

African culture, religious influence growing

West Chandler experiences influx of entreprenurial initiative, priests, in nod to globalization



Traditional tribal dancers, joined by pint-sized members of the congregation, twirled their way through St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Chandler during a four-day conference that drew natives of Africa serving in the U.S. as priests, deacons and nuns. — Photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

International flavor replaces cotton fields

By Joyce Coronel

hen Dr. A. J. Chandler settled in the Arizona Territory in 1891, he couldn't have known that one day in the future, the city named for him would host a gathering of African-born clergy.

Chandler, one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S., reflects the advance of globalization as more and more residents hail from places like China, Iran, Venezuela,

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KMS welcomes new principal, embraces IB curriculum By Diana Nelson With new class options and the Kyrene disc

yrene Middle School is gaining momentum with its two-pronged turnaround mission—to improve scholastic ranking and validate its reputation in the community—under the leadership of newly appointed principal Julio Martinez.

Speaking with Wrangler News for a 2018-19 schoolyear forecast, Martinez stressed that the effort to guide KMS forward revolves around teamwork, which includes other district administrators, teachers and students, as well as input from parents, regarding changes that may be needed. With new class options and the Kyrene district's International Baccalaureate program in place for all students, the school definitely seems to resemble a locomotive on track and gaining steam.

The IB mission, as it is known, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

One example of how that took shape at the school was a "Pennies for Peace" project last winter when students launched a campaign to help less fortunate



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Observing Chandler's colorful past Event celebrates city's historical lore

he lore accompanying Chandler's colorful past may not be the stuff around which old-timers spun their tales. "ChandLore," it seems, is the exception.

From 8 to 5 on Saturday, Sept. 8, Historic Downtown Chandler will transport visitors back in time with a celebration of yesteryear, promising a "living history" experience through live character storytelling and music.

Among the cast of newly brought-back-tolife characters will be such notables as George T. Peabody, who in 1912 promoted up-and-coming Chandler as a booming metropolis of the future;

Irene "Animal Girl" Schroeder, a 1930s-era imitator of the Bonny and Clyde duo who became the first woman in America to die for her crimes in the electric chair;

Harriet "Flip" Fullerton, whose Stanford education and a life that included such friends as a young John F. Kennedy produced a woman of considerable social standing; and

Bill Swift, a pro boxing manager of the 1950s who shouldered the blame for Zora Folley not winning his title bout with Eddie Machen.

Those are some of the most flamboyant characters from the city's past who will magically reappear, but foremost among them will be a reconstituted Dr. A.J. Chandler, whose namesake city survived the rough-and-tumble days of yore—and the lore that accompanied them.

Stationed along Boston Street and San Marcos Place under a historic colonnade, actors from ImprovMania will bring these bygone characters to life.

David Specht, owner of Improv Mania, shares in the excitement of this new event:

"The ImprovMania cast is thrilled to portray these characters from Chandler's colorful history. This event will be educational, and should also be really fun."

Alongside the lively actors retelling their remarkable stories will be a variety of musical acts from a barbershop quartet to a banjo player performing songs from bygone days.

Downtown Chandler will also commemorate Chandler's founding year of 1912 by offering \$19.12 specials from participating businesses.

For a list of offerings and participating businesses go to www.downtownchandler.org.

Said Mary Murphy-Bessler, executive director of the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership:

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Vesely expands planning outreach

Kyrene Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely is broadening the district's reach to help gain insight, as well as input, into the process of strategizing initiatives for the coming years.

Strategic guidance for the newest program has been passed along to a group known as the Kyrene Community/ Superintendent Council, which joins two other community-based groups, one involving parents, the other comprised of business representatives.



Erin Helm, spokeswoman for the district, said the new CSC was established to provide community members and parents with an opportunity to "inform and direct the district's efforts to ensure that all students achieve their maximum potential to become the problem-solvers, creators and visionaries of tomorrow."

According to Helm, the work of the CSC

is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Kyrene Strategic Plan, "which calls for the promotion of an inclusive culture of respect, high expectations, collaboration and shared accountability for student success, and the creation of conditions and provision of resources necessary for student success."

A call for participation went out in April, with prospective representatives asked to complete a short application. Members were then selected based on their ability to reflect the diverse interests of gifted, special needs, Englishlanguage learners and students of different ethnic backgrounds.

In its first three meetings—in addition to a strategic plan—the council explored the findings and recommendations of a districtwide curriculum audit and information on the achievement gap in Kyrene.

Information on the definition of socialemotional learning and Kyrene's response to student needs in this area, as well as information on the multi-tiered system of supports provided in schools has been the topic of discussion among the group, according to Helm.

"I am excited about the work of this council and the feedback they will provide to guide our efforts to address issues of equity, the need for student social and emotional support and how we can bridge the achievement gap," said Vesely.

"I look to the council to be my focus group in helping us problem solve and create a vision for Kyrene that will address the needs of all of our students."



Christine Wilkinson at ceremonies celebrating her induction into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. — Photo courtesy Arizona State University

Long history of community work merits 35th Don Carlos Award

Christine Wilkinson, one of Tempe's most recognized community leaders, has yet another kudo added to a growing trove of distinctions: she has been named recipient of a coveted Don Carlos Humanitarian Award by the Tempe Community Council.

It is the organization's 35th year of making the award.

Wilkinson, senior vice president and secretary of Arizona State University, joined four other award recipients who will be recognized at a ceremony and dinner Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The award, presented in partnership with Salt River Project, honors individuals recognized for having made Tempe a better place to live through impactful and lasting work that addresses human service needs in the city.

It is said to be Tempe's most prestigious distinction.

Wilkinson has been a fixture in the community for decades, serving a wide range of organizations focused on education, healthcare, diversity, youth, special needs and more. From her work with the Tempe Salvation Army to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona to the American Red Cross, Wilkinson has time and again offered leadership, expertise and advocacy to improve the lives of others.

Last year, Wilkinson was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame as a Living Legacy.

"As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards, it is especially fitting that we honor Dr. Wilkinson and recognize her longtime contributions to Tempe, ASU and the larger Valley community," said Brandon Willey, board president of Tempe Community Council.

"Among her many achievements, Christine has remained devoted to education and reaching underserved individuals to help them achieve their potential. As important, she has not only offered her leadership but worked to foster leadership in others," Willey said. "TCC is proud to name Christine the 2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year."

The award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, who was known affectionately by Spanish-speaking pioneers as "Don Carlos." The award is known to embody Hayden's legacy and spirit.

To mark the 35th anniversary of the awards program, TCC introduced a new honor—the TCC Impact Award to recognize an individual, group or business doing good work in the community.

The two inaugural recipients of the Impact Award are:

Tempe First United Methodist Church and its Urban Outreach Ministry. The ministry program plays a vital role in the community serving people who are homeless by providing showers, clean clothing and hot meals. This work makes a difference in the lives of people in need every day.

Kay Wright. The longtime community volunteer is the founder of Women4Women Tempe, an organization that collects feminine hygiene products for low-income



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By Don Kirkland

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The reality confronting even small, hometownfocused papers like ours with being forced to increase our spending for newsprint, due in part to recently imposed import tariffs, has caused many of us to begin mapping plans for how to confront the challenges that likely lie ahead.

You don't have to look far for evidence of how rising paper costs are affecting the big dailies around the country.

The cover story on The New York Times' Aug. 10 Business section described how even local newspapers, some of them already under economic siege, have had to reduce staff, cut back on publication schedules or, in some cases, turn off the lights and shut the doors.

Fortunately, Wrangler News is small enough that none of those sad scenarios seems likely any time soon. However, at 3 in the morning if I happen to wake up thinking about the previous day's events, it's easy to let thoughts of disaster creep into my

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otherwise optimistic view of the world.

Let me be clear: We're doing just fine these days. In fact, even without any significant outside advertising-sales initiative, we manage to generate enough revenue to pay our printer, our writers, our photographers, our distribution crew and our

monthly lease, even with a little left for Joyce and me.

No, we can't make a claim to wealth, financially speaking, but I know we both feel rich in the rewards of a community that mostly appreciates what we do, enjoys the end product and believes that little hometown publications like ours add value and a sense of neighborhood

that doesn't exist in towns where the only news comes via the innards of one's cellphone.

However, to ignore altogether the effects rising newsprint costs might have on our longevity, I'd like to ask your help-assuming, of course, that you're one who agrees with our assessment over the value we bring to Tempe and Chandler and wants to see our efforts continue.

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Volunteers, visitors reminded of annual Sept. 11 observance

■ fforts in anticipation of Tempe Healing Field. the nation's longest-running Sept. 11, 2001 tribute event, get underway at 6 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, with a number of work projects due to be carried out on that initial day.

The actual observance, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11, features a massive display of American flags, one for each of the nearly 3,000 people who died as a result of the terrorist attacks.

Members of the public join neighbors, community leaders and public safety officers in a walk of remembrance through the field of flags.

Those wishing to participate as volunteers or to attend any of the days' activities may refer to the following schedule.

Friday, Sept. 8

6 a.m. – Preliminary setup at Tempe Beach Park. 6 p.m. - Freedom concert and patriotic songs at the park.

Monday, Sept. 11

5:46 a.m. — Memorial service begins. 7 p.m. — Candlelight vigil.

6 a.m. — Stand Down Healing Field and store for next year. Additionally, the American Red Cross will host on-site blood drives throughout the event. To make an appointment, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and use the search term "Exchange Tempe," or call 520-230-7295. Walk-ups are welcome. More information can be found on the Tempe Healing Field Facebook page.



Award

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and homeless women. Through Wright's vision and leadership, Women4Women partners with 16 organizations throughout the East Valley to distribute the products.

TCC will honor two final recipients.

Two other award recipients also were named: Frank Quijada, as recipient of the Volunteer Award, and Tatum Stolworthy, who received the Young Humanitarian Scholarship and Award.

Quijada has dedicated time and energies to serving the community through his work at the nonprofit Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which provides such services as transportation, basic home and yard maintenance and friendly visits for senior citizens. He began volunteering as a driver and now serves as special programs coordinator.

Stolworthy, a Corona del Sol High School senior, has been involved in numerous leadership roles at school and her church. Following the suicides of several classmates at Corona, she founded the Aztec Strong Club on campus to provide peer support for students.

The 35th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards ceremony will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 26 at the PERA Club in Tempe. To purchase tickets and sponsorships, call 480-858-2300 or visit www. tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos.

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KMS

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students overseas.

As the school year gets underway, KMS is adopting IB's Middle Years Programme, in which IB curriculum offers students a rigorous academic framework that encourages them to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

Currently, in the Tempe Union High School District, only Tempe High School offers an IB program. Other schools, such as Corona and Marcos, continue to offer Advanced Placement and community college, dualenrollment courses.

Kyrene students began learning through IB methodologies starting with the 2017-18 school year. With the program now in its second year, the school expects its application to be fully authorized by 2019-20.

Within the new IB structure, Martinez said, KMS continues to offer a College Preparatory Program that includes advanced curriculum in math and language arts, along with accelerated, in-depth learning in social studies and science.

Additionally, the school's dual-language program supports students who have been part of a similar program in elementary school, explained Martinez.

Social studies, science and Spanish that are taught in Spanish formed the foundation for a 60-40 model of immersion instruction. As students matriculate to the 8th grade, they will participate in a community project and have an opportunity for travel to a Spanish-speaking country.

With more academic choices, Martinez said, KMS plans to prepare its students to be ready for advanced educational choices and career readiness. Just a few years ago, the school's academic ranking dipped to a C grade,



Julio Martinez: A new vision for KMS. - Wrangler News photo

which caused concern among the community.

KMS is one of six middle schools in the Kyrene district to educate 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Of the other five in Kyrene's combined Tempe-West Chandler-Ahwatukee area, three earned an "A"— Akimel A-al, Altadeña and Pueblo. The remaining two—Aprende and Centennial earned a "B."

Most educators agree that school rankings are just a point-in-time snapshot of students' performance on standardized tests, measuring mainly math and language arts. "We certainly have the potential to be on the A-list," said Martinez—"and that is what we aim to accomplish."

Added the new principal with apparently customary optimism:

"In my opinion, we have many positives at KMS. Our

dual-language program is growing; now we have classes in the Mandarin Chinese language in addition to sign language," said Martinez.

KMS offers students more than just academic choices, too: it provides a range of choices in clubs, sports, theatre and other extracurricular activities, all designed to provide a well-rounded educational experience for all, says Martinez.

"We are even growing our mariachi music program. Last year there were about 30 students; this year, we have 80 students signed up," he said.

According to Martinez, this also is reflective of some of the cultural changes in enrollment at the school, which includes a racially diverse student body.

"We are proud of our diversity at KMS and consider it a strength," said Martinez, who began his 24-year career in education as a teacher; during the last six of those years, he served as a principal.

Prior to coming to the Kyrene district, he was an elementary-school principal in the Scottsdale Unified School District. He was attracted to KMS, he said, because it offered career growth, as he has been a principal and teacher in elementary and high school.

Originally from Tucson, Martinez eventually relocated to New Mexico, ultimately returning to Arizona to be closer to family. He earned two masters degrees along the way one in educational administration, the other in bilingual/ multicultural education, which will serve him well at KMS.

He is also certain that KMS's students and teachers are heading in the right direction to improve scores in the next testing cycle. In addition to targeted interventions in reading, math and English Language Learners, KMS students are building computer and writing skills, according to Martinez.

Enrollment numbers are steady from last year, but he says he expects an increase in the next few years due to more students currently enrolled in the fifth grade in feeder schools in the district.

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Profile

Hip replacement not out of the question for advanced-age patients



Dr. Andrew Wellman, an orthopedic surgeon based in West Chandler, pals around with 'Bones,' an officemate who helps show patients around the joint, as it were. - Wrangler News photo by Joyce Coronel

By Deborah Hilcove

r. Andrew S. Wellman leans back in his chair, surrounded by a wall of books. Photographs of architecture and brilliant-colored fish suggest his photography and scuba diving hobbies. Soft music plays. A life-size skeleton nicknamed "Bones" stands in a corner, wearing a rakishly perched, plaid driving cap.

A single glance confirms the wideranging panorama of how the West Chandler orthopedic surgeon, affiliated with Arizona Orthopaedic Surgical Specialists, sees the world around him.

There's more: A pair of pale green, translucent jellyfish—marine creatures lacking bones—float aimlessly in a small aquarium, their tentacles trailing gracefully.

"They remind me how peaceful places still exist in the world," Wellman says.

says. "They tend to relax people in the office, as well as me."

Born in London, raised in New York City, fluent in French and Spanish, Wellman was educated at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara.

He entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps and was stationed at the Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, studying cardiology.

However, he says he discovered

a "keen attraction" for the operating room, which seemed "like a sandbox, filled with wonderful toys." He "switched boats," he noted, and began studying orthopedic surgery.

"The Army has a crackerjack program," he says, "and it was a fabulous experience. I have nothing but gratitude for the U.S. Army."

Upon finishing his medical studies with a promotion to major, Wellman was invited by an Army friend to join his surgical practice in Arizona.

That was 34 years ago, and today, among other procedures, Wellman treats carpal tunnel syndrome, rotator cuff injuries, fractures, occupational and sports injuries, as well as joint problems.

In fact, he says, with winter visitors and several retirement communities nearby in Chandler and Tempe, many of his surgeries are hip replacements for older people—and now for aging baby boomers.

The predominance of total hip replacements tallies with reports from The Center for Disease Control, showing chances of a hip fracture increase with age.

In 2016 the CDC reported more than 300,000 Americans over the age of 65 were hospitalized for THR surgery.

Some of the surgeries resulted from bone and joint diseases like osteoporosis, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

However, the CDC estimates 95 percent of all hip replacements are caused by falling. Of this figure, women suffer three of every four hip fractures, often worsened by osteoporosis.

An indication of the possible need for surgery includes chronic pain. If the problem is not an injury, then weight loss, pain medications and physical therapy may be prescribed.

If these don't help, surgery may be the next option.

A total hip replacement requires the head of the femur, or thigh bone, and its socket to be replaced. Imagine doubling your fist and fitting it into the cup of your other hand.

The cupped hand is like the socket, or shell. The fist and forearm resemble the ball joint and femur, the long bone connecting the hip to the knee.

Wellman describes the ball joint as "smooth, like a cue ball. With disease and wear, however, it begins to resemble a cauliflower."

An X-ray can show the severity of the worn joint.

Wellman notes that he was classically trained and, although knowledgeable of minimally invasive and robot-assisted techniques, he prefers "to make an elegant incision, large enough to see clearly, and then peel back the layers [of tissue] to work."

The diseased portion is scraped away, leaving healthy bone.

Once inside, he can select the appropriate shell and ceramic ball joint. The stem fits into the marrow of the femur.

Both the shell and part of the femoral stem have microscopic "honeycombed" surfaces, allowing the bone to grow into the prosthetics and enhance stability.

Within a day of surgery, a patient will receive assistance to move and will be discharged within three to five days. Recovery will include physical therapy, and a normal lifestyle can usually be resumed within months.

Notes Wellman:

"There is always a choice [about having the surgery]. If a patient has tried weight loss and appropriate medication, yet still suffers constant pain, then surgery can be a lifechanging event.

"However, it alone will not change your life. Life is what you make it. If a person has a healthy lifestyle, yet is impaired, then surgery can be a wonderful option. It is liberating."

His next surgery involves a 91-yearold lady. Wellman says she is a prime candidate for THR and has very few medical problems.

Until recently, she swam and walked daily, but pain has increased, and she's unable to sleep. Instead of being angry, Wellman says, "She's annoyed.

She wonders, 'How dare my body betray me!'"

Patients like that, he says, "take a grip on life, mentally and physically. They're the best candidates. Because they've approached life that way, typically there's no fat on their bodies, and that makes the surgery outcome better.

A patient's lifestyle reflects the required determination to rehabilitate, return to a normal life."

"I take great pride in making this [replacement] as perfect as I can," he says.

Most patients, when asked postrehabilitation how they feel about the surgery, respond, "If I could go back in time, I'd change my lifestyle, 20-30 years ago, and avoid this."

Other patients who have successfully returned to an active life, enthuse, "I wish I'd done it five years ago!"

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Crosswalk boosts safety for users of canal pathway

By Omar Soussi

e've all been there: You're driving your kids to school and you're a bit late to work, too. As long as the traffic on your usual path is manageable, you'll all get there on time.

As you're driving down Warner Road, though, you see something new on the street: a crosswalk just a smidge east of Kyrene Road.

According to city of Tempe Traffic Engineer Julian Dresang, via email, the decision to put a crosswalk there came after it "was identified in the Tempe Transportation Master Plan (adopted by City Council in January 2015) as a location for an improved at-grade crossing."

Dresang said that the request for a marked crosswalk came from residents in the area. He also mentioned that residents were involved in the "development of the Tempe Transportation Master Plan, which included this project."

Added Dresang:

"Because this was a very small project with minimal impact to drivers and safety benefits for path users, there were not public meetings. I don't recall specific feedback from any local bicyclistadvocacy groups on this project, however historically they are strong supporters of any improvements to safety for pathway users."

After they identified the location, they had to figure out the best way to tackle this situation. Because "Warner (Road) is an arterial street with high speeds and high volumes of traffic," Dresang said he didn't "feel comfortable merely installing a painted crosswalk."

After analyzing the traffic data and looking over many studies, they had a solution.

"Traffic Engineering staff ultimately determined that, under current conditions, the best option would be a crosswalk with a pedestrian crossing island. There have been numerous studies showing that pedestrian crossing islands improve safety, Dresang noted.

Pedestrian crossing islands allow users to cross half the roadway at a time, so they only have to wait for a break or "gap" in traffic for one direction at a time. "The islands also help reinforce to motorists that they should expect to see pedestrians and bicyclists crossing at that location."

The crosswalk and any necessary appurtences were completed in June 2016, with the cost more or

Crosswalk

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less in line with the \$50,000 of any similar installation that involves a median pedestrian island.

This crosswalk isn't the only one of its kind in Tempe, as most people would know driving around the city. Currently, there are 13 completed crossings within the canal system in Tempe, six under construction and one in design.

Each is designed to help create a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians, say officials.

Also in So. Tempe, a new signalized HAWK crossing at Western Canal and Priest (Divot Drive alignment) is being designed. The HAWK crossing at Western Canal and Priest is part of a larger path project connecting the existing Western Canal path to the future Highline Canal path (currently under construction. The total cost of the project is around \$1million, with about \$300,000 of that cost going towards the signalized crossing at Priest.

The Tempe City Council recently voted unanimously to adopt a Vision Zero policy, the first (and currently only) city in Arizona to do so. Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy that takes an ethical approach toward achieving safety for all road users.

The goal is to achieve a reduction in the number of fatal and serious injury crashes to zero in Tempe, because, say Tempe officials, no loss of life is acceptable.

According to the city's website, more than 60 people have lost their lives on Tempe streets and more than 400 have been seriously injured due to traffic accidents during the last six years.



A crosswalk on Warner Road just east of Kyrene Road forms part of a network of similar installations, including some with flashing signals, along the Western Canal in Tempe.

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Africa

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Ireland and Africa. The smorgasbord of cultures lends an international flavor to an area that not so many years ago was chiefly known for cotton farms and ostriches.

On the heels of the recent debut of an eatery in South Tempe featuring West African cuisine, the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States held its 19th annual conference in Chandler.

Attended by 43 priests, three deacons and 16 nuns all natives of Africa—the event was an opportunity for participants to support each other in their ministry here in the U.S.

The Rev. Robert Aliunzi, pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, welcomed the visitors with a nod to the ferocious desert temperatures endemic to August:

"I am so humbled that you chose to come and hold this very important conference here in our city, moreover at a time we are enjoying the best of our summer weather of three digits."

Aliunzi also acknowledged the need for a regular gathering of African-born missionaries. In years past, African clergy serving in Arizona expressed frustrations arising from the "cultural and social challenges they were facing in their ministry in this cross-cultural, multicultural and supra-cultural fast-paced dynamics of our society."

From unfamiliar food to linguistic hurdles and loneliness, for many African missionaries, serving in a foreign land was a steep challenge.

"Many times, many of us did not have the needed support system to cope up with these challenges," Aliunzi said. In 2011, they formed an organized group of African clergy serving in Arizona which then linked arms with the national Nancy Welton has known Aliunzi since he first came to Arizona 14 years ago. She said at first, the congregation at her church struggled understanding the accents of

organization of ACCCRUS.

the African-born priests. "Keep in mind, the queen's English is taught over there," Welton said. "Assimilating into American slang and pronunciation is not easy. Most of these priests speak multiple languages."

"I took the time to listen to the cadence of their voices and had no problem with them at all."

Currently, there are 26 African Catholic priests serving in the Phoenix metro area, including 14 from Nigeria, five from Ghana, three from Uganda, three from Tanzania and one from South Sudan.

Why are so many coming from Africa? The answer is mostly in the numbers.

The Rev. Aniedi Okure, who gave the keynote address at the conference, noted:

"The percentage of Catholics who hail from Sub-Saharan Africa has jumped from less than 1 percent in 1910 to 16 percent in 2010." Not only that, but a "staggering number of African Catholics, religious, priests and homegrown vocations" exists, he said. The continent that once received scores of missionaries from across Europe is now sending missionaries forth.

The four-day gathering of African clergy in Chandler focused on a theme of "A Global Church in a Globalized World: The implications for the Church in Africa."

Meanwhile, Kwesi, owner of Jollof King, the new West-African restaurant in nearby So. Tempe, says he hopes the eatery's menu will introduce area diners to a cuisine they may not have tried before. From okra stew to fufu and banku, Jollof's offerings are yet another glimpse of globalization's impact on residents of West Chandler











Colors of Africa

Young girls dressed as nuns, clockwise from upper left, sit quietly inside St. Andrew Catholic Church following their dance performance at the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States; Kemi Ndolo and his son Caius, both wearing traditional Nigerian attire, stroll through the courtyard at the Chandler church; the Rev. Innocent Eziefule poses for a selfie with Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares of the Phoenix diocese; and the Rev. Robert Aliunzi, pastor of St. Andrew's, welcomes attendees to the national conference.

- Photo feature by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



Corona's badminton team has been working hard to be ready for the competition in its first match of the season, Aug. 24. Winning early in the season should be a step in the right direction toward meeting the team's goal of finishing the season in the top four. Bottom row from left: Neha Mangipudi, Eileen Li, Hannah McCarley, Mahima Mishra, Savanna Hair, Anvitha Doddipalli; Middle row: Jada Wendling, Arianna Tammaro, Megan Ireland, Alex Reeve, Tatum Coble, Anna Morrow; Top row: Taylor Kolling, Jordan Thorpe, Brennan Agnew, Katie Carroll, Karthika Krishna, Danielle Mealer. Not pictured: Lee Herndon and Lexie Rangel. — *Photo courtesy Darren Ridge*

The Corona del Sol swim and dive team will be having its annual fund-raising car wash from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 1. Donations will help to fund swim/dive meets, equipment, meet entries and travel expenses. The site will be the 7-11 on the southeast corner of Kyrene and Warner. Music will be featured and coupons for Bahama Bucks and Fractured Prune will be handed out. This is always a great community event and an excellent way to support student athletes.





Four starters among team's top six players boost Aztecs' hopes for a state title berth

Corona's badminton team has its sights set on going deep into the Division I state tournament this season after returning four starters of the top six players, including one who finished third at the state tournament last year.

"Our goal, like all teams, is to win the state championship," said coach **Darren Ridge**. "We believe we have the talent to finish in the top four (last year we finished fifth in the last power point rankings before state) heading into team state tournament."

Altogether, Corona returns eight players from last season's varsity team. **Brennan Agnew, Katie Carroll, Karthika Krishna** and **Eileen Li** are the four returning starters, with **Danielle Mealer, Lee Herndon, Lexie Rangel** and **Hannah McCarley** rounding out the top eight.

Besides these eight, most of those

who came out this year for badminton are first-year players, according to Ridge.

"The older, veteran players are phenomenal role models and the younger players are eager to learn and get better," said Ridge. "We, as coaches, love working with these players."

Corona's first badminton match is Aug. 23.

The coaches are expecting a lot from their returning starters to get them off on the right track quickly. A quick start is especially important if the Aztecs hope to be part of the top four at the end of the season. A higher ranking at that time increases their chances of going further in the state tournament.

"We need to rely on our top four, Brennan, Eileen, Katie and Karthika to be competitive and push each other,"

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said Ridge. "So far they have not disappointed. In our competitions for position, these four have been outstanding."

"We expect Brennan, who finished third in singles at state last year, to have a strong year," said Ridge, "but we also expect Eileen, Katie and Karthika to excel in their singles and doubles matches."

Currently, **Anna Morrow** and **Hannah McCarley**, round out the top six, according to Ridge.

Only the top six get to compete against other teams in the matches and tournaments. There are competitions or ladders, as they're known, within the team practices, where a player can move up into the top six and get a chance to compete against other teams.

"We honestly expect all our players to compete and push each other," said Ridge. "Week in and week out we expect great competition during ladders, and we wouldn't be surprised to see some JV players giving it a good shot to crack into the varsity lineup."

Every season the varsity team needs to replace players lost to graduation. The players usually come from the previous year's JV team, but not always.

"We get new players that bring good energy and talent to our teams every year," said Ridge. "For instance, **Mahima Mishra**, a freshman who has some badminton experience and currently is our number one JV player. She could end up challenging for a top six spot on varsity plus we also have returning players Lee Herndon and Lexi Rangel who have worked hard in the off-season and improved."

Ridge is also excited to have six softball players join the team this season.

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"Our coaches are firm believers in multi-sport

athletes, so we are so excited to have softball players Jada Wending, Jordan Thorpe, Arianna Tammaro, Alexandra Reeve, Megan Ireland and Taylor Kolling," said Ridge. "They have come in and done a great job early on. We expect they will continue to work and improve as the season progresses."

"New to the team and badminton as well are **Tatum Coble, Savanna Hair** and **Neha Mangipudi**," said Ridge. "We look forward to seeing them grow this year."

Although team captains have not been determined, Ridge expects the triad of Brennan Agnew, Katie Carroll, and Karthika Krishna to take on those leadership roles.

The main strength of this team in attaining their goal of finishing as one of the top four Division I teams in the state, according to Ridge, is the competitive drive of this year's players.

"These players are eager to learn, and strive to get better at every practice," said Ridge.

The fact that Corona has a dedicated coach and two qualified assistants, **Colleen Ridge** and **Marin Ridge**, who, for the second year in a row, have been working to develop a competitive badminton program that can be sustained year after year.

Corona's first match will be Aug. 23 at Liberty starting at 4 p.m. Then the Aztecs play in their first tournament, the Flying Feathers, at Highland High School on Aug. 24 starting at noon.

The Aztecs have one more away match on Aug. 28 at Skyline, starting at 3:30, before playing at home Aug. 29 against Pinnacle; Sept. 4 against Mountain Ridge; and Sept, 5 against Perry. All home matches start at 3:30 p.m. while most away matches start at 4:00 p.m.

McClintock Football

Charger football fans and players are liking what head coach **Corbin Smith** has done to start resurrecting McClintock's football program in only his second year.

Smith, the son of former University of Arizona head coach Larry Smith, is determined to make McClintock football something to be proud of again—a program that is steeped in tradition but built with character, class and toughness.

Smith started last season by changing the culture and getting the players and parents to buy into his approach.

He took over a program that had not had a winning season since 2006 and gave the players and fans hope, as well as something to start feeling proud of: a 6-4 record his first season.

The closest the Chargers had come to a winning season for years was a 5-5 record in 2013. They had not had a winning season since 2006 when they went 6-5.

Smith did not stop at the end of the football season. He organized spring practices, worked on getting players to lift weights during the summer and planned a summer football camp for the team in July.

For the McClintock community, he organized events such as McClintock's 2nd annual Big Man and 7-on-7 Fire Fighter/Police Competition in June at McClintock for first responders, with families invited

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to watch and eat at the free BBO.

Earlier this month, Smith, put on a clinic for women called Football 101 at the school open to all women who wanted to learn about football. The woman who attended not only learned about football history, player equipment, football terms, kicking game, offensive positions, formations and schemes, defensive positions, formations and schemes, along with officiating, but were served a brunch by the Charger football players.

Now that the football season has started, Smith has not let up on resurrecting McClintock's football program. He is working on the mindset of establishing a winning tradition with memories from the past when McClintock had an elite football program known across the Valley for its season after season success.

Smith has invited football coaching legend, **Karl Keifer**, back to McClintock to be honored before the Sept. 7 home game against Phoenix Central.

Keifer, the only football coach McClintock knew from 1965 until he left to open Mountain Pointe's football program in 1991, guided the Chargers through winning season after winning season in the 1970s and throughout the '80's when McClintock won three 5A state championships.

In 1977, the Chargers were undefeated at 14-0 for the first 5A state championship. In 1982 they won their second 5A championship with a 12-2 record and then their third championship was in 1989 with a 13-2 record.

In 1983, McClintock was also runner-up to Mesa Mountain View with an 11-3 record.

Kiefer, who is in the Arizona HS Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, was at one time the winningest coach in Arizona history with 309 wins, 138 losses and three tie games in his 40 years as a high school football coach. He is currently one of the top five winningest coaches in Arizona high school history.

The Chargers first game this season is a non-conference game at Maricopa on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

The chargers have 70 players on their preseason roster including senior quarterback **Cordell Colter** who was the main quarterback last season with 77 completions for 1053 yards and four touchdowns.

Unfortunately, the Chargers are going to have to rely on players who lack varsity game experience to step up and catch Colter's passes or take his handoffs to rush for yardages because all but one of the main receivers and all the leading rushers were seniors in 2017.

That is except wide receiver **William Roberts** who was the leading receiver last season with 22 catches for 326 years and one touchdown. **Ryan Waldrop** is the only other returning wide receiver who played last season.

The leading rushers and scorers for the McClintock last season all graduated. For instance, **Tyrese Green** had 234 carries for 1551 yards and 20 touchdowns and **Dylan McMonigal** had 65 carries for 367 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Chargers were heavily loaded with seniors last season on defense as well. The only exception was defensive end **Quincy Singleton**, who was the fourth leading tackler with 16 solo, 48 assists or 64 total tackles and three quarterback sacks last season.

The leading tacklers on the team last season were both seniors: McMonigal with 93 total tackles followed by **Marcus Johnson** with 91 total tackles and eight quarterback sacks.

Additional seniors slotted into the preseason roster this season include running backs **Kelly Sullivan** and **Glenn Jones** and offensive and defensive tackles **Kevin Hill, Cheyn Sanders, Jacob Jorgenson** and **Benjamin Hepworth**.

Several juniors on this season's team gained some valuable varsity experience last season which may help McClintock on both offense and defense.

These players include wide receiver Bryce Tate, slotback Estevan Fraijo, middle linebacker Daniel Zuniga, running back JT Trujillo, offensive lineman Kobe Hernandez, center Raul Ruiz, defensive tackles Davieon Center and Andres Valenzuela and tight ends Braden Coleman and Kurtis Morgan.

The Chargers play in the 5A Northeast Valley section with Cactus Shadows, North Canyon, Desert Mountain, Horizon, Notre Dame and Paradise Valley.

After playing at Maricopa on Aug. 17, McClintock will play at home against Marcos de Niza on Aug. 24 and then at Tempe on Aug. 31. The Chargers' next game will be at home on Sept. 7 against Central.

The Sept. 7 game will be broadcast live on the High School Sports Network at https://www. nfhsnetwork.com/events/azpreps365/ gam586e5ecc9a?maxpreps=desktop_ teamschedule.

A monthly pass is \$9.95.

Diversions with M.V. Moorhead

Tempe Center for the Arts hosts 1st appearance of Black Theatre Troupe

lack Theatre Troupe opens the 2018-19 season with its first D production of The Wiz, the rock and soul version of The Wizard of Oz.

Performances run at Tempe Center for the Arts from Sept. 28 through Oct. 14, marking the first time the acclaimed company has performed in the venue.

Tickets, at \$38, are available at www.blacktheatretroupe.org or www.tempecenterforthearts.com. The production infuses L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz with a mix of rock, gospel and soul music.

The show is directed by David Hemphill with musical direction by Brenda Hankins and choreography by Lauran Stanis. The cast includes Ashley Jackson as Dorothy; Tyree Ballard as the Scarecrow; Pierre

Brookins as the Lion; Frederick Alphonso as the Tin Man; and George Johnson as The Wiz.

Debuting on Broadway in 1975, The Wiz marked a milestone on the Great White Way as one of an impressive number of productions with all black casts. The production went on to garner a number of Broadway's coveted Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Featured Actor in a Musical (Ted Ross), Best Featured Actress in a Musical, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Best Costume Design, Best Choreography, Best Direction of a Musical and Best Book of a Musical.

At the beginning of the long hot summer of 1970, a city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Helen Katherine Mason, noticed the distinct absence of one rich

Aug. 22 cutoff to register for youth talent competition

Test Chandler and other Valley youth interested in showcasing their talents for cash prizes have until Wednesday, Aug. 22, to enter Chandler's Youth Talent Competition, planned for Friday, Sept. 7.

The competition, to be held at Chandler Community Center, is open to youth between the ages of eight and 12, including actors, bands, comedians, dancers, musicians, singers and spoken-word artists.

Cost is \$30 for each performing act. An in-person audition is required.

and resonant voice within the arts communities of the Valley and the state of Arizona. She dedicated herself

"We are looking forward to another great evening of acts with our youth," said Trevor Groth, a recreation coordinator at the Chandler Community Center.

"We're excited to see what our new competitors will bring to the show this year, and seeing what our returning competitors have improved upon."

To sign up online, visit chandleraz.gov/registration, using code 4YT045; contact trevor.groth@ chandleraz.gov; or call 480-782-2730.

Participants also must submit a Youth Talent Registration Form, which can be found online at chandleraz.gov/youth-talentcompetition.

The first-place performance in each category will receive a cash prize. The public is invited to attend. General admission tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Dog lovers likely to find heart in appealing 'Alpha'

By M.V. Moorhead

This new adventure isn't just a Boy and his Dog story, it's THE Boy and his Dog story. The original Boy and his Dog story.

It's the seed from which grew Lassie, and Snoopy, and Scooby-Doo.

Well, OK, really it's a Boy and his Wolf story.

It's set thousands of years ago, on hilly grasslands, among people who chip stones into spearheads, stampede buffalo off of cliffs, and revere their ancestors.

Mammoths, wooly rhinos and saber-toothed felines are part of the local fauna.

Separated from his tribe and injured during a bison hunt disaster, an adolescent, Keda (Kodi Smit-McPhee), befriends a wolf.

As they travel together, we see the beginnings of all that will follow:

The first fetched stick, the first whistle, the first invaded bed, the first guilt-inducing stare while you're trying to eat.

Directed by Albert Hughes (half of

the Hughes Brothers team that made Menace II Society back in the '90s), from a screenplay by Daniele Sebastian Weidenhaupt, Alpha tries for some paleontological and anthropological authenticity.

The people speak a (subtitled) language, presumably invented for the movie, though a phrase that sounded like "cara mi" (for "my friend") kept reminding me of "cara mia," a favorite Italian endearment of Gomez Addams for his beloved Morticia.

Alpha's original title was The Solutrean, referring to the tool-makers of Western Europe in the Paleolithic. The change seems wise, not only because Alpha is less obscure but because the Boy/Wolf bonding tale is the true core of the picture.

Inevitably, this story is harsher than the average contemporary kids movie animals die, blood is shed.

But it's only a little harsher. Our hero Keda is given a sensitive nature that seems distinctly modern; his mother says that he "leads with the



heart." He's reluctant to kill, even in a hunt, and it's this that leads him to take pity on the wounded wolf, even though the creature was part of the pack that had just tried to kill him.

Thus Alpha is, perhaps, not only an origin story for the beginnings of domesticated animals, but for the beginning of thinking outside the box.

In any case, despite a plot full of questionable lucky breaks and softened edges, the movie works.

Briefly, I thought it might have a Dog of Flanders-type ending, but Hughes and Weidenhaupt manage a final twist that I admit I didn't see coming.

The delicate-featured Smit-McPhee, who played Viggo Mortensen's generous-hearted little son in 2009's *The Road*, has just the right callow yet otherworldly look and manner for his role.

He's only upstaged by the wolf, an uncommonly handsome beast who is credited under the name "Chuck."

The cutaways to the canine's interested but skeptical facial expressions seem to connect with the audience every time, and it's touching when the homesick Alpha joins in the howling of a distant pack.

Those of us to whom pets in general, and dogs in particular, are one of the great joys in life may find our imaginations especially stirred by Alpha.

The human innovation depicted here, however simplified and romanticized, was one of the chief reasons our species thrived, and certainly a big part of what makes our lives worthwhile.

Alpha is rated PG-13 and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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Check out Chandler's Dynamic New Website



The City of Chandler recently completed an extensive redesign and restructuring of its website, chandleraz.gov – a project which greatly increases the site's functionality, visual appeal and information sharing capabilities.

New and returning chandleraz.gov visitors will see larger and more colorful imagery showcasing some of the best events, attractions, services, businesses and people of Chandler. The new chandleraz.gov includes more video content and integrates the City's latest news releases and social media communications into several areas of the site.

A more prominent **SEARCH** bar on the home page, combined with a more robust site search capability, will help visitors quickly find what they are seeking. The site design is optimized for mobile devices, which account for nearly 50 percent of all traffic on the site. In 2017, chandleraz.gov averaged nearly 570,000 visitors every month.

Intuitive navigation menus are easy to use, and four main navigation tabs are organized according to who is visiting, why they are visiting and what specific information or service they are seeking.

Whether you're a resident, visiting from out of state, or thinking about moving here, the **EXPLORE** menu highlights much of what makes our community a great place to live, work or play. Special events, parks, recreational amenities, museums, galleries and more are found here.

The most common services and programs sought by the people who make Chandler their home are easily accessed through the **RESIDENTS** menu, including: utility services, water resources, public safety, transportation, and trash and recycling services.

Whether you are an established Chandler business, looking to start a business here, or want to move your business to our community, check out the BUSINESS menu for information on economic development efforts, planning, zoning, taxes, downtown development and more.

And the day-to-day operations of the municipal organization are found under the **GOVERNMENT** menu, including the budget, boards and commissions, election information and City leadership.

There is much more to discover on the new chandleraz.gov. Check it out and share your feedback with us using the CONTACT link at the top of any page.

Get ready to vote in the Aug. 28 Chandler Primary Election

The City of Chandler 2018 Primary Election will be held for the purposes of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers; and for the consideration of Proposition 408 - Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option). Visit chandleraz.gov/elections to review key information about voting in Chandler, including early voting, polling places and what to do if you're registered as an Independent. #VoteChandler

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2018 Primary Election Key Dates

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- n, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 884-0336
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Chandler Chamber adds Toastmasters

West Chandler business folks who've agonized over the times they needed to tell their story in front of an audience can now get some welcome guidance to overcome any such fears.

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host a meeting of a new Chandler Chamber Toastmasters Club at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Chamber office.

At the Aug. 28 session, attendees will see how a typical Toastmasters meeting is run, learn about the benefits and value of being a Toastmasters member, discuss the charter process and have a chance to submit their applications for membership.

Meetings will be held at 7 a.m. every first, third and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit organization designed to help individuals become better communicators through leadership training and public speaking, an opportunity now available to Chamber members and the public.

As part of the process, those attending the sessions will learn skills to combat the fear of public speaking, build confidence, sharpen leadership abilities, improve improvisation and expand one's network.

Said chamber spokeswoman Paulette Pacioni: "Nothing will improve your presentation skills more than practice, practice, practice. Engaging in public speaking opportunities whenever possible gives people an increased command of their delivery impact.

"Joining a Toastmasters Club is an invaluable opportunity to practice public speaking skills regularly in a safe, supportive environment." Information: 480-963-4571 or info@ chandlerchamber.com.

Diversity dialog stressed in new city group

Tempe Talks, a diversity dialog program, is seeking applicants to participate in a series of meetings designed to foster the exchange of community thoughts on diversity issues, cultural tolerance and inclusion.

Applicants have until noon Monday, Sept. 17, to register.

The program comprises a collaboration of the city of Tempe's Strategic Management and Diversity Office and Tempe Human Relations Commission, as well as Tempe Union High School District.

Progressing from its start 19 years ago, the program is designed to promote a better understanding of self, community and ways in which to improve the climate for diversity in Tempe.

Applications for both teen and adult groups are being accepted.

During the six weekly discussion sessions, groups are led by trained volunteer facilitators in discussing diversity issues. The facilitators don't act as experts in anything but facilitation. There are no formal lectures; members of the group are expected to learn from one another.

Over the course of the discussions, it is expected that the group will develop relationships and tackle more and more difficult issues.

All participants will receive certificates of completion, and the teens participating will receive letters accounting for community service hours. The Diversity Dialogues group will meet on consecutive Mondays from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library.

Dinner is provided every session at 5:30. The dates of the fall program are Sept. 17 and 24, and Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29. There is no session on Oct. 8 during fall break week. Participants must commit to attend all six sessions. There is no cost to participate. Information: 480-350-8979.

Lauren Kuby to host Aug. 25 session

Tempe Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby will host community hours at the Tempe Public Library's Connections Cafe the last Saturday of each month, starting with an informal session from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

"Our residents have the best ideas," said Kuby. "I want to hear from them. Being at the library makes it easier for people to stop by and have a conversation." Kuby will have an open table so people can sit and share ideas, concerns and neighborhood issues.

There is no formal program, rather an opportunity for residents to spend time with the vice mayor and talk about what is important to them. Tempe Public Library is at 3500 S. Rural Road.



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A MESSAGE FOR OUR READERS ... We're on vacation (sort of, anyway)

We've arrived at another one of our semi-annual week-long breaks, and, believe us, it's a welcome breather from the usual backbreaking routine we experience throughout the year. So if you try to reach us Monday-Friday, Aug. 20-24, we'll likely be out of the office Not to worry, though. We'll be back at full speed starting at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27.

SEE YOU THEN!



Around town

Tempe among places best to retire

With only 17 percent of Americans reporting they are "very confident" they will have enough money for retirement, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's Best & Worst Places to Retire as well as accompanying videos.

Tempe ranks 10th among more than 180 U.S. cities.

To help Americans plan for a comfortable retirement without breaking the bank, WalletHub compared cities across 46 key measures of affordability, quality of life, health care and availability of recreational activities.

The data set ranges from cost of living to retired taxpayer-friendliness to share of the population aged

65 and older.

Retirement- Friendliness of Tempe (1=Best; 91=Avg.): 57th – Adjusted Cost of Living; 81st – Annual Cost of In-Home Services; **73rd** – % of Employed Population Aged 65 & Older; 25th - 'Mild Weather' Ranking; 1st – Public Golf Courses per Capita.

Humana hiring 50 employees

Humana Inc. is hiring more than 50 full-time employees this month at its Humana Pharmacy call center in South Tempe. Open positions include patient care coordinator and inbound contacts representative positions.

Interviews are being held through Aug. 27, so candidates are encouraged to apply soon.

Patient care coordinators work directly with critically ill members to assist with specialty medication refills, including working with the member's health care provider's office. This role requires working on Saturdays.

Inbound contacts representatives respond to both inbound and outbound customer needs including assisting with medication refills, resolving issues, and educating members on their pharmacy benefits.

The positions are full-time, permanent roles and include a full comprehensive benefits package. Other benefits include paid volunteer time off, tuition reimbursement, and walking work stations.

To apply, candidates should visit Careers. Humana.com and search requisitions R-203342 for the Patient Care Coordinator positions and R-202700 for the Inbound Contacts Representative positions.



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Caliente Construction celebrated completion and ribbon cutting ceremonies Aug. 8 for a \$10 million Chandler Public Safety Training Center. The newly constructed 29,130-squarefoot, two-story masonry building includes a 250-seat auditorium with a wheelchair lift, lobby and elevator, as well as class, fitness, defensive-tactics, driving, weapons simulation and locker rooms, as well as other facilities.



For a schedule of our holiday programming, visit nefeshsoul.org or email office@nefeshsoul.org.



favorite activity

Register now! Classes begin in September

The fall issue of Tempe Opportunities features hundreds of programs for every interest, age and ability. Take part in health and fitness programs, art and dance classes, sports, aquatics, boating and more.

Register online, by mail, or in person at many Tempe facilities.



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Not sure what can go in your blue recyclng bin?

Here are the items that should and shouldn't go in the blue bin. Find a complete list at www.tempe.gov/smart

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- 2. PAPER **3. FOOD BOXES**
- 4. MAIL 5. BEVERAGE CANS
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Stunning Backyard



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3 Bedrooms plus den! Updated kitchen w/open floor-plan, upgraded office w/built-ins. Plantation shutters. Low maintenance beautifully landscaped yard w/orange, grapefruit and fig trees.

Back on Market!



Updates complete! New A/C, white cabinetry in kitchen. Stainless appliances, Travertine & wood flooring. Plantation shutters, Fresh interior and exterior paint. Resort style backyard with sparkling pool. Air conditioned dog house! 3 Beds 2 Baths, 1800+ sg feet. Low \$300's.

Large Fenced Yard



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