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Nov. 5 Walk to Save Animals at Tempe Beach Park will benefit both families and pets. It's also a fundraiser to support lifesaving programs. PAGE 10



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Our hometown Aztecs 'Tribe' is back . . . and so is football!

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## Hard work, determination and a helping hand from Jr. Achievement Longtime Tempe nonprofit helps young people realize their dreams



Winners of JA's previous '18 Under 18' awards ceremony. Group was active in 400 statewide schools again last year.

By Janie Magruder, Special for Wrangler News

ophia Moreno of Tempe can see herself one day owning her dream home, a one-story place with five bedrooms and enough space to accommodate her crafts and other interests, plus a large backyard to entertain family and friends.

At 17, Moreno likely knows more about the insand-outs of homeownership than some of her peers, due to various lessons she's had in middle and high school. Still, the senior at McClintock

High's Peggy Payne Academy has realistic future goals about buying a house.

"It's a little bit difficult," Moreno said, "but I'm very determined, so I will make it achievable."

Part of her knowledge and optimism comes from Junior Achievement of Arizona, a nonprofit that equips students to succeed in work and life by teaching financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

Last year, the organization served 110,000 students in grades K-12 at 400 schools across the state.

– Wrangler News file photo by Billy Hardiman

It has partnered with all campuses in the Tempe Union High School District and in several Tempmiddle schools.

Moreno's first experience with JA was in the fifth grade, when she participated in the organization's BizTown, housed at its Tempe headquarters. She learned about applying for jobs, voting, career opportunities, customer service, paychecks and savings, and she put her knowledge to work as

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#### A new look, some new ideas: Let us know if you like what we're doing . . . or even if you don't

In case you've noticed a few changes to our layout and content in recent weeks, a few words of explanation:

Over the 30 years we've been in

publication, we've experimented with a number of different approaches, some that we ended up liking, some we didn't. As we've changed our staffing recently, we thought this might be a good time to go into experimental mode once again, with the goal of seeing what we—and you—like in your hometown paper.

We're not sure where we'll end up with this, but you can be sure we want to hear from you. After all, it's your

newspaper as much as it is ours, and your input is, as always, what keeps us going. So send email to us c/o editor@wranglernews.com.

We promise we'll listen — and respond to — what you have to say.

JA From Page 3

'We have a unique opportunity to give them the skills and knowledge, and to help them understand and see the pathways to get ahead in life.'

— JA VP Anne Landers

mayor-for-a-day of a simulated economy.

"It's astronomically important to understand financial literacy, not just knowing how to pull money out of the bank and use it, but learning how to manage it," said Moreno, a JA Young Ambassador. "If you don't have the ability to set priorities, you can have what seems like a lot of money, and then it just it goes out the window."

Learning what young people know — and don't know — about being successful in life is important to Junior Achievement USA, the organization's national arm. It periodically collaborates on surveys, and a recent one, on homeownership, showed most teens struggle with the how-tos of home-buying.

While 88% of the 1,000 young people ages 12-17 surveyed said they want to own a home one day, only 45% could define a home mortgage. Nearly all of the surveyed teens said it would be helpful if schools offered lessons on borrowing, credit scores and other aspects of financial literacy.

"What this survey tells me is we have a level of self-awareness in today's teens where they understand what might be the obstacles in front of them, and they want to learn about overcoming them," said Anne Landers, vice president of strategic impact for JA of Arizona. "We have a unique opportunity to give them the skills and knowledge, and to help

them understand and see the pathways to get ahead in life."

Starting this fall, and working with Fannie Mae, JA has developed and is providing to students age-appropriate materials and resources that focus on the home-buying process.

JA of Arizona wants all students to have access to lessons that will help them make good budgeting decisions, based on their personal income, career choices and projected college debt levels, Landers said.

Something is working: A June survey of JA alumni reported the average age at which they purchased their first home is 29. The average age for those without JA experience is 33, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Already, Moreno is saving for the future, stashing away some of her earnings from a paid internship last summer at HercuTech, a Tempe-based building technology company. Some is earmarked for senior trips, dining out or investing, but the one big purchase she allowed herself is a dress for prom this spring. "I partitioned it so I could use it throughout the year, even though I was tempted to spend it," she said.

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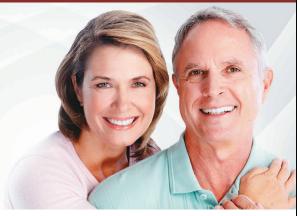
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## Don Carlos award will recognize retired city fire chief



liff Jones, retired Tempe fire chief, longtime community member and service leader, has been named the 39th recipient of the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award by Tempe Community Council.

Jones will be recognized at the 2022 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards, sponsored by Salt River Project.

The Don Carlos award honors individuals who have made Tempe a better place to live through impactful and lasting work that addresses human service needs in the city.

The award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, who was known affectionately by Hispanic pioneers as "Don Carlos."

Former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano will emcee the 39th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards ceremony and dinner, 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.12, at the SRP PERA Club in Tempe.

Jones, while serving with the

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department, was instrumental in the creation of Care 7, a trauma-informed crisis prevention service, as well as, developing an international accreditation process for the fire service. This program established criteria for standardization, best practices, and training, resulting in improved access to high-quality human services and Tempe becoming the first internationally accredited fire department.

Throughout his tenure and into retirement, Jones has continued his legacy of selfless dedication to human services through his leadership with numerous charitable organizations and front-line volunteering, including Tempe South Rotary, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, Tempe Salvation Army and TCH – The Centers for Habilitation.

The Center for Public Safety Excellence honored him by renaming its annual award the Cliff Jones Ambassador Award, an honorarium that recognizes above-and-beyond human-service quality for fire departments.

Julie Armstrong, Tempe Community Council Board chair, paid tribute to Jones's selection.

"We look forward to honoring Cliff with Tempe's most prestigious distinction. His commitment to improving the lives of the Tempe community and beyond embodies the spirit of the award," she said.

TCC will also honor the 2022 Young Humanitarian Award recipient, Addison Olson. Olson, a Corona del Sol High School graduate, who has been extensively involved with organizations providing enrichment programs for individuals with disabilities, including Best Buddies and Miracle League of Arizona.

In addition to the award, Addison will also be receiving a \$2,000 scholar-ship provided by the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation at the event.

"We are delighted to recognize Cliff and Addison as this year's honorees. And, truly grateful to be organizing this year's event to be in-person," said TCC Executive Director Octavia Harris.

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#### From our Publisher

## On storytelling, creativity and why I love what I do

By Don Kirkland



I'm not quite sure where in life my passion for words began. In my case, I believe I caught the bug when I was 9 or 10, somehow winning a medal from our local public library for reading what apparently was an impressive number of books dur-

ing our summer vacation. I still have a photo of me receiving my award tucked in a box somewhere.

That more than likely was the beginning of what became an eventually voracious appetite for the creative art of storytelling, one that ultimately led me to a career in which the telling of stories serves as the lingua franca for each day's work.

It was about the same time that I developed what I'm sure was the annoying trait of not allowing much of anything to get in the way of doing things the way I wanted them done.

What a pain in the neck I must have been in those days.

In that regard, I recall my mother telling me repeatedly about my demands that she read to me at bedtime, over and again, excerpts from *The Little Engine That Could*. For whatever satisfaction it af-

fords me, I still keep a copy or two on our home bookshelf to give to moms I know when their first child arrives. Whether it's true or not, I believe the lesson of that long-ago-written story planted in me the imperative to keep going no matter what obstacles crop up along the way.

So, coupled with my hell-bent progression toward becoming a wordsmith, it seems that my future in newspapering was pretty much ensured.

As to how these two seemingly disconnected obsessions—words and bullheaded determination— created the person I am, I can only guess. But for the most part I've found them to be instrumental in getting me to where I am today, which in my mind happens to be the best place ever.

Regarding any other implications, the conclusion I reach is that creativity and dogged determination are only part of any such discussion. More than all, I think, my current state of satisfaction comes from being with and around people I respect, admire and love working with. Although it would take a while to sort through all who fit that description, three come readily to mind.

Kyle Maki, who was with us for 14 years, nevermissed a deadline or called in sick. And he insisted on pursuing opportunities to give our pages the most appealing look possible. Joyce Coronel came in every morning with a list of things that had to be done, only infrequently detouring to insist that we consider her ideas involving layout or content.

And then there's Billy Hardiman, who became our photographer and friend even before he had a driver's license. Billy still never fails to produce photos guided by an apparently endless flow of creative inspiration, as well as by the kind of determination that seems to propel him into a continually evolving quest for new life challenges.

In that regard, Billy will be returning home in a few days from a 6-week globe-spanning adventure, and we can't wait to hear about his experiences. No matter what, his latest explorations will be further evidence of his and our passions, interests that we hope translate into making us all better storytellers. That's important, I believe, because it helps us to see, feel and appreciate the things that go on around us, whether in our own neighborhoods or far corners of the world.

Simply speaking, the better we know and try to understand people in a broader framework, the better able we are to report on and help tell the stories that underlie the founding of our little news-gathering endeavor.

Admittedly, it may have taken me a while to better comprehend how the chemistry of people of like minds can achieve powerful synchrony in what they do, provided they're endowed with a measure of creativity and the same determination I learned through those oft-repeated readings of *The Little Engine That Could*.

Plus, of course, my good fortune of having people around me I truly care about and continuously learn from.

My genuine thanks to them all.

For those interested in seeing first-hand the range of Billy Hardiman's photographic talent and ingenuity visit picturebilly.com

#### Traditional sounding of Shofar will bring Jewish families to Desert Breeze

In the Spirit of Chabad's Judaism beyond the walls of a structured synagogue, Rabbi Mendy Deitsch of Chabad of the East Valley announces that the traditional sounding of the Shofar will be held this year on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Desert Breeze Park in West Chandler.

With many wishing to attend a traditional service, Deitsch says, the service will provide a short and creative way of bringing the spirit and excitement of the Jewish High Holidays to the open space. Members of the Jewish community can come together in a social distancing environment and participate in wha Deitsch describes as a short yet

uplifting high holiday experience, said Deitsch.

The shofar, a simple hallowed out ram's horn, has been the traditional symbol of the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the new Jewish year, for thousands of years.

According to ancient prescription, one must hear the blasts directly from the shofar itself.

"No medium will do — not a microphone, not CNN, not even a slight echo," said Deitsch.

Intrinsically, he says, the Shofar is not just a sound. "It is a cry. A prayer. A soulawakening, personal, meditative and rousing experience."

Hearing the sound of the shofar is the main commandment associated with celebrating the holiday.

Information: 875 N. McClintock Drive, Chandler. Phone: 480-855-4333



— Shofar file photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News.



## Saving animals is goal of Beach Park Nov. 5 walk

empe Beach Park will be the site for the 24th annual Walk to Save Animals on Saturday, Nov. 5, established to raise money for life-saving programs.

The event directly benefits the lives of hundreds of animals each year and is designed to be friendly for both families and pets. Activities will include an activity play zone; pictures with Santa; dog training demonstrations; food trucks and an on-site adoption center

The walk is AAWL's largest annual fundraiser, bringing together people and pets to support the shelter's life-saving programs, including adoptions, behavior training and low-cost medical care.

Those who register to participate as an individual or team will be supporting AAWL's mission of saving dogs and cats in need. Registration is \$20 per participant, and the first 1,000 walkers receive a Walk to Save Animals T-shirt. Additional prizes are available for select fundraising goals.

Walkers can document their journey on social media with the hashtag #WalkToSaveAnimals and #ThisIsHowIWalk

## **Need vital for donors**

Continued strong patient needs for blood have depleted the available supply by nearly 50% since the start of summer, creating an emergency shortage in Arizona and across the country, according to an announcement from Vitalant, a non-profit community blood supplier.

Eligible donors are urged to schedule an appointment to donate now for the coming days and weeks, especially following the Labor Day holiday when donations were expected to drop by as much as 25%.

While donors of all blood types are needed, the emergency shortage is acute for Type-O, said by experts to be the most transfused blood type.

To check eligibility criteria or make an appointment visit vitalant.org, download and use the Vitalant app or call 877-258-4825.

Donors who were previously deferred from donating because of travel to foreign countries due to risk of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, also known as mad cow disease, are now eligible to donate due to a change in FDA requirements.

Area locations and dates of availability:

**TEMPE DONOR CENTER** —vitalant.org or 877-258-4825; 1524 W. 14th St. #120 (14th St. and Priest)

ASU — Wed, Sept 21, 10:30am-3:30pm, ASU Staff Council, Sun Devil Fitness Ctr, Gold's Gym, 400 E Apache Blvd; Thu, Sept 22, 10:30am-3:30pm, ASU Staff Council, Sun Devil Fitness Ctr, Gold's Gym, 400 E Apache Blvd; Wed, Sept 28, 7:30am-12:30pm, ASU Blood Drive Challenge Cup, Bloodmobile at SS Bldg/Tyler Mall

TEMPE — Sat, Sept 10, 8am-1pm, Latterday Saints Tempe West Stake, Cultural Hall, 1050 W Grove Pkwy; Mon, Sept 12, 10am-2pm, Vitalant Donor Center, 1524 W 14th St; Sat, Sept 17, 10am-3pm, 9/11 Memorial YSA Blood Drive, Ward Bldg, Cultural Hall, 6001 S. Lakeshore Drive; Mon, Sept 19, 2pm-6pm, Grace Community Church, Davidson Ctr, 1200 E Southern Ave; Wed, Sept 21, 9am-1pm, Bloodmobile, RICOH USA 7360 S Kyrene Rd; Fri, Sept 23, 8am-1pm, Tempe High School, Small Gym, 1730 S Mill Ave; and Wed, Sept 28, 8:30am-12:30pm, IES Communications, Bloodmobile, 2801 S Fair Lane.



#### **Tempe Tardeada returns!**

or the first time since 2019, the Tempe ◀ Tardeada will return as a full festival on Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 8 p.m., at the Tempe Community Complex, 809 E. Southern Ave.

All are invited to the 24th annual festival to celebrate and recognize Tempe's Hispanic roots.

A tardeada is a vibrant afternoon festival and social dance, and Tempe's event features continuous entertainment, dancing, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths and inflatables. All activities are free.

The event happens each year in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

For more information, visit tempe.gov/tardeada or call 480-350-8979.



## **Get your GAIN on!**

It's almost time for neighbors across Tempe to gather for the annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) Night!

Prepare some special treats, bring out the lawn chairs and games, and connect with neighbors on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3-7 p.m.

Each neighborhood decides what best fits their residents for commemorating the day. Whatever you do, the City of Tempe is here to support neighborhoods!

There will be no kickoff event again this year. Please confirm your party specifics and register your party by Sept. 30 at tempe.gov/GAIN.

You will then receive a party organizer pack with hand sanitizer, masks, informational materials from the city and giveaways.

Every effort will be made for a Tempe Police representative to stop by your party, and the Mayor and City Councilmembers and city staff travel to various parties as well.

A random process will be used to allocate visits from specialty police and fire units check your party organizer pack to see if you got a winning ticket and then follow the instructions to redeem and schedule your visit.

For more information, visit tempe.gov/ GAIN, email Neighborhood Services at neighborhoods@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8234.

### You're invited: Councilmember gatherings

#### Breakfast with Berdetta

Councilmember Berdetta Hodge will connect with community members for her first-ever conversation event on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9-10:30 a.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern



Ave. Breakfast will be served. For questions, contact Council Aide Cepand Alizadeh at 480-350-8597. For information or to RSVP contact cepand alizadeh@tempe.gov. More information about Hodge's service to Tempe is at tempe.gov/hodge.

#### **Backstage Pass with** Councilmember **Doreen Garlid**

Councilmember Doreen Garlid hosts Backstage Pass, a series of fun tours and conversations that



take community members behind the scenes at Tempe locations. Her next gathering is Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For questions, contact Council Aide Paul Smith-Leonard at 480-350-8543. More information about Garlid's service to Tempe is at tempe.gov/garlid.









## Worth the wait Aztecs weather the storm, beat Jackrabbits

#### Story & photos by Andrew Lwowski

After what was nearly a 90-minute weather delay to the home and season opener, the Aztecs stormed the field against Mesa.

The Corona community and fans anxiously awaited for the debut under first-year coach Jake Barro.

It was a slow start for the Aztecs, trailing 10-0 in the second quarter, before the offense, led by Junior quarterback Connor Ackerley, found its spark.

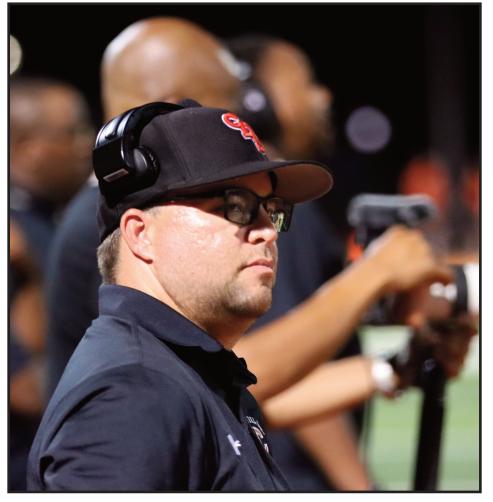
"We just kind of woke up," Barro said. "We weren't playing like ourselves."

After an uncharacteristic first half full of penalties and mistakes, the Aztecs rattled off 24 unanswered points and shut out the Mesa Jackrabbits. Ackerley said the offense had more diversity and "things were a lot more open."

Those changes under Barro led to senior receiver Owen Janssen and senior running back Jonathan Kubat leading the offense, while Matthew Orthmann anchored both the offensive and defensive line, keeping Ackerley upright and disrupting the Mesa offense.

Barro attributes the Aztecs' strong resurgence to resiliency. "No matter what obstacles are in their way, we're going to fight to overcome it."

Barro said it was great to start 1-0 as leader of his alma mater, but his attention has quickly turned to his boys as they prepare to face one of the top teams in the state in Chandler for week 2.



Coach Jake Barro made the necessary corrections to lead the Aztecs to a win in his debut. After a weather delay, the Tribe and Corona fans helped create an electric environment for the season opener, at which the Aztecs showed off their offensive talent and perseverance to overcome a doubledigit deficit.











## Area police link efforts to help kids at back-to-school days

Story by Gabrielle Dunton Photos by Becca Smouse

Prank Elementary students recently had special guests during their lunch period.

Police officers serving the community gathered at the school to distribute colorful backpacks full of new school supplies to every fifth-grader.

After the students received their backpacks, officers handed out pizza slices.

The donation event was made possible by the Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach and Support (Arizona LEOS), a local non-profit organization.

Arizona LEOS provides a framework for community members, civic groups, businesses and educational leaders to support proactive programs that bring together law enforcement and the community they serve.

"Arizona LEOS is dedicated to bringing the community together with law enforcement through positive interactions," said Arizona LEOS Vice President Jim Hill.

"Programs like our 'Backpack to School Program' give kids and officers a chance to visit with each other in a safe and fun environment."

As a unique town situated between Tempe and Phoenix, Guadalupe has three different police departments that support the community.

Officers from the Tempe Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Maricopa Community College Police Department were repre-

sented at this event.

"The most rewarding part of the day is seeing the excitement and smiles on the students' faces," said Isidro Caro, community liaison for Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

"Their gratitude for the backpacks and pizza was unmatched. They may not know this, but the students inspire and motivate us and remind us why we signed up for a job in law enforcement."

Many fifth-graders were eager to ask police officers questions ranging from the different breeds of police dogs they have worked with to the officers' favorite part of their job and their salary.

The afternoon was full of highfives, fist bumps, and fun for the officers, students, and Frank Elementary staff.

"A law enforcement uniform can be intimidating, especially if a child has had previous negative or traumatic contact with law enforcement," said Caro. "Events like these help humanize first responders. Students can see that we are all people and we are in this together.

We hope to inspire youth so they can make good decisions and hopefully they consider a career in law enforcement."

Gabrielle Dunton is Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships & Communication, Tempe Elementary School District.

Becca Smouse is Digital Recruitment Specialist, Tempe Elementary School District





#### JA

From Page 4

JA has taught her to help other students become financially literate, networking with them and sharing the message that their lives can better.

Moreno enjoys advocating more broadly for what she considers to be important educational resources.

Landers said JA is working to expand its programs to more diverse student populations, and has strategies to reach those in low-income schools, rural communities and non-traditional learning environments such as foster care and youth detention

centers.

Its curricula is being translated into Spanish, lesson illustrations are being revised to reflect people of color, and the JA volunteer base is becoming more diverse, "to make sure students can see themselves in potential future success," Landers said.

Advocacy is a career path Moreno is contemplating, perhaps in international relations as a diplomat or as a linguist, "someone who can be a bridge for understanding."

While she doesn't think renting is a waste of money, depending on where you live, say, in New York City, but it isn't for her.

"Once I enter my career, I want to have a space

where I can come home and don't have to worry about the different things that come with renting," Moreno said.

"I think buying a house is a key to being very stable in life."

#### Other takeaways from the teen survey:

- 61% said their parents own their home, with 52% of Hispanic/Latino teens and 44% of Black teens in that category
- 85% said owning a house is "part of the good life"
- 51% of teens said having children is an important "part of the good life"

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## Tempe's affordable-housing initiative named Innovative Program of the Year Hometown for All recognized for expanding affordable and workforce housing

ometown for All, Tempe's affordable-housing initiative, has been honored as the 2021-22 Innovative Program of the Year for Community Development by the Arizona chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and Arizona Housing Authority Director's Association.

"I am . . . truly honored to be surrounded by such incredibly dedicated professionals from our Housing Division each and every day," said Mayor Corey Woods, who brought the Hometown for All initiative to the City Council for approval in 2021.

"We must find innovative ways to meet really critical housing needs in our city, region and state. Hometown for All creates a new funding source that we are leveraging to accelerate the growth of affordable and workforce housing in Tempe."

The Hometown for All initiative, coupled with the city-adopted Affordable Housing Strategy, is helping the city meet its goal of adding 11,000 affordable units by 2040.

Hometown for All increases housing options through property and land purchases, redevel-

opment of city-owned properties and development partnerships.

The initiative reflects the desire by Woods and the Council to ensure that Tempe has a variety of housing types.

For every development project built in Tempe, an amount equivalent to 50 percent of certain permitting fees paid to the city's general fund goes to support the nonprofit Tempe Coalition for Affordable Housing.

More than \$6 million in funds has been raised to date to support more affordable housing.

That total includes cash received, city projections and pledges.

The city offers updated guidance for voluntary contributions from developers and others to fund more affordable housing.

Suggested donation amounts are based on the expected amount of certain developer-paid permitting fees – 20 percent for residential and 10 percent for commercial/office projects.

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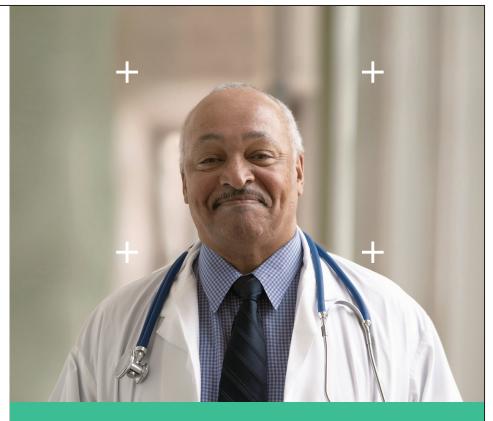


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## Museum exhibit harkens back to World War II, Depression era

A wide ranging historical exhibit harkening back to days of the Great Depression and World War II is now open at Chandler Museum.

The event, titled Thrift Style, explores the reuse of feed sacks to make clothing and other household objects., with 41 works from patterns to garments serving as an example of

past ingenuity that some say can inform today's efforts towards sustainability.

During World War II, say planners of the exhibit, the federal government limited fabric use so homemakers repurposed what was available to them. The reuse of feed, flour and sugar sacks emerged as a cost-saving and re-



source-saving approach by women to make items to meet their families' needs.

In response, manufacturers promoted the thrifty use of feed sack fabric by publishing how-to brochures and booklets with clothing designs, mending instructions and other suggestions for restyling clothes.

The exhibition offers a snapshot of domestic life during this time, when recycling was critical; it also provides one of the best examples of upcycling in U.S. history.

Along with the exhibit, Chandler Museum will host "Market at the Museum: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, highlighting local artists, vendors and organizations whose work aligns with the exhibit's themes of creative resourcefulness and reducing waste with upcycling.

Additional early childhood, family, and adult programs will coordinate with this exhibition including:

- Saturday, Sept. 24: In the Exhibits, Thrift it Up;
- Wednesdays, Oct. 5 and 19: C-Town Suitcase Club, Threads;
- Saturday, Oct. 22: Play Day, Upcycled Games;
- Tuesday, Nov. 1: History Bites, Memories from the Farm: Repurposing Flour Sacks into Fashion; and
- Wednesdays, Nov. 9 and 23: Art Tots, Upcycled Art

Thrift Style is organized by The Historic Costume and Textile Museum and the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, both at Kansas State University, and ExhibitsUSA, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. It will be on display at the Chandler Museum through Nov. 27.

Chandler Museum, at 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Closed Monday.

No charge for admission. Information: chandlermuseum.org or call 480-782-

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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Rain delay doesn't dampen outcome of Aztecs' season opener

See photos and accompanying coverage on Pages 12-13

orona's football team won its season opener against the Mesa Jackrabbits, 24-10, on the Aztecs' home field, Sept. 3, despite rain delays that had both teams waiting for close to two hours.

The Jackrabbits started the game strong, scoring 10 points in the first two quarters before the Aztecs finally got on the board midway through the second quarter with a touchdown to cut the lead to three points, 7-10.

The defense came alive in the second half, holding the Jackrabbits to zero points while Corona's offense scored a touchdown in both second half quarters and a field goal with two minutes left in the game to win.

Corona's starting quarterback, junior **Connor Ackerley**, completed 18 out of 22 attempted passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns.

Ackerley, who was named Offensive Player of the Game by Corona's coaching staff, had a completion rate of 81.8 percent averaging 14.1 yards per pass with his longest pass 36 yards.

He threw passes to seven receivers, with senior **Owen Janssen** on the receiving end the most with six receptions for a total of 109 yards and one touchdown.

Janssen, who was named Overall Player of the Game, averaged 18.2 yards a reception with 35 yards his longest catch.

Fellow senior **Bennett Matsler** only received one pass but it was an important one because he scored a touchdown when he caught the 15-yard pass.

Sophomore Raiden Vines-Bright caught three passes for 61 yards, senior Jonathan Kubat caught two passes for 21 yards, junior Michael Lopez caught two passes for 18 yards, junior Cameron Guss caught two passes for 17 yard and junior Zuri Glenn caught two passes for 13 yards.

Three players gained yardage rushing the ball for a total of 60 yards with Kubat the rush leader on the team with 11 carries for 29 yards.

Ackerley was second with five carries for 21 yards while senior **Jovin Gomez** carries the ball four

times for 14 yards.

Senior kicker, **Carston Kieffer**, who was named Special Teams Player of the Game, came through in the kicking department scoring three PAT's and an additional three points on a field goal to contribute a total of six points.

Junior kicker **Malcolm Flynn** punted the ball three times for a total of 117 yards or an average of 39 yards per punt.

The Aztec defense, who held the Jackrabbits scoreless during the second half, had a total of 31 solo and eight assisted tackles for a total of 39 tackles.

Junior **Brandon Holmes** and seniors **Slater Rubio** and **Trey Fanene** played their part on defense credited with 18 out of the 39 total tackles.

Holmes, who was named Defensive Player of the Game, had an impressive six solo tackles and one assisted tackle for seven total tackles.

Rubio had five solo and one assisted for six total tackles while Fanene has four solo and one assisted for five total tackles.

Other contributions to defense included senior **Tristan Shafer** with two quarterback sacks and junior **CJ Suiter** and Holmes with one interception each.

The Aztecs have to play four more non-section games before they play their first game in the 6A Central Section.

Corona was scheduled to play at Chandler on Sept. 9 followed by another away game, at Perry on Sept. 16.

Both away games will be difficult this early in the season but Chandler should be the most challenging.

The Chandler Wolves are ranked No. 3 in Arizona and No. 10 in the nation. They recently defeated Cathedral Catholic, 63-7.

The game against Perry on paper looks winnable. Both teams are currently 1-0 but the Aztecs scored 24 points their first game while the Pumas only defeated Spring Valley in a close game, 19-14.

The last two non-conference games are Sept. 23 at home against Sunnyslope and at Shadow Ridge in Surprise on Sept. 30.

The Aztecs first 6A Central section game will be on Oct. 14 at home against Mountain Pointe.

#### Corona Swim and Dive Team

The Aztecs, who just had their first swim meet, Sept. 1 at Hamilton, have 17 seniors to provide experience and leadership plus a number of juniors and sophomores and an influx of freshman this fall to bolster both the boys and girls swim and dive teams with talented athletes.

"We, as coaches, are very encouraged by the influx of freshman team members this year," said head coach **Ron Musgrave**. "Collectively, we have really upgraded our team with new talent."

Musgrave is quick to point out that the influx of talent is partly due to athletes who have in recent years joined swimming clubs just like other sports whose athletes play for a club during the off season.

"We now have about two-thirds of our team affiliated with one of the local swim clubs," said Musgrave. "That year-round commitment to swimming will provide more depth for us to increase our chances to score more points in the dual meets.

The Aztecs have eight senior boys and nine senior girls that Musgrave is counting on to not only have an impact on the team's results but also to provide leadership to the huge group of younger swimmers.

"We are anticipating seniors Colin Campbell, Reid Lucero, Andres Esparza, Paulo Guerero, Cabhan Kelleher, Ryan La Ra, Walter Moffat and Josh Winder to power our boys team this year," said Musgrave. "I anticipate five or six of these swimmers will entertain swimming at the college level next year."

Although these swimmers can and often do compete in multiple events, each of them has individual events where they should excel their final high school season, according to Musgrave.

Campbell's best events may be the 200 IM and the 500 freestyle. He came in first place at the recent Hamilton meet in the 500 freestyle.

Lucero, who also swims the 200 IM and the 500 freestyle, came in first place in the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke at the Hamilton meet.

Esparza is expected to do well in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle races and Guerero's best event may be the longer 200 freestyle.

The freestyle is Kelleher's event, both the 200 yard and 100 yard while La Ra is most competitive



Corona's swim team has several experienced seniors who are expected to have an impact on this season's results, as well as providing provide leadership to the large number of younger team members. Team includes, from left, Paulo Guerrero; Cabhan Kelleher; Joshua Winder; Walter Moffatt; Colin Campbell; Reed Lucero; Ryan La Ra; Andres Esparza; Macy Haugland; Daytona Duggan; Kirsten Marquis; Callista Baluha; Giada Schmidtknecht; Amanda Maurer; Kennedy Farnsworth; Madison Mascari; Isabel Silva. — *Photo courtesy Eva Esparza* 

in the shorter 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. La Ra touched the wall in first place at Hamilton in the 100 backstroke.

Moffat likes the freestyle, as well, but in the shorter races, the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle, while Winder also competes in the 50 freestyle and

the 100 butterfly.

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depth to the boys team. Likewise, the Aztecs have quite a few senior girls that Musgraves is counting on to earn points for the team and provide leadership for the younger swimmers.

"We have a large senior girls class who we expect to have an impact this year," said Musgrave. "We are counting on Daytona Duggan, Callista Baluha, Macy Haugland, Kristen Marquis, Madison Mascari, Kennedy Farnsworth, Mandy Mauer, Isabel Silva and Giada Schmidtknecht, to work hard and do their best in the events.

Musgrave is relying on Duggan and Baluha to provide the team points in the 100 backstroke, one of their best individual event. Duggan took first place at Hamilton in the 100 backstroke.

Duggan also swims the 100 butterfly along with Haugland and Silva while Baluha's second event is the 100 freestyle along with teammates Kristen Marquis, Mascari, Silva and Schmidtknecht.

Haugland is the only senior on the team who swims the 200 IM. Mauer swims the 200 freestyle.

Three Aztecs swim the 50 freestyle including Kristen Marquis, Mascari and Farnsworth.

Schmidtknecht is the only senior who swims the 100 breaststroke and Mauer is the only senior that swims the longer 500 freestyle.

In addition, the girls team has a junior swimmer who returned this season.

"Brea Zandt, who had a stellar freshman year at Corona, has returned after transferring to Seton her sophomore year," said Musgrave. "We are expecting her to provide our team with some serious support in the second half of the season."

"Brea is a multi-event and relay team threat that we can not wait to see added to our relays and individual events," said Musgrave.

In addition to Zandt, Musgrave is expecting extra depth on the girls team to come from **Dylan Rhodes**, **Paige Dancz**, **Reagan La Ra** and **Shea Braley**.

It's not just the swimmers who have been given a boost of talent. The dive team is feeling it too.

"This is the bet team I have seen since I started coaching the diver team at Corona," said dive team coach **Kacee Hoffer**.

"I have eight divers including four freshmen who have hit the ground running hungry to compete and two seniors who are rounding out their last high school season with high expectations of making the state team."

Two that Hoffer feels could have an impact this season are junior **Gavin Buttram** and freshman **Alana Marquis**.

"I have high expectations for Gavin both as our dive captain and as a high-level diver," said Hoffer. "Las year he was top 10 at state but this year he has stepped up his game with more difficult dives and the attitude to lead the team by example."

Buttram took first place at the Hamilton meet in the dive event.

"Alana came in with a lot of talent and a positive attitude, said Hoffer.

"She's not afraid to put in the hours needed to be successful," said Hoffer. "I look forward to seeing what Alana can do this year."

Freshman **Ashley Chaloupka**, who set a Corona team record for getting a 177.30 for the six-dive list at the Hamilton meet, should be another Aztec diver to watch.

Corona has a tough schedule, according to Musgrave, with only one meet at home this year.

"Regardless of the schedule, we are pleased with how coachable the team is this year and proud of how they have really connected with each other and are focused on have a successful year," said Musgrave.

The Aztecs were scheduled to attend the Croswhite Invitational with the dive team competing Sept. 7 and the swim teams on Sept. 10.

Corona is scheduled to compete in a dual meet Sept 15 at Sandra Day O'Connor and in another meet Sept 22 at Basha.

On Sept. 23 Corona will host the Dive Aztec Invitational.

## Oktoberfest Runnin' for the Brats Oct.8

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While most people know the late Frank Kush as the legendary Hall of Fame head football coach at Arizona State University – and his record of 176-54-1 in 22 seasons – his true passion was youth health and fitness through physical activity and education.

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On Saturday morning, October 8, after a twoyear hiatus due to Covid 19, the annual "AZTV Das 29th Runnin' for the Brats" returns to Tempe Town Lake as part of the Four Peaks Oktoberfest festivities.

The event features a 10K Run, a 5K Run and Walk, and a 1 Mile Run and Walk. Participants can register in advance at either frankkush.org or four-peaksoktoberfest.com – or, on the morning of the event, at Tempe Beach Park.

Proceeds benefit the Tempe Elementary School

District, Tempe Sister Cities and the Frank Kush Football Endowment at ASU.

To encourage family participation, medals are awarded to all who take part in the one-mile run and walk.

In addition to race T-shirts and post-race refreshments, all participants will receive free admission to the Oktoberfest (on Saturday, October 8), a stein and a free Oktoberfest Brat and beer or soft drink.

Over the years, the Frank Kush Youth Foundation has supported a variety of Tempe and East Valley charitable and education causes.

"We are pleased to again be part of Tempe's Oktoberfest and to honor Coach Kush," said Andy Dzurinko of the foundation.

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## Recalling couple's pioneering role behind Sister Cities' Tempe growth

By Andrew Lwowski Special for Wrangler News

s Tempe Sister Cities celebrates its 50th anniversary, one exchange student's friendship reaches far beyond those of just visiting and exploring a new place. A former South Tempe resident helped her onetime Sister City's family by what she remembers as "opening the world to them."

Allison Grabowski, a Corona del Sol graduate, was the first student selected to travel to Trollhättan, Sweden—Tempe's 10th Sister City – during her junior year. During Grabowski's time with the Germundsson family, she said she developed a sisterlike bond with Fredrika, said Jane Neuheisel, one of founders and main contributors to Tempe sister cities.

While helping her host family out of its shell, Grabowski and Frendika remained close friends over the years. The Germundsson family even attended Allison's wedding in Sacramento, Calif.—and the families welcomed another "daughter" into the world.

However, as Russia began to invade Ukraine earlier this year, the Germundsson family came together with neighbors to collect money to help those in Ukraine. With funds raised, they were able to send two buses to Zermosc, Poland, and transported Ukrainians back to Trollhättan.

Zermosc is a Tempe Sister City, so those in Fountain Hills began to help as well. With contributions from Tempe and Trollhättan, dozens of refugees were able to find safety.

Tempe Sister Cities was first established in 1970 by Jane's husband Dick Neuheisel. Dick, who was on the city council at the time, received a notice that Sister Cities International would be holding a conference in San Diego, and was looking to expand its program.

Dick attended the conference and recalls that he thought it would be a great way for Tempe students to have international experience.

"He took the idea to Harry Mitchell, who was on the council, and

Harry was all for it," she said. "He was not only on the council in Tempe, but he was a teacher as Tempe high."

Now, every year, high school students in Tempe visit sister cities, those across the globe partnered to provide a cross-cultural and educational experience. The headquarters for the program is Hackett House, in the heart of Tempe.

In 1986, Tempe restored Hackett House, which was once a bakery on Fourth Street.

"Tempe Sister Cities' proposal was accepted and we took on a lot of programs there over the years," Jane said. "I was the first director and (held that job) for 22 years. We did field trips for Tempe's sixth grade students. We have a tea party program that is still going. We have a culinary school, which is still going, and we have a gift shop."

Tempe sister cities brought a new identity to Tempe and expanded the city's international presence. In fact, it was Jane and Dick who started the local version of Oktoberfest, an annual three-day event at Tempe Beach Park.

The Neuheisels originally are from Wisconsin and noticed there was no event here, so they decided to create their own. Jane recalled the first Oktoberfest was in 1973 as a one-night affair. Soon after, the festival grew and moved venues until it became what it is today.

One of the key elements that makes Tempe a great Sister City town is its location, suggests Jane. "It's a university town, people are interested in education. And it's a great volunteer town. Our Sister Cities program has never had any trouble finding volunteers. Mesa can't do it, Scottsdale is just coming into its own, and Glendale has one Sister City. We have 11."

Tempe takes pride in its success in the program, according to Jane, and even has a garden with its exchange students' and teachers' names inside Kiwanis Park. Jane credits the Tempe council's support for the growth, taking time to visit its sister locations and building bonds with those working in the program.

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## \$37-plus-million grant OK'd for expansion of water facility

Kyrene reclamation plant will go back on line through efforts of Rep. Greg Stanton

Rep. Greg Stanton has anounced the allocation of \$37.5 million in federal funds to restart, expand and improve Tempe's Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility, which was shut down in 2010 to cut costs during the Great Recession.

Stanton, who is credited with initiating approval of the funding, was joined by Tempe Mayor Corey Woods, Councilmember Arlene Chin and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael Conner at a ceremony marking the funding's authorization.

Officials have said that reopening the plant will boost the city's groundwater recharge capacity and help the city better protect its water supply.

Specifically, said a spokesperson, it will allow Tempe to reactivate the plant to collect, treat and utilize its reclaimed water while also adding resiliency to the system.

The facility is at 311 W. Guadalupe Road in Tempe.



On hand for ceremonies marking Tempe's receipt of funding to restart the Kyrene Generating Station were, from left, Tempe Council- member Arlene Chin, U.S. Army civil engineering official Michael Connor, Rep. Greg Stanton and Tempe Mayor Corey Woods.

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