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When moral compass fails, schools, business, government stress role of ethics

By Lee Shappell

Special for Wrangler News

An area high school coach doesn't bat an eye at sending more than 100 emails to opponents over three-plus seasons, selling out his own team by revealing insider game plans.

Tempe City Council dismisses one of its members after hearing allegations of wrongdoing.

Wealthy celebrity parents, who easily could afford to send their kids to any college they choose, pay to cheat on assessment tests and resumes to get them in.

The list of malfeasance in business, industry and politics at the national and international levels is longer than many Ethics & Compliance handbooks.

In the Tempe-West Chandler area, governmental agencies, school districts and business leaders still profess to value their moral compass.

"We're stewards of the public's money and they've entrusted us to provide services and amenities to them," said Tempe City Auditor Bill Greene.

"It's super important that we keep that trust or it really makes it hard for us to get our job done. If there's a perception in the local community that we're not taking care of the money that they've given us in the way that they want us to, the next time we go and make an ask for more resources to do something they might be less inclined to vote yes on

Neighborhood protests put brakes on plans for proposed So. Tempe Valvoline location

By Sammie Ann Wicks

“In the past, it seems like most businesses that are proposed have been put through without a lot of consideration by the DRC,” Smith recalls. “This time, it was different.”

Smith added community wide opposition to the Valvoline proposal inspired greater numbers of residents to get involved.

“There was a number of people there who were regulars, but we were really encouraged to see 20-30 people show up who were new to all this,” Smith noted, “and that’s going give momentum to the community voice as we move forward.”

The organizer added not everyone at the meeting was happy with the Design Review Commission’s decision.

“I don’t think the land owner expected this they

kind of lost their composure,” Smith went on to say. “But they should realize we in the community are not opposed to development--we just want the kind that fits the character and values of the community. And another oil lube place doesn’t do that.”

Joining Smith were many other Tempe residents, some of whom hadn’t participated in community affairs before, among them new resident Susan Sheldon.

“We just bought a house, and have been in it for about a year,” Sheldon noted, saying being at the September meeting showed her the city “is moving in the right direction.”

“I signed the petition when I heard about this,” Sheldon said.

Transplantation surgery breathes new life into Tempe mom

By Sammie Ann Wicks

“Oh, my God, I can BREATHE!”

So exclaimed a stunned Irene Marra after waking up from her double lung transplant in 2015 at Dignity Health’s Norton Thoracic Institute at St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center.

“I just woke up, took a deep breath, and saw my kids and husband standing there, you know, all worried, then when I said that, one of my kids just beamed,” says the Tempe resident, remembering her long surgery and eight-day stay at St. Joe’s.

“Then my kids said, ‘Mom, you’re OK!’ so I knew I’d be just fine,” Marra remembers, quick to express her gratitude to her young donor.

“I’ll be forever grateful to him, a dear boy,” she said, wistfully recalling what she’d been told about him.

“He was a young man in his 20s, they said, and sadly, he had committed suicide,” Marra recounted. “And while that’s tragic, by some stroke of fate he gave me the gift of life, the breath of life, so his memory will live on for me as a wonderful thing.”

Another stroke of luck gave

Marra a better-than-average chance at life: while so many lung transplant patients go through a long and difficult recovery period, she says she was immediately able to hit the ground running.

“I don’t know, I just started off great right from the beginning, right after waking up, and never looked back, and I’m thankful to be here—I was SO ready for my new life,” she says.

Marra’s difficulties with her lungs were one part of a syndrome of issues coming out of a lifelong problem with a faulty autoimmune system.

“My family had a history of autoimmune disease, and I was no exception,” Marra explains, saying her own system had already destroyed her spleen, then attacked her lungs, and now was even threatening her thyroid gland.

Autoimmune dysfunction—in which the body mistakenly attacks itself and even its own organs as if they were foreign organisms—is implicated in numerous serious illnesses, such as HIV/AIDS, rheumatoid arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis, Lupus, fibromyalgia, Hashimoto’s Thyroid disease, and

others, often with progressive debilitation and life-threatening challenges.

But Marra, whose enthusiasm and zest for life are infectious, says she’s so happy to be back on a productive schedule she’s never looked back. And she adds her friends have even told her they’re envious.

“They all call me the Energizer Bunny,” Marra laughs, saying she couldn’t have survived her struggles without her overabundance of energy. And because of it, Marra was motivated to start competing in athletic events that are part of the World Transplant Games in Newcastle, UK.

Now 60, Marra says she decided to go back to a team sport she used to be good at.

“I decided to learn how to throw a softball again,” she chuckles, “and then determined to go to England and compete.

“I’m not going to say this is a so-called ‘soft’ competition, because it’s not,” she asserts. “It’s hard. Even for transplant competitors. But I was determined.”

Competing also in darts and

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bowling at the UK-based games last August, Marra says she met and made new friends there.

“I met people from all over the world,” she says, “just great people.

“And then there were the ENGLISH.”

Marra laughs, remembering how she’d anticipated that proverbial Stiff Upper Lip of famous British provenance.

“Well, those folks in Newcastle are about the friendliest blokes you’ll ever meet,” she says, laughing again.

“They take you on walks, they’ll just come right up to you and greet you, smiling, if maybe you look lost, they’ll ask you, ‘Oh, do you need help finding something?’ giving you directions and offering to help in any way they can.

“They’re used to visitors and welcome them, proud to show those new to England the historical richness of their country.”

Marra’s commitment to the games, and to others who have gone through similar difficulties while living with transplant recovery, has led her

to organizations serving her population.

“There’s so much you have to learn to do—all those anti-rejection drugs, the huge adjustments to lifestyle and diet—it can be really daunting,” she declares.

“I should know—toward the end, before the transplant, my lungs looked like those of an 80-year-old, so I understand the challenge. It’s why I became an avid volunteer.”

Marra doesn’t stop there—she’s invented and now markets a special case containing all the many items required daily by transplant patients—medicines, tools, equipment, face masks, pill boxes, you name it.

Named Volunteer of the Year by Transplant Games of America, Marra still never misses a beat.

“I’m looking forward to participating in the Games in Houston in 2021, and helping out there,” Marra says.

So she’s taking on yet more work in a schedule that would wear out people half her age.

Doesn’t she ever get tired? “Never,” she proclaims.



Decked out in their Team USA gear, Irene Marra, left, alongside Deb Lofgreen, competed in this year’s World Transplant Games in England after receiving lung transplants at Dignity Health’s Norton Thoracic Institute at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center. —Photo courtesy Dignity Health



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Corona's Homecoming King Jacob Flores and Homecoming Queen Sofie Tindall. Jacob is captain of the school's varsity soccer team and the National Hispanic Scholar of 2019-2020. He plans to study chemical engineering at Arizona State University or Oregon State. Sofie is captain of Corona's pom team and a member of Corona dance. She plans to study business at Mesa Community College, then ASU.

— Photo courtesy
Kris Cartwright



For Wrangler News, a new look at the future

If our newspaper looks a bit different to you — and we hope it does — it's not the result of a mandate from some faraway corporate bigwigs. Our own local staff of editors, designers, reporters, layout wizards and advertising experts — well, all two of us, that is — has spent countless hours pondering the future of little community-based papers like ours, and this is what we've decided:

That despite those doomsday forecasters who predict the demise of newspapers around the world, we think we and others like us hold the future of community journalism in our hands.

It's also why we think it's time to refresh the way we bring you our news and feature-story content and, as you can see, the way we look.

So you'll know how these changes, both now and in the very near future, have begun to take shape, it's a result of the involvement of some of those in our circle of contributors who love Wrangler News as much as we do, and are determined—as we are—to make sure we remain a vital part of our community for years to come.

You'll soon be hearing from us about ways you can help us in this pursuit, and we encourage you to be involved in the process of sustaining the growth of local news by calling or emailing us, or even dropping by our office when you're in the neighborhood.

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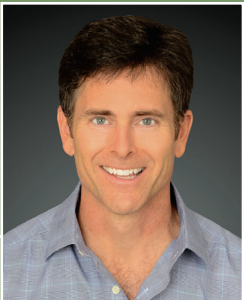
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Chamber session unveils roadmap for transportation growth, improvements

By Noah Kutz

Public transportation, highway improvements and economic development: they emerged equally as the top concerns among members attending a recent meeting of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

Eric Anderson, executive director of the Maricopa Association of Governments and discussor-in-chief at the event, focused his remarks on developments in the Valley involving transportation, specifically for Chandler and surrounding areas.

According to a MAG report regarding recent polls, said Anderson, “The freeway system, great connectivity, and a variety of [public transit] options is what people like most about the transportation system in the region.”

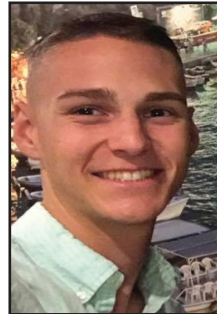
Based on the same regional polls, the biggest plus- and-minus aspects of transportation for Valley residents has been traffic congestion and road construction.

According to Anderson, the highway systems and policies for transportation in the Valley are relatively new, and must remain a priority to sustain the growing population.

“Our highway system is key to not only our economic development but to quality of life here,” Anderson said.

Proposition 400, a transportation tax for Maricopa County, devotes approximately a third of the revenue to public transit, 56% to highways and 10% to improving city streets.

“Chandler in particular has done very well by this program; we’re finding a lot of street improvements in



Chandler,” Anderson noted.

East Valley residents will also continue to see highway improvements as the county invests in construction on the Loop 101 Price Freeway and 202 South Mountain Freeway.

As traffic congestion occurs after these projects open in 2020, improvements to Highway 143, as well as some areas on I-10, will see approximately \$700 million in construction investments, according to MAG.

The start of work was delayed until the opening of Loop 202 in order to accommodate for the anticipated influx of traffic, as it will become a “very messy project,” said Anderson.

Among area business owners and members of the Chandler Chamber, State Representative Mitzi Epstein and Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke were among guests on hand to show their support of the growing economy.

Said Hartke:

“We’re continuing to work on our roads. I’m promising a 2-year hiatus of Arizona Avenue and downtown – let’s breathe, let’s take a break and kind of let our shops and stores grow.”

In his update on the city, Mayor Hartke expressed his excitement for a new parking garage opening near the Historic Downtown district as well as a few new shops opening to the public.

Chamber planners say they also will host an event on the current state of higher education with ASU President Michael Crow on Thursday, Oct. 17.

For more information on upcoming events visit <http://www.chandlerchamber.com>.

Information regarding upcoming transportation projects can be found at <https://www.azmag.gov/Programs/Transportation>.

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No surprise: Speed kills

Longtime insurance exec offers insight on problem

According to data compiled from the most recent Fatality Analysis Reporting System, speeding is a factor in more than 1 in 4 fatal car accidents. Teams at driving-tests.org used the last five years of FARS data to analyze every fatal crash involving a speeding driver.

Arizona stood out in the following ways:

- Arizona had the 10th most speeding deaths per capita in 2017, with 4.24 deaths per 100,000 residents.
- Rural roads with speed limits of 55 account for two times as many speeding deaths as any other road type.
- Sunday is the worst day of the week for speeding deaths, and the two most dangerous time periods are midnight-2 a.m. and 9-11 p.m.

Tempe-based State Farm agent Mary Contreras says the data come as no surprise.

“Every year I am amazed by the car accidents processed through our agency,” she said. “What one would assume by simple numbers is not the reality. Over the years I have come to realize exactly why our cities have residential speed limits posted for a reason.”

The reason is simple, Contreras notes. At 25 miles per hour, a pedestrian’s chances of surviving a car’s impact are high. Survivability

incrementally drops, however, as the speed increases. “So speed literally kills,” she says. “Yet, we see so many racing down our residential streets.”

Contreras notes that recently, while driving on Alma School Road in Chandler, a car honked at her repeatedly.

“He swerved around me and raced past my car only to stop in front of me at a red light,” she recalled. “As he passed me, I realized why he was honking; I was traveling the posted speed limit and he wanted to be at that stop light so much faster than me.”

It wasn’t Contreras’ first observation of speeding drivers in Arizona. It also was one of the many reasons she has slowed down over the years.

“I made the decision to keep a better eye on my speed after watching precious clients wrestle with the nightmare of manslaughter charges and unintended consequences from not paying attention,” she said.

“The death of a friend sitting beside you in the passenger seat or the neighbor walking across the street doesn’t need to be.

“We can slow down for each other’s sake.”

Contreras’ agency offers a teen-driver awareness clinic on the third Saturday of every month. Information: 480-775-7788.

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Protest

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“Then I kept telling everybody, ‘You need to be at this meeting,’ letting them know how important it was.” Sheldon said the mood at the meeting among neighbors was upbeat.

She said she also spoke with many neighbors who thought the Valvoline depot was a redundant type of application.

“At the meeting we were saying that there are numerous other oil change places nearby, some just a mile away, so why do we need another one?” Sheldon asked.

In the mind of resident Salma O’Brien, who attended the meeting to express her opposition to the proposal, problems with the project were plentiful. “We don’t want some big, shiny corporate thing in our neighborhood,” O’Brien asserted, noting that she saw very few Valvoline supporters at the meeting.

“Not one person there spoke up for that project,” O’Brien stated, “and for good reason. We want locally oriented businesses here. Even when that location was a Shell station it was run by a local family, and we trusted them. With this, not so much.”

“How can the developer claim he improved this property,” she asserted, “when all he seems to have done is cut down all the trees, and torn down a

characterful old building? They don’t get it--we want more, not less, green space.”

“The city should care. We’re not just these community folk. We’re absolutely taxpayers, and if this (DRC) decision gets appealed, you’re going to see us at the city council meeting.”

Yet another attendee, active in developing the business sector, who asked not to be identified, said the community’s long-term goal in having a voice in city decision-making involves more than just one project.

“We want to create an ambience, to promote an attractive character to this whole corridor--to say, ‘This is what we’re like in 85284,’” the attendee said. “We want visionaries, entrepreneurs who’ll create major anchors that will support and empower smaller neighboring mom-and-pop type enterprises to exist and thrive.”

Community feedback

One City Council representative who monitored the results of the DRC session said she was encouraged by the residents’ strong showing.

“I was thrilled by the fact that we had as much community feedback as we got,” said Jennifer Adams, elected last year to Tempe City Council.

The councilwoman noted that, should the McClintock project’s developer appeal the DRC’s decision, the matter will go before Tempe City

Council, and will be subject to a more judicial type review.

“The people getting involved in the commission’s decision-making process is a very good sign, and is something I ran on--something I’m thrilled about,” she said.

Neighbors from every walk of life who came to the meeting inspired Amanda Stewart Sprowls, president of Circle G Ranch Association.

“Some people who showed up at the meeting have been living here since this area was even developed, while young newcomers with families who were drawn here by our unique ambience, and others from a broad spectrum of demographics, sat right next to them,” Sprowls declared, “all putting in their two cents--and all of us were committed to same idea, preserving the unique character of this place, even while fully supporting any business that wants to contribute to that.”

Varied backgrounds

Diversity of the meeting’s community participants pulling in the same direction also gained the admiration of resident Jill Strandquist.

“We had hipsters there sitting next to young people, people from all backgrounds,” Strandquist said.

“And what was even better, when a young person got up to speak, the older crowd really encouraged

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them, and then the younger people turned that back around and told THEM, 'You can speak, too, you get up and speak, too.' It was a grand sense of community."

Strandquist said residents now want more attention given by the city to "what the community itself really wants."

"We're already stuck with the chicken joint (referring to the Raising Cane's national franchise nearby, previously approved by the city)," Strandquist said.

"So from here on out we're going to take an active role as a community to make sure things we don't want here aren't foisted on us."

"We want a live-work-play city. Walkable. Mixed use. Eclectic. Interesting. A place that will retain those vibrant young people coming here for an education. We can only wonder: City of Tempe, are you listening?"

Additional information can be found at tempe.gov/drc.



So, Tempe resident Matt Smith stands near the site near McClintock Drive and Warner Road where a Valvoline shop was to have been built.

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Ethics

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that.

“Our officers wear uniforms, and people have badges, and they drive trucks with the city logo on them. We’re out there in the public eye every day, and so ethical behavior is something we really emphasize.”

Green manages and directs Tempe’s Internal Audit Office, which conducts audits, consulting engagements and investigations for city policy makers, executives and stakeholders.

It’s not a small group. Tempe is home to 190,000 residents and Arizona State University, with an enrollment of more than 100,000. The city has an annual operating budget in excess of a half-billion dollars. To service the needs of the populace, Tempe has 1,700 employees.

Varied backgrounds

In April, the Tempe City Council voted unanimously to remove Councilman Kolby Granville from office after determining that he had violated the city’s code-of-conduct policy and was unfit to continue representing the city.

He was accused of providing minors with alcohol and making unwanted sexual advances toward two women. He has denied the allegations and never was charged with a crime, but in September he surrendered his teaching certificate.

The Tempe Union High School District was shaken in September by revelations that Justin Hager, a freshman football and girls basketball coach at Mountain Pointe High, was sending opponents detailed insider scouting tips.

Hager submitted his resignation when it came to light, however the district’s governing board voted unanimously not to accept it so it can instead fire him for cause, which likely would lead to loss of his teaching certificate in Arizona.

Like the city of Tempe, TUHSD has an extensive ethics policy that all employees receive and acknowledge that they’ve read. Core values and beliefs include:

- behave with integrity;
- act with civility;
- words and actions matter;
- value truthfulness and trustworthiness;
- learn from individual vulnerability;
- through relationships, develop a culture of safe risk taking and personal growth;
- and take responsibility for actions.

“All employees are aware of these values and we integrate them into all of our messaging,” said Jennifer Liewer, TUHSD executive director of community relations. “There are signs at all of our schools and (TUHSD Superintendent) Dr. Kevin J. Mendivil speaks to these values and beliefs whenever speaking to staff. We believe that all employees understand the expectations surrounding these core values.”

Liewer stresses that the actions of one employee in the district does not represent all employees.

“We believe that the vast majority of people on our campuses, whether teacher, coach or student, act in an ethical manner,” Liewer said. “Leadership in this district expects all employees to act with integrity and to behave with integrity in everything that we do and say, regardless of what may be taking place in the news headlines.”

One of those employees, Eric Lauer, the head football coach at Marcos de Niza High, is among the multitudes wondering what possessed Hager to email insider game strategies. It is particularly troubling to Lauer, he says, because he worked side-by-side with Hager while Lauer was a Mountain Pointe varsity assistant football coach. They became friends.

Lauer says he has spoken to Hager since the incident became public, but he won’t say what they discussed. Lauer did say that he has addressed his team about how character counts.

“We’ve talked to our kids about how integrity is one of our main core values, and then accountability is right under that,” Lauer said. “Integrity is for all of us and we all have to be accountable. We talk about. ‘Am I able to count on you?’”

Varied backgrounds

“This whole thing really surprised me because we’re real good friends. We talked every day. Even the lower level coaches were in with the varsity coaches and had jobs throughout the week. It definitely doesn’t seem like it’s normal behavior. I don’t know what precipitated him to do that. It hurt the kids, for sure, and the coaches. Those kind of things you try to understand and reason why, but I really don’t know why.”

As the voice of the Chandler business community, the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and its president, Terri Kimble, are front and center in stressing that business ethics be upheld. It’s a responsibility they take seriously.

“It is essential to create a business climate within a company that fosters ethical guidelines,” Kimble said. “In turn, this creates a culture that can bring significant benefits, such as client trust and employee retention.”

The chamber offers mentoring in ethics through its small-business development partners.

New York-based LRN Corp., founded 25 years ago by Dov Seidman, with the vision that the world would be a better place if more people did the right thing. Seidman believes that many ethical missteps might be brought to light if employees were not reluctant to come forward and report them. In a survey released in June of this year, LRN found that employees fear reprisal or that their claims will fall on deaf ears.

Varied backgrounds

LRN, which has helped more than 25 million people at more than 700 companies worldwide navigate legal and regulatory environments and make ethical decisions, suggests that there’s too little focus on shaping employee behavior and too much

on rules and prohibitions.

“Employees need a good moral compass, they don’t need a five-pound manual as a guide,” said LRN adviser Susan Divers.

Tempe does have a voluminous ethics policy. It’s a small book. But Greene said that new employees go through an orientation, which includes a section on ethics in the workplace, and are made aware that there are channels through which to report ethical violations without fear of reprisal.

“We talk about things like what do ethics mean? And what are ethical conflicts? What should you do when you stumble into something you don’t know what to do?” Greene said.

“I think it’s inevitable that everybody will have some sort of ethical conflict and then have to make a decision. There are a lot of gray areas in a value-based system. Different people have different values.”

Commentary

Coach scores a win for ethics

By Joyce Coronel

The recent scandals that have dominated headlines lately are not lost on area spiritual leaders. One of the primary roles of pastors and faith communities is to point to higher, transcendent realities as well as timeless, bedrock moral principles that serve as guideposts for decision making.

In the brouhaha over the Mountain Pointe coach accused of leaking game strategies and other information to opposing teams, Wrangler News decided to cast a wider net and look at ethics and how moral standards are upheld in the broader community. We knew we were on to something big when we noticed The Washington Post quoted our exclusive coverage of Justin Hager, the coach at the center of the athletics controversy.

Turns out the first person to alert officials of the effort to cheat in high school athletics was from a faith-based school in Las Vegas.

According to The Washington Post, Vernon Fox, head football coach at Faith Lutheran High School in Las Vegas, received an email from “walterpayton12,” the alias email address Hager is accused of using in the scam. Several of Mountain Pointe’s opponents received emails that leaked sensitive information. Fox responded to the email that landed in his inbox Aug. 21, two days before Mountain Pointe travelled to Las Vegas for the football game:

“Sir...I don’t believe in cheating... We are not looking to gain an unfair advantage. We will prepare as best we can and look forward to have a great competitive game,” Fox wrote. Mountain Pointe went on to defeat Faith Lutheran in the game.

According to Jennifer Liewer, executive director of community relations for the Tempe Union High School District, Fox was “the first one who provided specific details” to the district in the scandal. Fox’s school is the nation’s largest Lutheran school, with 1,950 students in grades 6-12. It is the largest non-public school in the state of Nevada.



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Oct. 23 session will explore ways to combat loneliness

“I’m just so lonely!”

The anguished cry of one elderly Tempe resident is emblematic of a pervasive problem the city hopes to address Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Lakeside room at Tempe Center for the Arts.

The daylong session addressing loneliness and social isolation begins at 10:30 a.m. and features a host of local experts like Wendy Wolferseig, Ph.D., of Arizona State University, plus Lauren Walker and Jennifer Monninger of Community Bridges.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a roundtable discussion with the presenters.

During the afternoon session, attendees will listen to ideas from award finalists about how to address loneliness and isolation in the city.

The presentations are followed by an awards ceremony.

Tempe Center for the Arts is at 700 W. Rio Salado.

Registration is required for one or both sessions of the event.

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— Joyce Coronel



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Pup

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Arnold reported that when he reached one of SRP's grates, which are installed to prevent debris and people from entering as the ditch transitions into pipe, he noticed a dog sitting alone on the bank.

As he rolled down the truck's window to check on the animal, Arnold said he heard whimpers from another dog trapped inside the grate.

Arnold quickly called a co-worker to help rescue the trapped animal. Once zanjero Alex Gutierrez arrived, Arnold put his construction and maintenance background to use and unbolted a small portion of the grate while Gutierrez kept an eye on the other stray dog.

Once the metal grate was no longer attached to the wall, Arnold made a small lasso and pulled the frightened dog up five feet to safety.

Both men cared for the dogs by giving them food and water, but because it was still the middle of the night, there wasn't much more they could do and the stray friends left safely together.

SRP zanjeros say they routinely come across animals as they deliver water throughout the Valley. They remind owners to keep an eye on their pets around the canal and irrigation facilities.



Family fun coming to Downtown Chandler at Nov. 10 'Harvest Fest'

As the blazing hot days of summer finally fade away, fall weather brings a plethora of outdoor entertainment for residents of Tempe and West Chandler.

One such opportunity, the Arizona Harvest Fest and Open Air Market, takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 178 E. Commonwealth Ave.

The free event will include a bounty of activities that appeal to all ages.

"Arizona Harvest Fest is about giving back to the community and making the most of the cooler weather while enjoying a Sunday afternoon of fun, shopping, great music and food," said Landon Evans, owner of HDE Agency, the event's organizer.

A full schedule of live entertainment includes performances by local bands D. on Darox & the Melody Joy Bakers, Pick & Holler, Jim Bachman & the Day Drinkers and Blain Long to name a few.

A pumpkin toss, pumpkin decorating, pie eating contest, corn shucking, cake walk and kids zone will add to festival-goers' fun. Adults will enjoy the flavors of the season in the beer garden featuring local pumpkin ales and seasonal brews.

A portion of proceeds from the event will go to ICAN, an East Valley-based nonprofit that provides free, family-centered services and programs aimed at equipping youth to achieve personal and academic success.

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'You are not alone' . . .

Schools work to stem crisis of youth suicides

By Robyn Martinez

"You are not alone." That message, along with Teen Lifeline's phone number for one who may be contemplating suicide, is on the reverse side of most middle-school student IDs this year as part of a widespread campaign by the Tempe Elementary district to stem the upsurge of youth suicides.

While the problem has taken on crisis proportions nationwide, Tempe district officials say they are unaware of any that may have occurred in their schools.

The numbers don't lie, though. Suicide has emerged as the number-two cause of death among Arizonans 15-34 years old, according to data from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

For students who are now facing more stressors than ever before, say experts, this is a crucial issue for local schools.

"In Tempe Elementary, we realize that supporting students' social and emotional well-being is directly connected to their ability to learn," said Jennifer Ostrom, social, behavioral and health services coordinator. "Students need and deserve to feel safe and cared for while at school," said Ostrom. "All the stress that our students are under impacts their learning, behavior, social relationships and sense of well-being and safety."

As a district, Tempe Elementary continues to determine ways to meet the social/emotional needs of students, say school officials. Trainings focused on suicide prevention are offered for counselors and psychologists throughout the year.

Additionally, each Tempe Elementary campus has a counselor on site, as well as access to a psychologist, by tapping into resources referred to as ASIST, or Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, developed by the Center for Suicide Prevention. "The ASIST training this month was very educational and helpful," reported Danielle Juengel, a counselor at Laird Elementary School.

"There were audio/visual presentations, group discussions and opportunities to practice the skills we learned in small groups," she said.

"It was an emotional experience; you go into the training with your own experiences and perceptions of suicide that have to be negotiated while you are learning the ASIST model. I learned a lot from this training, but overall I learned how to keep an individual at risk safe while seeking further help if necessary."

Programs like Second Step, which teach problem-solving and self-care skills, is utilized district-wide, according to officials, and the award-winning program PBIS, or Positive Behavioral Intervention Support, encourages an affirmative atmosphere for students and helps to set them up for success.

Both programs are implemented in district classrooms. Strong, functioning intervention teams that help identify social and academic needs of students also add support for Tempe Elementary students and staff, according to a district spokeswoman.

The goal of each program is to help promote a positive school culture, where students are encouraged to be open about their feelings and be kind and caring toward one another, officials said. Research shows people who are having thoughts of suicide feel relief when someone asks about them in a caring way. Findings also suggest that acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce rather than increase suicidal ideation.

In addition, a theme of Choose Kindness, Change the World was adopted for this school year. Across

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Tempe Elementary's 22 schools, children are being reminded daily to look for ways to show kindness to their peers.

Juengel, the Laird counselor, notes that giving and receiving kindness can be an antidote for stress and depression that students may be experiencing.

"It is one of the few things you can do for free the benefits everyone," Juengel said.

Juengel added that it is important for parents to seek to know and understand their student's behaviors, and listen to them. Is their student just having a bad day or has it been going on for a while?

Suicide Warning Signs

Most at-risk youth demonstrate signs that signal when they are in the throes of suicidal thinking. Based on advisories from the Arizona Association of School Psychologists and Stanford Children's Health, these behaviors include:

- Unexpected decline in academics;
- Noticable changes in eating and sleeping habits;
- Withdrawal from family and friends;
- Changes in behavior, appearance, thoughts and/or feelings;
- Agitation, restlessness, distress, or panicky behavior;

- Suicidal threats in the form of direct ("I am going to kill myself") and indirect ("I wish I could fall asleep and never wake up again") statements;

- Suicide notes and plans (including online postings);
- Prior suicidal behavior;
- Making final arrangements (e.g., making funeral arrangements, writing a will, giving away prized possessions); and
- Preoccupation with death.

Parents should contact their child's school and seek professional help sooner rather than later if they notice any signs or have concerns about their student's well-being.

"Sometimes our greatest work as educators is how we impact a child's feelings about his/her own self-worth and ability to achieve his/her own goals and dreams," social services/health coordinator Ostrom said.

"In addition to teaching skills like goal setting, problem solving, empathy, emotional management and friendship skills, we must also ensure our staff is well prepared to engage in suicide prevention activities to keep kids safe and hopeful about their place in the world."

Suicide is preventable. If you or someone you know is struggling, get help immediately via 911; National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK); or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741).



Tempe Elementary school counselor Danielle Juengel comforts a student. Each of the district's schools has a counselor and access to a psychologist in an effort to support student's social and emotional well-being. — Photo courtesy Tempe Elementary School District

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SPORTS

With Alex Zener

Aztecs' close win over Westview shows why every point counts

The Aztecs had a great reason to celebrate Friday night. After defeating Desert Ridge 26-19, and then Westview, 20-19, they not only had a back-to-back winning streak but won more games—three—than they had the last two years.

Jasper Schineller's two PAT kicks demonstrated why every point is important when his kicks proved to be the difference in the one-point win, 20-19, over Westview on Sept. 27.

After Westwood took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, the Aztecs came on strong in the second quarter

with two rushing touchdowns, one by sophomore sensation Anyale Velazquez, the other by junior Scott Musgrave.

Schineller made both PAT kicks to put the Aztecs up 14-7 at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter, Westview scored a touchdown but failed to tie the game after the Knights' kicker missed the PAT.

Entering the fourth quarter, behind 13-14, the Knights scored a rushing touchdown to take a five-point lead at 19-14 but did not make their two-point

conversion attempt.

The rest of the fourth quarter was a defensive battle until the Aztecs' Bryce Douglass caught a 13-yard pass from Corona's quarterback Quade Swearingen to give the Aztecs a 20-19 win.

The Westview game was not Swearingen's best passing game but he still managed to pass for 113 yards, 53 of those to senior Eric Blackwell.

Velazquez was the leading rusher with 19 carries for 98 yards and one touchdown.

On special teams, Jean Boyd III had a 41-yard kickoff return and Jack Farley had a 25-yard kickoff return.

Swearingen punted the ball five times with an average of 37 yards a punt.

Miles Sheppard was the leading tackler for the Aztecs with seven solo and three assisted tackles for a total of 10 tackles followed by Jake Schmitt with nine tackles, Tyson McLain with seven and Boyd III with six.

Alex Rafalski had the only interception.

The Aztecs had a 3-3 record heading into their conference game at home on Oct. 4 against Queen Creek.

Corona's eighth game of the season will be another home conference game, this one against Highland, on Oct. 18. The game is supposed to be a live broadcast on the NFHS Network but check maxpreps.com to verify when it gets closer to date.

Marcos de Niza football

The Padres, with a 3-2 record, are on a two-game winning streak after defeating Tempe, 28-7, on Sept. 20 and then crushing Moon Valley, 49-15, on Sept. 27.

The Padres' junior quarterback, Antonio Hernandez, only passed the ball 92 yards against Moon Valley, but it seemed unnecessary to pass the ball when Marcos had seven players carry for a total of 430 rushing yards.

The offensive player of the game had to have been senior running back Yakeen Baylis, who gained 202 yards on 14 carries with two rushing touchdowns, one of those a 50-yard run.

Baylis was not the only one to carry the ball for long yardage. Anthony Brown returned a kickoff 96 yards for

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Brown also carried the ball eight times for 42 yards and scored an additional five points as the team's PAT kicker.

Senior Matt Canada rushed 51-yards to score a touchdown, and junior Jayden Calderon carried the ball seven times for 117 yards and one touchdown.

Canada was also the leading receiver on the team, gaining 52 yards on just two receptions.

On special teams, senior Julius O'Banner had a 62-yard and a 33-yard kickoff return.

The Padres' defense played well against the Rockets, with 65 total tackles, six quarterback sacks, nine passes defended and one caused fumble and one recovered fumble.

If Baylis was the offensive player of the game against Moon Valley, then junior Schofar Hill had to be the defensive player of the game.

Hill was the leading tackler on the team, with six solo and six assisted tackles for a total of 12 tackles. He was credited with three tackles for a loss and 2.5 quarterback sacks. Hill also caused one fumble with Ayden Tuchfarber recovering one.

Senior Dante Kircher-Myton had four solo and on assisted tackle for five total, along with two sacks, while Durham Goodman had one



Corona football players celebrate after defeating Westview 20-19 to win their third game this season.

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sack and Jakob Vandorn was credited with .5 sacks. Senior Malaki Corella was credited with two points for a safety.

Marcos will play at home the last four games of the season.

Up next, the Padres were due to play their sixth out of 10 regular season games on Oct. 4 in a conference game against Seton Catholic, which is 4-1 on the season.

On paper, the Sentinels have the edge in the passing game, but the Padres more than make up for it in their rushing game making the average total yards per game about the same.

No defensive statistics were available for Seton so it's impossible to predict that aspect of the game.

After Seton, the Padres will play Poston Butte on Oct. 11, Saguaro on Oct. 18 and Mesquite on Oct. 25.

Cross Country

Corona, and often McClintock, have been competing in cross country meets every weekend since Aug. 31, when the Aztecs competed at the Two-Mile Time Trial, then Sept. 7 at the Chandler Invite, Sept 14 at the Ojo Rojo Invitational, Sept. 21 at the Doug Conley Invite and Sept. 27 at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival.

Some of the highlights from Corona and McClintock results follow.

At the Chandler Invite, Corona's boys freshman team took first place with a score of 10 while McClintock's freshman boys placed second with 17 points.

Corona's Tyler Tisinger placed second in this race, bested only by McClintock's Taven Sanders, who won the 5,000-meters freshman race.

The rest of Corona's freshman racers included Andrew Davies-Boerner, third place; Diego Frausto, sixth place; Grant Murad, 16th; and Ben Brower.

McClintock's other freshman racers included Cole Bolen in seventh; Andrew Rodriguez in 12th; and Mario Menchaca.

Corona's girls team finished fifth in the 5,000-Meters Sophomore event with 49 points.

Ashlinn Aguayo crossed the finished line in ninth place, followed by Sachiko Devine, Leah Gunter and Tatum Cobles.

McClintock's girls team placed third in the 5,000-meters junior event, with Selema Ortiz as the first Charger to cross the finish line. Ortiz placed 10th, followed by Ella Zeiders in 11th. Other McClintock racers included Olivia Fisher, Rachael Pabst and Alexia Moreno.

Corona's junior girls took fourth place behind the McClintock team, with Jade Bare crossing the finish line first for both teams, with a fourth-place finish. She was followed by Peyton Burnside, who was 15th,

then Teadora Zawilak, Tienna Thomas and Audrey Ritzert.

In the senior boys division, Corona's team placed second with 30 points behind Perry High School.

Zachary Johnson was the highest place finisher for Corona in second place, with a time of 16:33.37. He was followed by Dominic Arellano in fifth place, Conner Zook, Daniel Nichols and Riley Welch.

At the Ojo Rojo, Corona's freshman boys and Corona's varsity boys runners both finished in third place.

In the freshman race, Davies-Boerner took second place followed by Frausto in fourth, Murad in 12th, Brower and Cole Zook.

In the varsity division, Johnson was the second runner to cross the finish line. He was followed by teammates Arellano in 10th place, Tisinger, 25th, Conner Zook and Callum Rohrer.

The Doug Conley was held at Shalimar Golf Course this year, at which Corona's boys team took sixth place in the 5,000-meters Elite division. Johnson took fifth place, followed by Arellano, Conner Zook, Tisinger and Bennett Gunning.

McClintock's girls team took third place in the 5,000-meters Invitational division, with Zeiders beating out Ortiz to take 10th place. Ortiz finished 13th with Mariska Bogaard in 18th place followed by Amelie Land and Fisher.

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with M.V. Moorhead

Latest Yeti offering not so abominable

Following last year's peculiar *Smallfoot* comes *Abominable*, now in theaters. It's another CGI animated feature for kids about Yetis, the legendary "abominable snowmen" of the Himalayas. This one is peculiar, too.

Yetis really were depicted as abominable, menacing and scary, in movies going back at least as far as the mid-'50s, with low-budget shockers like *Man Beast*, *The Snow Creature* and the atmospheric British effort of 1957, *The Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas*.

But starting, perhaps, in the '60s, with the guileless, overly affectionate Hugo in the Looney Tunes, it has become common to depict the elusive anthropoids as harmless, and more threatened by humans and the outside world than a threat to it.

Abominable carries on this tradition. The heroine of this Chinese-American co-production, a collaboration between Dreamworks Animation and China's Pearl Studio, is Yi (voiced by Chloe Bennet), a teenaged Chinese city girl living with her mother and grandmother.

Yi finds a fuzzy, sweet-natured Yeti hiding on the roof of her apartment building; he's escaped from a cruel scientific facility run by a rich collector (Eddie Izzard) and an obsessed scientist (Sarah Paulson).

She feeds her new friend steamed pork buns and plays her violin for him, and then, with the help of two boys from the building, tries to smuggle him back to his home in on Mount Everest, with the forces of the nasty collector in hot pursuit.

Along the way, the kids recognize that their Yeti, who they dub "Everest," is a juvenile.

The movie is of a New-Agey-bent; in the course of the odyssey we learn that the creature is tune with the forces of nature, and when he hums, the sound causes flowers to blossom and blueberries to grow enormous.

As is almost invariably the case with wide-release animated features of the last few decades, the



obligatory elements in *Abominable*, the stock villains and the stock character motivations, are highly tedious.

This template has been so successful for so long that it's hard to see it going away anytime soon, but it sure makes these films wearisomely repetitive.

That said, the Chinese setting here is different and colorful, and the characterizations of the Yeti and the kids are winning.

Yi is a cool and good-hearted heroine, even if the voice of Chloe Bennet sounds like the woman pushing thirty that she is, coming out of a supposedly teenage girl.

Everest is a lovable beast, but perhaps the most successful of the supporting characters is Yi's pushy but loving Nai Nai (Grandma), amusingly voiced by former "Bond girl" and Fu Manchu daughter Tsai Chin.

On balance you're likely to find the film has enough lively, offbeat elements and good humor to keep both you and your kids engaged. It's no classic, but it certainly isn't abominable.

And if nothing else, this is almost certainly the only film to contain the line "Don't body-shame my yak!"

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

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Downtown Chandler widens its appeal to Friday night funlovers

By M.V. Moorhead

Early in the morning these days, or even after dark, it's comfortable to be outdoors. Sometimes in the middle of the day, clouds pass in front of the sun and we don't feel like we're being roasted alive.

Now and then, we experience that fabled meteorological phenomenon once known as "rain," in which water falls from the sky.

In short, over the past few weeks, there have been certain tentative signs that Arizona might soon become habitable again.

From there, of course, it's only a matter of hours before we start grumbling that it's too cold.

But among the benefits of the season's wondrous cooldown is the

prospect of going outside to have fun.

Downtown Chandler seeks to facilitate this with Friday Night Live, a monthly musical event, held 6 to 9 p.m. on the third Friday of every month from October to May at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West.

The series kicks off on Oct. 18.

"This free, family-friendly event celebrates Downtown Chandler as the premier live entertainment scene in the Valley," says Mary Murphy-Bessler, executive director of Downtown Chandler

Community Partnership.

"The concert format will consist of an opening act starting at 6 p.m.," explains Bessler, "featuring local community talent from high school bands like the

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One of the many bands that play at Bourbon Jack's Western-style bar and grill located in Chandler. Bands like this one will be part of Friday Night Live, a concert series that launches Friday, Oct. 18 in Downtown Chandler. To see our video of this band and an interview with Downtown Chandler Community Partnership's Mary Murphy-Bessler, visit wranglernews.com. —Wrangler News screen capture by Alex Beaver

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Basha Jazz Band on Jan. 17; Chandler High School Jazz Band on March 20; and Corona Del Sol Steel Drum Band on May 15." Chandler Children's Choir will set a holiday mood on Nov. 15.

"Following the local community performance," continues Bessler, "will be our headline act, featuring a variety of musical genres from rock and roll, country to retro. Popular regional groups including Rock Lobster, Mogollon and Sugahbeat are just a few of the quality groups that will be performing live on stage this year."

But it isn't only music lovers who will be served by the Friday Night Live series, according to Bessler:

"Along with the live musical performances, Downtown Chandler will host a local artisan vendor show lining up in the colonnade areas of Boston Avenue and San Marcos Place."

Bessler notes that the series is an extension of the vibrant live-performance culture that already exists in the downtown Chandler area.

"Part of what makes Downtown Chandler unique from other downtowns in the area is the live music scene," says Bessler.

"Downtown Chandler proudly boasts 12 venues that have stages in a 3- to 4-block area...On any night of the week you will find live music and entertainment on many stages in the downtown. As part of Friday Night Live, we will be hosting, on the Friday Night Live website page, a listing of all the bands that will be featured in our local entertainment venues.

"In other words, the event will continue on into the night with an opportunity to hear some amazing live music and entertainment in businesses in Downtown Chandler."

The inaugural show, on Friday, Oct. 18, features Rock Lobster, an '80s cover band with a playlist that includes such fondly remembered classics of the Big-Hair-and-Wine-Cooler decade as "Walk Like an Egyptian," "The Safety Dance," "Always Something There to Remind Me" and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

Opening for them is local acoustic combo Black Beard's Delight.

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Shae Kennedy Leonard stars as Lula and Calvin Worthen portrays Clay in Dutchman, a provocative theatrical production that takes place Oct. 4-19 at Tempe Center for the Arts.

— Photo by Aminda Villa

Tempe arts center to host incendiary play examining racial tensions

Tempe Center for the Arts kicks off its 2019-20 TCA Presents season with the regional premiere of Dutchman, an emotionally fraught and incendiary play by LeRoi Jones and Amiri Baraka.

The production runs Oct. 4-19. Set on a New York subway, Dutchman centers on an encounter between a politically moderate, middle-class black man and a liberal white woman who match wits in a sexualized game of cat and mouse that leads them into a violent conclusion.

The searing confrontation amplifies the dimensions of racial conflict in America.

A Washington Post review describes it as “a 1964 one-act whose flinty racial dialogue can still be counted on to produce sparks, is about white rubbing against black, hope against reality, and languid desire against fervent ambition.”

Dutchman features Shae Kennedy Leonard as “Lula,” Calvin Worthen as “Clay” and Cornelius Williams as “Conductor.” Ralph Remington, TCA producing artistic director, will direct.

Says Remington: “It’s an honor to bring this work to Arizona audiences. I hope that it will inspire thoughtful and spirited conversations leading to decisive action.”

Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for Preview performances Oct. 4-10) and are on sale at tempecenterforthearts.com, the TCA Box Office or by calling 480-350-2822.



Meetup with Tempe City Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby and Councilmember Joel Navarro would love to have a cup of coffee or tea with you. They both have community meetups at Tempe Public Library's Connections Café this month.

Java with Joel takes place from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Connecting with Kuby happens from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. Both are free. Bring your ideas to help make Tempe and even better place.

For details visit tempe.gov/calendar.

Tempe Tardeada

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage at Tempe Tardeada from noon to 8 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 6. Join us outside Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., for traditional dancing, lariat demonstrations, tortilla-making, arts and crafts and more. It's free. Details: tempe.gov/tardeada

State of the City



STATE OF THE CITY Mayor Mark Mitchell

Mayor Mark Mitchell delivers his annual State of the City Address at Phoenix Marriott at the Buttes at 7 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

The speech brings together residents and business leaders to hear what the city is doing to maintain our quality of life

and continue to build Tempe's economy.

Details at tempechamber.org

It's special event season

From now through the end of May there is always something amazing to do in Tempe, from Way Our West Oktoberfest to the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade.

To help you discover the best events, classes and opportunities for fun, please visit tempe.gov/calendar. There you'll find our large community events at Kiwanis Park and Tempe Beach Park, as well as events at Tempe History Museum, Tempe Public Library and our community centers.

Banish boredom and have some fun.



Golf courses close for annual overseeding

Golf course reseeding Tempe's two golf courses will be closed for seasonal reseeding – Oct. 14 to Oct. 27 at Rolling Hills and Oct. 21 to Nov. 3 at Ken McDonald.

For more information about Tempe's courses, visit tempe.gov/GolfTempe.

Tempe Book Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 2, The Tempe Public Library is hosting a fall book festival that will feature more than 50 local authors, book sellers and publishers. Families can meet their favorite local authors, browse book selections, take part in arts and crafts and more. For more information, visit tempepubliclibrary.org/BookFestival.

Want to work on your own writing?

Tempe Public Library offers Writers Connection and Writing Studio for writers planning to enter the Tempe Community Writing Contest, which opens for submissions in January 2020.

For more information on all writing classes and the contest, visit tempe.gov/TempeWrites.



Explore music through the decades

The Tempe History Museum's popular Performance at the Museum series is back with a fantastic lineup of local musicians who will perform live.

This year's theme is Music Through the Decades, which aligns with the museum's feature exhibit, Walking Mill Avenue.

These shows are free and family-friendly. Most performances begin at 7 p.m. Robby Roberson performs on Oct. 12.

Visit tempe.gov/MuseumEvents to see the full schedule.

Beat the fall heat with free swimming

Enjoy the calm waters at Kiwanis Wave Pool, 6111 S. All-America Way, every Monday through Thursday this fall. Up to two kids age 10 and under are free with one \$4 adult admission.

Middy Swim is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from September through December 12.

Evening Swim is 5-8 p.m. through Dec. 12. Tempe's three splash pads at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson parks, along with The Cloud at Kiwanis Park, are free and open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through the end of October.

Visit tempe.gov/pools for more info.

Halloween Carnival

Get ready for Tempe's 42nd annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5-9 p.m. The carnival will be held at the Kiwanis Park south soccer fields, Guadalupe and All-America Way.

Admission is free. Tickets for carnival games, face painting, food booths, train rides, inflatables and more can be purchased on-site for 25 cents each. Most booths require three or four tickets. Dress up and participate in the Halloween costume contest.

For more information, visit tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5200.

Dayspring UMC site of Oct. 5 choir concert benefiting Bahamas hurricane victims

Faculty and top students from the ASU School of Music will join David Schildkret and the Dayspring Choirs in a one-time concert at Dayspring UMC at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, to benefit hurricane victims in the Bahamas.

Performers include American-born international opera star Gordon Hawkins, acclaimed for his "... penetrating, poised baritone of uncommon power and malleability" and having achieved status as one of the world's leading dramatic baritones.

Hawkins was a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions and the Luciano Pavarotti International Vocal Competition; he also won the Washington National Opera's "Artist of the Year" award.

The Dayspring program provides the only opportunity for Arizonans to see him perform before

he leaves next month to sing at Chicago's renowned Lyric Opera. When he's not performing at the world's great opera houses, Hawkins teaches gifted young singers at ASU.

Acclaimed soprano Carole FitzPatrick, pianist Russell Ryan and others from ASU's roster of vocalists and musicians will join Hawkins for a diverse evening of music in Dayspring's 750-seat sanctuary.

Schildkret, director of choral activities at ASU since 2002 and Dayspring's new director of music ministries, will lead the church choirs.

Beneficiary of the concert proceeds, United Methodist Committee on Relief, is the global humanitarian aid/emergency relief arm of the United Methodist Church. Donations go in their entirety to projects as Dorian relief in the Bahamas. Donations do not cover marketing or administrative overhead, which is paid by UMC.

The concert is not ticketed. Donations will be accepted at the door.

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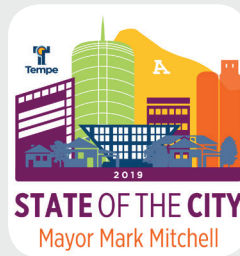
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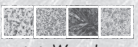


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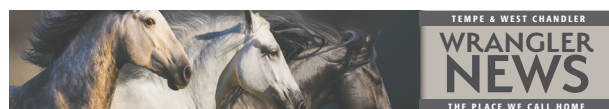
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Kyrene schools praised for good behavior

By Diana Nelson

Good behavior, we all know, pays off. And the Kyrene School District found confirmation of that truism with recognition for its success with a coveted U.S. Department of Education-inspired program.

Good student behavior in Kyrene earned recognition with an achievement award by the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports of Arizona.

Three schools in the district—Mariposa, Aprende and Paloma—received awards of merit for adopting a clearly defined PBIS framework, which supports the academic, social, emotional and behavioral competence of all students.

PBIS is an approach schools can use to improve school safety and to promote positive behavior. It also helps schools decide how to respond to a child who misbehaves.

At its core, PBIS calls on schools to teach kids about behavior, just as they would teach about any other subject—like reading or math.

PBIS guidelines realize that kids can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are—so, a key to a school successfully using PBIS is that everyone knows what's appropriate behavior and what is not. No matter the activity—in class, at lunch and on the bus—kids understand what's expected of them.

Kyrene de la Mariposa students earned kudos for

their display of positive behavior and the program has led to a dramatic reduction in the number of referrals or discipline, according to Carolyn Payne, assistant principal.

“Mariposa’s PBIS framework has improved the academic and behavioral success for students in pre-school through the fifth grade,” said Payne. “Referrals have decreased significantly, by 52 percent, when comparing August 2018 to August 2019.”

And, all students benefit because the teachers are spending less time on correcting bad behavior.

“The use of common language, defined expectations that have been taught and reinforced, and monthly data monitoring have led to increased instructional time and a safer school climate,” said Payne.

The Mariposa staff uses specific guidelines to promote consistent and predictable behavior across the school, explained Payne.

“While praise is public, correction is private - with the focus on teaching behavior with dignity,” said Payne. “The PBIS expectations at Mariposa are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.”

These expectations are reinforced daily and the frequent review of behavioral data, throughout the school year, helps staff to make adjustments in how to best teach the expectations.

Students also use the common language and know the appropriate behavior in every situation. They also receive positive reinforcement and recognition when they observe the consistent, outlined behavioral steps.

As an incentive, Mariposa staff created a spinning wheel that earns them specific prizes.

“Positive recognition includes earning a CHIP Cheer ticket for being respectful, responsible, or safe. Behavior steps include re-teaching and setting goals for success,” said Payne.

“And, students say they love spinning the wheel

when their name is drawn and they like the choices offered on ways to spend their tickets.”

PBIS has a few important guiding principles: every child can learn proper behavior; tracking a child’s behavioral progress is important; and schools must gather and use data to make decisions about behavior problems.

According to the PBISAz website, earning a merit status indicates “a school’s commitment to improving the school’s climate by sharing fidelity data and their journey toward high success. School climate and safety matter, and the PBISAz Achievement Award is your badge of honor to show teachers, students and families how much you care.”

For their efforts, PBISAz provides participating schools with a poster and signage along with statewide recognition. In addition to the three schools in the Kyrene district, the Tempe Elementary district has seven schools that received merit recognition and another seven schools who earned the higher-level silver award.



Three Kyrene schools—Mariposa, Aprende and Paloma—were recently recognized for their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program.

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Final Word

The price of integrity: A childhood lesson newly learned

By Joyce Coronel

“We’re going to have to cut about 300 words from your story,” the middle-aged editor told me with a slight frown. As an eager young reporter, I’d labored and toiled to compose a complex article for a local newspaper, agonizing over every word and punctuation mark.

“But why? That’s a big chunk of my work!” I asked, trying not to whine.

“We need to get an ad on that page,” he told me with a matter-of-fact tone.

Fast forward a few years and now I’m the one making such businesslike decisions. Advertising, I learned on that day with my editor of long ago, is the lifeblood of publications. Without it, we couldn’t pay our writers, our photographers or our rent. We wouldn’t be able to afford our printing or distribution costs or the money we pay every so often to our lifesaver

of a tech-savvy guy, Matt. Not only that, but you wouldn’t be reading this commentary because Wrangler News simply would not exist. (Perish the thought...)

And while advertising revenue helps keep us in business, it doesn’t define our values, dictate our ethics or dominate our list of priorities.

As longtime writers, editors and newspaper people, our Wrangler News owner Don Kirkland and I have ink in our veins. We’re devoted to bringing our readers local news with flair and good humor. We love what we do and are not among the many unfortunate souls who despise their work and count down the days to the weekend—or, perhaps even better, retirement. We feel called to our vocation as communicators and will never compromise our values for the sake of revenue.

This summer, we were faced with a choice to publish an ad we felt violated our principles. The prospective client was willing to pay generously, so sticking with our values loomed as a costly decision. Unless you’re in the ice cream business, the hotter months in our area are generally hard on business, with many suffering loss of revenue.

No, we don’t sell ice cream here

at Wrangler News (though we do endeavor to have, forgive me, delicious stories in every issue) so we did have a bit of a dip in sales over the summer months. The significant money we were offered by the potential advertising client would have ameliorated that situation.

Nevertheless, we truly believe that abiding by our principles of community mindedness is our way of demonstrating to you, our readers, that we cannot be bought. We remain committed to publishing family-friendly stories about our area’s residents, businesses, schools and churches and doing so with integrity.

That’s a word we don’t seem to hear much anymore. How unfortunate.

However, I still remember the day I learned what the word meant, and it still has the same influence on me—perhaps even more—than it did then.

I was 11 years old and sitting at the table with my parents and siblings as we had dinner and dissected the day’s events. We had our mother and father’s undivided attention and if the phone rang, we weren’t allowed to answer it. This was sacred family time, not to be interrupted, as we kids asked questions and talked about what happened at school that day.

“What does the word integrity

mean?” I asked my mom that particular evening. She chewed carefully and then set down her fork.

“See that man sitting there, your father?” she queried, indicating my soft-spoken dad, an advertising executive, as fate would have it. “That’s integrity.”

And I knew *exactly* what she meant. If Dad said something, it was true. He would never act dishonorably or tolerate anything unsavory or underhanded. Since that day, I’ve endeavored to live up to that and instill that value in my own children. My father never would have had to stop and think about publishing an ad that promoted anything ignoble. He was a man of principle who refused to compromise his values, even if it cost him.

So here’s to you, Dad. And to you, our readers. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us to bring you stories that matter about people you care about, right here in your neighborhood. We hope you’ll continue to help us do that by telling those around you that Wrangler News is a great way to connect with our community.

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