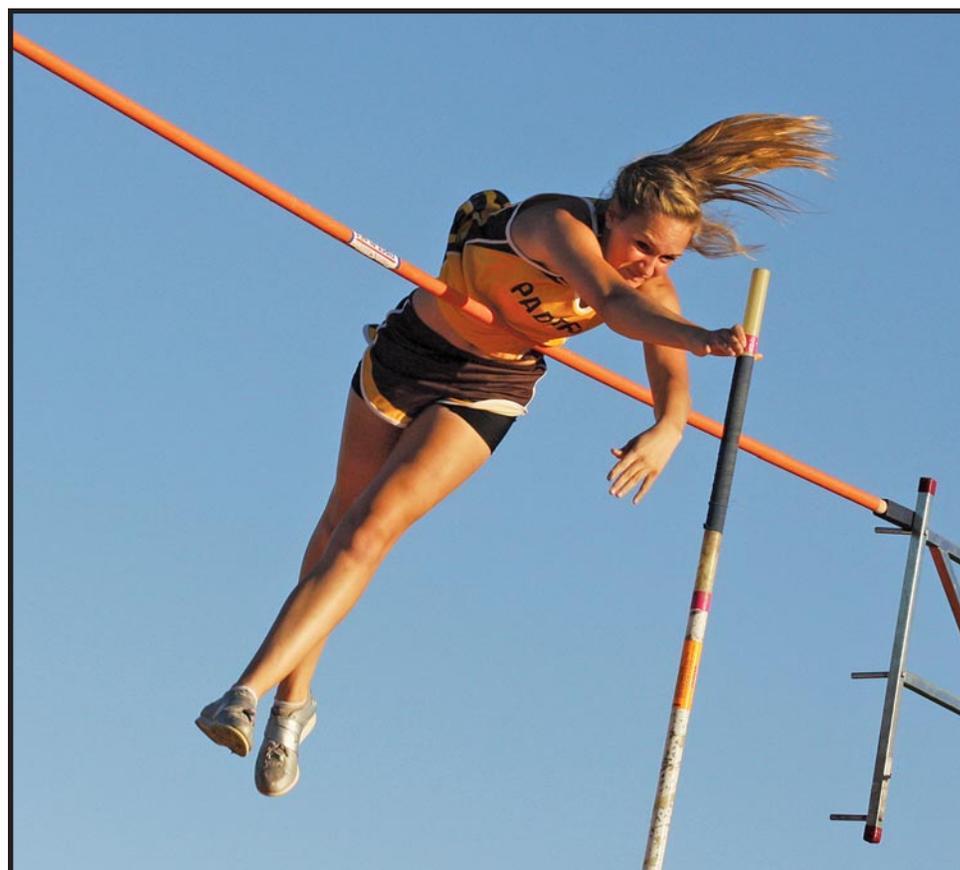
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Members of Corona's boys tennis team were crowned champions of the Tempe City Tournament. Team includes, from left, Eli Imadali, Alex Jing, Connor Harber, Kevin McMahon (holding trophy), Conor Prindiville, Pranav Balaji, Daniel Lee, James Duvall and Coach Rick Wanta.

— Photograph courtesy Coach Wanta



Marcos de Niza's Savannah Whitehead, who is predicted to win the state pole vault competition.

— Photo courtesy Chris Huch

Sports

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team of **Samuel Rodriguez, Johnathan Lopez, Patrick Cullings** and **Blake Fischer** qualified to run in the Collegiate meet on Saturday as did our girls 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams," said Kelly.

The girls 4x400 relay team of **Gabrielle Dotson, Lexi Reynosa, Mattison Holly** and **Carly Ruth** finished 10th in the prelims while the 4x100 relay team of **Aery Ware, Isabelle Cartagena, Justice Onwordi** and **Ashu** finished third.

"**Jake Whitney** also qualified for the Saturday session, taking a fourth place finish in the finals of the 1600 meter run and setting another personal record of 4:25.86," said Kelly.

"**Sammy Moore** also qualified to run in the 1600 meters, where she set a personal record with a time of 5:23.20 finishing 14th in the finals."

The Aztecs have three more main meets to qualify their athletes for the state meet which will held on May 8 and 11 at Mesa Community College.

First up is the Tempe Stampede at Tempe High School. Then Corona is scheduled to compete at the Northeast Valley Championship at Horizon High School April 29 and at the Las Chance Qualifier at Desert Vista May 3.

Corona's boys tennis team defended its Tempe All-City Championship in a come-from-behind victory April 6.

"We were tied with Desert Vista for second place, behind Mountain Pointe by six points, after the first day of the tournament," said coach **Rick Wanta**.

"But we managed to make it into six of the nine finals the last day of tournament."

"I told the guys before we started playing that last day that we could afford just one hiccup but had to win all the rest of the matches in order to repeat as City Champs," said Wanta. "There were some tough matches but I was very proud of the way our team played and pulled it off."

Winning final matches in the singles categories to defend their title was No. 1 singles player **Kevin McMahon**, No. 3 **Alex Jing**, No. 5 **James Duvall** and No. 6 **Eli Imadali**. No. 3 doubles partners **James Duvall** and **Daniel Lee** also won their final match to help the team repeat as champions.

The Aztecs are currently undefeated at 12-0 in regular season play and are hoping to finish out the season against a couple of solid teams: Chandler and Mountain Pointe. If the Aztecs continue to win out, they have good chance of getting a higher seed heading into the team section of the state tournament.

"We're hoping to get home court advantage for at least the first round of the team playoffs," said Wanta. "After that, since all of the teams will be very competitive, we'll have to play well to advance."

The state playoffs start April 23 at the higher seed. The second round, April 30, is also at the higher seed before the semi-finals are May 3 and finals May 4 at Paseo Racquet Center in Glendale.

TACA Winter Awards

Corona Awardees — Several Corona athletes were awarded Tempe All-City Awards at the association's winter award banquet held April 1.

Taylor Kalmer was selected from the girls basketball team after averaging over 15 points and

2 steals a game as a sophomore.

Casey Benson and **Bryan Seifker**, members of Corona's back-to-back state championship team were selected from the boys basketball team. Benson received several other honors this season including Player of the Year and Gatorade Player of the Year.

Receiving awards from the boys soccer team were **Ellis Rutili, Ryan Koenig, Keith Williamson** and **Aaron Flegenheimer**.

Corona's girls soccer team had three seniors and one sophomore receive TACA awards. Seniors **Olivia Montoya, Kelsey Cartwright** and **Stephanie Petre** were joined by sophomore **Madison Wolf**.

The Aztec wrestling team which finished third at the Division I state tournament had an amazing eight wrestlers, all of who should be back next season, receive TACA awards. Juniors **Glenn Farina** and **Ethan Tursini**, who both won state titles this winter, were joined in receiving this award by fellow juniors **Zachry Walton** and **Colton Winstead**, sophomores **Matthew Churchill** and **Dylan Kronborg** and freshman **Bridger Barker**.

Marcos de Niza Awardees — The Lady Padres 21-9 basketball team had two girls receive TACA awards. Senior and leading scorer on the team 5-foot-11 forward **Sydnie Lengyel**, with over 14 points, 7.4 rebounds, 1.3 steals and .7 blocked shots a game received an award. She was joined by teammate junior 5-foot-10 **Jorie Mayfield**. Guard Mayfield was the second leading scorer at over 11 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.4 steals a game.

The 18-9 Padres basketball team had two seniors win awards. **Richaud Gittens** led the team in points at over 17 points a game while averaging almost 3

An enjoyable 'Ncounter' of the culinary kind Downtown Tempe eatery due to celebrate another anniversary

By Alison Stanton

South Tempe residents Thom and Kathy Coker, owners of the popular T.C. Eggington's restaurant in Mesa, will celebrate the second anniversary of their most recent entrepreneurial venture, NCounter, this coming July with a sense that they've encountered—and conquered—a restaurant's traditional opening challenges.

The breakfast, lunch and dinner restaurant, located on the ASU campus, appears to be well on the road to the same kind of success at the owners' longtime Alma School/US 60 location.

The couple's Tempe venture, which features menu items like fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, scones, muffins, fruit smoothies and coffee drinks, has been the ultimate in family projects, involving two years of planning and three generations of the Coker family, some of whom already have years of restaurant experience under their collective belts.

Twenty five-plus years ago last November, the Cokers opened T.C. Eggington's. Their daughters, Kyndal and Ashlee, were just 1 and 4 years old at the time.

"The girls grew up working in the restaurant and they understand the business, and both of them worked here a lot during high school and college," Kathy said.

So when their daughters, as well as Ashlee's

husband Tysen Manuel, approached Kathy and Thom and said, "Hey, Mom and Dad, we want to get into the restaurant business too," Kathy said they replied "Sure, why not?"

"They said to us, 'no offense, we like T.C. Eggington's and everything, but we want to try a new approach,'" Kathy said.

"Basically, NCounter turned out to be a creation of ours that is a newer version of T.C. Eggington's."

Kathy said the five family members traveled around looking for ideas for the restaurant, including trips to California.

During part of the planning process, Ashlee was pregnant with twins and obeying her doctor's order for bed rest; participation in family meetings had to take place from the couch.

After Ashlee and Tysen's children, Carter and Mackenzie, were born almost four years ago, they accompanied their parents, aunt and grandparents at restaurant planning meetings in their highchairs, just as Ashlee and Kyndal had years ago when Kathy and Thom were opening T.C. Eggington's.

After visiting several different potential locations in the Phoenix area, the family decided to open on the ASU campus, at 310 S. Mill Ave.

"We ended up saying 'you know what? The Tempe campus is like home to us.' We all graduated from ASU, it's a great location right by the light rail,

and there are 65,000 hungry students who are here too," Kathy said, adding that Tysen is owner/manager of NCounter and Ashlee and Kyndal work behind the scenes.

Kathy said NCounter's first year went "fantastically well."

"It has far exceeded anything we ever expected, and is going much better than anticipated," she said.

Opening a new restaurant from scratch has been "a fun experience," Kathy said.

"It has been great working with our kids, and it got us learning new stuff, too," Kathy said.

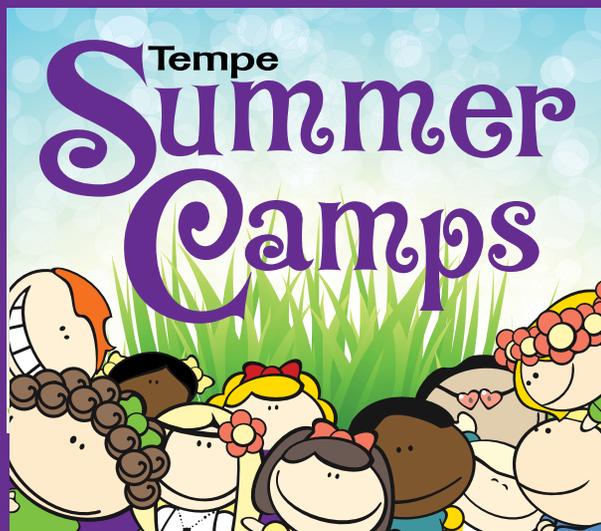
"The kids are very technologically savvy, and are doing things at NCounter that we never have done at T.C. Eggington's."

Kathy said her daughters and son-in-law have enjoyed owning their own restaurant so much that they are already talking about expanding to new locations. Although she and Thom loved being part of the planning process to get NCounter off the ground, Kathy said they are more than willing to let their kids take the reins from here on out.

"The kids have plans, and they definitely want to expand, but Thom and I are hoping to slow down instead of gear up," she said, laughing.

"Mom and Dad are kind of done."

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The program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail free.

A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for the program.

On-site registration will be held at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., on May 25 and Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free passes are also available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth

St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tempe and Valley Metro offer bus service seven days a week. Most Tempe buses run Monday through Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m., with rush hour service every 15 minutes Monday through Friday from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. METRO runs seven days a week every 12 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (and every 20 minutes during all other times) from 5 a.m. to midnight (2 a.m. on weekends).

For a list of program requirements including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

For transit routes and schedules, call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.

Watch our video at <http://bit.ly/SUwbwW>.

Changes to bulk and green waste collection start in July

Tempe is changing the way it collects bulk and green waste in order to increase efficiency and sustainability.

Starting in July, the city will move from monthly collection of uncontained waste to every other month, with four collections dedicated to green waste and two collections for mixed waste (bulky items and brush).

The majority of bulk waste Tempe residents put out for collection (70 to 80 percent) is green waste – tree trimmings, yard clippings and brush.

The new collection schedule is designed so that green-waste collection coincides with those months when residents tend to do the most landscape trimming and maintenance.

The amount of green and bulk waste allowed for each collection will be limited to approximately 10 cubic yards – picture a pile about 15 feet long, six feet high and three feet deep.

Residents with bulk waste needs that exceed that amount will have monthly access to two transfer stations where they can bring their bulk materials as necessary, as well as other service and disposal options.

Benefits of these changes include:

- cutting annual miles driven in half – reducing fuel usage, saving fuel costs and reducing greenhouse emissions by more than 100 metric tons per year;
- eliminating need for at least six collection vehicles, resulting in savings of approximately \$1.5 million over the next few years; and
- costs of providing solid waste collection services as low as possible.

Collection schedule information will be mailed to Tempe residents in May and available at www.tempe.gov/recycling.

Sign up for Council email updates

Tempe community members can now sign up for email updates from the Mayor and City Council by visiting www.tempe.gov/enews and signing up for categories of interest.

Mayor Mark Mitchell and each City Councilmember have individual lists under the “News” category.

In addition, each City Council committee has a list under the “Calendar” category.

Councilmembers Robin Arredondo-Savage and Shana Ellis chair the Economic and Advanced Transportation Committee.

Councilmembers Joel Navarro and Kolby Granville chair the

Neighborhoods and Education Committee.

Councilmembers Onnie Shekerjian and Corey Woods chair the Finance and Technology Committee.

City staff will send occasional email notices to list subscribers about upcoming meetings and committee-related issues.

City staff also will distribute information to subscribers of the Mayor's and Councilmembers' lists about their individual activities and community outreach efforts.

Community members can adjust their subscriptions at any time. Visit www.tempe.gov/enews to get started.

Get engaged in 2013-14 budget efforts

The City of Tempe is in the midst of drafting operating and capital budgets for the 2013-14 fiscal year. They will not be finalized until June, but work is progressing to plan for what will be needed to fund city services and capital needs.

In addition, the city is planning for the expiration of the additional sales tax approved by voters in 2010.

The 2013-14 fiscal year will be the last year with the additional funding from the tax.

For updated details on the formulation of operating and capital budgets, links to the PowerPoint presentation from two February public meetings, as well as projected dates for City Council discussions and votes, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.

Movies in the Park

Spend Friday evenings in May catching a flick at Kiwanis Park!

Bring blankets and a picnic dinner to watch kid-friendly films on one of the largest inflatable screens in Arizona. Each movie begins at

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The free series kicks off May 3 with “Wreck it Ralph” and ends May 31 with “Monsters, Inc.” For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/movies or call 480-350-5200.

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Unveiling of new, 'top secret' school mascot will highlight 20-year anniversary event

Latest crop of Mirada students links new ideas, old traditions

By Tracy Doren

Lisa Wonter remembers walking through the doors of Kyrene de la Mirada every day as she navigated her way through elementary school.

Every morning promised a new discovery. Little did she know that, years later, she would once again be walking through those same doors, only now as a student teacher, and that each day would still be filled with new discoveries.

A new generation of students is now at Kyrene de la Mirada. The school, at 5500 W. Galveston St., Chandler, is celebrating 20 years in the Kyrene district this month, and Principal Nancy Branch has decided it's a perfect time to begin new traditions.

"Our world is about change, and it is time to celebrate the change we have seen at Mirada," says Branch, who is completing her third year as principal at Mirada and her 20th year with the Kyrene district.

Branch says she is proud to be part of the change that is ushering in the next generation.

Mirada's newly crafted mission statement, designed to usher in the next successful two decades, sums up the school's history and lays the

groundwork for its future:

"Inspiring academic excellence while celebrating strengths, developing leaders and honoring diversity."

The neighborhood surrounding the school has grown over the past 20 years, and Branch says it's exciting to see the changes that Mirada has celebrated as a school. Kyrene de la Mirada earned an "A" grade from the Arizona Department of Education last year, an achievement the school is proud to celebrate.

When Mirada opened 20 years ago it was touted as the district's technology school, according to Kelli Nafziger, a third grade teacher who has been there since it opened.

Coming from Apache Junction, Nafziger says she was amazed at the resources offered at the school.

"We had a great relationship with the Intel plant across the street and we had engineers come in daily to volunteer with the kids and help me to get the most out of all we had to learn from," says Nafziger.

She says she stayed after school every day for the first few months to learn all about all the technology she had access to.

"I definitely made the right decision when I came to Mirada," she

says. "I have become part of the community. Children of children I taught are starting to come through our doors. It is a great feeling to be in this community."

Evidence of the generation of growth is seen as some of Mirada's first students return in different roles.

A student teacher and a graduate student are doing their training from this familiar territory, but now from the other side of the desk. Lisa Wonter and Rachel Grief say they're glad to be in a familiar setting as they set off on the next chapter of their life journeys.

Andrew Gibson, now a graduate of the W.P. Carey School of Business, was in the first class of Mirada kindergarten students. Now a manager at a local advertising agency, he has fond memories of two of Mirada's longtime teachers.

Anthony Santillan always dressed as the turkey every year to lead the school in a rousing rendition of the chicken dance, giving all the kids a

good laugh. He also credits Scott Harnish for broadening his love for all types of music.

Santillan and Harnish will be guests of honor at the school's soon-to-be celebrated anniversary observance, along with Nafziger and kindergarten teacher Lynn Levos, all teachers at Mirada since the day it opened.

The anniversary celebration will include memories from the three past principals and an event that current students have been excitedly anticipating: the unveiling of a new school mascot.

According to Branch, "The top-secret new mascot represents strength, dignity, justice, courage and honor, and this is exactly what we teach our students."

Parents can join Mirada and its past and present students at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, to help celebrate—and get a peek at the new mascot and thank the teachers who have long served the community.


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No. 1 box-office draw '42' illustrates Harrison Ford's star status

The story of Jackie Robinson has been told in the movies before, notably in a low-budget 1950 effort called, reasonably enough, *The Jackie Robinson Story*. The title role in that film was played by Jackie Robinson himself—rather woodenly, it must be said, but with a dignified presence.

Number one at the box office its opening weekend was Brian Helgeland's oddly enjoyable new film *42*—the title refers to Robinson's number with the Brooklyn Dodgers, the only number retired by all of Major League Baseball.

The role is played here by Chadwick Boseman, a young TV actor previously unknown to me. Boseman bears some resemblance to Robinson, and he plays him as a stolid, assured man of unembarrassed self-regard, not looking for a fight but not afraid of one, either.

He doesn't work overly hard to be likable, and as a result, he is. It's a creditable turn—Boseman manages to hint at some texture and complexity to Robinson, which is an achievement since the role, as written and shot, is almost a pageant figure. The same can be said of Nicole Beharie, who gives an observant intelligence and a touch of sultriness to the all-but-unwritten role of Robinson's wife Rachel.

Robinson's struggle, in this telling, isn't principally against the racist insults he receives as he breaks the color barrier in the Bigs in 1947. It's against himself—against the agonizing temptation to respond in kind to the appalling snubs and taunts. Boseman lets us see the price of this; he doesn't sugarcoat it.

When he offers him the job, Dodgers GM Branch Rickey tells Robinson that to accept him, whites have to know two things: "That you are a fine gentleman, and a great baseball player."

Rickey seems to have had an uncannily prescient grasp of white racial psychology, of how ordinary justified anger would seem like overscaled rage coming from a "negro."



Virtually every African-American who's been a pioneer in a previously all-White field has had to try to avoid this without lapsing into servility on the other side.

Because of Robinson's near-perfect navigating of these straits, his story is probably almost as well known to a couple of generations of elementary-school civics-class students as it is to baseball fans. I'm not sure that *42* adds anything much to it, aside from a devotional tone—again and again, the movie reminded me of an old-school Biblical epic.

Partly this is because of its ornately declarative dialogue, and the glossy, burnished look that Helgeland gives the images. But the movie is also overtly pious.

Rickey was a devout Methodist, as was Robinson—it's suggested that this may be why Rickey favored him—and he counsels his new player that he'll have to turn the other cheek, "Like Our Savior." He also says, more than once, "God built him to last" (only until the age of 53, as it turned out, but probably Rickey would regard this as sufficient).

Rickey's perfectly comprehensible financial incentive for bringing black players to his team is noted in *42*, early and often, by Rickey himself, and this seems intended to debunk a cynical interpretation. We're meant to see that, for him, this action was really religious and moral. The movie even ends with Sister Wynona Carr's wonderful gospel song "The Ball Game" (also used, to more ironic effect, in Ron Shelton's interesting 1994 misfire *Cobb*).

It's understandable if contemporary viewers find the idea that the integration of a professional sport, however overdue, can really carry this sort of cosmic import. But for many of us, baseball, with its weird orthodoxies and its ceremonial, Stations-of-the-Cross flow of action, always feels, in a way that no other sport can claim, like an allegory for Something Bigger.

I don't mean to give the impression that *42* is like sitting through a requiem mass. It's generously leavened with humor, and—as is often the case with religious epics—much of the fun comes from the character actors in the supporting parts.

In good form here are Christopher Meloni as Leo Durocher, Max Gail as Burt Shotton, Alan Tudyk as the intolerable Ben Chapman and Lucas Black as Pee Wee Reese. John C. McGinley gives his lines an amusingly fussy, euphemistic ring in the small role of Red Barber.

Maybe the true heart of the film, however, is the performance of Harrison Ford as Branch Rickey. Ford has always been a reliable star, but for most of his career, with a few striking exceptions, he's been a leading man, not a character actor.

Here, portly and fleshy-faced, with a self-delighted grin and a deep, comically ponderous delivery, Ford creates a peculiarly convincing portrait of a man of the world still ruled by his heart—a rich man who, if he were a camel, might just make it through the eye of that needle.

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History museum a band hotspot

By Dan Miller

Museums usually don't spring to mind as great places to hear new bands. Not so in Tempe.

Tempe History Museum is emerging as one of area's best places in town to hear interesting, unusual—and awesome—music.

Performances at the museum, a free concert by a band that represents a cultural aspect of life in Tempe, have included Appalachian music, gospel, soul, classical funk, Brazilian and big brass bands.

Often, the concerts include an opportunity to talk to the band members or hear a short presentation about the tie between the musical genre and Tempe.

Next in the series is The Senators, which brings its Americana revival/alternative country music to the museum at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4.

The Senators perform with groups including Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers, Black Carl, Dry River Yacht Club and more. The band was named one of the "13 Bands You Need to Hear in 2013" by the *Phoenix New*

Times.

Museums aren't only about old things, although objects act as a touchstone to the past; they're about people and the way they lived their lives, the music they listened to, the food they cooked, and the way they cared for each other.

Tempe History Museum strives to provide experiences, such as concerts, that connect with the community's past and show how those experiences have made Tempe the city it is today.

Another free program is the Third Thursday at the museum discussion series, where local experts speak on how Tempe is poised for the future in various aspects of community development.

One remaining program this year will be 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at which Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell presents his views on The Future of Tempe.

This summer brings back Wild Wednesdays free kids programs, a classic Disney movies series and other fun, family events.

Information: 480-350-5100 or www.tempe.gov/museum.

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Art contest winners show off medals they received for their award-winning work featured at Airport Dayz at Chandler Municipal Airport. This year's theme was 'Let Your Dreams Soar.' Winners included, from left, back row: 2nd place winner Sydney Emerson, 3rd grade; 1st place winner Arin Lee, 2nd grade; 1st place winner Alondra Morfin, 4th grade. Front row: 3rd place winner Adam Quan, 3rd grade; 3rd place winner Angel Gomez, 4th grade; 2nd place winner Angel Anutunez, 4th grade.

— Photo courtesy city of Chandler public information office

'Wrinkle in Time' celebrates 50th anniversary of Childsplay 'til May

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Madeline L'Engle's beloved book, Childsplay has scheduled performances of the live-stage adaptation of *A Wrinkle in Time* April 21 through May 26 at Tempe Center for the Arts.

The science fiction fantasy is recommended for ages 8 and up.

The production features Rebecca Duckworth as Meg; Will Hightower as Calvin; and Cullen Law as Charles Wallace. Debra K. Stevens will take the role of Whatsit and Dwayne Hartford

will direct.

Performances will be Saturdays at 1 and 4 p.m. A special \$12 Storybook Preview performance, sponsored by The Steele Foundation, is scheduled at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

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Summit School PE teacher honored

Before-school running club ranks students among top 35 in nation

Why sit still when you can walk or run. It's a theme that Kathy Dean has followed throughout her career, and one she is routinely instilling in the lives of her students at Summit School of Ahwatukee, home for a growing number of Tempe and west Chandler students.

Dean, the school's physical education teacher, has received recognition for her achievement in helping improve school wellness by serving as a "Fuel Up and Play 60" program adviser, a program of the National Dairy Council and the National Football League in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dean is the organizer and chief advocate for Summit's before-school running club. In the 2010-11 school year, 90 students ran or walked more than 1,500 miles, with 10 of them running the equivalent of a full marathon.

These healthy kids put Summit on the list of

AAHPERD's top 35 schools in the Let's Move in School program, developed by First Lady Michelle Obama.

Dean, who is the school's physical education and wellness specialist for children K through 8, attended Indiana University and Indiana State University, earning a BA degree in health, physical education, recreation and dance and music education.

She has a Master's degree from Indiana State in Exercise Physiology.

Dean's first teaching job was in a small, rural town in northern Indiana where she taught Kindergarten through 12th grade swimming and lifesaving.

She later taught at Indiana University and Purdue University while her own kids were growing up, and worked as a wellness consultant for the Indiana Department of Education.

She has also worked in as a wellness director for

the Wayne Township School Corporation in Indiana and Medtronic Corp. in Tempe.

In 1997 Dean and her family moved to Phoenix, where she taught physical education and music in the Kyrene Schools.

She started St. John Bosco School in 2001 and was instrumental in developing the athletic program and the athletic facilities.

She has coached just about every sport and volunteered as well as taught fitness classes for the YMCA's since she was 16.

Dean is current past president of the Arizona Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and serves on several committees, including Action for Healthy Kids and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

This is her sixth year teaching at Summit School of Ahwatukee.

24-year veteran is new chief of Tempe Fire Department

Veteran fire-service administrator Greg Ruiz has been named Tempe's new fire chief by Interim City Manager Andrew Ching.

Ruiz served as interim chief following the retirement of Mark Simmons in April 2012.

With 24 years in the fire service, including 19 years in Tempe, Ruiz brings a wide range of experience to the job, according to Ching. He is a Tempe resident, a graduate of Tempe Leadership Class XXII and a soon-

to-be graduate of the U.S. Fire Administration's Executive Fire Officer Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Grand Canyon University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

"I am so proud to be able to serve Tempe as fire chief," said Ruiz. "Together we will continue to provide the community with excellent, progressive and efficient services."



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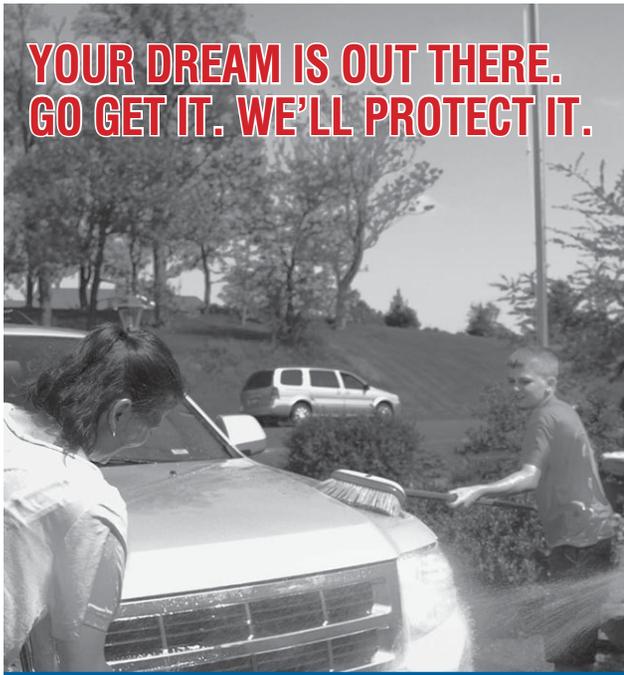
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Dr. Gordon Bodzin
(left) is board certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery.

He received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago, Ill. and completed his general surgery residency at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Bodzin enjoys practicing all aspects of General Surgery and has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery. He is trained and experienced in single incision laparoscopic surgery, as well as robotic laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Bodzin is currently Chief of Surgery at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers.

Dr. Daniel Rowland (right) is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He received his medical degree from Ross University in Dominica, West Indies and completed his residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at a Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill.

Dr. Rowland has a special interest in minimally invasive gynecological surgery. He is trained to perform robotic surgeries at Chandler Regional Medical Center using the *da Vinci*® Si HD™ Surgical System, manufactured by Intuitive Surgical, Inc. This specialized equipment provides minimally invasive options for traditional surgical procedures.



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Happenings in the Kyrene Corridor

April 27 Sister Cities car wash a fund raiser for young ambassadors

Thirty two-plus students from Corona del Sol and Marcos de Niza high schools will be raising funds at a Saturday, April 27 car wash for their upcoming 2013 Tempe Sister Cities exchange this summer.

The kids will be wash-ready at the Low's station, southwest corner of McClintock & Elliot, Tempe, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mt. View Lutheran hosts April 20 fashion show to benefit Nigerian kids

A luncheon and fashion show honoring mothers and benefiting the children of Sapele, Nigeria, will be held starting at noon Saturday, April 20, at Mountain View Lutheran Church, 11002 S. 48th St., Ahwatukee Foothills.

Tickets are available online or at the church office. Information: info@ MissionAfrica.org.

New HOA management firm

Pride Community Management, which describes itself as a full service homeowners association and property management company, plans to open a new Chandler office at 2727 W. Frye Road, Suite 230.

The office will allow the company to meet the growing demand driven by the increasing number of property developments in the Chandler region, as well as improve existing services for planned communities, single-family home and condominium communities in the surrounding areas, according to Frank Peake, the firm's president and chief executive officer.

Pride's community managers are professionally trained and certified, each with 20-plus years of experience. Included in the company's offerings are association management, financial and accounting services, consulting services for self managed communities, and rental management.

Summer Adventures at Gethsemane Lutheran School

Weekly field trips and special themes are part of Gethsemane Summer Adventures, featuring

activities that include swim lessons, sports, cooking classes, outer space fun, art and an "extreme week," all geared for children ages 3 through 8th grade.

The program, for which the fee is \$145 weekly, will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran School, 1035 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe.

The school offers experienced teachers, an air-conditioned gym, on-site swimming pool, professional teaching kitchen, iPads, bus transportation and a chapel program. Information: 480-839-0906, option 3, or www.glstempe.com.

Musical diversity to be offered April 27 at Desert Palm

Desert Palm United Church of Christ, 1230 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe, is presenting a mélange of music followed by diverse desserts at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

"Layer Cake: A Musical Suite" will feature a variety of Broadway, opera, jazz, classical and world music styles presented by vocal and instrumental soloists, as well as the handbell and chancel choirs.

A free-will offering will be taken as a fundraiser for church capital improvements.

Information: 480-763-4284.

Indoor shooting range ready to open near Ikea

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell and the Tempe Chamber Ambassadors joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony April 19 for C2 Tactical, Tempe's only indoor shooting range.

A grand opening event was due to take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 20.

Managing partner Boe Bergeson purchased the 17,219-square-foot retail showroom to house the facility in August.

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Childsplay receives \$155k funding from Doris Duke Foundation Grant to fund new residency program for young Latino audiences



Childsplay, a Tempe-based nonprofit theater company of professional, adult artists who perform for and teach young audiences and their families, has received a \$155,000 grant to plan and implement a residency program to create programs for young audiences a vital part of Latino families' cultural experience.

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, which announced the funding said Childsplay is one of the first participants in a non-traditional residency program.

Unlike most artist residency programs, this one supports partnerships between an artist and an organization to collaborate in ways to reach the public and develop their interest in and access to the performing arts.

Childsplay will use the grant to plan and implement "El Puente," a residency

program in partnership with local artist Zarco Guerrero.

As an artist with ties to both Childsplay and the Latino community, Zarco will work with the organization to create programming that successfully builds bridges between the theater and Latino families in the Valley.

"We believe that efforts to engage new audiences must begin in the community and work to provide a welcoming environment at the theater," said Childsplay Artistic Director David Saar.

"We will work with Zarco to create a series of experiences, beginning with mask and theatre making at sites around the community and building to communal art sharing at outdoor festivals.

"Our hope is that these efforts will eventually generate a tradition of

theatergoing for Latino families."

Childsplay is among 10 teams of U.S. performing arts organizations and artists to receive the combined total of \$1.475 million in grants for this unique program.

A foundation spokesman said the non profit hopes the partnerships will promote deeper, longer relationships as well as new kinds of conversation and cooperation between organizations and artists.

At the same time, the grants provide substantial resources to artists and afford organizations the opportunity to embark on new kinds of behavior.

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Information: Samantha Johnstone, 480-921-5703 or sjohnstone@childsplayaz.org.

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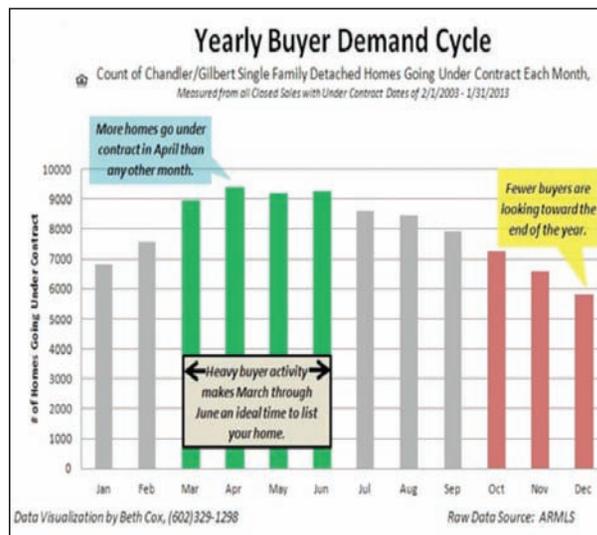
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