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From your Tempe/Kyrene Corridor neighbors: A Happy Halloween photo album. Pages 12-13

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'I Choose Chandler' aims to maximize sales, minimize ongoing effects of downturn

By Lee Shappell

As West Chandler businesses large and small suffered economic hardship during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the city did not sit idly by. It wanted to know: To what extent were residents shopping more online? The trend began well before the pandemic hit, but there was concern that people quarantining in place might have exacerbated it.

Did Chandler shoppers venture into neighboring communities? A restaurant in Ahwatukee? A specialty shop in Gilbert? A big-box in Mesa?

As a result, the city created the "I Choose Chandler" economic-development initiative to support the Chandler business community. It invited businesses to join a marketing

campaign to make the public aware that patronizing local firms and nonprofits help keep them afloat, in turn amplifying Chandler's economy. Messaging highlights the impact when residents shop, dine, volunteer and donate in Chandler.

The program also highlights precautions that businesses are taking to ensure customer health.

Key messaging pillars include: keep dollars in the local economy, retain jobs and wealth, build a strong community and encourage entrepreneurship.

Teakwoods Tavern & Grill in West Chandler, which closed permanently during the height of the pandemic, is precisely

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Meet the Tempe Elementary candidates

Six hopefuls, including two incumbents and four write-in candidates, are vying for seats on the Tempe Elementary School District Governing Board. The election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. See their bios starting on **Page 7**.



105 candles and still going strong

Edna Minger still eats dark chocolate every other day, apparently with no worrisome side effects other than an ongoing sweet tooth. Read about the Class of 1933 valedictorian and her secrets to longevity. Other than dark chocolate, that is. Story on **Page 19**.



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Wrangler News: Corraling the Future

Our readers, our advertisers, our community are the winners

By Lee Shappell

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As of Oct. 20, metrics show that our page views are up a whopping 171 percent over the previous 30 days and the average duration of a session, the time you are on a page, is up 28 percent over the previous 30 days.

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The QR code, which first appeared on the cover of our Oct. 10-23 print Wrangler, did exactly what we hoped it would: Bring new readers to wranglernews.com.



Newspapers across the country are trying to figure out how best to transition readers to online. To the best of our knowledge, we are the only one, large or small, using a QR code to do this.

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Oct. 25 cutoff for thoughts on Tempe transit cost changes

Tempe officials say the city is exploring cost-saving transit changes and is asking residents for help in determining what areas of transit service are most important to them.

An online survey will be available until Sunday, Oct. 25.

TaiAnna Yee, a Tempe spokeswoman, said the study is a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, lower transit tax revenue and the increasing cost of existing service.

Two virtual public meetings held during September were recorded and are available on tempe.gov/TransitChanges.

Public feedback, in conjunction with data and equity metrics, will play a critical role in developing a multi-year phased transit service reduction plan, according to a statement. Additional rounds of changes and public input are expected to take place in the coming years.

Tempe's transit program is primarily funded through a half-cent sales tax passed in 1996, Yee reported. Over the last 24 years, Tempe has used the tax to build alternative transportation solutions that include 40 miles of multi-use paths, multiple streetscape projects and a transit network that serves the entire city.

At this time, it was noted, the tax revenues are used primarily to operate and maintain the existing system.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to negatively impact the economy, officials say, Tempe has experienced a decline in tax revenue. That, coupled with increasing costs to operate and reduced fare revenues, is contributing to an imbalance in the transit fund.

Because the projected long-range forecast shows expenditures exceeding incoming revenue, staff has determined that the transit fund will need to implement cuts of approximately \$9.5 million. In addition to cuts, Tempe is seeking to boost operational efficiencies

and maximize existing revenue sources.

General public opinion suggests that safe and abundant transit service is essential for the region, adding that Tempe will strive to minimize service impacts and provide equitable transit service.

For those lacking access to the internet, a hard copy of the meeting materials and the survey can mailed to any who request it by calling Tempe Neighborhood Services at 480-350-8234.

Information: tempe.gov/TransitChanges.

Tempe Y's run/walk event opens Oct. 30

Looking for something to do with goblins, ghouls, ghosts and monsters? The second annual Spooky Sprint 5k Run or Walk may be the answer.

The Tempe Family YMCA is sponsoring the fundraiser Oct. 30 and Nov. 1, which, like most other events, will be virtual.

Participants can walk or run the Tempe Canal alongside the Y or participate from anywhere in the world.

The 5K can be done each day with separate registrations.

Costumes are suggested, but following Tempe and CDC guidelines by including a face covering and observing social distancing is required. Teams do not have to run together to abide by safety rules.

Sponsors are the Tempe Diablos and Tempe Diablos Charities.

Individual registration is \$25, which includes a Spooky Sprint T-shirt. Family and team registration is \$45 and includes up to four members and four T-shirts.

Registration and more information available at valleymca.org/event/spooky-sprint or at the Tempe Y, 7070 S. Rural Road, during regular hours, or at the event from 8-10 a.m. each day.



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From hieroglyphics to mouse clicks

How Wrangler News is navigating change

By Don Kirkland

Just so you'll understand why publishing brings me so much pleasure, it has been entrenched in my day-to-day routine since those sixth-grade years at John Muir Elementary in Glendale, Calif.

Our teacher, Mrs. Emerson, showed us how to write on paper with indelible ink, then carefully place that lettered sheet over a layer of gelatin poured into the bottom of a cake pan.

The little newspaper I produced after learning that technique—which today seems akin to cave hieroglyphics—was definitely transformative. It gave me the know-how to publish a full-fledged newspaper, circulation 20, for my neighbors on Chestnut Street. (Twenty was the maximum number of pages you could duplicate before the ink faded or the gelatin dried out. Or sometimes both).

At any rate, my experiment with gelatinized printing—and the blackened fingers that proved the ink actually was indelible—became the precursor of the career I've followed these many years.

Oh how things have changed.

If only Mrs. Emerson could be here to see the ways digital technology has transformed a medium she no doubt believed would survive forever.

Which brings me to the current state of Wrangler News—where we've been and where we're headed in the weeks/months ahead.

As you'll learn from Lee Shappell's article elsewhere in this issue, we've been dabbling lately in a bit of journalistic legerdemain: Not overlooking the preferences of many readers to hold a copy of the local newspaper in their hands as they've always done, yet making sure that those who increasingly find their information online or on social media have a place to go for neighborhood news.

Thanks to Noah Kutz, Yusef Sabri, Mason Millsap and, as mentioned above, Lee Shappell, we've gotten much better at being able to provide a wide range of our newspaper's print content, and more, in this digitized world we're living in.

Stories and photos can be posted in real time, much in the same way a daily newspaper does it. Ads that appear on the pages of our bi-weekly print edition can be seen not only in the paper's home-delivered edition but on our website and in our

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Our slight modification to home-delivery areas has been accompanied by a surprisingly rapid—and impressive—jump in online viewership, which last month showed a nearly 180 percent increase over the previous month.

As we venture further into the future, we hope you'll continue to enjoy Wrangler News, wherever or however you receive it.

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Get to know those who are running . . . and why they want your vote

Profile: Tempe Elementary School District Board candidates *Third in a series*

By Joyce Coronel

Election Day 2020 is just around the corner, but some voters still are unsure of the right choice for local school boards. With the COVID-19 pandemic and its significant impact on education, the race to serve or be re-elected to the board seems a bit more contentious this year though it's meant to be non-partisan.

In the Tempe Elementary School District, three seats on the governing board are open but only two candidates' names appear on the ballot. Four others are write-ins this year.

Why so many this year? Tim Sifert, chief communications officer for the Office of Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson, said the Coronavirus may have played a role.

"The number of write-ins is only slightly higher than in previous elections," Sifert said. "Probably attributable to candidates saying they were having a tougher time collecting signatures in person because of the pandemic."

Watson, he noted, has met with dozens of candidates and heard similar complaints. "He's well-aware that some elected officials can collect signatures online, but not school board candidates." Anyone who wants to be a write-in candidate has to file a one-page declaration or nomination paper with the county.

Only votes for qualified candidates are valid, so if a voter casts a ballot for, say, Mickey Mouse, that vote wouldn't be counted.

Allison Ewers is on the ballot as a certified candidate. The Tempe mom and business owner said that if elected, she hopes to keep and develop community business relationships to ensure all students have access to learning. "COVID-19 has magnified the inequality in our

state. I will support all of our students no matter their race, income or needs level. All of our children deserve a quality public education," Ewers said. "We have seen in the last few months how important a crisis management plan is. I excel in crisis management and staying calm."



Ewers said she supports increasing school funding and lowering class size. She also supports access to affordable health care for all plus teacher recruitment and retention.

Jim Lemmon, a write-in candidate, previously served on the Tempe



Elementary board, 2002- 2018. "I thought for weeks about the various requests from current elected community and city leaders to run again. When only two candidates qualified for the

printed ballot, I waited until the last possible moment to throw my name into the list of write-in candidates," Lemmon told Wrangler News.

"On the job training can be done for this position of setting a budget over \$150,000,000 with 1,800 employees, 22 neighborhood centered schools and over 11,000 students," Lemmon said. "However, this may not be the right time to start a very steep learning curve for several new untested inexperienced board members."

Michael Metzger, a write-in candidate, is an MIT-trained engineer and former calculus teacher with a leading role at Teach America, an education advocacy group that recruits educators to teach in low-income schools. He says he wants to expand "pathways



to opportunity for all students to end the achievement gap and ensure successful futures for all children in our community" and focus on building communication between parents, educators and school board members so that families "have a voice in their child's education."

He says he also wants to grow STEM opportunities to provide students with the foundation they need for 21st century careers." As to his status as a write-in candidate, he said taking care of elderly relatives in Florida during the pandemic prevented him from collecting enough

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Diversions . . . with M.V. Moorhead

Return of invincible Gamera evokes writer's not-so-invincible boyhood

Happy October, everybody! As stressful as things are right now, I hope everyone is able to take pleasure in my favorite month on the calendar.

Obviously a creature feature is in order for Halloween season, so this year I thought we'd pay tribute to a classic movie monster who, after his initial appearance at least, generally served as a friend to and defender of humanity: Gamera!

But to discuss my feelings about Gamera, hard-trying Avis of Japanese monsters to Godzilla's Hertz, I must go back to a bitter childhood memory.

Around 1969, *Gamera the Invincible*, the debut film of Godzilla's rival from Daiei Film, the gigantic tusked, twirling, titular turtle, played in my Pennsylvania home town. I was taken to see it on a Sunday afternoon, when I was 7 or 8 years old, along with my best friend Mike, only to learn, from a hand-scrawled sign on the theater door, that the show—the last show of the run—was sold out.

You may well imagine my disappointment at this denial, and the even-tempered maturity with which I expressed it.

The walk back to the car, past the tauntingly beautiful poster of the enormous beast trampling Tokyo, was one of the more miserable retreats of my life to that point.

This all came back to me this season when I was sent a screener of *Gamera: The Complete Collection* from Arrow Video. It's a magisterial box set of all 12 Gamera



flicks, starting with the 1966 original, Gamera, the Giant Monster, that made it to the States a few years later, recut for American audiences, as *Gamera the Invincible*, and sold out its matinee on that fateful Sunday.

Thus I finally got to see the film, the stirring tale of how a legendary prehistoric turtle is freed from arctic ice by a Cold War mishap, how he flies to Japan using jets in the leg apertures of his shell; how he becomes the object of fanatical adoration by a little boy; how he tears up nuclear power plants and rampages in Tokyo; how he

does, indeed, seem to be invincible.

I watched it in both its original Japanese form and in the American version, with interpolated scenes featuring Brian Donlevy and Albert Dekker and some other American actors all keeping very straight faces.

As silly as it is, it's a beguiling movie, shot in a gorgeous, charcoal-drawing black and white; the other films in the series are in color.

In these subsequent movies, several of which I had seen on afternoon TV in the intervening years, Gamera shifts from a menace to the defender of Earth and humanity, especially children, against such foes as the lizards, horn-nosed Barugon (1966); the winged Gyaos (1967); the tentacled Viras (1968); the sharky sea monster Zigra (1971) and others.

In all of these ludicrous spectacles, the title character has a vivid personality; like his rival Godzilla, the monster turtle has a curiously lovable expression of perpetual, epic irritation on his face.

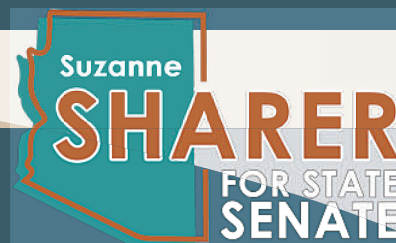
From the first film on, he looks, indeed, like he just woke up after a long sleep.

Anyway, it was great to get re-acquainted with the big guy.

I can only say that had I known, on that unhappy Sunday half a century ago, that I would one day get to watch *Gamera the Invincible* and some dozen other Gamera flicks on a big-screen TV in the comfort of my home...it wouldn't have improved my mood in the least.

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Why flu shots are important: A primer from noted Dignity expert

Staff at Dignity Health in Arizona, including Chandler Regional Medical Center, are urging members of the public to get a flu shot this year, noting it is especially important given the COVID-19 pandemic. Flu vaccines are now available in Arizona.

"In addition to keeping our communities healthy and free of the flu, we also have COVID-19 to think about," says Dr. Omar Gonzalez, infectious disease consultant and hospital epidemiologist for Dignity.

"We saw a high number of COVID patients in the hospital this summer, and while our state's numbers thankfully have been lower, we cannot lose sight of the flu season."

The influenza virus remains one of the top 10 leading causes of death each year in the United States. Vaccines help prevent the spread of disease, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu shot prevents tens of thousands of hospitalizations each year.

Similar to COVID-19, those with chronic illnesses are at greater risk of serious complications such as pneumonia which can often lead to hospitalization. While the flu vaccine is especially important for high-risk populations, everyone can benefit from the flu vaccine, regardless of how healthy they are.

"We are very concerned and want to do our best to prevent people from contracting the flu and COVID-19 during the fall and winter when

the flu is most prominent," Gonzalez said.

"We don't yet have a vaccine for COVID-19, but we have been vaccinating against influenza for nearly a century.

Aside from the basic prevention methods for COVID-19, such as wearing a mask and social distancing, the best we can do for each other is to get a flu shot and get it early in the season."

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for anyone older than six months of age, including pregnant women. It takes approximately two weeks for a flu vaccine to become effective as antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection.

Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses such as COVID-19.

As with any highly contagious respiratory illness, it is important to avoid close contact with those who are sick and stay home if you are sick; wear a mask when in public; wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds and carry hand sanitizer with you to use frequently when soap and water is unavailable.

It's also recommended to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; disinfect frequently touched surfaces often; ensure you are maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet whenever possible; and use your elbow to cover coughs and sneezes.



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the type of firm the city hopes to save. Small businesses, the heartbeat of the workforce, especially need support. Nationally they employ nearly half of the private workforce.

"I Choose Chandler" shows that when money is spent in Chandler, it recirculates and creates jobs. For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, an average of \$43 remains in Chandler's economy.

"What we heard from businesses was that people were obviously pulling back on expenditures and shifting to online shopping," said Micah Miranda, Chandler Economic Development Director. "We launched 'I Choose Chandler' to reenergize community support for our local businesses."



The initiative's messaging emphasizes that many businesses support local youth and community organizations, and that by shopping at Chandler-based businesses it facilitates that sort of giving while helping buyers get to know the people behind the product. That plays a big role in sustaining a diverse economy that offers local job opportunities.

"From a revenue standpoint, we are not seeing folks leaving us for neighboring communities," said Dawn Lang, Chandler management services director.



"We're making sure they understand how spending in our community benefits our city, and we're telling them how shopping online is negatively impacting our brick-and-mortar stores. We are grappling with how to manage that and help our local retailers. The start of that was Wayfair."

On June 21, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of South Dakota against internet-sales giant Wayfair, Inc., overruling a longstanding requirement that businesses must have a physical presence in order to be taxed. The ruling requires remote sellers to collect and remit sales tax.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, online retailers were required to pay sales tax if their annual gross retail sales or income exceeded \$200,000 in 2019, \$150,000 in 2020, and \$100,000 in 2021 and thereafter. Chandler will be receiving that new money that it could not collect before.

A study showed that the greatest threat to Chandler businesses is online shopping, more than residents spending their money outside the city.

"I Choose Chandler" emphasizes the uniqueness of the community, the one-of-a-kind experiences that make Chandler great. Being an entrepreneurial community, supporting local businesses encourages entrepreneurs to try new ventures in the city.

The website iChooseChandler.com was created to provide resources for businesses and to give them a forum to showcase their business.

"The business community has been very engaged and supportive," Miranda said. "There are so many businesses that make Chandler unique. One thing we found that was kind of shocking was that even in these times is that people who are interacting are not even from Chandler. We get a lot from Mesa, Gilbert and, weirdly enough, quite a few from Maricopa."

A partnership between the Chandler Economic Development Office and the city's Industrial Development Authority Board provides reimbursement of as much as \$500 to businesses for expenses incurred to combat COVID, such as cleaning supplies and masks, and hand sanitizer to ensure that customers feel comfortable.

"I Choose Chandler" has a business retention and hiring initiative of as much as \$10,000, or \$1,300 per employee kept on the payroll during the pandemic. So, Lang said, if five employees were maintained, that business would be awarded \$6,500 to help keep them on the payroll. The city also is working with Maricopa County on a program that can provide as much as \$25,000 in financial support for businesses.

Meanwhile, Miranda and Lang said that the city itself is on sound fiscal standing, largely because it budgets conservatively by habit, and that at the onset of the pandemic it dialed back expenditures even more for the 2020-21 fiscal-year budget that began July 1 and runs to next June 30 in anticipation of lost revenue.

Chandler's adopted 2019-20 adopted fiscal-year budget was \$244.3 million. In January, just before the pandemic, it was revised to \$261.5 million in a then-robust economy. Later, a \$10.5 million COVID-19 impact was trimmed from that, bringing it to \$251 million. Actual revenue for the fiscal year came in \$8.6 million above that projection, leaving a surplus.

"There are soft spots in certain areas, hospitality being the leader, but it's nowhere near as bad as we projected," Miranda said. "That's the silver lining. We're happy from a budget perspective."

More information: Kimberly Janes, Chandler Tourism Manager, 480-782-3037 or Kimberly.Janes@Chandleraz.gov. Chandler Office of Economic Development: 480-782-3036 or ichoosechandler.com.

Representative of west Chandler businesses hit hard by COVID-19 are Modern Allo, a new locally owned unique business; Hop Social Tavern of the restaurant-bar industry, and Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Chandler from the motel-hotel industry. They are profiled below.

Modern Allo

What, exactly, is this West Chandler newcomer at 5865 W. Ray Road, owned by Sara Shields? It seems to defy definition. It's part coffee shop, part day care, part day spa, part nail salon and part business center.

"It's kind of a unique concept," said Shields, 41, a former computer programmer and school teacher. "It all started when I

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Smile: It's Halloween

From pumpkin snowmen and perky scarecrows to spooky graveyards and ghoulish ghosts, residents of Tempe and West Chandler scared up Halloween decorations to deck the halls with wows of jolly and a little creepy-crawly.

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Billy Hardiman
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Spooky spirits guaranteed to rehaunt at a Halloween unlike all others: Boo!

By Alexia Stanbridge

The COVID-19 pandemic has added an entirely new and, dare we say, scary dimension to Halloween festivities in Tempe.

With fears of the Coronavirus spreading, it's a scaled-back version of ghosts, goblins and goodies this year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released guidelines on how to celebrate Halloween safely. Tempe Vice Mayor Randy Keating encourages members of the community to follow those guidelines and create fun, low-risk activities to help keep the spooky spirit alive this season.

"We encourage Tempeans to act responsibly, follow CDC guidelines; look at what is being recommended, and make a decision that's best for them or their family," Keating said.

According to the CDC's website, "many traditional Halloween activities can be high risk for spreading the virus," and people are urged to look into "alternative ways to participate in Halloween."

The CDC recommendations categorize Halloween activities into lower risk, moderate risk, and higher risk activities.

Traditional trick-or-treating is considered a higher risk and should be avoided, the CDC declares.

Tempe police will not be patrolling the streets enforcing modest trick or treating behavior, but the city will be enforcing the CDC 50 percent occupancy guideline for bars and restaurants, Keating said.

So what's the best strategy as Halloween approaches?

"While they are not illegal, if it were me, I would refrain from doing any high-risk activity, whether it's a haunted house, trick-or-treating, or an indoor Halloween party," Keating said.

We can expect a "more subdued Halloween," Keating said, "There will be some Halloween parties, clearly not as many as you would see in a normal year."

The majority of people will be following CDC recommendations in this global pandemic and it will only get better if we follow expert advice, Keating said.

Gwen Gustafson is an owner of Arizona Fun Services in Tempe. The store sells party supplies, costumes and accessories, and rents bounce houses and equipment for carnivals and parties.

They have seen about a 54 percent decrease in their sales at their store due to COVID-19, Gustafson said.

"The customers we have had do

want to celebrate and do it safely," Gustafson said. "I believe it can be done."

"All of us have lost so much this year and this is one holiday I believe can be done safely with masks and social distancing," Gustafson said.

At the Broadway Road Spirit Halloween store in Tempe, Marlaina Rodriguez said they also have seen a decrease in business this season.

"The CDC says we shouldn't have Halloween. The CDC says we shouldn't be giving out candy, but we're still here, pushing along, hoping that everyone is going to be out trick-or-treating and that kids are still going to be able to have the fun that we had when we were little kids," Rodriguez said.

There are many alternative activities to celebrate Halloween like decorating your house, "doing a virtual costume contest," and watching a scary movie at home, Keating said.

You can also celebrate by "setting up a table with candy on it in your driveway and monitoring it from 6 feet away or actually handing out candy door to door," Gustafson said.

"Regardless of what the CDC says, I think that we should still have Halloween, and not just because I work here, but because I remember having a good time when I was a kid," Rodriguez said.

Outdoor activities tend to be lower risk activities, the CDC website said.

Because of the pandemic, "Tempe will not be hosting our annual Tempe Halloween family carnival," Keating said.

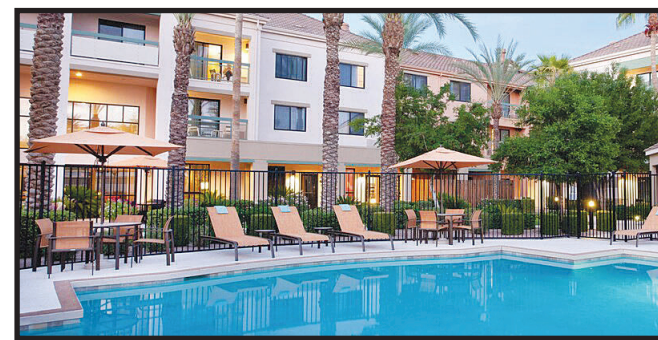
But that doesn't mean there won't be any city-sponsored family-friendly events. Tempe hold a movie night Oct. 23 at Kiwanis Park to celebrate Halloween. They will be showing Hocus Pocus and holding a costume contest with several categories, Keating said.

There will be 10-foot-in-diameter circles painted on the grass, six feet apart, according to Tempe government websites.

The city of Tempe is also encouraging people to stay home by offering future credit to Tempe parks and recreation activities for anyone who rents a movie at home and turns in the receipt to the city, Keating said.

"I get it," he said. "Halloween is my favorite holiday, and I'm bummed. I'm just as bummed as anyone else that this is happening."

Alexia Stanbridge is a journalism student at Mesa Community College.



Hop Social, with its upscale, casual ambience and community spirit, made it through the pandemic's tough times and is nearly back to its pre-COVID-19 tempo; Modern Allo, despite launching during the height of the crisis last July, is moving forward; Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Chandler was hit hard with plummeting tourism, but is making a comeback.

— Photos courtesy Hop Social, Modern Allo and Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Chandler

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had my second child. My husband was on a business trip and I was home with two little ones. I was burned out, kind of struggling to find balance and find time for myself and recharge my battery. I hear so many people struggling to find that balance, not just mothers but all working parents. This definitely is not just a place for women."



Modern Allo opened in late July, just after the height of the pandemic and the second wave that kept people at home. That was not by design. She and her husband, Arman, signed the lease in November, 2019. They didn't see a pandemic coming as the planned to gut the former batting cage and put in new plumbing and water line. Then, the pandemic hit, worked slowed and they nearly scrapped their plan.

"We tried to remain hopeful. Because we opened at the end of July, we don't qualify for anything, any of the grants or business loans," Shields said. "We're just trying to get our name out there. It is stressful and challenging."

Modern Allo: modernallo.com / 480-687-0197.

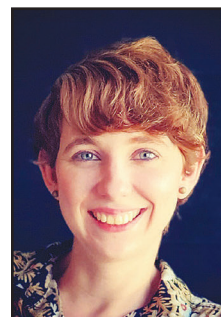
Hop Social Tavern

Three years ago, Hop Social opened in the former Elephant Bar space, 3405 W. Chandler Blvd., at Chandler Fashion Center. It quickly became a place where patrons wanted to gather, with its upscale-casual ambience (linens on the tables) and a huge patio with capacity for 100, made comfortable by a mister system in the summer and heaters and fireplaces in the winter.

Nearly everyone was furloughed in the spring when the pandemic hit. Still, it continued to attempt generate the kind of

community spirit that it had been blessed with in better times through its participation in "Feed the 5,000," a partnership with a local church to feed families.

"We're always really big on supporting local projects like this," said Brittany Johnson, Hop Social's 27-year-old dynamo



of a general manager, who has opened five establishments in her short career. "Anything we can do to promote within Chandler is a big thing for us."

Hop Social, with Oregon-based ownership, now is "almost back to normal," she said. That means serving tap beer from Arizona breweries and locally sourced food in the from-scratch kitchen.

"Chandler still has a charming small-town vibe, a sense of community," Johnson said. "Everybody knows everyone. We take care of each other. Our regulars supported us when we were nearly shut down by buying growlers and gift cards. Community support was just the greatest thing to get us by those couple of months."

"When we opened back up, we called back as many of our employees as we could to get going again."

Hop Social Tavern: hopsocialtavern.com / 480-485-4677.

Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Chandler

In his eight years as general manager of the Courtyard, at Interstate 10 and Ray Road, general manager Gary Lueck has seen many good times, particularly during robust winter seasons, when patrons come from colder climes not only to bask in desert winter warmth but also to enjoy seasonal activities, such as Cactus League baseball. The hotel is within walking distance of fine restaurants and shopping at upscale

shops.

This past April, which typically brings 80 percent occupancy, the Courtyard was at 4.7 percent, Lueck said. Predictably, 70 percent of the workforce had to be furloughed, although its East Coast ownership was adamant that the property not be totally shut down.

Employment is now back to 55 percent, but bookings remain a slow go.

"We're now at mid-20 percent occupancy when we should be should be 60 percent," Lueck said. "October is our third-best month historically, flirting with 80 percent occupancy, but we'll be fortunate to be at 30 percent."



"We are in the midst of renovation right now through early November, making pretty big changes. We're converting 80 percent of our guest rooms to shower-only with no tub, and adding tiled entries instead of carpet. We're tripling the size of the fitness center so it's open to the courtyard with a 12-foot ceiling. And, for people

in Chandler, we're expanding meeting rooms that they can book."

Lueck said among the positives that came from "I Choose Chandler" was the city loosening restrictions on who could book Chandler parks. He said the city was losing business to other cities that allowed out-of-town baseball and softball tournaments to book its parks.

"That will help tourism," he said.

"That's a lot of room nights. There's a lot about 'I Choose Chandler' that I do think make it an effective tool for local businesses."

Courtyard by Marriott: marriott.com / 480-763-9500.

Candidates

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signatures to be on the ballot, he added.

Tim Taylor, a write-in candidate, is the father of three young children and served 13 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He grew up in Tempe, attending Frank Elementary and Marcos de Niza High School. He said he wants to be the voice for parents on the school board.

"As a father, husband, and veteran, I know how valuable an early quality education is," Taylor said. "My focus is, and will always be, doing what's best for the students."

"My vision for Tempe is to not just be competitive, but to be the best district in the state, to put students first in every decision, and let parents know that their voices are heard."

Monica Trejo, who is on the ballot, is the current president of the Tempe Elementary board and is seeking re-election. She said she grew up in poverty, experiencing homelessness, but went on to become the first in her family to graduate from high school and is now working on a doctoral degree.

"Education has provided me many opportunities that I would like all students to have access to. Such a goal can only be achieved through collaborative efforts



Rochelle Wells, a write-in candidate, currently serves on the board and is running for re-election.

"I have chosen to run for re-election because I am a passionate advocate for children and public education," Wells said. She echoed some of Lemmon's thoughts on experience.



students and staff."

Wells said she's running as a write-in candidate because "when the COVID-19 pandemic began, I thought it was unethical for me to go door-to-door or participate in the political parties' drop off tables. As a non-partisan

from parents, educators, and our community leaders," Trejo said. "Therefore, we must work together to ensure that all of our students are equipped with the necessary tools to be the future commercial and civic leaders of this city that we love so much. I commit to fight for Arizona's kids every day and to achieve excellence in our schools."

candidate, I also did not choose to participate in mailings with the political parties."

Mayor of Tempe Corey Woods says he's known Lemmon for 12 or 13 years and is supporting him plus Monica Trejo and Alison Ewers in their bid to serve on the Tempe Elementary School District Governing Board.

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Sports Notebook . . . by Alex Zener

Five seniors provide winning leadership on Corona girls volleyball team

Corona del Sol's girls volleyball team, with a 6-3 record early in the delayed 2020 season, is young, with two freshmen and three sophomores, who combine to play key roles on the team. They should mature and improve with the leadership of five senior teammates as it gets closer to the playoffs.

This leadership role, on and off the court, falls to seniors **Anna Jackson, Toni Berns, Isabel Niemtschk, Mia Lomigora, and Izzy Solano.**

Jackson, one of Corona's outside hitters, sets a good example on the court for the younger players.

She has started all 26 sets this season and is the kills leader on the team, averaging 3.4 a set.

Jackson is also the leading server with 16 aces in 74 service attempts, a 21.6 ace percentage.

Berns has played in 24 of the 26 sets as a defensive specialist and also has a good serve record.

Berns is the third-leading server on the team with 12 aces, a 15.2 ace percentage, and averages more than two digs a set.

Niemtschk has played in all 26 sets as a middle blocker, which is among the most physically demanding positions in volleyball.

She has 11 total blocks, ranking third on the team.

Mia Lomigora plays defensive specialist for the Aztecs.

Her younger sister, 6-foot-3-inch sophomore **Ella Lomigora**, is playing her second year on varsity as a middle blocker.

The Lomigora sisters are first-generation Americans, whose parents immigrated to the U.S. from Bosnia in 1995.

Both sisters are bilingual, often speaking Bosnian on the court, and keep their Bosnia roots intact by visiting relatives in their parent's homeland frequently.



Alex Zener

Last season, Ella played in 126 sets, amassing 155 kills and 134 blocks, 29 solo and 105 assisted.

This season, she is off to a great start, playing in all 26 sets with 58 kills and 44 total blocks. Her next closest competitor is Jackson with 14 total blocks.

Freshman **Julia Owens** plays a major role in Corona's offense that utilizes two setters, what is known as a 6-2 system.

Corona plays a 6-2 most of the time instead of the 5-1 system, which is common in high school volleyball, that uses five hitters and one setter for all six rotations.

In the 5-1, the setter never comes out.

In the 6-2, each setter rotates in to play only in the back row, thus leaving three hitters and blockers on the front row at all times. This system, therefore, has a total of six hitters and two different setters, depending on where they are in the rotation.

The setter position is among the hardest to perfect and to get to the highest levels of any of the six positions on the court.

Corona has two new setters this season, Owens, and junior setter **Taylor Erickson**, who have both played in all 26 sets.

They are responsible for setting the ball to give their hitters the best possible chance to score a kill while trying to perfect their position on the court.

Owens is the assist leader with 119, or 4.6 assists per set, with only two ballhandling errors, while Erickson has 108 assists, or 4.2 per set.

The other freshman on the team is 6-foot-1-inch **Maggie Beauer**, who plays opposite or outside hitter for the Aztecs.

She has seen action in 14 sets, where she has recorded eight kills and nine blocks.

The last newcomer to Corona's talented group of young players is sophomore **Maddie Kamolz**, who has played defensive specialist in 21 sets and is credited with 12 digs and four aces.

Other members of Corona's team hoping to make it into the 6A playoffs that start Nov. 10 are team captain and libero **Angie Bour** and six additional juniors: outside hitter **Kacie Webb**, outside hitter **Sydney Meyer**, opposite hitter **Reese Manross**, middle blocker **Heather Heimlich**, setter **Anita Babic** and middle blocker **Natalie Meyer**.

Bour, as libero, has the main responsibility for digging and passing balls to the setter to set up Corona's hitters.

She has dug the ball 116 times playing in all 26 sets for an



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average of 4.5 digs a set.

In addition, Bour has recorded 13 service aces, just one ahead of Berns, for an ace percentage of 12.

Sydney Meyer and Webb are ranked third in kills for the Aztecs with 41 each.

Meyers accumulated hers in just 13 sets for an average of 3.2 kills a set.

Webb averages 1.6 kills a set.

Webb is second on the team in digs with 62, or an average of 2.4 a set, which is second only to Bour, while Manross has played in 20 sets, recording 16 kills and 13 digs.

Corona was scheduled to play Queen Creek at home on Oct. 20 for the second time this season.

On Sept. 29. the Bulldogs forced the Aztecs to play a fifth and deciding set in order to win the match, 3-2, by defeating Corona in the fourth set, 25-23.

The Aztecs were then scheduled to play at Desert Vista, with a 7-1 record, on Oct. 22 before their last two matches in October, at home against Mountain Pointe on Oct. 27 and at Sunnyslope on Oct. 28.

Marcos girls volleyball

Marcos de Niza has an experienced team with six seniors and two juniors carrying the load. Senior **Hailey White** leads the team in kills, averaging 3.3 a set, followed by three players with four kills each: seniors **Olivia Craig** and **Kelsi Dewaard** and junior **Emma Orndorf**.

Senior **Sara Hambleton** leads the team in blocks.

Seniors **Kaitlin Brakefield** and **Audrey Mayer**, along with junior **Kenzie Underwood**, provide digging support.

Other members of the team include senior defensive specialist **Jayda Reynolds**, senior outside hitter **Gianna Sanchez**, senior outside hitter **Abby Alvarado**, sophomore defensive specialist **Zoey Arner**, and sophomore outside hitter **Celest Rivas**.

Corona football

The Aztecs have started their delayed season with a three-game winning streak for the first time since 2015.

If the Aztecs keep playing like they have, defeating Desert Vista, 28-0, Basha, 28-24, and Skyline 35-0, they have a legitimate chance to make the 6A playoffs for the first time since 2012.

Corona, ranked 13th in the 6A conference, will play at No. 25 Mesa on Oct. 23.

The Jackrabbits should be confident after their 34-7 win over the Dobson Mustangs.

Corona has to be feeling good about how they have started the season, especially the seniors, who have endured some difficult seasons in their careers.

In order to continue to win, quarterback **Quade Swearingen**, who averaged nearly 175 yards passing, must continue his accuracy to a bevy of eight Aztec receivers who caught balls against Skyline.

Five had receptions against Basha.

Senior **Jake Schmitt** is the leading receiver with 10 catches for 165 yards followed by fellow senior **Bryce Douglass**, with 11 catches for 132 yards.

Douglass was instrumental in the Aztecs' come-from-behind win over Basha by catching a Swearingen 20-yard touchdown

pass with less than a minute left in the game.

It is imperative that the Aztec continue playing a balanced game by moving the ball on the ground to complement passes by Swearingen.

Against Skyline, the Aztecs' leading rusher, junior **Anyale Velazquez**, who averages more than 157 yards rushing a game, carried the ball 12 times for 124 yards.

Also critical was the help the Aztecs received from senior **Scott Musgrave**, who carried eight times for 85 yards.

Swearingen has also proved that he is a threat running the ball, averaging 33 yard a game, and scoring three of the eight rushing touchdowns.

Velazquez has scored four rushing touchdowns.

On defense, the Aztec have shut out Desert Vista and Skyline, and stopped Basha in the final minute with an interception by senior **Jack Farley**.

Senior **Tudor Georgescu** has been incredible breaking through the opposing teams offensive line to make tackles.

He leads the team with 15 solo tackles and 21 total tackles, four of them for loss, and in quarterback sacks, with four.

Directly behind Georgescu is junior **Jeff Lambert** with 14 solo and 17 total tackles, Schmitt with 13 solo and 19 total tackles and **Nate Cornier-Ward** with 8 solo and 15 total tackles.

Senior **Colton Mealer** is second on the team in quarterback sacks with 2.5 along with 13 total tackles, three of them for loss.

The Aztec's kicker, sophomore **Colton Kieffer**, is 13 for 13 in point-after-kicks and averages 46 yards per kickoff.

Swearingen has continued to be the Aztec's punter, averaging 30 yards per punt, while Farley and senior **Talon Williams** have done a good job returning kickoffs.

Senior **Alex Rafalski** is responsible for punt returns.

After Mesa, the Aztecs will be tested with a game Oct. 30 against cross-freeway rival, 27-ranked Mountain Pointe, which on paper appears to be a possible fifth straight win for Corona.

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For more details and login information visit tempe.gov/adams or email alex_chin@tempe.gov.

Get help with financial concerns

So many in our community have been impacted financially by COVID-19. We know it can seem overwhelming to find resources that can help your family or your neighbors. You're not alone.

We can connect you with many community resources at tempe.gov/GetHelp.

Here's what to know right now:

- The city has a new, no-cost Financial Navigator program. Get connected with resources

that can help you pay bills, work with creditors and maximize your income.

Get started at <https://finnav.org/tempe>. Find more details at: tempe.gov/CARE7.

- Residential evictions are on hold nationally through December. Find out if you qualify – not everyone does. Get details and a declaration form you need to sign at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html.

- SRP's pause in service disconnections has ended for most customers.

Economy Price Plan customers aren't impacted until early January; others with delinquent accounts are being put on payment plans. SRP has resources

available: srpnet.com/heretohelp or 602-236-8888. APS extended service disconnections through December.

Start planning now: aps.com/assistance or 602-371-7171.

- Tempe residents can get rent and utility help through Tempe Community Action Agency. This includes back pay for overdue payments and late fees.

Learn more: tempeaction.org or 480-389-1375.



Tempe adds bicycle and pedestrian connectivity

Two new projects have been completed, creating important connections to enable continuous off-street riding and walking. The Rio Salado Underpass at McClintock allows for continuous off-street travel along the Rio Salado Path from Phoenix to Mesa, while running through Tempe.

The Western Canal Extension links the Highline and Kyrene paths, allowing travel to Tempe, Chandler, Mesa and Guadalupe.

When you are ready to explore these new connections, do so safely: ride with the flow of traffic use a bike lane; stop at stop signs; wear a helmet; and use lights at night. Read more at tempe.gov/TempeinMotion.

Veterans Day 2020

While there will not be a Veterans Day parade this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Tempe still salutes and cares about our community members who are active and retired military, as well as those who are military family members. Information and links about local resources and programs is maintained at tempe.gov/veterans. To subscribe to city emails that concern veterans and active military, subscribe to the "Military and Veterans" listserv at tempe.gov/enews.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tempe has a mask requirement in public places and encourages physical distancing, hand washing and sanitizing surfaces. For information on the city's coronavirus response efforts, visit tempe.gov/coronavirus, or call Tempe 311 on weekdays at 480-350-4311.

Emergency home repairs

Do you have a broken heater or air conditioner?

Get help with certain emergency home repairs through the City of Tempe and Maricopa County. Each program has differing qualifications for assistance. Tempe has limited funding for a wide range of home

repairs to help keep residents housed. Income qualifications apply. Learn more at tempe.gov/housing.

Maricopa County has emergency funds for heating/cooling repair and replacement assistance for those impacted by the pandemic. There is no income eligibility requirement. *Learn more at maricopa.gov/5587/COVID-Emergency-HVAC-Assistance.*

105 doesn't dampen centenarian's verve for life: 'I just keep going'

The year Edna Minger was born, Woodrow Wilson was president, the RMS Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine during World War I, Hollywood's first blockbuster hit, "The Birth of a Nation," was released, and a first-class stamp cost 2 cents.

The Spanish flu and the Great Depression had not yet hit, and Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway" had not yet decided to buy the flowers herself.

Edna, who celebrated her 105th birthday this month, has seen plenty in her days — women getting voting rights, the discovery of penicillin, the first jet airplane taking flight, the first man on the moon, the first computer, and much more.

"I never expected to be 100 — my mother was only 91," said the Chandler centenarian, whose good humor, sweet disposition and memory are as impressive as her longevity.

"I just keep going."

Edna was born on Oct. 11, 1915, in Philip, S.D., one of eight children, including Eloise, her sole surviving sibling, age 100. Edna learned to play the piano at 8 and eventually worked as a church organist. The Class of 1933 valedictorian at Philip High School, she used an old book about a man who made hammers to craft her graduation address.

"I don't think anyone remembered my speech," she said.

Edna's musical skills were quite memorable, however, especially to John Minger, the young managing editor of Philip's weekly newspaper. He was a baritone soloist at his church and needed an accompanist. They married in 1928 in Kansas City, and later lived in Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma,



Jan Hiskett, left, thinks of Edna Minger as her second mother. The two met 13 years ago at church when Minger moved to Arizona.

— Photo courtesy Sarah Auffret

where they owned and operated a small newspaper in Tipton.

As "society editor," Edna wrote local news while raising their two children and playing the organ at church. She became a wonderful gardener and was president of the local garden club, in addition to working as a secretary at Altus Air Force Base.

John died in 1990, and Edna moved in 2007 to Westchester Senior Living in Tempe to be nearer her daughter, Sarah Auffret. She also has a son, John, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. At Westchester, Edna assumed responsibility for the community's flower garden and acted as official greeter.

"When people came to live there, I would make an effort to welcome them like when I was at the newspaper," she said.

Edna also is a member at Dayspring United Methodist Church in Tempe, where she met Jan Hiskett several years ago. The women introduced themselves in a pew, and Jan told Edna that her own mother shared her first name. "She became my church mom," said Hiskett of Chandler. "She is a beautiful soul. Knowing her has strengthened my faith, and that's a wonderful gift."

Edna suffered a stroke three years ago, and now lives in a small group home where she is grateful for the good care. COVID-19 has been isolating because she no longer can attend church in person, nor art lectures or Bingo games at Westchester. But she still reads the daily newspaper, writes notes to friends and occasionally plays a keyboard in her home.

The secrets to her longevity are good genes, gardening, a walk and some dark chocolate every day and her strong faith. She loves Italian food, but eschews "smoked meats and too much grease," and has never been too interested in alcohol.

No doubt Edna could come up with 105 reasons to keep living. We'll settle for five of her favorite things:

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The 22nd annual event will feature newly elected Mayor Corey Woods, who will discuss his personal experiences since becoming mayor, highlight the city's recent response to the pandemic, the resiliency of the community and plans for the near future. In addition to his remarks, Mayor Woods will sit down for a fire-side chat with Anne Gill, Tempe Chamber President and CEO.

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This year, **1st Lt. Caleb Mischung** and **TSgt Patrick Nelson** have been selected as the 2020 Goldwater ANG Base Maj Truman Young and TSgt Donald Plough award winners. Both outstanding airmen have been instrumental to the Wings' mission success both at home and abroad. 1st Lt. Mischung and TSgt Nelson represent the talent, dedication, hard work, and spirit of the Copperhead family.

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Grant fills technology need at schools

Computers and internet access now seem to be almost as vital to education as are the teachers who guide their students' learning.

However, as virtual learning continues, many students across the country are still missing those seemingly ubiquitous technological necessities, according to Christine Busch, superintendent of the Tempe Elementary School District.

To help meet that need, Toyota USA Foundation has approved grants totaling almost \$3.4 million to support students in 13 states, including Arizona, where the company has operations. The grants will fund WiFi access points, mobile WiFi devices, laptop computers and software licenses, all aimed at helping more than 350,000 students to access virtual learning.

"Tempe Elementary is sincerely grateful to (Toyota USA) and the Tempe Impacts Education, or TIE, Foundation for their generosity in supporting learning for all of our students during this challenging year," said Busch.

"Contributions like this help provide a brighter future for

students and impact our society for good."

The grants build upon Toyota's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts, prior foundation grants focused on e-learning programs and hunger, and the recent launch of an education hub that includes virtual field trips of the company's operations.

More help for Tempe small businesses

The city of Tempe is helping its small businesses weather the impacts of COVID-19 by giving away thousands of free masks, hand sanitizer and \$10,000 in business grants. More than \$1.1 million in grants are available.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, businesses can pick up free reusable masks and liters of hand sanitizer for their staff and customers.

The giveaway will take place in what is being described as a contact-safe environment at Tempe/APS Joint Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive.

W. Chandler survey to aid planning

Financial planners are getting ready to move forward with the city of Chandler's upcoming budget process and are encouraging West Chandler residents to provide their thoughts

about the city and its future. The survey, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 15, can be found at chandleraz.gov/budget.

Residents citywide are also being invited to participate.

Survey planners ask that respondents answer at least the first six general questions, which they say should take about two minutes. The remaining questions allow for specific feedback on any or all of the targeted topics, which are based on six Chandler City Council strategic goals, including:

- Being the Most Connected City (Transportation, Mobility, Technology);
- Being a Leader in Trust and Transparency (Communication/Citizen Engagement);
- Maintaining Fiscal Sustainability (Financial Services, Cost of Services);
- Attracting a Range of Private Sector Businesses (Employment/Economic Vitality);
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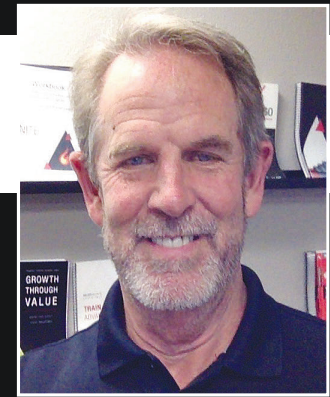
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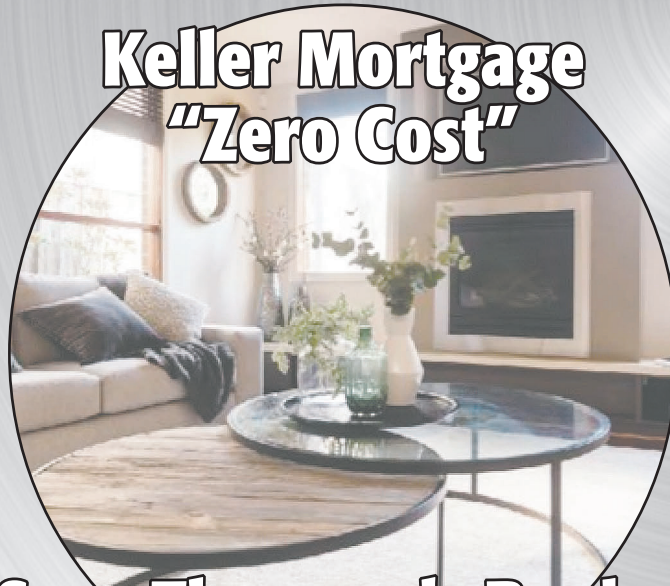
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