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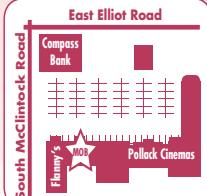
After winning youth football's Southeast Valley championships, the Junior Pee-Wee Wildcats are Florida-bound to compete in the AYF finals Dec. 3 through 10. Running back Brandon Gavel (19) and other team members are hoping they'll get some help with their travel expenses at a fund-raiser Thursday, Dec. 1 in west Chandler. Details, Page 8.

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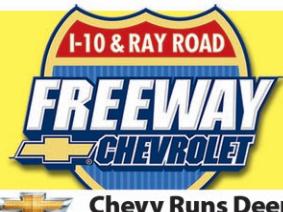
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## Kyrene technology override A pledge to those who voted 'no'

*Maricopa County Elections officials have now completed their count of regular and provisional ballots, reporting a final tally of 11,715 votes for the Kyrene override and 11,489 against. The following commentary from Governing Board president Michelle Hirsch and member Ross Robb offers their viewpoint on the outcome.*

Last week, by a narrow margin, Kyrene voters reauthorized a capital override that will allow Kyrene to continue to fund technology-based needs and programs without exerting further strain on the district's operating budget which has experienced a decline of over 10.5 percent and \$11.3 million since it peaked at \$106.4 million in 2008-09.

We thank the voters who recognized the dire need for the continuation of the override by casting a *yes* vote on this question.

Normally, once local funding-related elections of this type are approved, everyone moves on, and elected officials and interested stakeholders are heartened by community support, as in this case of public-school education.

It becomes somewhat easy to reject and ignore the number of voters who felt that the override funding was not needed or justified, and return to business as usual.

In Kyrene, we would like to believe that we are better than that.

As a group of elected officials, while we never expect 100 percent support, we wonder why so many in our community felt that a *no* vote was more appropriate and justified.

We wonder how we, as the politically diverse representatives of all of Kyrene (not just of those that vote for or with us), can reach out in a non-partisan manner to our friends

and neighbors who wished to end the capital override funding and discuss the real-world consequences of the ongoing funding challenges that we face in Kyrene.

Over the past several years, budget reductions have caused our class sizes to increase, important elective programs to be reduced and employee salaries to remain frozen, and in some cases to actually decline. We believe that public school education is a pillar of American life and society, and we want to leave no stone unturned in reaching out to all in the Kyrene community with vital and factual information about our schools. Annual reports published by the Arizona Auditor General continually show Kyrene to be among the most efficient districts in the state in delivering dollars to the classroom.

Every year we search for opportunities to reduce non-classroom related costs, and those options have all but disappeared. As members of the community who serve on your school board, we can confidently tell you that your school district is not analogous to other, primarily federal, agencies where spending inefficiencies may run rampant.

We balance our budget to the penny every year, we abide by myriad insufficiently funded federal and state performance and reporting mandates, and we provide the best education for the dollar that we can.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, as we head into a new budget season, we will work with our fellow Governing Board members, our senior administrators, community groups and local newspapers to reach out to all Kyrene residents, to listen, and to tell our story and hopefully to steadily increase community support both at the polls and beyond.

## Aprende principal announces retirement

Longtime Aprende Middle School principal Gerri Shaw has announced her plans to retire at the end of the current school year.

Shaw has worked at the school 18 years, including 10 years as principal.

She faced particular challenges only two weeks into the school year, dealing with the after-effects of one student taking his life and the sudden death of another just two weeks later.

On a more positive note, Shaw is credited with overseeing the school's pursuit of academic excellence that resulted in it being selected as one of two Kyrene district recipients of the

Arizona Department of Education's A+ School of Excellence designation. The other was Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary.

Shaw has been an advocate for adoption of the innovative STEM program, which provides students with a head start in science, technology, engineering and math. She thanked staff, parents and the district for their support and said her goal is to make the school "stronger than ever academically by the end of the year."

The district hopes to hire a new principal by the start of the next school year in August.



Members of the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition stand in front of a quilt representing children who were victims. Rob Bell, left, chair of the organization, and Sgt. Joe Favazzo, right, of the Chandler Police Department, joined leading members of First Things First to help spread awareness during a meeting at the Chandler Police Department's Desert Breeze substation.

## Group emphasizes prevention, awareness Coalition targets child abuse

**Story & photo by Mark Crudup**

With the help of a revamped Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition, the Chandler Police Department and other collaborating organizations are leading an effort aimed at spreading the word to residents, who they believe can play a vital role in reporting instances where abuse may be occurring.

Coalition members met Nov. 10 at the police department's Desert Breeze substation, at the same time holding a memorial service for Det. Gary Fuller, the founder of CAPAC who died last year from pancreatic cancer.

Said Chief Sherry Kiyler of Fuller's contribution to the program:

"It was Gary's passion for his work that led him to say one day after the tragic death of Schala Vera, a 3-year-old who was fatally beaten in 2009, a particularly tragic and gruesome murder (investigation) that Gary was involved with, 'There has to be something we can do.'

With the help of Sgt. Joe Favazzo, a police department public-information officer, Fuller launched the initially modest effort that ultimately became the CAPAC organization.

Three years after the coalition's birth, member groups now include

First Things First, local hospitals, the Kyrene School District, Chandler Fire Department and forensic investigators working for Maricopa County.

"I'm so thrilled you are all still here," Kiyler said. "It has been nearly three years; the background I want to give you is about the man who really was at the heart of the mission that all of you are now pursuing."

Kiyler saluted the members for attending the meeting and helping to make others in the community aware of child abuse and the lack of residential reporting of child abuse.

"Gary was loved by many of our victims' families," she said. "Another family wrote that Gary was an absolutely amazing man with a big heart and a compassionate soul. I think that's very true."

Gary's wife of 36 years, Val Fuller, also attended the meeting and accepted a framed proclamation outlining the coalition's goals.

Rob Bell, chair of the coalition and children's justice coordinator for Maricopa County, presented an update of the coalition's efforts.

"We took a step back and re-evaluated how we were organized, and what we really wanted to

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## CITY OF CHANDLER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City's water system in west Chandler recently violated a drinking water standard established for arsenic. The impacted area was bounded generally by the City's border on the north (Knox Road alignment), Ivanhoe/Galveston Street on the south, Price Freeway on the east, and Kyrene Road on the west.

Chandler routinely monitors our drinking water for contaminants. Testing results received on October 21, 2011 found arsenic levels of 0.0124 mg/L (12.4 parts per billion). The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) established by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L (10 parts per billion). The source of the elevated arsenic was a City well which was immediately disconnected from the City's water system. After shutting off the well, subsequent tests showed arsenic levels below 4 parts per billion.

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# Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Diver again moves up in state rankings

**F**or Chloe Hacker, the sky seems to be the only limit on her ability to win state diving championships.

Hacker, a sophomore at Corona, took care of business as usual and won her second consecutive one-meter Arizona State High School Division I Diving Championship Nov. 4.

"Chloe handled the pressure like there was none at all, and defended her title by finishing first as the top female diver in the state," said head coach **Ron Musgrave**.

"When I checked on Chloe's progress during the competition, her

mother told me she's business as usual."

Hacker not only beat out her competition but actually scored 15 points higher this year, 378.70, than her championship score last season. Her goal is to improve her score every year.

"Winning for the second year in a row felt pretty great," said Hacker. "My score was higher than last year and I'm setting my sights on improving my scores in the championship every year."

Scoring 15 points higher in the meet this season was not easy for the young diver

because it was rainy and unusually chilly. All the dives took place in one day as compared to the two days last season and the competition was a bit stiffer. Hacker also had a target on her back and was the one to beat based on her performance during the regular season.

"It was very cold this year, and it was hard to keep warm and not tighten up," said Hacker. "I don't think that the competitions were easier just because I won last year. You have bad days and you always have to be at your best because you never know when one of those bad days is going to pop up."

Hacker won every dual meet and took first at two out of the

three invitational meets Corona participated in this season. She also won the Tempe City Meet and not only broke Corona's women's record but she broke the men's record as well.

Hacker, who took up diving when she was nine after watching her older brother, Max, competes all year long with her club diving team when not competing in high school. Currently she is continuing to work on her strength training and preparing for club regionals, which will hopefully lead her once again to nationals.

"I am moving up to the next age group, so the competition will be fierce this season in club but my goal is to compete at nationals,"

said Hacker. "I would also like to add a few new dives to my repertoire, specifically in the one meter and platform categories."

She obviously loves diving, especially because of the variety of competitions, but admits it is not always fun and games.

"I like that diving is different every time you do a dive, even if it's the same dive. There is also so much variety between springboard and platform diving," said Hacker. "What I like the least is smacking when you hit the water wrong, especially off the platform, but that is a part of learning and something that is inevitable."

Hacker was the

only Corona athlete competing in the finals of this year's state Division I swim and dive meet, according to Musgrave.

"I was pleased how Corona swimmers represented themselves by participating in the prelims at the state meet but disappointed we did not get to swim in the finals," said Musgrave. "Our most talented butterflier, **Nicole Holly**, was disqualified for a false start in her preliminary race and our two boys relay teams, the 200 medley and 200 free, ended up as alternates and did not get to swim at state."

### Boys Basketball

— The Aztecs may have one of head coach Sam Duane Jr.'s most experienced teams with nine returning players, three of them starters, from last season's 22-6 team that made it all the way to the quarterfinals before losing to the No. 1 seed, North.

North eventually won the championship.

"We are very excited for this season," said Duane. "Our greatest strengths are that we have a lot of experience in the players who are coming back and we are the deepest team I have had at Corona."

The Aztecs return four-year starting guard **Calaen Robinson** and three-year starting center **Avery Moss** along with starting point guard **Casey Benson**. All three players will be counted on to provide more leadership this year according to Duane.

Adding to the depth and experience, with the ability to buy in and contribute to the total team effort Duane desires this season from



Coach Sam Duane has set high goals for this year's Aztec basketball team after returning nine players from last season's 22-6 team that made it to the quarterfinals of the state tournament. From left, front row: Matt Lemke, Casey Benson, Calaen Robinson, Adam Gleave, Cassius Peat, Jesse McCain, Bryan Siefker. Back row: Coach Duane, Braden Tennyson, Avery Moss, Tyler Bolton, Andrus Peat, Austin Milyard, Alex van Ryswyk, Elijah Hempstead, Coach Dean Steffey.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex

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## Notebook

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his returning players, are four seniors and two juniors. Juniors **Braden Tennyson** and **Bryan Siefer** gained a lot of court time last season that will help the Aztecs, as did seniors **Elijah Hempstead**, **Jesse McCain**, **Tyler Bolton** and **Andrus Peat**.

It had been bantered around the media that Peat would be concentrating on football and not playing basketball his senior year. Those rumors proved to be false once basketball tryouts started. Besides wanting to help the Aztecs win a state championship, Andrus may be looking forward to playing with his younger brother, Cassius, who also made the team.

The Aztecs are hoping newcomers **Matt Lemki**, **Adam Gleave**, **Austin Millyard**, **Alex van Ryswick** and **Cassius Peat** quickly learn what is expected of them so they can start to contribute to the team's overall success.

"To be successful, all

of our guys will have to buy into whatever role that develops for them," said Duane. "We have so many scoring threats on the team, but the guys need to understand that it does not matter who scores as long as our team has the winning score at the end of the game."

"The team goal has to be more important than the individual goal if we are to have the season we are all hoping for," said Duane. "I believe our guys, so far, are buying into the concept that the team goal is the most important."

Making it to the state tournament this year may be more difficult with the new AIA rules that divided Division I into three sections of 20 schools in each. Corona is in Section II with Basha, one of the teams Duane is predicting to be a contender for the state championship.

Duane is also predicting Pinnacle, Mesa Mountain View and Brophy, along with Corona, as being among the top five teams in the state. Some of the teams in Section II with Corona are Chandler, Desert

Ridge, Desert View, Gilbert, Hamilton and Highland. A complete list can be found on the AIA website at [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org).

Only the top three teams in each section are guaranteed to play in the state tournament. The rest of the seeding is determined by the same power ranking system used in the past.

The Aztecs start the season with the annual Thanksgiving tournament, Fear the Hop Invitational, put on by Mesa High School. Games will be played Nov. 21, 22, 23 and 26. The schedule can be found on the CdS Boys Basketball website under "Announcements" at <http://cdsboysbasketball.com/>

The Aztecs first home game will be Nov. 29 against Central, starting at 7 p.m.

**Corona Girls Basketball** — With six returning players, three of them starters, Corona's girls basketball team is poised to improve on last season's 10-17 record.

"Every one of the returning players has

improved tremendously during the off season," said head coach **Andrew Strom**. "They have been very dedicated to the game. I am looking forward to seeing their progress during the season."

Strom will be looking for his guards to set the tone again this season. Especially important will be **Alexa Hogberg**, the team's leading scorer last season with a total of 424 points, which included 49 three-pointers. She averaged over 16 points, 6 assists, almost 3 rebounds and 3 steals a game.

Add to the mix **Sammi Moore**, who was the third leading scorer and had the highest percentage of free throws made at 80 percent among the returning players.

Strom also has returning guards sophomore **Kaelin Shaffer**, who averaged over three points a game as a freshman and senior **Liann Kline**, who had 57 rebounds last season.

That doesn't mean Corona's post players won't need to be in the mix if they are going to have a successful season.

"Our strength is in our guards," said Strom. "I know our guards will give other teams trouble but our posts have improved a lot. Because we are a little undersized, everyone will really have to work hard on the defensive end for us to be good."

Expected to contribute down low will be returning forwards **Lauren Lucky** and **Erin Miller**. Lucky, as a sophomore last season, averaged 6.3 points, 7 rebounds and close to one steal per game.

Senior Miller, at 5-foot 10-inches, will be trying to help fill the void created on the team when **Sarah Rueckle** graduated last spring. Coach Strom will be counting on Miller and Kline, who have been in the program now four years, to provide insight to the younger players on the team.

One of those younger players is freshman **Taylor Kalmer**, a player that Strom is expecting to be outstanding once she adjusts to high school basketball. Other players new to varsity are **Hana Rahman**, **Justice**

**Mosley**, **Jordynn Logston**, **Haley Langille** and **Vicky Sanford**.

If being undersized is a potential weakness, Strom is counting on these new players to add depth to his team.

"I expect the six new varsity players to give us depth," said Strom. "We should be able to play more girls this year and find more combinations of five girls to play on the court during games."

Strom is seeing improvement in his team, who is working very hard during practice, every day.

"We have a very tough schedule this season and it will be a challenge to get into the playoffs with the new AIA system, but we can surprise some people," said Strom. "If we just take it game by game, I feel we can handle it."

The Lady Aztecs will be playing in the Scorpion Shootout over the Thanksgiving break, Nov. 23 and 25. They then start the regular season Nov. 29 at Central followed up by playing at Desert Vista, Dec. 6.

## Wrestling apparel now on sale

Aztec wrestling boosters can now order from a wide selection of wearing apparel designed for this year's season.

The items are available for viewing at [www.aztecspirit.com](http://www.aztecspirit.com), along with options for color, size and other features posted below the photos.

A t-shirt, shorts and socks will be provided to each of the team's wrestlers. Orders will be delivered to the school's wrestling room or Kristin Tursini for distribution.

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## Signs of success

**Alex Lawson**, front left, Abby Spiel and Calaen Robinson signed letters of intent to play college sports. Celebrating the occasion in addition to the three athletes were, back row, their Corona coaches, Rick Wanta, Jeep Ray and Sam Duane Jr.

— Photo by Kris Cartwright



# Junior Pee-Wee Wildcats no lightweights as contenders

## Cover story

By Clayton Klapper

The next generation of Corona del Sol football players already has gotten plenty of experience on the field.

Recently realigned with Corona's Aztecs, team members of the Junior Pee-Wee, or JPW, Wildcats have been competing for years in and around west Chandler.

The team, which consists of athletes ages 10 and 11, has earned an impressive benchmark, winning its way to the American Youth Football Under-Armor National Competition, due to be held Dec. 3-10 in Florida.

The Wildcats finished their regular season at 4-3 with three straight losses but, as it turns out, that proved to be just the eye-opener they needed after three straight years without a loss in the regular season.

"Losing three games to close the season caused a lot of reflection within our team's coaches, players and parents alike," said Wildcats coach Greg Gavel.

"It forced us to rediscover the respect and appreciation for what it takes to win a football game. It made us hungry again."

Gavel has been a volunteer coach with the team for six years. Along with the others who share coaching responsibilities, Gavel says he draws reward from helping develop the kids through football and the relationships made on the field.

"The connections you make with the kids are incredible and humbling," he said. "When you ask someone to give so much and put so much of their heart into something, you make a pretty deep connection with them."

"When you have a whole team that is willing to sacrifice so much, you have something incredibly special."

After their regular season, the team went on to beat seeds number one, two and three in the playoffs as they brought home the Southeast Valley Championship.

The Wildcats then went on to compete in the Phoenix American Youth Football Championship, which encompasses approximately 15

different leagues and all of their teams, accomplishing another goal by winning that championship as well.

The next step for the Wildcats is the AYF Under-Armor Nationals in Florida. The team has the chance to compete against other league champions across the nation, and bring home the national title to Chandler.

"We all have a passion for football and an interest in being involved in developing the character and work ethic of the boys we coach," Gavel said.

"Football is a great sport for teaching so many life lessons with the emotion and passion it draws."

The Wildcats team is filled with kids who are naturally talented, like quarterback Ricky Pearsall.

Gavel described Ricky as possibly the best 10-year-old leader in the state.

Other players like Gunner Williams play for the love of the game, and his coach says there isn't a player in the league who can match his heart.

"He is a true leader and was a unanimous vote for team captain by his peers. Despite his size, Gunner is one of the most dangerous defensive linemen in the league—all because of his motor and heart," Gavel said.

"We are not a team of a few great players; we are a team of 17 great kids that contribute everything they can."

The Wildcats play in the Southeast

Valley Youth Football league, which is open to youth players in the area. Kids and parents are encouraged to get information about the program by visiting the team's website ([sevyf.com](http://sevyf.com)).

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**JPW Wildcats** are headed to Florida and the American Youth Football Under-Armor National Championships Dec. 3-10.  
— Photo courtesy Leslie McCoy

## Wildcats

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"When you have a whole team that is willing to sacrifice so much, you have something incredibly special."

After their 4-3 regular season, the team went on to beat seeds number one, two and three in the playoffs as they brought home the Southeast Valley Championship.

The Wildcats then went on to compete in the Phoenix American Youth Football Championship, which encompasses approximately 15 different leagues and all of their teams, accomplishing another goal by winning that championship as well.

The next step for the Wildcats is the AYF Under-Armor Nationals in Florida. The team has the chance to compete against other league champions across the nation, and bring home the national title to Chandler.

"We all have a passion for football and an interest in being involved in developing the character and work ethic of the boys we coach," Gavel said.

"Football is a great sport for teaching so many life lessons with the emotion and passion it draws."

The Wildcats team is filled with kids who are naturally talented, like quarterback Ricky Pearsall. Gavel described Ricky as possibly the best 10-year-old leader in the state.

Other players like Gunner Williams play for the love of the game, and his coach says there isn't a player in the league who can match his heart.

"He is a true leader and was a unanimous vote for team captain by his peers. Despite his size, Gunner is one of the most dangerous defensive linemen in the league—all because of his motor and heart," Gavel said.

"We are not a team of a few great players; we are a team of 17 great kids

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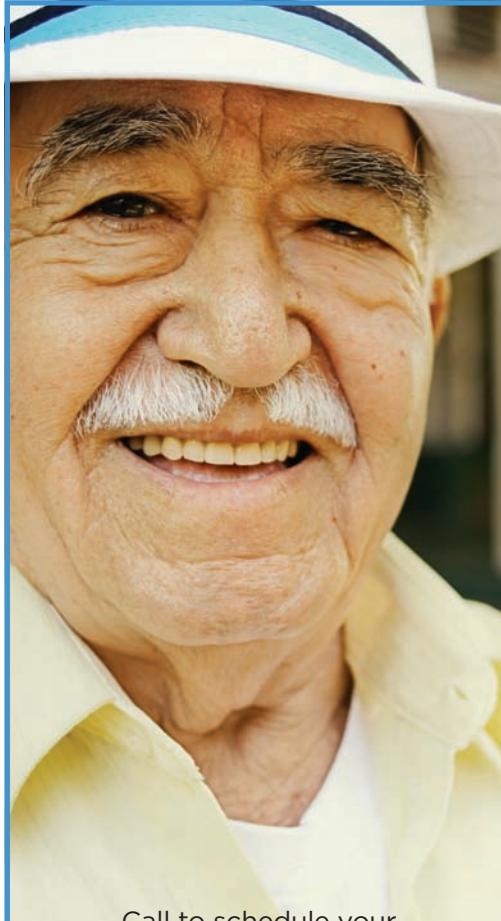
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Teakwoods will also be contributing 15 percent of each bill that night to the team, as long as the participant has purchased a raffle ticket.

Tickets are \$25 for one, \$100 for five. The fifth ticket will be entered into the premier event raffle, which includes the biggest and best prizes.

For details on getting children involved in the next season, or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Gavel via email at [gavel@cox.net](mailto:gavel@cox.net)



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## Volunteering proves a perfect match for retiree's interests

By Alison Stanton

Gail Dick loves to read, and she enjoys volunteering.

About a dozen years ago, when the south Tempe retiree was looking for a new volunteer opportunity, Dick decided to join the Friends of the Tempe Public Library, a member-supported, non-profit organization that helps provide funding for some of the library programs and services.

"I was initially on the library board, so I transferred from there to the Friends," Dick said. "I'm more of a hands-on person so I wanted to work with the group."

Dick regularly volunteers with the Friends, helping to process and organize the donated books that come in from a variety of sources, which are then sold in the used-book shop located in the library.

"The book donations come in boxes and in bags, and once they are processed and checked in the books go on the shelves in the used book store," she said, adding that within the last year or two, the group has also started doing online book sales through

Amazon.

"I work to help organize the shelves in the shop, and it's very enjoyable."

Mary Anna Bastin, volunteer coordinator for the city of Tempe's Volunteer Office, said that the Friends are the biggest supporter of the library, from working as cashiers in the book shop and serving on the library's advisory board to running the Connections Café, a popular full-service coffee bar located on the main floor of the library that sells specialty drinks and snacks.

"They help fund programs that are very important to the library—for example, the summer reading program for children," she said.

"The Friends help to finance that and get the prizes for the kids."

Everything not covered by funds allocated by the city's budget are supported by the funds the Friends program raises, Bastin said, like library staff development, book purchases and adult classes.

Although no one is exactly sure when the Friends program got its

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## Friends

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start, Bastin said old paperwork from the late 1970s indicates the organization helped raise just over \$1,100 in one year. This is a big contrast to 2010, when the group had sales of more than \$100,000.

The Friends also run the Tempe Connections program, a non-profit community service initiative that targets adults age 50 and up and provides them with opportunities to access wide range of learning programs, volunteer options and more, according to Bastin.

Dick said she thoroughly enjoys the time she spends volunteering with the Friends organization.

"I just really like lending a hand where I can, so this was a good fit for me. It's a very pleasant atmosphere filled with pleasant people," she said.

"And one of the great perks is that I can purchase the used books at the same price the public can, and so I rarely go home without a new book or two to read."

Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural

Road. Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Tempe Public Library organization can email Tempefriends@yahoo.com or Rebecca\_Bond@tempe.gov. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual, \$35 for families, and \$10 for seniors 65 and up.

To make a donation of used books, stop by the library's book shop.

## Meet your legislators Jan. 25

South Tempe residents will be able to share stories of their neighborhoods and find out how the legislative agenda may impact the future of this and other Valley cities at a meeting of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The group will join city officials for the session, which includes a meeting with legislators and a tour of the Arizona House of Representatives and the State Senate. Participants also will learn about the city's legislative program from Mayor Hugh Hallman and members of the Tempe City Council.

To schedule participation, contact the city's Neighborhood Services Division by Jan. 20 at 480-350-8234 or by email at neighborhoods@tempe.gov

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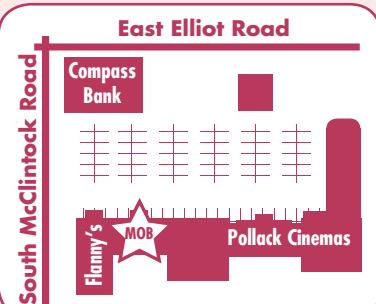


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## Shop locally is theme of Dec. 2 event at McClintock Fountains

By Mark Crudup

**O**n the evening of Friday, Dec. 2, McClintock Fountains shopping center will be bustling with live music and entertainment, accompanied by local restaurant samplings and a raffle to promote neighborhood businesses in south Tempe.

Developed by Dave and Christine Donaldson, owners of Donaldson Watch Repair, the event is being called a gift to the public for their continued support of local, family owned businesses.

Gemma Wilson and Chris Rockwell, of the center's Ivy Boutique, are co-hosting.

"What prompted the event was Reactor (Watches), because we are a Reactor dealer—one of only a couple in the state," Christine Donaldson said. "We centered it around that, and they're bringing in a sports figure to get us some exposure."

Arizona Cardinals defensive end Calais Campbell, one of the celebrity guests who is sponsored by Reactor Watches, will be signing autographs

during the event.

However, the main message goes beyond business exposure, say planners. Christine summed up the significance in terms of customer loyalty:

Support local, shop local and give local.

"We're trying to keep these small businesses alive," Christine said. "I think, to me, it just comes back to community, and it's just so important that we all support each other."

Wilson, of Ivy Boutique, said the event is for the customers, adding that she looks forward to the opportunity of mingling with her regular shoppers, as well as potential customers.

"I hope (this event) brings back the vibrancy that this center once had. We've lost some businesses in here recently over the past year," Wilson said.

"Being out there with the customers is a big part of it, and I think that will help to bring our community together."

The event will also feature a raffle with a variety of prizes from local



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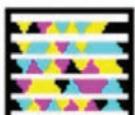
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businesses. Residents can bring a new, unwrapped toy or book to be donated to Cardon Children's Medical Center and receive a raffle ticket.

"Out of that, we felt like it was a really great opportunity, with the holidays, to be able to do a toy drive for the center," Wilson said. "When we started going that route, we started opening up to all the other little business in this center."

Additionally, the event will feature food and beverage samplings provided by Great Harvest Bread Co., Honey Bear's BBQ, Riga Tony's, AZ Food Crafters and Four Peaks Brewing Company.



David, Christine Donaldson were architects of shop local event.

— Wrangler News photo

many south Tempe residents who have become returning customers.

"I have a hard time remembering we live in this huge city, because it doesn't feel like it," Christine said.

"People really make it feel like we are individual, small towns, and we like that."

The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. McClintock Fountains is on the northeast corner of Warner Road and McClintock Drive, Tempe.

The free event gives local businesses a chance to meet with local residents, Dave added.

"We've had a lot of support from the community around here," he said. "They really feel like they want to support the businesses here, and this is one way we can give back."

Christine added that Donaldson's Watch Repair has maintained a longtime customer base that includes

## Let's go shopping

PTA members at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School will be on hand for a booth at the Saturday, Dec. 3 Farmer's Market at McClintock Fountains. Market owners Chris and Rhonda Ray offer a free booth to non-profit organizations each week. The Niños booth will include a "Teacher Christmas Wish-List Drive," and residents are encouraged to drop off pencils, lined paper, Clorox wipes, glue sticks and other classroom supplies. Local kids can also participate in crafts at the booth. The center is on the northeast corner of Warner Road and McClintock Drive. The market opens at 7:30 a.m.





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CFS235	36488	The Dev. Child: Prenatal to Age 8	1/17-5/8	2:30-5:30P	T	3
CIS105	36513	Surv of Comp Info Sys [CS]	1/17-5/11	10:00-11:15A	TR	3
COM100	38341	Intro to Communication	1/17-5/11	9:30-10:45A	TR	3
COM225	24278	Public Speaking (L)	1/18-5/11	11:30-12:45P	MW	3
COM230	36514	Small Group Communication (SB)	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
CPD160	36515	Intro to Multiculturalism ©	1/17-5/11	7:00-8:15P	TR	3
CRE101	22703	College Critical Reading [L]	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
ENG081	22695	Basic Writing Skills	1/18-5/11	8:30-9:45A	MW	3
ENG091	22696	Fundamentals of Writing	1/18-5/11	10:00-11:15A	MW	3
ENG101	22705	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	8:30-10:10A	TR	3
ENG101	22437	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	5:30-6:45P	TR	3
ENG102	22706	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	10:45-12:00P	TR	3
ENG102	22439	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	7:00-8:15P	TR	3
GLG101	22693	Intro to Geology I - Phys Lec [G, SQ]	1/17-5/11	6:00-8:30P	T	3
GLG103	22694	Intro to Geology I - Phys Lab [SQ]	1/19-5/11	6:00-8:30P	R	1
HUM213	22615	Hispanic Film [G, HU]	1/18-5/11	7:00-9:30P	W	3
MAT082	22691	Basic Arithmetic	1/17-5/11	8:30-9:45A	TR	3
MAT082	22584	Basic Arithmetic	1/18-5/11	5:30-6:45P	MW	3
MAT091	24283	Introductory Algebra	1/17-5/11	10:30-11:45A	TR	4
MAT091	24284	Introductory Algebra	1/17-5/11	5:30-7:10P	TR	4
MAT121	24285	Intermediate Algebra	1/18-5/11	8:30-10:10A	MW	4
MAT121	24354	Intermediate Algebra	1/17-5/11	7:00-8:40P	MW	4
MAT141	24286	College Mathematics (MA)	1/18-5/11	10:30-12:10P	MW	4
MAT141	36517	College Mathematics (MA)	1/18-5/11	7:00-8:40P	MW	4
MHL153	36518	Rock Music & Culture (H, HU)	1/18-5/11	11:30-12:45P	MW	3
PHI105	24279	Introduction to Ethics (HU)	1/17-5/11	6:45-9:45P	T	3
PSY101	22701	Introduction to Psychology [SB]	1/23-5/11	6:45-9:30P	M	3
PSY240	24280	Developmental Psychology (SB)	1/19-5/11	6:56-9:15P	R	3
RDG081	22697	Reading Improvement	1/17-5/11	10:00-11:15A	TR	3
RDG091	22699	College Reading Skills	1/17-5/11	11:30-12:45P	TR	3
REC120	36519	Leisure and Quality of Life (SB)	1/19-5/11	5:30-8:30P	R	3
REL243	24281	World Religions [G,H]	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
SOC101	22700	Introduction to Sociology [SB]	1/18-5/11	6:45-9:15P	W	3
SWU291	22823	Social Services Delivery Systems (Hybrid)	1/23-5/11	6:30-9:15P	M	5
SWU292	38395	Effective Helping in a Diverse World	1/18-5/11	8:30-11:00A	W	3
YAQ100	23439	Yaqui History and Culture [C, SB]	1/18-5/11	5:30-6:45P	MW	3
YAQ110	22692	Yaqui Language and Culture	1/18-5/11	7:00-8:15P	MW	3

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AAA115	36509	Creating College Success (8 Wks)	2/3-3/30	9:00-10:40A	F	1
ACC230	39156	Uses of Accounting Information I	1/14-5/11	8:30-11:00A	S	3
BPC100	24577	Business-Personal Comp (9 Wks)	3/8-5/11	9:00-12:00P	R	2
BPC111AA	36511	Computer Keyboarding I (6 Wks)	1/19-3/02	9:00-12:25P	R	1
CNT140AA	24319	Cisco Networking Fundamentalsd (8 Wks)	1/23-3/8	5:00-10:00P	MW	4
CNT150AA	24320	Cisco Newtworking Router Tech (8 Wks)	3/20-5/11	5:00-10:00P	MW	4
ECH182	24313	Enhancing Toddler Development	4/14-4/21	9:00-4:00P	S	1
ECN211	22618	Macroeconomics [SB] (9 Weeks)	1/18-3/22	6:45-8:45P	MW	3
ECN212	22704	Microeconomics [SB] (7 Weeks)	3/26-5/11	6:45-10:00P	MW	3
REL203	22702	American Indian Religions [C, HU, L]	1/14-5/11	8:30-11:00A	S	3
SWU171	22649	Intro to Social Welfare* [H, SB]	1/21-5/11	8:00-5:00P	S	3

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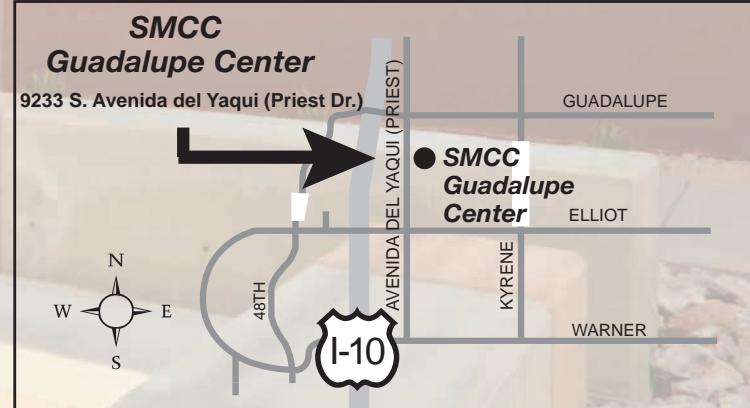
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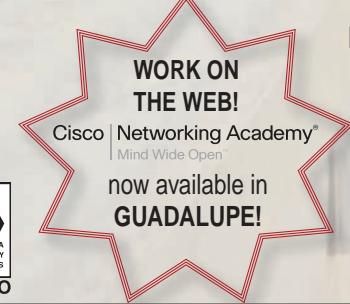
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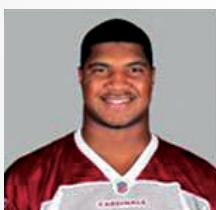
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# Kyrene Corridor Rotarians take aim in battle against polio

## Hike along Arizona Trail is part of group's efforts to raise \$250k

Story & photo by Mark Crudup

**O**n a slightly overcast Saturday morning, two dozen hearty members of Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club set out on a five-mile segment of the Arizona Trail, running through the Superstition Mountains on a hike designed not only to raise awareness of Rotary but to help fund polio research.

Arizona Rotarians hike various parts of the renowned trail that runs from the Mexico border to the Utah state line as part of their project "800 miles to end polio now."

Rod Daniels, president of Chandler North Rotary Club, co-chairs the project and recently addressed his club's Kyrene Corridor counterparts regarding efforts to raise awareness of the project.

"Arizona Rotarians now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Daniels said. "(Microsoft founder) Bill Gates said eradicating polio will be one of the most significant, public health accomplishments in history."

Polio is a crippling disease that was once commonplace in the U.S., Daniels

noted, and is still an epidemic in four nations: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

Daniels urged members—and participants in the hike scheduled for Nov. 12—to seek pledges in order to make financial contributions to help

finance polio-eradication efforts.

"If every Arizona Rotarian secures pledges totaling \$100, we will more than exceed our goal," he said.

Daniels said the project goal is to raise \$250,000 to go directly to Rotary International's End Polio Now

campaign.

The money generated by the Arizona Trail project will support Rotary International's goal of raising \$200 million toward polio eradication by June 2012, qualifying the worldwide organization for \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Kyrene Corridor club's efforts raised \$3,150.

Additionally, other Arizona Rotary clubs still have money that will be coming in from past hikes, Daniels said.

When all pledges have been counted, results of the Rotarians' combined efforts are expected to be impressive.

"Together, with your help, we are going to raise \$250,000 to end polio now."

Daniels added that Rotarians statewide plan on completing the project on Arizona Statehood Day, Feb. 14.

Those not involved with Rotary can make financial contributions by visiting <http://endpolioaz.org>.



Pattie Hageman, a recent staff addition to the Mary Contreras's State Farm Agency in south Tempe, along with her husband, John, finish the 5-mile hike along the Arizona Trail in the Superstition Mountains with other Kyrene Corridor Rotarians on their mission to contribute to '800 Miles to End Polio Now,' part of a worldwide project by Rotary International.

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# Kyrene Corridor Briefs

## Chandler Fire toy drive

Chandler Fire Department's annual Holiday Toy Drive returns to Chandler Fashion Center on Saturday, Dec. 10, marking a repeat of the firefighters' effort to provide hundreds of disadvantaged children with a happier holiday.

The event runs 2-8 p.m. near the valet parking area outside the food court on the south side of the mall. Fire Department mascots will be there, along with Sprinkler the Clown, and performances by the Chandler Holiday Carolers.

Anyone who donates a new, unwrapped toy at the mall event will receive a ride in a Chandler fire engine.

An adult must accompany all children 6 years of age and younger. The Fire Department also requests that donated toys not be battery operated.

"Every year, our department is amazed by the generosity of our residents in supporting our toy drive," said Chandler Fire Chief Jeff Clark.

"Our firefighters have a lot of fun giving rides to kids and sharing in the joy of giving a little boy or girl a new toy for Christmas."

## Dropoff site for homeless

Windy City Café is a south Tempe drop-off site for supplies and clothing being collected for homeless students as part of an Eagle Scout project.

The campaign is being coordinated through Chandler-based Fans Across America, which assists young people and their families to help them get back on their feet and encourage the pursuit of education.

Eagle Scout applicant Michael Moorehead is collecting donations for them, including both items and monetary contributions, as well as helping to increase the capacity of the organization's distribution facility by building shelving and drawers for storage.

Donations being sought also include school supplies—pencils, notebooks, backpacks—as well as hygiene products and new or gently used clothes.

Windy City is at 1815 E. Elliot Road, Tempe.

## KidZone innovator recognized

Jeremy King, assistant recreation coordinator for the Kid Zone Enrichment Program at Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School in Tempe, has been recognized as Outstanding Professional by the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence.

King, who has worked in before-and after-school programs for 12 years, oversees 140 children in his programs and serves between 150 and 175 families.

King's goal, which he says is "to create memorable childhood experiences for every student, every

day," includes an open line of communication with parents and teachers through a program called Homework Club.

Wells Fargo was title sponsor for the event.

## Blizzard alert

The traditional red and white candy cane takes center stage at south Tempe's Dairy Queen Restaurant this holiday season with arrival of Candy Cane Chill as the next Blizzard of the Month. The seasonal favorite is available beginning Dec. 1.

Dairy Queen is at the northwest corner of Elliot Road and McClintock Drive in Tempe.

## Innovative home on display

Lennar Homes, a south Tempe-based company, is building a complete model home that shows

off its approach to accommodating multigenerational families in the IKEA parking lot on Warner Road just east of I-10.

The public can visit starting Friday, Nov. 25. Entry fee through the holiday period will be a donated can of food or \$1 designated for a Tempe charity.

The house won't reside in the parking lot permanently, according to Tempe officials, which approved the installation.

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## Coalition

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accomplish," Bell said.

"We came up with a three-year strategic plan on how to move forward."

The coalition formally accepted and adopted its first set of bylaws to make it an official 501(c)3 non profit organization with the goal of preventing child abuse by spreading the word of awareness and increasing the reporting, Bell said.

"Gary would appreciate your sentiments, but you all know Gary, and I think he would prefer the recognition go to somebody else," Valerie Fuller said.

"But thank you for recognizing his work and his service; it was not only his job, but it was his passion, and I believe that all of you know that. Thank you very much for supporting his endeavor."

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The form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

ETC Institute, of Olathe, Kan., administers the survey for Tempe. This year's survey will be mailed out in late November.

Residents who receive surveys are provided a self-addressed, stamped

envelope to return their responses. Some recipients may receive a telephone-call reminder to complete the survey if they haven't already done so. Results remain confidential and the city will not be informed which residents received or completed surveys.

Survey questions deal with the level of satisfaction residents have with police, fire, parks, streets, recreation classes, communication and more. ETC Institute will compile and present the results to the mayor and City Council next year.

Questions can be addressed to Community Relations Administrator Shelley Hearn at 480-350-8906.

## Student artwork exhibit at Mirada

Mirada Elementary School will hold a "Mirada's Got Heart" art sale and auction 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the school.

The event features student artwork and pieces donated by community artists designed to add an original flair to homes, offices and businesses.

Purchase of one-of-a-kind pieces, as well as donations, will support the

Mirada art, music, physical education and PTA-sponsored Art Masterpiece programs.

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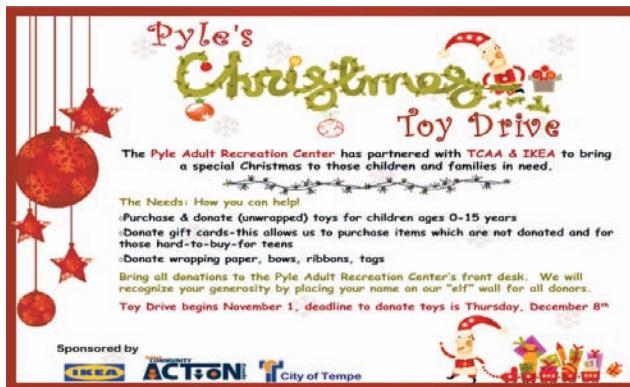
# Coming Up

**Chandler Library Design Contest for Teens — Submissions due Nov. 30 by 5 p.m.** — Chandler Library invites those ages 12 to 18 to enter a contest to design the logo for LibCon 2012, the library's annual mini-convention for fans of comic books, Japanese manga and anime and other fantasy and science-fiction entertainment. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and have the logo appear on LibCon promotional materials. LibCon 2012 will be held March 24. Logo designs must include the name of the event, the date and the words "Chandler Public Library." Entry forms are available online at [www.chandlerlibrary.org](http://www.chandlerlibrary.org).

**Overcoming Holiday Stress Workshop — Dec. 1, 6 to 8 p.m.** — West Chandler's Dr. Damien Brandeis, a licensed naturopathic medical doctor, will hold a workshop focused on overcoming stress during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Brandeis will address questions regarding stress and provide information on alternative treatments and therapies. The workshop is free, however it is limited to 18 spaces. To reserve a space, contact Dana at 480-855-6560.

**McClintock Fountains Shopping Event — Dec. 2, 4 to 8 p.m.** — Dave and Christine Donaldson, of Donaldson Watch Repair, and the owners of adjacent Ivy Boutique will hold a pre-holiday event

emphasizing the importance of shopping with local businesses. The event will include live music, raffle prizes and specials/savings offered that night. Shoppers will receive a raffle ticket if they contribute an unwrapped toy or book. Donations will be made to supplement The Toy Closet at Cardon Children's Hospital. Food and samplings will be available, and Calais Campbell, the defense end for the Arizona Cardinals, will sign autographs.



**Fall Parent and Toddler Activities at Chandler's Tumbleweed Recreation Center — Nov. 30, 9 to 11 a.m.; Dec. 14, 9 to 11 a.m.** — As temperatures drop, parents and toddlers can enjoy playful fall mornings at TRC outdoor courtyard. This play area is intended for children 5 and younger to play under parental or guardian supervision with a bounce house, tricycles, other toys and music. On Dec. 14, TRC will host a "Bubble Blast" event. Fee is \$2 per child for both events. TRC is located on the

southwest corner of Germann and McQueen roads. Information: [www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed](http://www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed).

**Bridges Preschool Open House in new west Chandler Location — Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to noon** — Bridges Preschool welcomes local families to visit its new preschool site on the southwest corner of Elliot and Dobson roads. Tours will be offered, in addition to having the opportunity to meet the teachers. Information: 480-963-8300, [www.bridgespreschool.com](http://www.bridgespreschool.com).

**Christmas Concert at Church of the Epiphany — Dec. 11, 4 p.m.** — The church, just south of Broadway Road on Price Road, will hold a Christmas concert to spark the holiday season with songs and hymns, a reception and a special visit from Santa for the kids. Advanced ticket price: \$12. Information: 480-217-0134.

**Drop-off point for St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** — Residents can bring in non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and receive \$5 off a \$50 purchase at Belle Lacet Lingerie, located on southwest corner of Ray Road and 56th Street.

**Surviving the Holidays** — A free seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, will be held 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road, Tempe. Information: 480-491-2210 or email [kgoetz@azcc.org](mailto:kgoetz@azcc.org).

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**2**006's *Happy Feet* was a truly crazy movie, a blend of Pixar-style animation, Bollywood musical and a streak of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Set in a world in which penguins sing to connect with their soulmates, the film focused on the unfortunate young Mumbles, unable to carry a tune but endowed with a natural talent for tap-dancing.

It starts off, in short, as a fable about nonconformity and finding your own individual path—a good joke right off the bat, in the black-and-white uniformity of the penguin rookery (in *The Far*

*Side*, Gary Larson once depicted a single penguin amongst the multitudes belting out "I've Gotta Be Me").

But by the end, director George Miller had spun the film from a sweet, if deeply eccentric, underdog tale into a grandiose environmentalist vision for which the word epic is hardly sufficient—"cosmic" would be more like it.

I'd be tempted to say it's a one-of-a-kind movie, but as of this weekend, it's not. A major box-office hit and an Oscar-winner besides, *Happy Feet* could hardly fail to spawn a sequel, and here it is, some five years later.

In *Happy Feet Two*, Mumbles (voiced by Elijah Wood) has the penguins mixing some fancy footwork in with their stirring oratorios—the tiny feet often splashing in ominous melt-water—but alas his own son Erik, ironically enough, isn't much of a dancer.

Poor Erik runs away from the shame of this, accompanied by two loyal pals, and Mumbles heads off to find them.

While they're gone, a huge chunk of Antarctic ice collides with the rookery, sealing thousands of penguins, including Erik's Mom Gloria (voiced by Alecia Moore, aka Pink, replacing the late Brittany Murphy), off from the ocean.

So it's up to Mumbles, Erik and his friends to try to find a way to save them—from hunger, from marauding skuas, and from general despair. Their allies this time include the Latin-accented Adelie penguin Ramon (Robin Williams) and his colony, elephant seals, electric-guitar-playing human researchers and, albeit unwittingly, two nearly-microscopic krill (Brad Pitt and Matt Damon) who have broken away from their enormous swarm to strike out on their own existential search for identity.

There's also, of all birds, a puffin—named Sven, and voiced complete with Nordic accent by Hank Azaria—who has somehow found his way to the other end of the world. He's been mistaken for a penguin who can fly, which gives him the status of a sort of self-improvement spiritual leader.

In other words, like the first film, *Happy Feet Two* is another big helping of off-the-wall weirdness.

But also like the first film, it's funny and good-hearted, and the musical numbers—which, a la Bollywood, freely mix snatches of the *Rawhide* theme, grand opera and Queen and Bowie's "Under Pressure"—are thrilling, both in their relentless rhythms and in Miller's dazzling, undulating visual perspectives.

Miller's apparent purpose, this time, is to stave off the sense of despair that many of us feel over the seeming futility of individual action in the environmental struggle.

The moral which the movie asserts—it's also on the poster—is "Every Step Counts."

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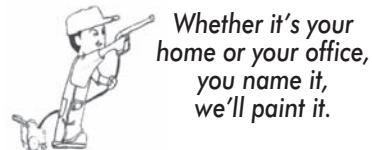
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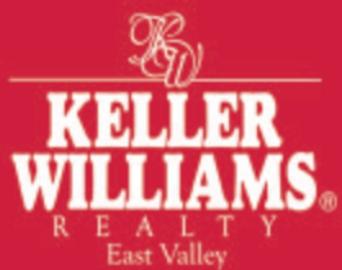
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