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Goggly-eyed and laid back, boy at Tempe's annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest wends his way through one of the festival's attractions. More photos, Pg. 17. — Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

Racial equality in Kyrene schools to spark discussion at Oct. 23 session

By Diana Nelson

Tempers have flared and issues of racial equality have been on a front burner at recent meetings of the Kyrene Governing Board.

As a result, members of the Kyrene Superintendent's Community Council will focus on the topic at a Governing Board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the district's main office.

A study session, open to the public, begins at 6 p.m., laying out the chronology of what has taken place so far and provide a forum to review the council's efforts to remove barriers to school services and to create stable learning

environments which value diversity and foster inclusivity.

During the past year, Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely organized separate councils as a goal included in the district's strategic plan.

Vesely says that Kyrene utilizes community engagement as a way to tap into the perspectives of the district's constituency, creating five separate councils to provide an opportunity for students, teachers, parents, businesses and community members to meet regularly with district officials.

An open call was made for each of the

— EQUALITY, Page 15

Hard work, achievement, not gender, pave the way for females in police careers

By Noah Kutz

Some say the hardest job is being a mother. Others argue that our city's police officers and their spouses face equally difficult undertakings. But what if you're all three? For some of Chandler's finest, it's just another part of life.

"It's organized chaos," laughs Sgt. Donna Reno, mother of three children under 7 years old, wife to a Mesa police officer and a respected Chandler policewoman herself.

During a Women In Leadership luncheon hosted by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, attendees heard from four women who choose to serve their city in law enforcement while also maintaining a family at home and much more.

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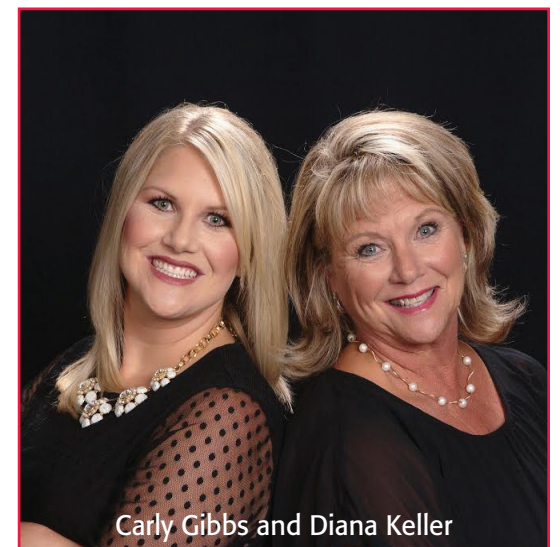

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All food and drinks are pay-as-you-go, with the understanding the event is intended to be wine-free.

Woofstock is a cash-only event. There are no ATMs onsite, but some vendors may accept credit cards.

The event, at Tumbleweed Park, is open to West Chandler residents and their Valleywide neighbors.

Chandler's furry friends get out of the doghouse and into the limelight next month at the city's 11th annual Woofstock wag- and bark-athon.

Dog lovers will be treated to plenty of free family fun from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, with

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GAIN, the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods program, is designed to unite neighbors to help ensure safer neighborhoods.

Police say that hosting a GAIN

event any time between 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, provides a way to get to know your neighbors better and be an important step toward preventing crime.

Those who know and care about each other tend to be aware of work and travel schedules and can watch each other's homes.

Neighbors who enjoy good relationships note that they are more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious activity to the police, and are more likely to work together to keep a great quality of life in their neighborhood.

Police Departments in both Tempe and Chandler are helping to coordinate planning for this year's GAIN events.

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At Marcos, Army 'Challenge' pushes teens beyond average



Jr ROTC students at Marcos de Niza were among participants at the U.S. Army High School Challenge.

Story and photo by Joyce Coronel

The hefty U.S. Army truck parked outside the gymnasium at Marcos de Niza High School on a rainy Monday was the first clue that the day's physical education class was going to be anything but average.

Students strode through the doors of the gym as hip-hop music pulsed through the speakers and men in camouflage and boots observed.

The U.S. Army High School Challenge had rolled into town for the day and drew not just JROTC students but those taking PE courses as well. The daylong event allows juniors and seniors to work together as a team as they compete to complete an obstacle course.

Working in groups of four, they pounded out sit-ups, jumping jacks and push-ups, then raced ahead to the obstacle course.

Peter McBroom has been on staff at Marcos for 15 years. He retired after 21 years in the military and began his role as a JROTC teacher about a month after his retirement. McBroom said he served two tours in Iraq and was also sent to Kosovo. He chatted with students as they prepared for the competition.

Marcos is the JROTC site for all students in the Tempe Union High School District. Half report for a zero hour program at 7 a.m. because they attend a Tempe school other than Marcos. They are bused to their own high school at 8 a.m.

The Army Challenge, McBroom said, is focused on team-building.

"It's a team event, not an individual event. They have to work together as a group in order to accomplish the mission. That's what we strive for.

"We try to instill good leadership and not to think that they're better than anybody else."

As students raced to complete the

challenge, many were given prizes for their team's performance. By midday, the best record for completing the course was 55 seconds.

"What I've seen so far today is that every kid is enjoying it," McBroom said.

"When you engage youth in competition, whether it's physical or mental, you have an engaged audience," said U.S. Army Representative William Farthing.

"The U.S. Army High School Challenge ... encourages students to pursue an active lifestyle beyond the digital world they are immersed in, see challenges as opportunities for success, and consider the many ways they can be the leaders of tomorrow."

Since 2009, the Army's challenge experience has drawn parallels for students and educators on how to conceptualize the real-world application of leadership, teamwork and mental agility which are needed to achieve life goals and to succeed as a U.S. Army soldier.

Challenge events provide an opportunity for students to experience firsthand how the Army is a modern, versatile and diverse team.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Morley, battalion commander of the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, said the high school challenge helps students see where their strengths lie.

"Through our recruiters from the Phoenix Battalion and Arizona State University Army ROTC, we can give them a better understanding of what the Army does—it's not just about picking up a weapon and shooting," Morley said.

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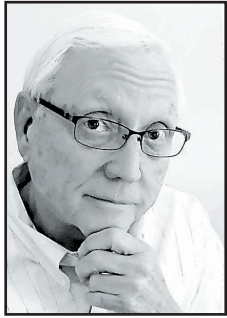
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The logistics of working with the latter two, and of course the reality that press-ready files are transmitted electronically these days, meant that we seldom had reason to visit those printing plants or communicate face-to-face with the staff that worked there.

So, over time, the real "face" of those companies, the people we might have seen regularly in our earlier years, became less and less familiar.

Thus, after digital publishing arrived, if someone asked us the name of our most familiar contact at the *Courier*, there was no hesitation to our answer:

"Gary," we'd reply. Gary, I should explain, was the driver who loaded our regular shipment of 20,000

newspapers onto a big truck before dawn every other Thursday and headed south to his first stop, our offices on Warner Road just west of the Price/101 freeway. Gary, it seems, had become not only the "face" of the *Prescott Courier* but a visitor we looked forward to seeing—someone we thought of as a friend as well.

I remember us being on a weekend drive one time to Chino Valley, a rustic sort of place about 25 minutes from Prescott where we knew Gary and his wife lived. I called him on his cell phone when we seemed to be coming into town, told him we were there and asked for the name of a place where we might have a bite to eat. Of course, it turned out to be one of the hangouts frequented mostly by locals and a great find that we still look forward to any time we're in the vicinity.

While my recollections of Gary may seem to be nothing more than random observations of how we humans interrelate, I think they've aroused my awareness that, if we look hard enough, there are a rare few other "faces" that periodically come into our lives and, with little more than the bearing of an ordinary truck driver, leave us with an unforgettable sense of closeness that we think little about at the

moment but remember years later.

I thought of Gary the other day when we were dropping off newspapers at Marcos de Niza High School, and learned that Julian, one of the longtime security officers who greeted us last year when we drove onto the campus until he retired in May—who we came to regard as the "face" of Marcos de Niza—may be considering returning in the near future as a volunteer.

I shared that unconfirmed news with Tempe Diablo and friend Bill Ottinger, whose son Luke and daughter Madison attended Marcos. I knew Bill would remember Julian and that he had been sorry to see him retire last year after his wife died.

Just as the unverified report of Julian's possible return had excited us, Bill was likewise delighted.

"I remember Julian," replied Bill. "Super nice guy who was well loved by the kids. He would always say hi to everyone."

Do Gary and Julian share a common gene? Is there a hidden trait among them and others that inspires the qualities needed to become that rare "face" of an organization?

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Oct. 20 workshop to guide signup process for student-aid preparation, applications

Tempe's College Connect program will host a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Tempe Public Library.

Planners say that studies show 90 percent of high school seniors who complete a FAFSA document are more likely to attend college right after high school.

The session is designed to allow students and parents to begin the application process.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to review the workshop checklist ahead of time to ensure they have all the necessary documents to begin the financial aid process.

The workshop is free; registration is encouraged. Bilingual representatives will be available to assist Spanish-speakers with the application process.

One-on-one sessions will be available immediately following the workshop and college representatives will be available for meet and greets.

College Connect is a partnership with the city of Tempe and several Valley colleges to connect students and parents to resources.

Students can take part in year-round workshops, one-on-one meetings, College Chats with advisers and small group sessions with college representatives from across the state.

Partners include: Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, ASU, Grand Canyon University, Mesa Community College, Northern Arizona University, Rio Salado College, South Mountain Community College, University of Advancing Technology and University of Arizona.

The community-based program has been specifically designed to assist young people in fulfilling their dreams of a post-secondary education.

Information: www.CollegeConnectTempe.org or 480-858-7890.

Halloween candy buyback again this year. Sweet.

That old (and now largely ignored, we hope) cautionary advice to avoid one's family dentist can go unheeded this year during the once-again collaboration between Tempe Smile Design and Operation Shoebox.

The Tempe dental practice will relaunch its Halloween-candy buyback program which encourages residents to bring any of those unwanted treats to the practice and get a handful of cash in exchange.

According to Dr. Stacy Tracy, who oversees the program with Dr. Roxanne Huber, their efforts have generated impressive contributions in years past. The resulting stockpile of candy is sent to troops overseas through Operation Shoebox, where it has become a welcome indulgence for those away from home.

The program runs through Wednesday, Nov. 7.

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Tempe Kiwanis installs new officers, sets world's children as focus of goals, objectives

David Whitehorn has been installed president of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, succeeding Dr. Judy Aldrich in the post. Whitehorn announced the year's theme, "United for Impact...As We Serve the Children of the World."

Installation ceremonies for the 70-member civic and service club, which was founded in 1952, took place at the group's 67th annual awards and installation banquet.

Other officers are Laura Taylor, president-elect; Kathy Stevens, secretary; Mike Cryer, treasurer; and Aldrich, immediate past president.

Sharon Doyle, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Southwest District Division 10, inducted seven to the board of directors, including Marni Anbar, Raveen Arora, Lyle Bighorn, Mona Dixon, Janie Hydrick, Ty Lee and John Mulhern.

Completing board terms were Pam Goronkin, Celeste Plumlee, Janie Hydrick and Dean Plainer.

Kathy Stevens was named Kiwanian of the Year, and Mark Richwine received the George F. Hixson Fellow Award for sustained service to the club.

Both are past presidents.

The club annually presents the Tempe Town Lake 4th of July Fireworks Show, Fantasy of Lights Parade in downtown Tempe, Tempe Community Easter Egg Hunt and a Read to Exceed project in two Tempe Elementary schools.

It also sponsors the Tempe High School Key Club, Arizona State University Circle K Club, Gilliland Middle School Builders Club and Boy Scout Troop 474.

Twenty-two club members through the years have served on the Tempe City Council, and 11 have earned the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award.

More than \$2.5 million has been raised to benefit the community, including seed money to start Kiwanis Park in the 1970s.

Kiwanis meets at noon Thursdays at Shalimar Country Club, 2032 E. Golf Ave., Tempe, and membership is open to anyone interested in volunteer service for the benefit of children.

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Equality

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councils and applications were accepted. The current membership is composed of a diverse group of parents, spanning a racially mixed demographic and others who have children with exceptional needs.

Vesely said that each of the councils can provide input to address gaps and to identify solutions to benefit all students.

"In Kyrene, nearly 55 percent of our students are students of color, so their needs are absolutely a priority. The work of the Community Council was kicked off by Dr. Jose Leyba and Dr. Thomas Brown, who both are diversity consultants and continue to provide support to our efforts," said Vesely.

"In particular, Dr. Leyba is a Kyrene resident, Kyrene parent and grandparent, and he served as a school superintendent in the Valley. He also is a lifelong educator and consultant doing work throughout the United States."

The work of the Community Council supplements equity efforts previously in place in Kyrene.

"In recent years, our schools have done book studies on cultural competency and created site diversity teams. Each school creates a 90-day plan, which is based on a diagnostic, root-cause analysis, and then staff select improvement strategies focused on targeted needs.

"However, we know that until this work is embedded into our practice, our work is not done...we recognize that we are focused on meeting the needs of all students in Kyrene and our vision, mission, core values and goals speak to this," said Vesely.

District administrators feel so strongly about setting a positive tone for inclusion that they have issued an RFP (request for proposal) to obtain the services of consultants who can assist the district in managing issues of equity and diversity.

Recently the public-comment portion of a Kyrene Governing Board meeting took center stage, which prompted Vesely to deliver to the audience a verbal refresher course in public decorum.

Kyrene traditionally offers the public a timed, open-mic style, comment period before the formal meeting to give audience members an opportunity to share their concerns,

express their opinions or feedback on the work of the district.

"But I feel it necessary to remind the public that the purpose of governing board meetings is to conduct the business of operating the district," said Vesely.

"It is not intended to be used as a community forum or debate."

Nevertheless, over the course of the last few meetings, the public dialogue has grown increasingly heated and rancorous, and even resulted in shouting between the person at the podium and other audience members. Ultimately, one of the speakers was asked to leave the meeting.

Many of the statements focused on racial tensions between students at several schools, although in a number of cases, they were made by representatives of organizations from outside Kyrene and by people without children in the district.

However, one incident at Centennial school did require a visit from law enforcement and, according to the parents of one student, the discipline to those involved was not delivered in an even-handed way.

Vesely explained that legally there is no requirement to issue a call to the public, and that some districts do not have a "blue-card process"—a system that Kyrene uses so all members of the audience who want to speak out loud first must submit a blue card.

Her sentiments were echoed by several board members, including John King, who also reminded those in attendance that the comments delivered are supposed to be directed to the Governing Board and not to other audience members.

Vesely also praised the overwhelming support for the district from area residents.

"I am reminded of my early impressions of the Kyrene community when I became superintendent two years ago," she said.

"The level of community involvement, the support from local businesses, the strength of the parent organizations in our schools—in combination, it's unlike anything I have seen in my nearly 40 years in education," said Vesely.

"This is a community that cares deeply about its schools, about its students.

"Differences of opinion and constructive criticism intended to inform or redirect our policies and program are welcomed.

"But, we must always conduct ourselves in a respectful and civil manner because our children are watching," concluded Vesely.

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Because of Frank Schmuck's work at the grass-roots level to make a difference for his community, the entire state of Arizona soon saw the application of rubberized asphalt in many other noise-sensitive locations. Sure, many now claim the use of rubberized asphalt was a fait accompli. Well, they weren't there. I was. Frank Schmuck made the difference.



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Before I was Mayor of the City of Tempe, I served on the City Council. We faced many issues at the time, including the recession that began in 2001. It was tough work. But it was rewarding, especially when we could work successfully to solve problems for our neighborhoods. Just such an opportunity occurred in 2000.

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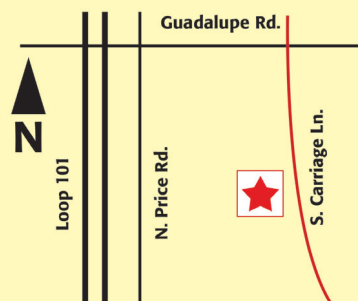
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"We are excited to bring this free shuttle service to our residents and visitors and believe it will encourage more people to use our parking garages, while enhancing their overall downtown experience," said Kim Moyers, Chandler's downtown redevelopment manager.

The impetus behind the new service is a wave of new development that is

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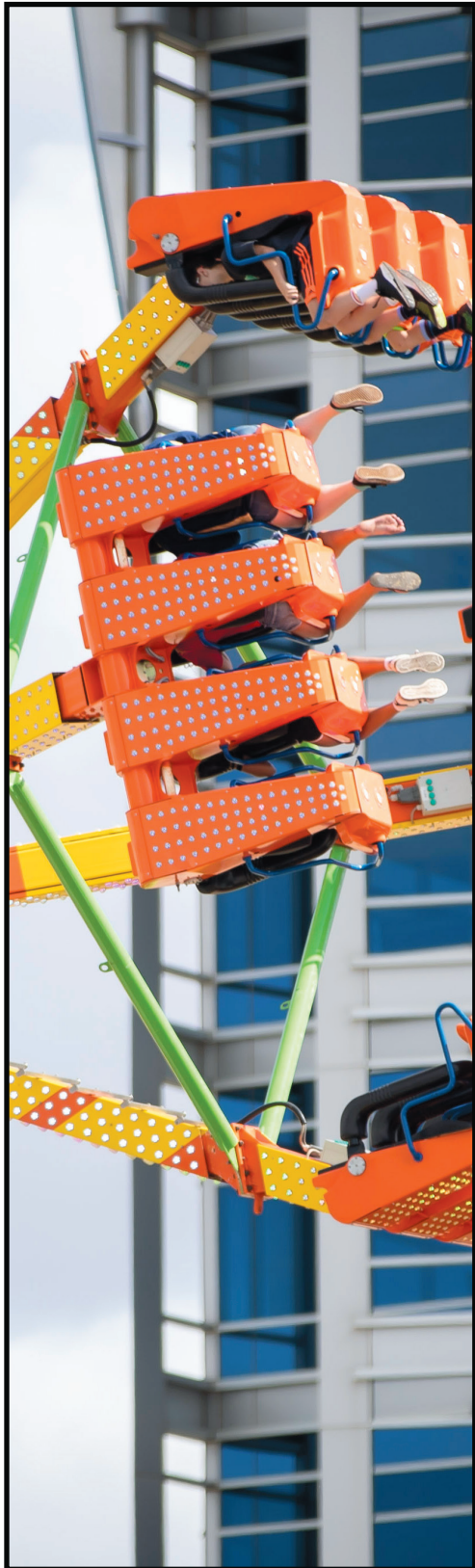
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Fourth Annual Titan Cross Country Invitational, hosted by Chandler Prep, drew male and female runners from Tempe and Chandler schools, including Corona, Marcos and McClintock.

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Sports

with Alex Zener

10-year drought in badminton season finally ends with Aztecs nearing state championships

It has been 10 years since Corona's badminton team had a 17-1 regular season record and was crowned the 2008 5A State Champions.

This year's team, as the No. 2 seed, will enter the DI state championship brackets Oct. 22 with the same regular 17-1 season record and a good chance to play in the finals for the Aztecs' second state team championship.

The Aztecs only lost one team match during the regular season. It was on Sept. 5, the fifth match of the season, against the defending state champions, Perry High School. It was a close match with Corona losing

5-4. "We went into the doubles matches tied with Perry, 3-3," said coach **Darren Ridge**.

The match winners are the players who win the best of three games to 21 points.

"We were tied 4-4 after our No. 2 doubles team won their match and our No. 3 doubles team lost their match," said Ridge

"That left the result from our No. 1 doubles team match to determine the outcome of the total team match. Our team lost the first game of this deciding doubles match but then fought hard to come back and win the second game."

"Unfortunately, Perry won the deciding last game and the overall team match, but we felt we were never out of it.

"We had a chance to win."

Corona has been on a roll after taking second place at the Firebird Invitational hosted by Chaparral High School on Sept. 22.

The Aztecs were undefeated in the last six team matches, winning 39 singles or doubles matches and losing only six.

"As a team, we finished second at the Firebird Invitational to Perry but individually our No. 1 doubles team of

Katie Carroll and **Eileen Li** won the doubles tournament and our No. 1 singles player, **Brennan Agnew**, placed second," said Ridge.

"We are excited and are looking forward to both the singles/doubles and team state championships," Ridge said. "We came into the season wanting to finish the regular season in the top four, which we accomplished. We are now working hard to get into the state title game."

Carroll, Li, Agnew and **Karthika Krishna** are the team's top four singles players, according to Ridge.

"These four players have been solid all season in singles winning the vast majority of their matches," said Ridge. "**Anna Morrow**, our No. 5 singles player, has been playing better lately as well, which is very important to our overall team's success."

"Our No. 1 doubles team of Katie and Eileen have played exceptionally well as has our No. 2 doubles team of Karthika and Brennan, who have been solid all season," said Ridge. "Between those two doubles teams, they are 27-1. The only loss was Katie and Eileen's 2-1 loss against Perry early in the season."

Just like tennis, badminton has individual singles state championships and doubles state championships in addition to a separate team championship.

Each school can only have one single player and one doubles team play in the individual state championships, which were scheduled for Oct. 19 and 20 at Independence High School.

"As we head into singles and doubles state play this week, Brennan Agnew will be our singles representative and Eileen Li and Katie Carroll will represent us in doubles," said Ridge.

The individual championship seeds were not to be determined until Oct. 17.

"We have a seeding meeting to determine the top eight seeds in singles and doubles," said Ridge. "At this point, I am pretty confident that we can get Brennan as the No. 2 singles seed and Eileen and Katie as the No. 1 doubles seed."

The team championships will be the following week with the first round, and quarterfinals on Oct. 22 at the higher seed starting at 3:30. The semifinals will be on Oct. 24 at Chaparral High School starting at 6 p.m. The finals will be Oct. 25, again at Chaparral starting at 6 p.m.

Corona's team, as the No. 2 seed, will not only get a bye in the first round but will also be able to host the first day of team competition on Oct. 22.

Currently Corona should play in the second round or quarterfinals against the winner of the No. 7 seed Basha and No. 10 seed Desert Vista.

If all goes well in the quarterfinals and semifinals, the most likely team standing in Corona's way may be the defending champions, Perry High School, which not only won the championship last year but was the runner-up team two times in the past four previous seasons.

"As far as meeting Perry in the team finals, we aren't looking that far

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ahead," said Ridge. "We are taking each match as they come, focusing on playing our best every match. We can't overlook anyone."

"We've taken nothing for granted and come to play. In the next two weeks we will find out if our hard work will get us where we want to end," said Ridge.

Corona volleyball

With only three regular season matches left, Corona's volleyball team took a few days off for fall break after a second-place tie at the Gilbert Invitational Oct. 5-6.

The Aztecs, currently 24-12 overall and ranked No. 4 in the 6A division with a 10-4 (7-0 section) record with only three matches remaining in the regular season, may be peaking at the right time.

"We are playing very well," said coach **Ben Maxfield**. "Our defense and ball control have been really good which allows us to run a varied offense."

The Aztecs have several players who are instrumental in the team's success, including three players who should easily go over 300 kills in the regular season, including senior **Mary Shroll** and juniors **Mady Noble** and **Nicole Newlin**.

Shroll, with 252 kills in only 70 sets, is averaging 3.6 kills a set, plus 296 digs, third on the team, and a total of 32 blocks.

Shroll, one of the four seniors who was to be honored at the last home game Oct. 18 against Desert Vista, had to sit out part of the season due to transferring rules.

"Although this has been her only season with us, Mary has had a tremendous positive impact on the program," said Maxfield.

"Her prior experience playing at a varsity level has helped our newer players adjust to the speed of the game. She has great ball control and continues to get better at scoring points against a better block than she saw at the 2A level," said Maxfield. "Mary will be playing indoor and beach volleyball at Loyola Marymount."

Noble is the kill leader with 295 kills, 2.8 a set. She also leads the team in solo blocks with 18 and is second in total blocks with 50.

"Mady is very smart with overpasses so she gets a lot of blocking kills," said Maxfield. "Instead of trying to pound the overpass, she'll swipe it to an open spot for a kill."

In her first season playing varsity, Newlin has 292 kills or 3 kills a set, 29 aces, 42 blocks and 180 digs.

"Nicole has had a great season so far," said Maxfield. "She hits the ball really hard and has grown a lot in her volleyball IQ. She should be a dominating force for us the rest of this season and her senior year."

Serving tough gets an opposing team out of their comfort zone or out of system. Corona has several players who are good at serving, including senior **Kacie McCain** and junior **Ashley Hayden**.

McCain leads the team in aces with 39, earning 162 points on her serve. She was scheduled to be honored during senior night.

"Kacie is an incredibly hard worker and a great

teammate," said Maxfield. "She has embraced and excelled in her role on the team."

"Ashley has been serving very well, consistently keeping the ball in play and knocking the other teams out of system," said Maxfield.

In addition to Noble, junior **Sadie McRae** and senior **Jenna Bolena** are two of the Aztecs' best blockers. McRae leads the team in total blocks with 60 while Bolena has 46.

"Sadie continues to improve on her blocking," said Maxfield. "She has made great strides in her footwork which allows her to form a more solid block."

"Jenna has filled in nicely into the middle blocker position and is a great mentor for the younger middles," said Maxfield. "She is a lot of fun on and off the court. Although she has not committed anywhere yet she will play collegiately."

Junior **Becca Morse** has played in every game as the libero for the Aztecs. With 803 digs in 105 sets or 7.6 digs a set, she is the mainstay of the defense.

"Becca is amazing," said Maxfield. "She reads the other team's hitters very well and keeps a ton of balls in play that would normally be a point for our opponents."

The setter is the quarterback of a volleyball team and Corona is lucky to have two great setters, junior Ashley Hayden and freshman **Anita Babic**.

Both setters have over 500 assists so far this season and are often on the court at the same time.

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"Ashley continues to improve on running her court," said Maxfield. "She sets a very nice ball, which allows our hitters to get a lot of kills while Anita gets better every time she steps on the court. She is learning to embrace the role of being a leader on the court."

"We ran a 6-2 the entire Gilbert Invitational tournament," said Maxfield

A 6-2 rotation system in volleyball is where the player setting the ball is playing from a back-row position. The back-row setter always set the ball, making the other setter only a hitter when he or she is front row.

Senior **Kalessa Sounart** will be honored at the last home game for her contribution to the team's success on and off the court.

"Kalessa has bounced back well from an early injury," said Maxfield. "She is a very driven player who works hard to better herself and her teammates. She is well-liked by everyone and although she has not committed to play volleyball anywhere yet, she plans to play in college next season

The Aztecs will want to continue playing well the last three games of the regular season to maintain their No. 4 ranking, which will keep them from having to play in the Conference Play-In Tournament.

The first round of the 6A state volleyball championships starts Oct. 30 at the higher seed. The second round is Nov. 1, once again at the higher seed before the semifinals, which will be held on Nov. 5 at Highland High School.

The finals this season will be Nov. 7 at Wells Fargo Arena scheduled for 8 p.m.



Corona's badminton team took second place at the Firebird Invitational hosted by Chaparral High School, losing only to Perry High School. The Aztecs finished the regular season with a 17-1 record and are ranked No. 2 behind Perry heading into the Division I state tournament. Team includes, from left, bottom row, Mahima Mishra, Eileen Li, Hannah McCarley; middle row, Anna Morrow, Danielle Mealer, Cassie Rials, Lexie Rangel; top row: Coach Darren Ridge, Coach Colleen Ridge, Karthika Krishna, Katie Carroll, Brennan Agnew, Tatum Coble, Savanna Hair, Coach Marin Ridge.

— Photo courtesy Stacy Thomas

Marcos de Niza Volleyball

Currently ranked No. 5 in the 4A Division, the Padres have a 21-8, 6-1 section, record with four matches left in the regular season.

The team has four seniors and three sophomores that are having an impact on the Padres success this season.

Sophomore **Hailey White** leads the team in kills with 210 or 2.5 kills a set followed by seniors **Elyse Olson** with

162 kills, **Jenifer Lauer** with 144 kills and **Katy Johnson** with 141.

Sophomore **Olivia Craig** leads the team in service aces with 46 aces followed by Lauer with 40 aces and sophomore **Audrey Mayer** with 35 aces.

Senior **Katy Denham** leads the team in digs with 417 or over five digs a set and in serve receive with 428 or 5.4 serve receptions a set.

Craig and Lauer share the setting duties, each with close to 1,000 ball handling attempts and over 300 assists so far this season.

White is by far the best blocker on the team with an outstanding 41 solo blocks and six block assists for a total of 47 blocks in 83 sets.

Marcos was scheduled to play their last home game Oct. 16 against Poston Butte before playing at Arcadia on Oct. 17, at Washington on Oct. 22 and at Seton Catholic on Oct. 23.

If the Padres can remain one of the top eight teams in the 4A Conference, they will not have to play in the Conference

Play-In Tournament Oct. 25 but will be able to start the 4A state tournament playing at home in the first round on Oct. 30.

If they win in the first round, the quarterfinals will be at the higher seed on Nov. 1.

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Diversions

A new and milder 'Halloween:' Boo!

By M.V. Moorhead

That annual scarefest of ghouls and goblins is fast approaching, both the holiday and yet another movie named after it, *Halloween*, a new take on John Carpenter's 1970s-era chiller.

The '70s version is too scary for younger children and wimpy adults. But there's a milder alternative for audiences who want to get into the Halloween spirit: *Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween*.

The subtitle begs the question, though: Shouldn't any self-respecting Halloween be haunted?

It's a sequel to *Goosebumps*, the 2015 comedy-fantasy riff on Scholastic Publishing's massively successful young-adult horror paperback series of the 1990s.

The heroes of these tongue-in-cheek tales, cranked out by the dozens by author R. L. Stine, were kids, pitted against ghosts and werewolves and aliens and giant bugs and mummies and pretty much any other standard horror or sci-fi menace you could name, most of them derived from the movies.

The 2015 film turned a bunch of these creatures loose on a small town in Delaware; it also brought Stine onscreen as a character, played by Jack Black as a vain but lovable curmudgeon with an imagination so powerful that his creations can literally leap off the page. It was a trifling film, but well-made and

enjoyable, with a little more wit than might have been expected.

Goosebumps 2, directed by Ari Sandel and set in a small town in New York, has a Halloween theme.

Two scavenging boys inadvertently unleash the power of an unfinished early Stine tale, *Haunted Halloween*, and the town's elaborate decorations and treats come to life, from an enormous black-and-purple dragon made of balloons to a bucket of Gummi bears. These creepy creatures are led, once again, by Slappy, the sinister ventriloquist's dummy come to life.

Some of the resulting sequences are visually striking, though again, none are allowed to tip over into serious terror, and the film should be fun for all but the littlest viewers. The young cast, led by Jeremy Ray Taylor and Caleel Harris as the boys and

Madison Iseman as Taylor's college-bound older sister, are capable.

But most of the laughs are provided by the adults, especially the always-amusing Wendy McLendon-Covey as the indomitable mom, Chris Parnell as the drug store guy turned into Slappy's toadying sidekick, and Ken Jeong as the wacky neighbor who really, really likes Halloween.

One of the best features of the first film was the lively music by the great Danny Elfman. The macabre scherzos here are by the British composer Dominic Lewis, and he channels Elfman so well it's scary.

Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween is rated PG and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion Center, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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The show, *Jazz Royalty Transcriptions: The Duke and the Count*, is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Lakeside Room of Tempe Center for the Arts. All seats are \$30. Alexander's talents span every music genre, yet her heart and soul are

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From a soft, sultry traditional ballad to a contemporary jazz-funk groove, or a high-flying swing to a scat-filled romp, Alexander delivers each style with a passion and love of music that comes across in each and every note, and with a style and grace that is truly her own.

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The Afro-Cuban musical tradition of changüí will dance its way to the stage of Tempe Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27.

The LA-based band, Chanquí Majadero, has distinguished itself by infusing contemporary sound into the Cuban tradition of changüí, the 19th century foundation of contemporary salsa informed by African influences.

Founded by tres guitarist and vocalist Gabriel Garcia, the band was the result of Garcia's pivotal journey to the Guantanamo region of Cuba, where he learned the changüí from the living masters of the style and was inspired to spread the spirit of

Cuban folkloric music mixed with a dash of East Los Angeles grit.

Changüí Madero has gained renown nationwide, playing the Lincoln Center, SF Jazz, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and even Dodger Stadium.

The band released its self-titled debut recording in 2016 that encompasses compositions bristling with propulsive rhythms and evocative vocals—a celebrated release that *All About Jazz* called “joyous music, deserving greater recognition.

Tickets, \$35 and \$45, are available at tempecenterforthearts.com, TCA box office and by phone at 480-350-2822.

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LETTERS

Kyrene Governing Board

I am writing to encourage my fellow neighbors and Tempe residents to vote for Kevin Walsh for the Kyrene School Board. This past year, I have been fortunate to meet and get to know Kevin and his family. His passion for Tempe, education, and our community is apparent in his words and his actions. As a potential newcomer to the Board, he has attended school board meetings over the past year, doing his "homework" to understand the process and become involved. His plan and his commitment to the Kyrene district will improve the wellbeing for our teachers, students, families, and residents. I encourage you to support Kevin Walsh with your vote.

— Lesly Kelly, Tempe

Like many voters, I've spent a great deal of time researching the candidates running for Kyrene school board. Although I see much to respect in all four individuals, my research persistently confirms my original choice: Margaret Pratt.

I met Margaret several years ago, when her business donated much-needed baby furniture, clothing, and supplies to the local teen pregnancy and parenting program that I volunteer at. It was clear that Margaret cares deeply for our community,

and more importantly that she seeks to identify where there are needs and then comes up with solutions to meet those needs.

As her middle daughter's third-grade teacher here in Kyrene, I continued to observe firsthand Margaret's dedication, reliability, and leadership. Whether spearheading a schoolwide community event, serving with other parents through PTO, or facilitating student discourse groups in our classroom, Margaret could always be counted on to identify and execute ways to optimize learning and community building.

Another quality Margaret possesses that will greatly benefit our school board is her tireless effort to understand and collaborate with others. During this election cycle, I've watched the way she respectfully communicates with others. It seems that Margaret is always seeking solutions to issues facing our students, our teachers, and our community at large. I appreciate her apparent understanding that solutions are best identified and implemented when all stakeholders are working together.

Hard-working, collaborative, fair-minded, informed, reliable, and personally invested: Truly, Margaret Pratt is precisely the person we need on our school board!

— Pam Wendt, retired Kyrene teacher

Proposition 417

For more than 18 years, it was my privilege to serve Tempe as the President and CEO of the Tempe Tourism Office. During that time, it has been exciting

to see the growth of Tempe as a respected arts and culture destination.

We each have an opportunity to support that continued growth by voting YES on Proposition 417.

How do Tempe residents, businesses, and visitors benefit from a long-term, sustained investment in arts and culture?

- Businesses with an educated work force seek out communities which understand the value of arts education and culture.
- A community with creative and varied cultural programs fosters an environment of imagination and innovation.
- Jobs are created and the economy is strengthened.
- Individuals are inspired, contributing to a healthy and vibrant quality of life.

Be a part of Tempe's ongoing legacy as a leader in arts and culture. Please say YES to Proposition 417.

— Stephanie Nowack

A huge thanks to the many Tempe residents who have encouraged and supported the creation of a quality of life like no other city in the state. Tempeans get it; we know the community we want to build, improve and strengthen, and are willing to come together to make great things happen. We did so nearly twenty years ago when we approved funding for the creation of the Tempe Center for the Arts in May of 2000, and now we must do so again and extend that funding source into the future. The plan for future funding allocation was created by the many residents and stakeholders, which has always

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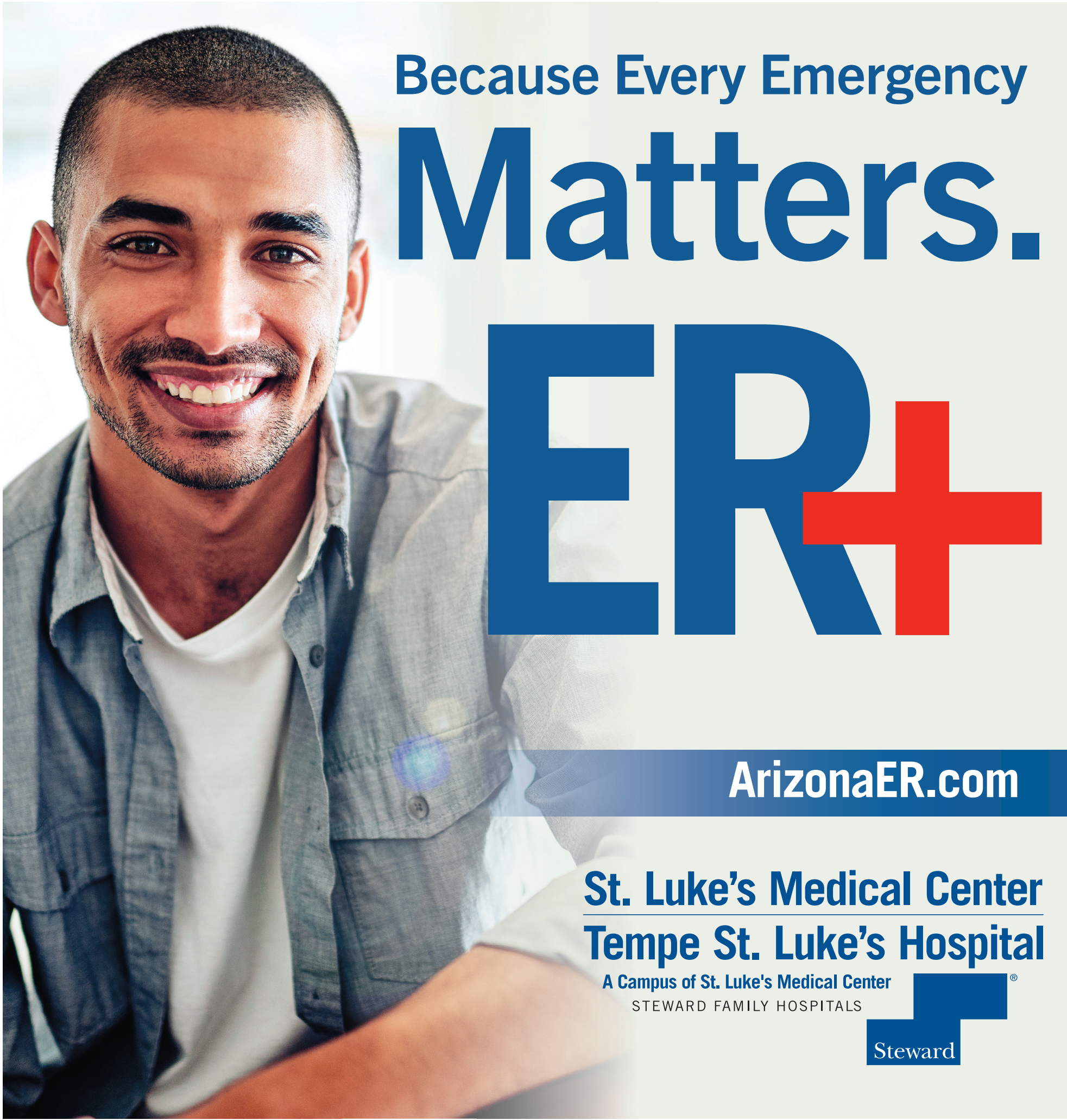


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Letters

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been the Tempe way.

As your former mayor from 1994-2004, I ask you to join me once again in building bridges to the future for the arts, historic preservation, cultural programming, public art and so much more.

Please vote yes on Prop 417!

— Neil G. Giuliano

Support Tempe Culture and say Yes to Proposition 417. Your YES vote will continue Tempe's popular arts tax, in which residents and visitors pay a sales tax of one-tenth of 1%.

While the original arts tax focused on building and creating the Tempe Center for the Arts on Tempe Town Lake, the continuation of this modest tax, which amounts to one cent on a \$10 purchase, will create an annual funding stream of \$9 million to

integrate the arts and culture into the very fabric of our City.

Three years ago, over 1000 Tempe residents joined together to craft an Arts & Culture Plan that envisioned more after-school and summer arts programs for our kids, as well as free art, music, and cultural experiences in our neighborhoods, parks, and historic buildings.

To demonstrate what an expanded Arts and Culture Plan would look like, City staff has worked hand-in-hand with our neighborhoods to create two celebrated pilot projects.

The Fox and the Peacock Music Festival in Mitchell Park and the Music and Arts Festival in Estrada Park. With a fully realized Arts & Culture Plan, families will enjoy: • after-school/summer arts/cultural programs for young people; • expanded Arts in the Park events; and • visual and performing arts opportunities for artists and audiences alike in a host of venues, including Tempe's historic properties.

On the other hand, should the tax expire, the Arts & Culture Plan would evaporate. Tempe Center for

the Arts would eliminate all programming and serve only as a rental facility.

Art not only enriches our lives and those of our community, investment in the arts fuels a local economy, sparking local talent and local businesses—be they costume makers, designers, actors, musicians, graphic artists—enhances educational opportunities, and builds a more connected community.

Vote YES on Prop 417 and let's create a legacy of arts and culture in Tempe!

— Lauren Kuby Vice Mayor, City of Tempe
Corey Woods Former Councilmember, City of Tempe

There is a reason why so many families and businesses choose to move to Tempe. It's because Tempe offers an amazing quality of life.

There are many attributes that contribute to this quality of life. A key component is the emphasis placed on arts and culture in our community. Because of the importance of the arts and culture to Tempe's community fabric, I support Proposition 417.

Proposition 417 continues our investment in the arts. The funding raised will provide a link between the arts and our community by providing classes and workshops throughout the city, programming at the Tempe Center for the Arts, including art in our neighborhood parks, the Tempe History Museum, historical properties and municipal gathering places.

Tempe has a long-standing tradition of investing in cultural infrastructure to make the community more attractive and engaging to residents and businesses.

That is why Tempe is a community of choice. Individuals and families choose to live in a community that values insight and creativity. Companies like State Farm, Northern Trust, Go Daddy, Bank of the West and Union Bank choose Tempe because of quality of life it offers.

Voting to approve Prop 417, will continue Tempe's reputation as one of the best places to play, live, work and receive an education.

I ask that you vote with me on Election Day to continue Tempe's Arts and Culture Investment Prop 417.

— Mark Mitchell

Dignity Health, Chandler tee off for disabilities fundraiser

Dignity Health is partnering with the city of Chandler to promote a round of golf in support of people with disabilities.

The program, Chandler Golf Challenge, will be 12:30-6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, at Bear Creek Golf Course.

It benefits the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Scholarship Fund, providing educational and recreational opportunities for children and adults.

"This is one of our most important fundraisers and a great way to make a difference in someone's life, all while having fun," said Collette Prather, tournament organizer and driving force behind Chandler's Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Registration should be completed by Thursday, Nov. 1, at chandleraz.gov/golfchallenge.

Fee includes 18 holes of golf, a raffle, on-course contests and a 19th hole dinner party. The cost is \$85 per player, or \$325 for a foursome. Sponsorships also are available starting at \$100.

Information: therapeutic.recreation@chandleraz.gov or 480-782-2709.

Bear Creek Golf Course is at 500 E. Riggs Road, Chandler.

BRIEFLY

Memory Keepers fund raiser Nov. 9

A fifth annual Night to Remember casino event benefiting Memory Keepers Foundation will be held Friday, Nov. 9, at the SRP Pera Club in Tempe.

Last year, the event generated \$40,000 for area families impacted by loved ones struggling with Alzheimer's and dementia. Information is available via email to tammyetherton5@gmail.com.

Annulment workshop Nov. 6

Myth Busting the Catholic Annulment Process will be the topic of a talk by the Rev. Christopher Fraser at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1800 E. Libra Drive, Tempe.

The program is described as an evening of straightforward talk about Catholic annulments. Fraser has been judicial vicar of the Phoenix Tribunal since 2008. He will address common misconceptions and explain the annulment process and its purpose.

Information: 480-838-7474.

Workforce development career fair

A workforce development career fair, coupled with educational seminars and networking opportunities, is scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 11 as part of an East Valley Career Conference sponsored by the East Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance with support from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

Showcasing a variety of full- and part-time opportunities, along with programs focusing on internship

opportunities, the event is designed to enable guests to network with some of the area's largest and fastest-growing businesses wanting to develop a liaison with local professionals and those eyeing successful futures.

The expo hall and seminars will be ongoing from 1 to 4 p.m. A VIP business reception is scheduled from 5 to 7.

Admission is free to job seekers, however registration is required. The reception will be for invited guests and registered East Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance members.

Sponsorships and exhibitor-space registration is currently open. Businesses are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Information: 480-967-7891 or email events@tempechamber.org.

Marcos de Niza grad night planning

Marcos de Niza High School's 2019 Grad Night received a boost from members of the longtime community-focused Tempe Diablos with a \$1,000 donation to support the school's annual fun and safe celebration for seniors.

The planned May 23 event at Dave & Buster's in Tempe is expected to draw hundreds of Marcos students following graduation ceremonies. Marcos parents traditionally organize and host a "lock-in" party and rely heavily on donations to provide activities, prizes and food for the celebrants.

In acknowledging the \$1,000 donation, Grad Night Co-chair Dawn Feigert noted the importance of providing positive alternatives for students at graduation time.

"The Tempe Diablos support our mission of providing a once-in-a-lifetime event where seniors can have fun and be safe and sober. We are grateful for their generosity," said Feigert.

Others wishing to help support the event with a donation or prize, such as gift cards, can email feigert@icloud.com. A GoFundMe account is being established to help offset ticket prices for students.

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U.S. electrical innovator takes a Tempe home

By Sammie Ann Wicks

A benefit for East Valley food banks earlier this month is part of one local company's desire to signal its presence as a committed community partner.

"While we're undoubtedly part of a

big national company, we're hugely committed to our local community and always want to play a role in it," said Brandon Stephens, senior vice president and Southwest Division chief of the Tempe campus of Rosendin Electric.

"Thinking locally is just one of the ways we've enhanced our reputation as a key innovator in our industry."

Hosted by Rosendin and event partners United Food Bank and Feeding America, the benefit was held at Rosendin's Tempe headquarters at 375 W. Drivers Way in south Tempe.

"This is a great annual event that is part of the ABA's (Arizona Builders Alliance For Charitable Networking Events) outreach with different contributors each time," Stephens said, "and we're proud to have our first time hosting it."

Prior to the event, he asked that those attending bring such food items as packaged spaghetti products, cereals, dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, and canned goods, to be donated toward helping area food banks distribute goods to the approximately 14 percent of Maricopa County residents who have trouble meeting their nutritional needs.

"The ABA's role in these events can't be overestimated," said Stephens, "and the organization not only helps professionals in our industry network and get to know each other and hear about new things—it

helps us do something that's needed in our community."

Other Tempe companies participating in the event included Willis Towers Watson, W&W Structural, Inc., Tepeco Construction, and Arizona Lighting Sales.

Stephens said his company nowadays puts innovation first and foremost, with research developments best described as "highest of the high-tech."

"We're not only just electrical contractors, electrical engineers, and preconstruction providers," says Stephens. "We're way ahead, way at the forefront of cutting-edge technology—like Virtual Reality—and have dedicated huge amounts of company resources to it—whole buildings, whole labs, whole teams of technicians."

Implementation of new technology includes training those technicians with heretofore unknown hands-on methods, Stephens noted.

"Gone are the old days of PowerPoint and manuals that summarize what workers need to know and do," Stephens explained. "With us, trainees are not just reading a manual and trying to figure things out. Now, they're strapping on a Virtual Reality helmet and having an experience in a real-life type scenario as close as you can get without doing the actual activity."

"This means we have more skillful technicians and a safer workplace." Stephens added that Rosendin also is involved in alternative energy projects that include wind farms in Texas and solar farms in California, applying these new technologies to those projects' operations.

Originally founded in 1919 by Moses Rosendin as the Rosendin Electric Motor Works in San Jose, California, the company in 2000 went on to become the largest employee-owned electrical contractor in the country when employees bought out the family operation. It currently has operations

in Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Nevada, and Maryland. Stephens says employee ownership has been key to employee satisfaction over the company's years of growth.

"Since we're an employee-owned company, we've always taken a leadership role in putting programs in place that benefit our workforce," Stephens explains, "like workday transportation and stock options." He says informal talks with local transportation-company staff led to a program the company set up to help employees get to work.

"Some of us were just sitting around one day with Valley Metro, and we were saying, 'Hey, it costs an employee X-amount in gas just to get to work everyday,'" Stephens remembers. "So we set up our Ride-Share program to fix that." He says the company also has introduced a retirement and investment program that's been a great success among its workers.

"Every one of our employees is eligible to participate in the Employee Stock Ownership Program," Stephens says. "And if you want to know how successful that has been? Over 100 of our employees now own greater than \$1 million in company stock."

Although it first established its Tempe operation mostly in order to serve one of its national semiconductor clients located here, Stephens says his company today is happy being embedded in its local community. With around 160 regular employees and more than 400 workers in the field, Stephens says the company has a growth history that shows it's committed to staying.

"When we first came, we rented our building," Stephens says. "Then, we bought and renovated our own building, building our local presence at the same time. We're here now, and we want our ongoing development be a basic part of the community where we work."

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McClintock Drive & Kyrene Road bike lanes

The City is planning to construct two new segments of bike lanes along McClintock Drive and Kyrene Road that will connect to the existing bike lane system at the Tempe city limits. The McClintock Drive bike lane project would begin just north of the Loop 202 Santan Freeway and extend to the Tempe/Chandler border north of Ray Road. The Kyrene Road bike lane project would tie into the existing striped bike lanes on Kyrene Road just south of Chandler Boulevard and head north to a tie-in point north of Ray Road. Construction is scheduled to begin spring/fall 2021; however, if funding becomes available sooner, the project could be moved up to summer 2020.



The City is soliciting comments from the public regarding this project through Nov. 5, 2018. For additional information, or to submit comments, please mail your comments to City of Chandler, c/o AZTEC, 4561 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85008, or email ddunn@aztec.us, or call 602-458-7478, or fax 602-454-0403. Reference project numbers: CHN0243D / ST1701-401 / 0000 MA CHN T0187 01C.

First annual Día de los Muertos event

The City's Diversity Office has partnered with Creative + Cultural to host Chandler's first ever Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Downtown Stage, 178 E. Commonwealth Ave. During the Día de los Muertos holiday, people honor and celebrate loved ones who have passed on. The holiday was originally created in Mexico and is now widely celebrated throughout Latin America on Nov. 1. And if you've seen the Disney movie "Coco," you'll understand exactly what the holiday is about!

During the free, family friendly event, attendees will enjoy entertainment, food and arts and crafts to create masks, flowers and messages to place on ceremonial altars. A ceremonial procession will take place at sunset to recognize and pay homage to those who have passed on. There also will be altars to pay tribute to fallen officers and firefighters from the Chandler Police and Fire departments. For more information, visit chandleraz.gov/diversity, or call 782-2214.

Bigger, better Farmers Market returns in November



Downtown Chandler will be hosting a new Farmers Market this fall. The Downtown Chandler Community Partnership has contracted with

Arizona Community Farmers Markets to manage the market on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Nov. 3, and running through May 2019. The market will be located on the west side of Dr. A.J. Chandler Park. The Arizona Community Farmers Markets manages several markets throughout the Valley, including Old Town Scottsdale and the Ahwatukee Farmers Market. The Downtown Chandler market will feature several monthly events, including cooking

demonstrations and a holiday basket program, as well as an eclectic array of 60-plus local vendors. You can expect to shop fresh produce from six local farmers, including Kelley Farms, Abby Lee Farms and Windswept Acres. For updated information on the market, visit downtownchandler.org/farmersmarket.

Get your hands dirty at For Our City Day Chandler



Volunteers are needed Saturday, Oct. 27, for "For Our City Day Chandler." The City is partnering with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, schools, local businesses

and individuals to perform cleanup projects in a historic Chandler neighborhood. Hundreds of volunteers will work together on a variety of home and property improvement projects, including painting home exteriors, removing unwanted items, pulling weeds, spreading rock and cleaning alleys. For more information, call 782-4354.

EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 20 Child Safety Seat Clinic, Chandler Police Department-Downtown, 782-2046
- 20 Mayor's Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2665
- 20 Lucia Micarelli, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 24 Horror Film Fest: The Fly, Downtown Library, 782-2812
- 25 Workshop: Landscape for Year-Round Color, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 26 Halloween Spooktacular, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza, 782-2665
- 27 For Our City Day, various locations, 782-4354
- 27 Pumpkin Dunk, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 782-2636
- 27 Child Safety Seat Clinic, Chandler Police Department-Downtown, 782-2046

NOVEMBER

- 27 Our Stories: NFL Star to Army Ranger-A Closer Look at the Life of Pat Tillman, Downtown Library, 782-2752
- 2 Día de los Muertos, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza, 782-2214
- 2 Travis Tritt, Chandler Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 3 Safety and Veterans Expo (SAVE), Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2222
- 3 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 5 City Council meeting and study session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 8 Workshop: Rainwater Harvesting, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 8 Homeschool Days: Rocks & Minerals, Environmental Education Center, 782-2886
- 8 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 9 Chandler Golf Classic, Bear Creek Golf Course, 782-2709

- 10 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 10 Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off, Tumbleweed Ranch, 782-2717
- 11 Arizona Harvest Fest and Open Air Market, Downtown Chandler, 855-3539
- 12 Veterans Day Holiday, City offices closed
- 15 Sonoran Sunset Series Concert - Kings for the People, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2890
- 16-18 Chandler Fall Classic NTRP, Chandler Tennis Center, 782-2651
- 17 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 17 Woolstock, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 17 Raul Midón, Chandler Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 22 Turkey Swim, Hamilton Aquatic Center, 782-2630

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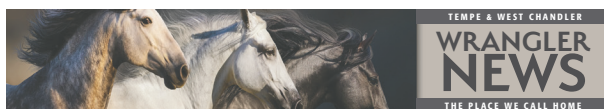
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Success

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The panel included Sgt. Donna Reno, Lt. Melissa Deanda, Sgt. Sara Rozema and Rita Dyas, who is Forensic Services Manager for Chandler PD.

Although their resumes make easy reference to the women's accomplishments, each confidently admits that their actions are simply part of their job.

"Respect is earned, it's not just given," said Deanda, the first female to obtain the rank of lieutenant in the Chandler PD.

"We earn respect on a daily basis by our hard work and dedication, alongside not only the other women that I work with, but the men that I work with as well."

A crystal-clear theme from the panel: These women earned their reputation in law enforcement purely based on their merit, selfless character and above-average performance, not on gender.

Although the world of law enforcement remains primarily male-dominant, Chandler PD boasts approximately 50 percent women in its ranks.

Referring to that figure, Chandler Police Chief Sean Duggan expressed his immense gratitude for officers such as the women on the Chandler Chamber-sponsored panel discussion, and is confident in the leadership



From left: Chandler Police Department Chief Sean Duggan; Sgt. Donna Reno; Sgt. Sara Rozema; Lt. Melissa Deanda; and Rita Dyas, forensic services manager for Chandler PD. — Wrangler News photo by Noah Kutz

they bring to the table for the city of Chandler.

Said Duggan:

"We create a culture that recognizes and appreciates hard work and accomplishments, no matter who you are or what you look like," noting that everyone in this line of work experiences the same training no matter their gender, which enables them to handle the fear and stress they encounter on the job.

"We have a job to do," said Rozema, "and we get scared all the time." Despite the fear they face, however,

officers revert back to their training in order to help them accomplish their mission in dire circumstances, she said.

But why do they choose to do it? "Well, I have bills to pay," chuckled Rita Dyas.

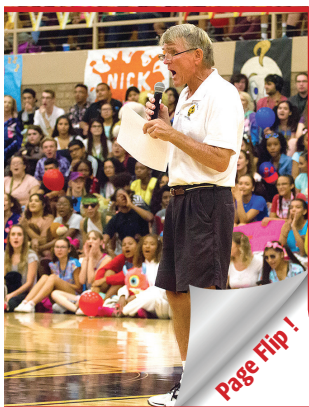
Her real reason: simply because she loves what she does. For 27 years, Dyas has worked in forensics and says she has loved the job every step of the way.

Unlike this other, usually behind-the-scenes side of law enforcement, forensics is a primarily female-dominated world, according to Dyas,

and the lab at Chandler PD is filled entirely by women.

For the other women on the panel, a mutual desire for self-accomplishment and community involvement led to their induction onto the force, and each of them love what they do.

According to the panel, for anyone interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, research the requirements and qualifications first. Once you've obtained some life experience and are ready for the challenge, then "take the leap of faith!"



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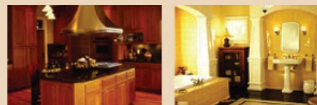
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