



McClintock re-do

More room to be added for vehicles

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After nearly two years of gathering public feedback and collecting traffic information, Tempe will move forward with a plan that includes keeping bicycle facilities while adding vehicle capacity back to a 3-mile stretch of McClintock Drive.

The work is expected to be completed within 24 months, according to Tempe spokeswoman Amanda Nelson.



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As part of a repaving project in July 2015, Tempe reconfigured McClintock between Broadway and Guadalupe roads to add bicycle lanes on each side, which required removing at least

one vehicle lane.

The city maintained a minimum of two vehicle lanes in each direction, as well as the center turn lane, medians and formal turn lanes at signalized intersections.

Since making the changes, the city has been working with residents, businesses, schools and other stakeholders, gathering feedback through public meetings, online questionnaires, emails and phone calls.

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7 teen suicides heighten concerns

Kyrene adds fulltime counselors at six middle schools

By Diana Whittle

Suicide is a word that hits hard—particularly when it involves cases that increasingly are stealing our community’s young people. It seems to be an unthinkable solution for anyone to consider, especially at an age usually considered to be idyllic.

Many adults remember being a teen as a fun, carefree time in life, when kids have the chance to enjoy friendships, the prom or football games, without the demands of adulthood.

Yet the reality is much different for some students in the East Valley, where since the beginning of this school year, seven young people ages 12 to 18 have chosen

to end their lives.

It’s a stunning statistic—nearly one death per week—and a crisis that needs immediate resolution, says Katey McPherson, executive director of the Gurian Institute, an organization dedicated to educational improvements.

McPherson says that, increasingly, many teens feel tremendously stressed—overwhelmed by pressures to earn good grades, by angst about their future college choices or by trying to fit in socially.

Since schools cannot release individual data on specific students, due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly referred to as HIPPA, McPherson

learned about the teens’ deaths through her contacts with school administrators and local residents, as well as on social media “Go Fund Me” pages that were created for the impacted families. McPherson, who lives in Chandler and is the parent of four teen-aged daughters, spent 20 years as an educator and principal in the Valley.

“In my 20 years of working with kids, I have never seen this level of distress in the community,” said McPherson. “We need more holistic care of our children.”

“It’s my mission to (serve as) a pair of boots-on-the-ground to help kids and educators find solutions,

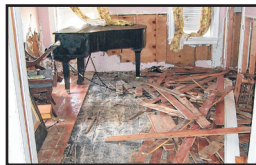
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Eye on the storms

Close-up look at disaster by a man who’s seen it all

By Don Kirkland

Mark Moorehead may be 1,200 miles away and high and dry from the same raging torrents that inundated Houston and much of Florida, but he still can’t forget the often life-changing results that nature can produce.



— Mark Moorehead

Now a retired insurance adjuster, Moorehead spent a major portion of his 30-year career with a major liability carrier, criss-crossing the country to help beleaguered homeowners face the effects of floods, fires and a spectrum of other disasters that left some—like many in Texas and

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Update: 'Earthy' quality in Tempe water not harmful

Tempe residents who might notice an "earthy" quality to their water for the next few weeks need to know it's not their imagination. Nor is there any reason to worry. They can rest assured that their drinking water is safe, according to an update from city water officials.

The musty smell and taste come from compounds produced by certain algae, particularly the blue-green variety, which can be prevalent in warm regions with deep storage reservoirs or lakes. While these algae byproducts can affect the smell and taste of drinking water, even at very low levels, officials confirm they have no adverse health effects.

Tempe routinely uses powder-activated carbon to absorb these compounds and alleviate the musty taste and smell. At certain times of year, the smell may be noticeable, even with the use of P-AC, due to elevated levels of algal byproducts in its source waters.

According to Tempe spokeswoman Nikki Ripley, this typically occurs during the late summer and fall months when algae die off due to cooler temperatures and release more odor-causing compounds.

Tempe has ongoing partnerships with Arizona State University and Salt River Project to monitor and treat algal growth in the lakes and canals to minimize these occurrences.

If occurrences are noticeable, city water officials say that running water through a refrigerator filter or a carbon filtration pitcher can improve taste. Chilling drinking water and adding lemon slices can also help.

Information: www.tempe.gov/water or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

City will add businesses to annual opinion survey

For the first time, Tempe is asking business owners to join residents in providing their views on how well the city is doing, in this case focusing on how they see Tempe as a setting for their success.

About 400 businesses of various sizes have been selected at random to participate. Surveys were scheduled to arrive in mailboxes this month from ETC Institute, which also conducts the city's resident surveys, data from which is used to allocate resources and make decisions.

Survey questions pertain to such topics as public safety, transportation, housing, landscaping, solid waste and communication.

ETC will follow up with phone calls to any of the selected business owners who may not have returned their surveys by mail, inviting them to answer the questions by phone.

In addition, businesses, including those that did not receive a survey by mail, can fill out the survey at www.TempeCityGov.org by midnight Sunday, Oct. 15.

Survey results will be presented to the Tempe City Council in December.

Briefly . . .

Mayor's 'Listening Tour' set for Sept. 19

West Chandler residents are being invited to join Mayor Jay Tibshraeny during a scheduled Listening Tour, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Galveston Elementary School.

Residents will have an opportunity to meet the mayor, members of the Chandler City Council and Neighborhood Advisory Committee, as well as staff from city departments, including both Chandler Police and Fire, Health and Medical.

Tables will be set-up to cover such topics as what you love about Chandler; building community and how to get involved; trash, recycling

and alleys; neighborhood code and pet issues; public safety and crime; and street and sidewalk repairs, plus more.

Residents are encouraged to visit each table to discuss any concerns they might have, with staff will be available to provide answers.

Also, Chandler's new graffiti removal vehicle, Eli (the mascot), and the tool trailer—available for residents to use during neighborhood cleanup event—will be on display.

Information on how to check it out will be provided by Neighborhood Resources staff.

Information: 480-782-4348.

Tempe Chamber will host 'State of City'

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the city of Tempe, will host chamber members and residents for Mayor Mark Mitchell presentation of his annual State of the City address on Friday, Nov. 3.

Mitchell is due to share his thoughts on the social and economic climate of Tempe, along with his vision for the

future of the Tempe and Arizona.

The breakfast event is recognized as providing an opportunity to meet with civic, business and political leaders of the Valley and to share ideas.

Information and sponsorships are available by calling Joanne Stockdale, business development director of the chamber, at 480-736-4284.

Prostate walk coming to Kiwanis Park Sept. 30

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in American men, afflicting one in six men in their lifetime.

Health care professionals have long said that early detection is key in the battle against the deadly disease.

The 9th annual Walk for POP, or Prostate Onsite Project, takes place Saturday, Sept. 30 at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All American Way, Tempe.

The event is designed to not only raise awareness but provide an opportunity for screening.

The walk gets underway during National Prostate Cancer Awareness

month and celebrates prostate cancer survivors while honoring the memory of those who have lost their lives.

The screening includes a PSA blood draw, digital rectal exam, testicular exam and a board-certified urologist consultation.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The first 100 men to register receive a free prostate cancer screening.

The race begins at the north entrance to the park, off Baseline Road. A vendor village, educational materials, food and entertainment are part of the event. Information: 480-964-3013 or www.prostatecheckup.org

Four Peaks Oktoberfest due Oct. 13-15

Four Peaks Oktoberfest will return to Tempe Town Lake Friday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15 for its 45th year. The free-admission event is open to all ages and features live music, food and drinks, games, dancing and more. The annual fundraiser benefits Tempe Sister Cities, an internationally recognized non-profit. Proceeds will be used to send Tempe high school students to 10 of Tempe's sister cities.

The Bavarian-themed festival will feature 15 varieties of beer along with carnival rides, sports and more.

New this year, Four Peaks Oktoberfest will serve a Brat Burrito along with traditional festival food and drinks. The event will also host a Soccer Tournament along with Karaoke and a costume contest.

Information: Fourpeaksoktoberfest.com



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TO TEMPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS: HAPPY #10!

More than 400 guests turned out to celebrate Tempe Center for the Arts' 10th anniversary with a fittingly spectacular evening of performances and notables on hand. Among them were, from left, Councilwoman Robin Arredondo-Savage, famed vocalist Jordin Sparks and Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell.

— Photo courtesy Kelly Lovell-Taylor, TCA

Meeting to explain new business-tax registration process coming to Chandler

The city of Chandler will host a public meeting Thursday, Oct. 5, to present a proposed registration process to members of the local business community.

The meeting will include a presentation by city staff, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The state of Arizona took over administration of the Transaction Privilege Tax from cities earlier this year.

Previously, Chandler issued TPT licenses for all businesses and was able to track and analyze businesses operating in the community.

The need for a new business registration process emerged because the state doesn't issue TPT licenses for all businesses, and restricts Chandler's ability to share information about the businesses operating within the City.

The new business registration process will provide Chandler with a complete list of all businesses operating within the city and demographic data that can be utilized for economic development, public safety and other purposes.

City officials say registering businesses will strengthen the city's relationships within the business community, increase consumer confidence and protect taxpayers.

The meeting will be held at 4 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 88 E. Chicago St., within the City Hall complex.

Questions about the meeting or the proposed registration process can be directed to Danielle Wells at 480-782-2278 or danielle.wells@chandleraz.gov.

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The 'art' of education

Teachers stress its added benefits

By Diana Whittle



Kyrene educators want the school district's governing board, as well as the community, to know that arts education is flourishing here.

While Kyrene offers all of its students the option of weekly classes in music and visual arts, along with PE and library, two schools in the district—Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary and Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School—have expanded their curriculum to become models of “arts integration,” said Julie Hackmann, the district's Fine Arts certified coordinator.

According to Hackmann, “Arts integration means every classroom teacher strives to find purposeful ways to use an art form, like drama or music, to further the students' understanding of concepts in core subjects like math, language arts, science or social studies.”

At the same time, every arts teacher strives to find ways to create a link between core subjects and arts classes, she noted.

Using the integration method, arts have been found to be essential in providing students with the means to think, feel and understand the world around them.

For example, students learn there are multiple ways to understand math, science and reading, which are skills that can be used for life.

As an example, Hackmann says, a science teacher may use creative exercises or activities to increase student learning.

“When talking about the water cycle, a teacher may ask students to create a song or a rap verse using the terms evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection, or students can dramatize the cycle by acting out each component in a guided creative activity.

“Another idea would be to draw the stages of the water cycle and use color to illustrate it further. In the end, it's still a science lesson, but the students are fully engaged in the learning by incorporation of the arts.”

The week of Sept. 10-16 was designated as National Arts Education Week, a national celebration to recognize the transformative power of the arts in education. Passed by Congress in 2010 through House Resolution 275, the celebration brings attention to the cause for elected officials and educational decision makers across the country. It also supports equitable access to the arts for all students.

The concept of arts integration started at the Kennedy Center based in Washington, D.C., which became the birthplace for Kyrene's approach to training

in arts integration.

Each elementary school in Kyrene offers music and art to grade levels K-5. Then, in sixth, seventh and eighth grades, students are offered a wider variety of exploratory options, including visual arts and media as well as performing arts, such as theater, orchestra and band.

“Kyrene students engage in a creative process in every classroom, which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both,” said Hackmann.

As a “show and tell” at Aprende illustrating how the program can work, students accompanied band and orchestra teacher Tracey Werner to tell the Kyrene governing board how important the arts are to their education and lives. Their presentation also featured visual examples of arts and music projects at the school.

Noted Hackmann:

“Art has long been recognized as an important part of a well-rounded education, and research has shown that exposure to the arts can help with academics, too.”

AmericansfortheArts.org lists top 10 reasons for studying art:

1. A student involved in the arts is four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.
2. Students with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a 4 percent dropout rate—five times lower than their low socioeconomic status peers.
3. Students who take four years of arts and music classes average almost 100 points higher on their SAT scores than students who take only one-half year or less.
4. Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are twice as likely to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.
5. 72 percent of business leaders say that creativity is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring.
6. 93 percent of Americans believe that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education.
7. The arts are recognized as a core academic subject under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and 48 states have adopted standards for learning in the arts.
8. Two-thirds of public school teachers believe that the arts are getting crowded out of the school day.
9. 97 percent of elementary schools nationwide don't offer dance and 96 percent don't offer theater.
10. In 2008, African-American and Hispanic students had less than half of the access to arts education than their white peers.

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Disaster

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Florida—homeless and heartbroken.

A longtime Tempe resident who now lives with his wife Lynda in Sedona, Moorehead thought when he retired that he'd be leaving behind his sometimes exhausting travel schedule. In the last year or so, however, he has found himself getting calls for advice from around the country—and sometimes, now as an independent consultant, again packing those same bags for another face-to-face encounter with catastrophe.

While metro Phoenix, and particularly the neighborhoods of Tempe and West Chandler, is not considered to be particularly flood prone, Moorehead says disaster can strike nonetheless unexpectedly, sometimes from natural causes but more frequently of manmade origin—plumbing leaks, bursting water heaters, even forgetting to open the backyard valves when SRP irrigation is due to arrive.

In fact, Moorehead remembers one call he received while still in Tempe requiring him to check out the damage caused by a bursting reverse-osmosis canister.

"The client said he probably had just driven out of his driveway on a trip to Pinetop when the unit likely burst," Moorehead recalled. "He didn't discover it for a week, and of course the damage was already done."

As in many of the cases Moorehead remembers investigating, he says the after effects can sometimes be equally or more disastrous than the event itself, notably in cases where a water buildup results in the occurrence of mold.

Mold doesn't produce headlines but remediation can prove nearly as costly in some cases as the damage caused by hurricanes like Andrew, Ike and Katrina, all of which required his deployment for months as homeowners worked to recover their losses.

Based on his nearly three decades of experience, Moorehead says that in cases where flooding occurs—as it has most recently in Houston—insurance adjusters move forward during a three-phase process: demolition and debris removal immediately after families return to their home; reflection and assessment by the owners, often the longest and most difficult phase; and rebuilding or relocating, depending on what occurs during phase two.

That second part of the recovery, Moorehead says, is often the most troubling for homeowners because many do not carry flood insurance. Also, some are left without permanent or even adequate temporary lodging, creating a massive search for assistance from families or friends who are unaffected and may be able to provide assistance.

This where Tempe and West Chandler residents could find themselves closer to the huge ripple effect that already has resulted from Hurricane Harvey, suggested Moorehead.

"People here who have a connection to anyone who lives in the devastated areas in and around Houston should not be surprised to get a phone call asking for financial help, short-term lodging or even just emotional support," Moorehead said. "A shoulder to cry on for a friend or relative who has lost everything—well, I can't stress enough how vital that can be for a person's survival, even if you can't help financially or provide a place to live until their situation improves."

Additionally, the psychological impact following a major upheaval often results in people feeling they've had enough and don't want to live in a disaster-prone area. "For them," says Moorehead, "the question arises, 'Should we stay or go, which sometimes splits families down the middle. A not insignificant number of survivors told me the stress of this decision led to separation or divorce.'"

Other sources of stress included temporary job loss due to flooded businesses, sharing tight quarters with family for months in hotels, or living with relatives and disruption of routines, he noted.

Lack of money, conflict over a decision to stay or relocate and high stress are the reasons the second phase

of recovery is often the most difficult stage. This, says Moorehead, is a good time to listen to the kids.

“The mantra I heard from children was ‘stay and rebuild.’ Children love their schools, friends, routine and familiar surroundings.

And the single most important factor in helping families move from phase two to phase three in the process was support from family, friends and neighbors.

“Those without a support network had more challenges and either delayed the decision to rebuild or moved to another city.”

How you can help

Having said that you may be called for guidance by someone who has been affected by Hurricane Harvey, Moorehead says there are a few things to know that might be helpful. Among those:

1. Although FEMA provides grants of up to \$33,000, restrictions and qualifications can make the application process daunting. “Most people without flood insurance apply for low interest loans through the Small Business Administration,” said Moorehead, emphasizing that most standard homeowner policies do not cover flood damage.

2. Two or more feet of flood water in a

home will result in a rebuild cost ranging from \$30,000 to \$70,000 depending on the size and quality of the home. Add to this figure the cost of replacing furniture, clothing, appliances, electronics and furniture storage.

Thus, the average flood survivor will need approximately \$80,000 to return to pre-hurricane status. Subtract the maximum \$33,000 from FEMA funding and that leaves \$47,000 in unmet expenses.

Says Moorehead:

“Many people don’t have a spare \$47,000 in the bank and will walk away from their mortgage, declare bankruptcy and move in with family or friends to save money to buy or rent a home elsewhere.

Also, if a second home, rental property or business is flooded, it does not qualify for a FEMA grant.”

There are no easy solutions to the crisis that many people affected by Hurricane Harvey face, just as any disaster, natural or otherwise, can be resolved by a quick fix.

If you are asked for help by Harvey survivors, do whatever you can, either financially or with moral support. And it may be a good time to schedule a meeting with your own liability insurance provider to see what additional coverage, if any, would be advisable should some sort of unanticipated disaster cause you to be displaced from the home you know and love.

Proud grandmoms share some oldtime pride over kids’ aid to hurricane victims Mariposa, St. John Bosco come to the rescue



Kids from St. John Bosco, left, and Mariposa Elementary fifth-grader Madison J Ringgold put their sympathy for storm victims into action.

— Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker

By Joyce Coronel

To most of us, being a proud grandparent comes naturally. Whether it’s athletic prowess or academic success, lots of grandparents in Tempe and West Chandler enjoy regaling others regarding their amazing grandkids.

So when Wrangler News caught wind of two proud grandmothers, each with a tale of grandchildren’s generous actions on behalf of children affected by the recent hurricanes, we couldn’t resist a closer look and a bit of bragging ourselves.

Terri Lisi has three grandkids who attend St. John Bosco Catholic School. A few weeks ago, they sat glued to the television with her, taking in the coverage of the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Michael, 13, an eighth-grader, along with 11-year-old sixth-grade cousins Jack and Bella, watched as scenes of the hurricane’s aftermath flickered on the screen.

“We sat here and we were watching it in disbelief,” Lisi said. “All these children that were sitting on cots kind of looked like they looked like they were in shock.”

Michael, Jack and Bella, all members of St. John Bosco’s service organization The Ambassadors, said they wanted to do something to help. Turns out other students at St. John Bosco felt the same way.

The kids decided that children affected by the hurricane probably needed something to help pass the time in the shelters, something that was small enough for cramped quarters and yet entertaining.

“They came up with some really good ideas,” Lisi said. Student Council officers alongside the Ambassadors group rallied the school into action. Families of students in the pre-K program through eighth grade worked to gather coloring books, crayons, mini-puzzles and more.

“Some of the older kids decided stuffed animals would be nice, something to snuggle with because they probably left their favorite stuffed toy back at their house that got flooded,” Lisi said.

First-grade teacher Jenna Gump, mother of Bella, was on hand when 27 Ambassadors and student council members filled her classroom to pack boxes for Hurricane Harvey victims.

“I think they tried to put themselves in the shoes of the children who might be in these areas that were affected by the hurricane,” Jenna said. “That’s where they came up with the idea of sending coloring books and soft sports balls that, even if (the kids) are inside a shelter, they can still toss and not get in trouble.”

It was the students themselves, Jenna said, who dreamed up the idea of reaching out to their peers hit hard by Harvey.

“They are the ones that rallied the school and made posters, sent emails and walked around to every single classroom and talked about it so that the drive would be successful,” Jenna said.

Project Hope for Harvey ultimately gathered and shipped 16 28-pound boxes of toys, coloring books, playing cards and puzzles. St. Vincent de Paul Society of Texas will ensure the packages reach child victims of Hurricane

Harvey.

Bella told Lisi: “That made me feel really good, Grandma, because I was really sad watching those kids look so unhappy. I feel like we sent them a little bit of happy.”

Lisi isn’t the only proud grandma in town. We also heard from Elizabeth Jackson, whose granddaughter Madison J. has been making bracelets for other kids since 2012. She’s gone from gifting the beaded bangles to unhappy classmates to seriously ill children whose families stay at the Ronald McDonald House while they are hospitalized. Even homeless children staying in shelters received Madison J.’s creations.

Once the hurricane hit, the 10-year-old Mariposa student knew there were more kids who might need something to smile about.

“When she saw the children who have lost everything, her heart went out to them. She saw they had nothing and that is probably making them sad,” Jackson said.

Her goal is 1,000 bracelets which will make their way to shelters in Houston via Jackson’s brother-in-law. Madison J. is hoping the community will want to get involved with the project. In that vein, a bracelet-making day will be held at Mariposa School on Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fifth-grade student has already been featured in a magazine for her good works and was scheduled to appear on a local television program, Sonoran Living, to speak about her endeavor.

A GoFundMe page has been established at gofundme.com/happybracelet

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The Tempe Transportation Commission is accepting nominations for its 2017 Tempe Bike Hero Award through Thursday, Nov. 30.

Nominated individuals must live or work in Tempe, and nominated organizations must be located in Tempe.

Past Bike Hero Award winners include:

2017- Broadmor Elementary Bikecats; 2016- Catherine Brubaker and Bike Saviours; 2015- Erick and Rochelle Geryol; 2014 - Ryan and Jennifer Guzy; 2013 - Maja Wessels; 2012 - Patricia Berning; 2011 - Eric Iwersen; 2010 - Bicycle Cellar; 2009 - Sue Fassett; 2008 - Tempe Bicycle Action Group.

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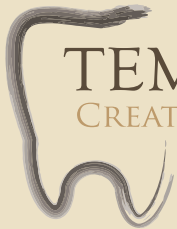
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Don Carlos Award again recognizes humanitarian service

Longtime resident and retired SRP employee Kathy Stevens will join a roster of other notable Tempe residents as the 34th recipient of the coveted Don Carlos Humanitarian Award.



Kathy Stevens

Stevens, along with other community awardees, will be recognized at ceremonies Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the PERA Club in Tempe.

The award honors individuals who have given outstanding service to Tempe, benefitting the less fortunate in lasting ways and making Tempe a better place to live, according to its sponsors.

It is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, who was known affectionately by Spanish-speaking pioneers as "Don Carlos." It embodies Hayden's legacy and spirit and is Tempe's most prestigious distinction.

Elizabeth Cling, president of the sponsoring Tempe Community Council, said Stevens "has served tirelessly and gracefully to make our community better, stronger and healthier."

Past honorees include Raveen Arora, Neil Giuliano, Harry Mitchell, Pat Hatton, Rudy Campbell, Joseph Spracale, Bobbie and Don Cassano, Jane and Richard Neuheisel and Leonard Monti Sr.

In addition to Stevens, other outstanding citizens and community organizations will receive at the Sept. 27 ceremony, including:

APS, Guiding Light Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy — Arizona Public Service, a 131-year-old Arizona company, contributed \$9.8 million to Arizona charities in 2016 and provided 125,000 in volunteer hours to organizations in Tempe and throughout the state.

Jerry Tong, Spirit of Tempe Karma Volunteer Award — A volunteer of Maggie's Place since 2001, Tong has been an invaluable support to The Elizabeth House, in Tempe, and Magdalena House, in Phoenix, sharing his skills and talent weekly to oversee the needs of the facilities and be a caring resource and support to both staff members and women and children at these locations.

Rida Imtiaz, Young Humanitarian Scholar Award and Scholarship — Imtiaz' volunteer efforts at a young age have touched many lives through her work assisting a variety of local nonprofits, including the Refugee, Integration, Stability and Education program at ASU, while attending Marcos de Niza High School.

In addition to the award, Imtiaz will also receive a scholarship provided by Jenny Norton and Bob Ramsey of the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation.

The dinner and ceremony are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos or by calling 480-858-2300 by Sept. 20.



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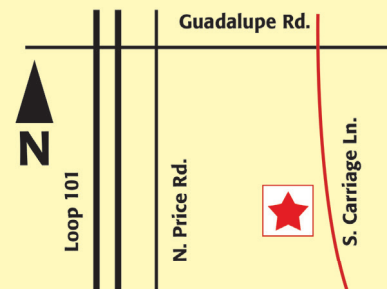
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McClintock

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Review Session, staff presented a project update with several alternatives for McClintock Drive.

Councilmembers reached consensus on a plan that includes both bicycle facilities and additional vehicle lanes between Apache Boulevard and Baseline Road. They also asked staff to work with residents to address neighborhood access concerns in certain areas.

Information: tempe.gov/

In late 2016, Tempe staff and consultants began working to develop concepts to achieve the City Council's goals of improving traffic flow, decreasing congestion and providing facilities for bicyclists.

At the Sept. 7 City Council Issue

ASU Compadre joins other schools with digital courses

When a school in one of the state's historic mining towns wanted to boost its students' chances of going to college, it found a partner in the new ASU Prep Digital online program, which is seeking to fill learning gaps in schools around the state and the country.

Although considerably distant from Tempe, the program at Miami Junior Senior High School boasts some remarkable similarities to a sister campus, ASU Compadre Prep, which supplies online coursework in much the same way as Miami.

This school year, about 95 sophomores in the Miami program are taking English and biology using the ASU Prep Digital curriculum while sitting in their classroom with their own school's teachers.

Miami is the first blended-learning partner with ASU Digital Prep which, a month after rolling out, has 1,500 students. It joins the network of ASU Preparatory Academies, which include ASU Prep Tempe, on the campus of Compadre High School, as well

as campuses in Casa Grande, Mesa, downtown Phoenix and worldwide.

The online classes use the Cambridge International Curriculum as an add-on feature, and students can opt out of the Cambridge components, according to Julie Young, deputy vice president and CEO of ASU Prep Digital. Students can potentially earn college credit by scoring proficiently on the Cambridge end-of-course exams.

ASU Prep Digital offers the core high school classes, as well as Latin, Arabic, entrepreneurship and leadership. Students also can take college courses such as sustainability, criminal justice and modern social problems at a reduced tuition rate.

"I like that the courses are online and I can work on them at other places rather than just at school, anytime I want," said Riley Guthrey, a sophomore at the new Miami campus.

When Young first became involved with digital education in 1996, access to the internet was via dial-up. Now, say ASU Prep educators, it's a critical component to lifelong learning.

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SRO crowd celebrates start of Kyrene bond campaign

It was a full house at Four Points Sheraton Phoenix South Mountain as Kyrene school-funding advocates kicked off a campaign in support of two budget overrides and a bond reauthorization.

The community-based political action committee, Keep Kyrene Strong, is co-chaired by Christie Ellis of Ahwatukee; Michelle Hirsch of Chandler; and Dr. Jose Leyba of Tempe. The event was emceed by David Jack of Activlab.

Jack is a nationally recognized fitness expert and Kyrene parent. Attendees included Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell and State Senator Sean Bowie in addition to other Kyrene parents, former students and community advocates.

Joining Hirsch, a former governing board member, were current board members Bernadette Coggins, Michelle Fahy and Mike Myrick, as well as former board members Beth Brizel and Ross Robb.

The ballot measures will be part of a special election in November. Information: keepkyrenestrong@gmail.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepKyreneStrong/

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Suicide

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along with providing a mental health continuum of care in schools.”

So, during the just completed National Suicide Prevention Week, McPherson mobilized significant educational brainpower to produce a workshop for educators and a town hall discussion for the public.

The event, “i-GEN: Turning Distress into Success,” was held on Thursday, Sept. 14. The town hall portion included a panel discussion with noted social-service providers in the Valley, including representatives from Community Bridges, Addiction Haven and the school resource officer from the Chandler Police Department, Kevin Quinn, along with Dr. Kenneth Baca, superintendent of Tempe Union High School District.

Others attendees to RSVP to the i-Gen program included school district superintendents and administrators from Tempe, Chandler, Mesa and others from throughout the East Valley.

The event also featured a renowned educator as the keynote speaker, Dr. Glenn “Max” McGee, who early in his tenure as the superintendent of Palo Alto Unified School District in Northern California, faced a similar situation when several students in the district died by suicide within weeks of each other.

As a result, McGee, in tandem with The

Heard Alliance, Stanford University and The University of South Florida, created a comprehensive toolkit for schools in the areas of suicide prevention, cyberbullying, overall mental health and wellness supports for students.

This kit was created in 2013 in response to the need of school communities to address student mental and emotional wellness in order to steer teens from suicide and provide evidence-based information about how to intervene in a crisis or after a suicide loss. The resource can be downloaded from <http://www.heardalliance.org/help-toolkit>

In 2016, California enacted Assembly Bill 2246 that requires public schools serving grades 7 to 12 to have a “Pupil Suicide Prevention Policy” by the 2017-18 school years.

The California Department of Education’s model youth suicide prevention policy can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/lscg/mh/index.asp.

Said McPherson:

“The purpose of the event was more than pondering the grim reality that seven lives are lost. It was to help the community move forward, to consider the best solutions and methods, and to offer appropriate services to teens.

“We need recognition locally that we are missing the mark in providing for kids’ mental health.”

Baca shared his concerns about the recent rash of suicides and stated, “No community is immune to suicide, but, we have a responsibility to do all we can to try

to prevent young people from taking their own life.

“Suicide is often the last step for a student, who may have been bullied or faced mental illness, or felt that they had nowhere to turn. In the Tempe Union High School District, we are working to address this issue with a holistic approach that educates the community about suicide, as well as cares for the student’s social and emotional wellness. We don’t have all the answers, but as a district we are trying to find as many as we can.”

Kyrene school district officials are also aware of the alarming trend in teen suicide. Renee Kory, principal of Aprende Middle School, where an eighth-grade student died by suicide in 2011, offered her thoughts on the issue.

“Kyrene School District is committed to providing opportunities for students to develop resiliency, self-advocate, set goals, and build confidence,” Kory said. “This school year we have also added necessary supports at the middle school level through the hiring of full-time mental health professionals at each school site.”

Mom reflects on tragic end to Aprende son's life

By Joyce Coronel

National Suicide Prevention Week hits close to home for Nora Kinney. In 2011, her son, Preston, who was just beginning eighth grade at Aprende Middle School, died by suicide.

“It caught our family totally off guard. We had no idea he was struggling with depression,” Nora said. Preston was one of five sons, she said, and he left a note for his family.



Preston Kinney at age 11

“He mentioned that he was trying to find answers on his own but at 13, you can’t really do that,” Nora said.

Six years have passed since Preston died, but Nora said he “would always be a special part of us and never

forgotten. If we can help through our loss, we want to.”

One obstacle to overcome, she noted, is the continuing stigmatization of mental health and suicide.

“It’s time for that to stop,” Nora said. “We wouldn’t be concerned if our son had cancer and we were going to get him treatment for that, but there’s something about suicide and depression that nobody wants to talk about. It’s swept under the carpet.”

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Claudia Becho, left, with Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir, Officer M. Torres and Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage.

Photo by Amy Garza, Tempe Elementary School District

Brainy idea: Pedaling basics of bike repair

By Justin Aungst

Recycle a Bicycle: How could the brains behind this idea have picked a catchier moniker for their budding bike repair class? That's exactly what happened at Gililand Middle School when planners unveiled a class focusing on bicycle maintenance and repair, taught by Claudia Becho.

Using a strategy that gets students out of their seats and using a hands-on approach, the kids found new excitement in learning a skill, surpassing many of the school's other electives.

With a successful first year in the books, Becho and her bicycle repair class expect to make the 2017-2018 school year even better, thanks to the Tempe Police Department which recently donated \$10,000 toward the program.

Chief of Police Sylvia Moir and Tempe police officers even took time to drop by Gililand and deliver the check, illustrating their support for the growing program by interacting with students and complimenting their work.

The money will help expand

and improve the Recycle-a-Bicycle program as it enters its second year, and will help pay for bicycle parts, tools, equipment and storage.

"It takes more than just the school's effort to keep our bicycle program running," said Gililand Principal Jolyn Gibbons. "Donations like this—in addition to the time, bicycles and parts that have been given to us by Tempe police, businesses and individual members of the community—are so important."

On the surface, Gililand's bicycle repair class teaches students the basic skills of repairing and maintaining bicycles, but as Chief Moir pointed out, it's much more than that.

"Most of the students that come through this program are not going to work in a bicycle shop," said Moir, adding however:

"But this class builds (the students') self esteem and confidence as they watch a broken down bicycle go from unrideable to good-as-new, and they realize that they're the ones who did that. That's what is so valuable about this class."

Old bicycles, working or not, or unneeded bicycle parts can be donated by contacting Claudia Becho, claudia.becho@tempeschools.org.

Efforts progress on enabling more bicycle, pedestrian accommodations

Tempe is continuing efforts to expand its off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities network with the upcoming Highline Canal Multi-use Path project.

The project, adding 3.5 miles of improvements and including a 10-foot-wide concrete path with lighting, landscaping and public art along the canal, will run north-south along Tempe's western border.

The city of Tempe is inviting residents, neighbors and businesses to comment on the public art element of the project.

Comments will be accepted through Sept. 24 at www.tempe.gov/highlinecanal.

The improved path will connect with the town of Guadalupe on the north end

and Chandler on the south.

The project also includes street crossing treatments and bicycle/pedestrian bridges across the canal.

Guadalupe recently completed path improvements along the portion of the canal that runs through the town.

The concept design team of Coffman Studio was retained in 2014 to develop the project design concepts, and Tempe hired Kimley-Horn to prepare final design, environmental and bid-ready construction documents.

The final design documents were submitted to Federal Highways Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation in June to obligate the federal funds secured for the project.

Construction is estimated to start late this year or early 2018.

The Highline Canal Multi-use Path is identified in Tempe's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, as well as 2030 and 2040 General Plans.

The project was awarded a Maricopa Association of Governments pedestrian/bicycle design assistance funding grant in 2013; \$3.3 million in two construction grants from federal Transportation Alternative Program funds was awarded in 2014.

The project is in the Tempe Capital Improvements Program approved by the City Council and has a local match from the Transit Fund.

Information: tempe.gov/highlinecanal.

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Sports

With Alex Zener

Aztec wrestlers grapple with funding at carwash

Corona's DI state championship wrestling team is doing more than working hard in the offseason to be ready when the official school season starts later this fall: They were hard at work last Saturday washing cars to help raise money for their team.



"We had 37 wrestlers and a few of their family members help us wash approximately 125 to 150 cars in four hours," said **Coach Jimmy Martinez**.

"At times, we had 12-15 cars lined up to be washed."

Any money raised helps pay tournament entry fees, transportation, hotel accommodations, apparel, video and computer equipment and

food for the wrestlers at tournaments. Money left over is used to help pay for the wrestling banquet at the end of the season.

"We raised about nine percent of our total wrestling budget at the car wash through advanced ticket sales and donations," said Martinez.

The Aztec Booster Club is active in helping raise funds for the team.

"We are hosting a Taco Dinner night on Sept. 30 and a Poker Night on Nov. 11 at Western Skies Golf Course," said Martinez. "We accept sponsors and donations at any time."

Marcos Football — It has been a harrowing two weeks for Marcos de Niza football players and their fans.

First, their head coach, **Paul Moro**, Arizona's all-time winningest high school football coach, was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer and had to miss a week of practice and one game.

Then, with Coach Moro on the sidelines again in a game against Peoria on Sept. 8, the Padres lost to the Panthers 40-21 after Peoria not only returned one kickoff for a touchdown but three kickoffs in the same game.

On a positive note, Moro is undergoing treatment and plans on leading the Padres in practice and on the sidelines during games for as long as he can.

Marcos has one more non-conference game to get back on track for the conference games. They have a quarterback who can throw the ball, a sophomore running back who can run with it, and several defensive players who can rack up the tackles, which is a good start.

Senior quarterback **Marcos Moreno** had a good first game, completing 17 of 22 attempted passes for a total of 202 yards.

Yakeem Bayless, only a sophomore, carried the ball 17 times in that first game against Prescott, for a total of 144 yards. The Padres also have senior **Alex**



The Dairy Queen location at Elliot and Rural hosted Corona wrestlers as they locked up a decisive car wash fundraiser for the team's 2017 season (above).
— Photo courtesy Coach Jim Martinez

Aztec athletes wrestled with buckets and suds and they grappled to clean more than 100 dirty cars that appeared after being hailed by a team that went to the mat to win the participation of passers-by (below).
— Wrangler News photo



Torres and junior **Mario Gastelum** to carry the ball.

On the receiving end, **Joren Davis** and Gastelum are two possibilities for receivers.

When it comes to defense, seniors **Joe Chavez** and Torres each has 10 solo tackles during the first two games. Chavez along with Gastelum each has 17 total tackles while Torres had 15 total tackles during those same first two games.

In addition, sophomore **Matt Canada** is credited with 14 total tackles as is senior **Luis Sanchez**.

Other examples to build upon include the interception by sophomore **Martell Thompson** that he ran back for six yards and the field goal blocked by junior **Torren Union**.

The Padres were due to be at home Friday, Sept. 15 against Bradshaw Mountain. Up next will be a conference game at Casa Grande on Sept. 22 and

then another conference game at home against Saguaro on Sept. 28.

Corona Girls Golf — Corona's longtime girls head golf coach, **Pat Reed**, retired at the end of last season after her team finished fifth in the DI state tournament.

In addition to golf, Reed coached, during her tenure at Corona, girls basketball and track and field. "I figured after 37 years of coaching, I needed a break," said Reed.

Reed, who still teaches part-time at Corona and a couple of classes at Chandler Gilbert Community College, plans on spending her spare time working on her own golf game.

New head coach, **Sean Thornton**, inherited a team with all the makings to become another top-five team in the state at the end of the season.

"We returned six girls from last year's team," said Thornton. "Two of the girls, senior **Lexie Baughman** and sophomore **Hannah McGraw**, played a large role on last year's team."

"Both have set high goals for themselves and their leadership and experience will lead this team," said Thornton. "We are lucky to have two golfers on our team that could play

a number-one golfer at most schools around the state."

The team lost to graduation **Emma Lower**, who is currently at the University of Hawaii and doing well. She was -1 after her first round of college golf according to Reed who follows Lower and another former Corona golfer, **Dana Finkelstein**. Finkelstein is now a professional playing in the LPGA.

"Emma Lower, from last year's team, will be difficult to replace but I think both Lexie Baughman and Hannah McGraw can and will lead this team to a great season," said Thornton. "Both girls have the ability to compete with the best high school golfers in the state day in and day out."

For instance, McGraw has placed in the top three spots in the first four regular golf matches: Second on Aug. 23 against Mountain Point and Millennium; second on Aug. 28 against Chandler; first on Sept. 6 at Basha; and third on Sept. 11 against Hamilton.

The other four returning golfers include seniors **Elle Potts**, **Sarah Butler** and **Erika Johanson** and sophomore **Ava Swarup**.

"Sarah, Elle and Erika all saw some

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Corona's girls golf team returned six players from last year's team and is hoping to be in the top five by the end of the season. Front Row: Erika Johanson, Sarah Butler, Elle Potts, Lexie Baughman. Back Row: Tori Lawrence, Caroline Formisano, Ava Swarup, Hannah McGraw, Kelley Kriol, Kayla Cortez, Coach Sean Thornton. — Photo courtesy Christina Wiley



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time in the top five who played last year but have now stepped into much larger roles for this team," said Thornton. "All three have worked very hard and are ready to be big time contributors for our team this season."

New to the team are sophomore **Tori Lawrence** and three freshmen: **Kelley Kriol, Kayla Cortez** and **Caroline Formisano**.

"Kelley, Kayla and Tori will give our team a great foundation for the next couple of years," said Thornton. "They are hard workers who will be impact players for us in the future."

"Caroline Formisano, on the other hand, may be a freshman but she is a solid golfer," said Thornton. "She will push our top five girls for a chance to play in the matches. She definitely has the ability to make it which should round out a very strong squad for Corona."

For instance, in the latest match against a very good golf team from Hamilton, Baughman placed seventh, Formisano and Butler tied for eighth place, and Johanson and Swarup tied for tenth.

Corona was scheduled to play against Perry at Seville Golf Course on Sept. 13 before playing in the Tempe Invitational at Ken McDonald Golf Course on Sept. 16 and then the Xavier Invitational Sept. 22 at GCU Golf Course.

Both invitationals will give Corona an idea where they stack up against their likely competition at the state tournament held this year on Oct. 30 and 31 at

the Omni Tucson National Golf Course. "As a team, qualifying for the state tournament is the goal," said Thornton. "We have potentially two very strong golfers leading the way and four more girls that are very talented golfers. They all work hard to fulfill this goal."

Marcos de Niza Girls Golf — Marcos had three golfers compete in a girls developmental league against Camelback, Maryvale and Sierra Linda at Southern Ridge Golf Course on Sept. 11.

Breanna Cobb came in first place while teammates **Kimberly Worden** was tied for fourth and **Danyale Santi** was sixth.

Corona Boys Golf — In his fourth year as head coach of the boys golf team at Corona, **Peter Salazar** is excited about the possibilities for his team this season.

"This is the deepest team I have had in my four years as head coach," said Salazar. "Our strength as a team is our depth. We have 9-10 players who can compete to play in the top five every week. It is a nice luxury to have moving forward into the season."

In addition, Corona did not lose anyone to graduation last year and returned all 11 golfers including all five of his top golfers from last season.

"We have a relatively young team as well," said Salazar.

"Out of the 11 returning golfers, only two are seniors."

The season is already off to a good start with the Aztecs winning the Team Championship first place trophy on Sept. 9 at the Southern Arizona Golf

Invitational held at Saddlebrooke Ranch Golf Club in Tucson.

At the start of the season, the players slated to be in the top six spots for match play were **Zac Erskine, Davis Cottrell, Cooper Odenkirk, Jando Hernandez, Cohlton Kieffer** and **Max Faeth**.

Salazar is expecting these six golfers to have an impact on the team's results this season.

"Zac Erskine is our quiet man who leads by example on the course," said Salazar.

"He has been our number one golfer the past two years and feels comfortable in that spot."

"Zac made a tremendous leap from the last tournament his freshman year until now his junior year," said Salazar. "After competing and playing well with Team Arizona in Scotland this past summer, I am looking for him to have a big junior season."

"Davis Cottrell, with his abundance of talent, has the ability to go low every round as he demonstrated at the start of the season," said Salazar.

"He played well this summer and has matured as far as his course management is concerned."

"When Cooper Odenkirk puts it all together, he can pick a course apart," said Salazar. "He definitely strengthens our top five and will be a state qualifier contender but I'd like to see him be more consistent on the course."

"Cohlton Kieffer has been a mainstay in our top five the last three years and a player the team looks up to," said Salazar.

"He has started off the season well in qualifying and I'm looking for him to lead our young group to



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the state tournament.”

“Jando Hernandez and Max Faeth are two sophomores who I expect to consistently be in the top five and push the juniors to be better,” said Salazar.

After competing against Brophy, Desert Ridge and Highland at Phoenix Country Club on Sept 12, the Padres are scheduled to play in the Chaparral Invite Sept. 15-16 at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club.

The goal of this year’s team is to play as a team in the state tournament.

“We have a tough schedule this season but always enjoy the challenge of playing the best teams in the

state,” said Salazar.

“We have our sights set on qualifying as a team for the state tournament regardless of who we have to play to get there.”

Marcos de Niza Boys Golf — Samuel Wynne, Nick Hargis, Alex Denham, Austin Wentz and Jason Johnson are playing for the Padres boys golf team this season.

The Padres were scheduled to play at Ken McDonald Golf Course on Sept. 12 against North Canyon and Saguario at the same golf course Sept. 14 against McClintock.

The following week Marcos is scheduled to play Sept. 19 against Barry Goldwater, Willow Canyon and Cactus at Legend at Arrowhead Golf Club.

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PLEASE BE AWARE that, starting now, we will be observing an additional week between publications until our regular every-other-week schedule resumes with the Oct. 7 edition.

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Attracting top businesses called key to AZ future

The ability to build a thriving economy depends on the state's ability to attract and retain top business.

And that, says Angela Hughey, depends on an environment that supports diversity, inclusion and equality.

It’s a message—and a commitment—she’ll

share at an open meeting of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Soho 63, a downtown Chandler restaurant.

Hughey is co-founder and president of ONE Community, a member-based coalition for socially responsible Arizona businesses, organizations and individuals that support the concept of inclusion.



Angela Hughey

In 2013, Hughey and the ONE Community team launched UNITY Pledge, a concerted effort by Arizona businesses and individuals to advance workplace equality.

More than 2,000 businesses and organizations, as well as 10,000-plus state residents, have now taken the UNITY Pledge, said to be the largest of its kind in the nation.

During Hughey's presentation, attendees will hear why an inclusive Arizona is competitive and sustainable, and how people can get involved to create an environment that is welcoming and open for business to all.

Admission for Chandler Chamber members is \$25, \$30 day of event. General admission is \$35, \$40 day of event.

Open mentoring will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m., followed by open networking until noon, at which time the keynote program is due to begin.

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H.O.P.E.'s goal: Normalizing cancer journey for schoolkids

Lisa Noble for Wrangler News

Little did Patti Luttrell, co-founder and executive director of Children's Cancer Network, know after she and her husband launched the West Chandler nonprofit that so many other people would want to come on board to help.

That was 13 years ago, and the group's roster of supporters seems to be growing faster than Luttrell ever imagined.

One such newly arrived advocate is Sharon Wozny, who after 30 years as a teacher never intended to go back to the classroom. That is,

she says, until she learned of the struggles young cancer survivors face upon returning to school after treatment.

That's when Wozny and a committee of education and health professionals at CCN went to work creating a program called H.O.P.E.—Honoring Our Peers Everyday.

"The goal of H.O.P.E. is simple: to educate all kids about cancer so they can talk openly about it," Wozny said.

"We also want to make students H.O.P.E. ambassadors to provide support to their fellow classmates on their recovery journeys. H.O.P.E.

teaches children how to honor their peers through the lens of childhood cancer. It is about becoming H.O.P.E. ambassadors to everyone in their school and community."

Unfortunately, the incidence of childhood cancer is growing, according to the American Cancer Association, with more than 10,000 youth under the age 15 in the United States diagnosed with the disease last year.

But the bigger number is the 420,000 young cancer survivors, said founder Luttrell, who has overseen the non-profit grow since its formation in 2004.

"The five-year survival rate is now more than 80 percent, but in many cases survivors develop secondary cancers and other health problems," she said.

CCN serves as a primary point of contact for Arizona families battling cancer, lending much-needed financial assistance in the form of food and gas cards to help them get to and from doctors' appointments, chemotherapy and other treatment.

The organization also promotes patient and family education about cancer-related issues, and provides emotional and psychological support, including funding a mental health therapist for cancer families.

Leukemia, Luttrell notes, is the most common form of cancer in children, and the treatment regimen lasts about three years.

"During that time, the child can be in and out of school and there are changes in his or her physical appearance that raise questions among other kids," she said.

For example, upon returning to school after initial treatment, Luttrell said one child was asked: "Is your cancer gone?" "Will your hair grow back?" "Can I get cancer?"

H.O.P.E.'s 55-minute interactive and age-appropriate presentation addresses these issues by dispelling the myths associated with cancer while empowering classmates to make a difference for their fellow students.

The presentation can be done assembly or classroom style.

The program has three components – education, compassion and action – that together build understanding and lifelong skills of respect and acceptance of cancer in schools and the community. Fiesta Bowl Charities underwrites the curriculum, which is tied to Common Core, Science and Counseling standards.

Wozny and her H.O.P.E. team travel to K-12 schools of every size and in all corners of the state to reach as many people as possible.

So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, with notes of thanks and praise from school administrators and principals, along with teachers and parents.

"It's all about easing the burden for youth during an uncertain time and building a greater understanding and support among their classmates and the larger community," Wozny said.

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Utility rates change Oct. 1

Chandler City Council adopted rate increases on June 22, 2017, for Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, and Solid Waste Services, and the new rates become effective Oct. 1, 2017. The rate changes are needed to fund debt service costs related to new and expanded water and wastewater facilities, as well as their expanded ongoing operating costs, which include chemicals and electricity. Other drivers are costs for capital system maintenance needed as infrastructure ages

to ensure quality and safe systems, and increased operating costs for the solid waste utility. The rates incorporate a recent Cost of Service Study that identified necessary shifts in the rate structure to ensure each customer class is paying a fair share for the services provided. This will impact single-family, multi-family, non-residential, landscape, and industrial customer classes for water; and single-family, multi-family, and non-residential for wastewater; reclaimed water users; and solid waste service customers. Details can be found at chandleraz.gov/utilityrates.

Free workshop for Veterans: Boots to Business Reboot

Veterans have the character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Are you a veteran wondering what it takes and how you can prepare? Enroll in the “Boots to Business Reboot” workshop from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16, at the Chandler Downtown Library, 22 S. Delaware St. Lunch will be provided by Alliance Bank of Arizona. This two-step training program provides participants an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. For more information and to register, contact james.pipper@sba.gov or 602-745-7230.



Chandler seeks ‘angels’ who support innovation

The City of Chandler, East Valley Partnership, Arizona Tech Investors and other area partners have embarked on a new initiative in hopes of better serving our regional business community. Chandler is seeking individuals who meet accredited investor criteria and are interested in becoming angel investors, an individual who invests his or her own money in startup companies in exchange for an equity share of the businesses. A free workshop is scheduled for 5-6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago St. For more information visit chandleraz.gov/angelinvesting.

Winter lawn overseeding tips



The option of having a green lawn through our winter by planting ryegrass is popular with many homeowners. But, because we live in a desert environment, it is important to use our water as efficiently as possible. Limiting, or forgoing, overseeding is one of many ways to conserve water. There are significant benefits to not overseeding, such as reduced water costs and lower costs associated with preparing and maintaining the winter lawn. Chandler’s Water Conservation Office has tips on “Things to do if you don’t overseed” and “Things to do if you do overseed” on its web page at chandleraz.gov/water or call 782-3580.

Chandler Farmers Market returns in October



Every Thursday, October through April, the Farmers Market returns to Dr. A.J. Chandler Park downtown from 3-7 p.m. The market features more than 30 local vendors and live music. Our main produce suppliers are local Arizona farmers who deliver some of the best fruits and vegetables around. For details, visit downtownchandler.org/farmersmarket.

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- 19 Neighborhood College: Conflicts of interest in HOAs and how to avoid them, Environmental Education Center, 782-4348
- 20 Family Night at the TRC, “Cupcake Craziiness,” Tumbleweed Rec Center, 782-2900
- 21 Easy Irrigation Troubleshooting and Repair Workshop, TechShop, 782-3580
- 21 Neighborhood College: An explanation of the statutes that govern HOAs, Environmental Education Center, 782-4348
- 23 Dragonfly and Butterfly Bash, Environmental Education Center, 782-2890
- 26 Neighborhood College: Community Association Finances 101, Downtown Library, 782-4348
- 28 Neighborhood College: Code Enforcement 101, Police Main Station, 782-4348
- 30 Mariachi & Folklorico Festival, Center for the Arts, 782-2680

OCTOBER

- 30 San Tan Brewing OktoberFest, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 602-276-2499
- 3 Neighborhood College: HOA Jeopardy!, Downtown Library, 782-4348
- 4 Angel Investing Workshop: #PHXEastValley Successful Startups, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3034
- 5 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 7 Our Stories Speaker Series: Adrenaline, Excitement and Fear, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 10 Neighborhood College: Everything about pets!, Downtown Library, 782-4348
- 12 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 12 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, TechShop, 782-3580
- 14 Trashion Fashion Show, Chandler Fashion Center, 782-3525
- 14 Fire, Health & Medical Open House, Fire Station No. 6, 782-2120
- 16 Boots to Business Reboot, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 16 City Council Meeting & Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 19 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 19 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 19 Sonoran Sunset Series, Back to the Fifties Band, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2890
- 20 Chandler (indoor) Art Walk, Techshop, 855-3539
- 21 Mayor’s Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2665
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- 26 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 27 Halloween Spooktacular, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza, 782-2665
- 28 Our Stories Speaker Series: From Chandler to the Vietnam War, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 28 Pumpkin Dunk, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 782-2750

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Women in Leadership

Keynote: Angel Hughey

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Tuesday, September 19

10:30 am—Mentoring

11:30 am—Networking

Noon—Lunch/Keynote

Enjoy peer mentoring at 10:30 am—all are welcome and then at noon, Angel Hughey with ONE Community speaks on inclusion and the effect it has on the economy. Work place discrimination costs \$64 billion per year nationally. With 30% of AZ college graduates leaving the state after graduation, what can we put in place to ensure a stellar workforce? This event is at Soho 63, 63 E. Boston Street, Chandler, AZ 85225.

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Public Policy Series

**Keynote: Secretary of State
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Friday, September 22

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Project Connect: Support for homeless enables them to thrive



Story & photos by Joyce Coronel

You've driven past them in Tempe, their weathered faces attesting to months—sometimes even years—of living on the streets. Many of us wonder, what can you do to help them? Turns out a local organization has developed a one-stop program to do just that.

Project Connect, sponsored by Sun Valley United Way, brings together volunteers and providers in a major effort to alleviate the struggles of those who have fallen on hard times. The program is held eight times a year throughout the Valley and on Sept. 7, it was Tempe's turn.

Ian Johnston, president of the Optimist Park Neighborhood Association, said Project Connect affords area residents the opportunity to serve.

"We have a very nice, well-maintained area and a lot of people are just looking for opportunities to give back," Johnston said.

A makeshift kitchen was set up near the parking lot at Sun Valley Community Church's Tempe campus, where volunteers cooked bacon, French toast and other breakfast goodies for guests. Some 225 of them found their way to the church grounds for the day-long event.

Dentists, physicians, nurses, Social Security Administration officials and others worked together to assist those who sought services. From showers to clean clothes and haircuts, 54 separate organizations alongside more than 200 volunteers offered an abundance of free help. Even the Motor Vehicle Department was there to provide government IDs.

Sue Sciacero has been volunteering with Project Connect for the last five years.

"It's such a wonderful program," Sciacero said. "I make sure it's on my calendar and that I find a way to attend. There's no better way to help the homeless." Acknowledging many people are reluctant or even frightened to reach out to those living on the streets, Sciacero said Project Connect offers a way to help the poor get things they desperately need.

"Sometimes we're wary of homeless people, but here's a way you can, in a very safe environment, interact with homeless people and find them the services they need so they are perhaps not homeless."

Tempe Councilwoman Lauren Kuby was one of several political figures on hand at Project Connect.

"It's not just homeless. There are a lot of families that are here and they're on the verge of homelessness. It's so important to take the initial step and try to prevent that," Kuby said. "It's just amazing that in one day, we can get services that might take days and weeks and months to get at any other time."

Kelly Gentile of Valley of the Sun United Way said the agency gets the word out to those in need all year long through case managers, charitable organizations, volunteers and flyers.

"Some of it's word of mouth," Gentile said. "We also send out vans—the drivers know where they hang out."

Sun Valley Community Church's pastor, the Rev. Kyle Glenn, said his church is devoted to serving those in need and glad to partner with both Valley of



the Sun United Way and the Optimist Neighborhood Association.

"When the community wins, we all win," Glenn said. "Whatever we can do to serve. Everything boils down to love God and love people. If we can't do this, then what are we doing?"

Kuby, for her part, said that Tempe considers homelessness to be a crisis but also an opportunity.

"We've invested a lot of resources and time and energy trying to solve it," Kuby said. "Our goal is to end homelessness in Tempe. We think that with resources and human effort, we can do it."



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Spoiler (please excuse the pun): 'It' is not all it's cracked up to be . . . By M.V. Moorhead

The short title "It" serves one of Stephen King's longest and most ambitious horror novels. It's about a group of pre-teen misfits who take on a fear-eating entity that lives in the sewers beneath Derry, their small town in Maine.

This being appears to Its victims in the form of whatever scares them most—movie monsters, manifestations of phobias—but seems to default to the guise of a circus clown.

The novel runs to well over a thousand pages. I read it and loved it when it first came out in 1986, and hadn't read it since, but the names, and nicknames, of the characters came back to me easily:

"Stuttering Bill" Denbrough, the alpha male of the "Loser's Club"—bereaved and enraged over the loss of his brother George—and Bill's outcast pals, sensitive obese kid Ben "Haystack" Hanscom, bespectacled wiseass Richie "Trashmouth" Tozier, sickly kid Eddie Kaspbrak, Jewish kid Stan Uris, black kid Mike Hanlon, and the sole girl, Beverly Marsh, who has a (false) bad reputation. And of course, the nightmare clown itself: Pennywise.

The book was loaded with King's perennial themes: Childhood loss and mortality and alienation from adults, friendship as its balm, small-town life with its bullies and bigotries and sinister secrets from which a supernatural menace seems almost like a logical extension.

The book is loaded, period—King, never one for austerity, seemed in that one to have allowed himself to indulge in every digression and tangent that occurred to him, and to have cut nothing out, in an attempt at a broad-canvas, shaggy-dog magnum opus.

As a result, King's *It* is a bit of a mess—exasperatingly dilatory, full of ideas that don't quite come off, and, because of the build-up given to the title character as the Ultimate Horror, inevitably a little anticlimactic. Even granting all this, however, it's wonderful, one of his warmest and most engaging tales, and I think this has



more to do with its depiction of adolescent camaraderie than with its ghoulish side.

There was a TV miniseries adaptation in 1990 that I remember as fairly well-done. Now comes this feature version which, though it runs over two hours, is still obviously a drastic compression of the story.

To begin with, the book was a two-tiered narrative, alternating scenes of the Loser's Club as kids with their reunion in Derry as adults, 27 years later. The film, directed by the Argentine Andy Muschietti from a script by Chase Palmer, Cary Fukunaga and Gary Dauberman, gives us only the kids' story, presumably saving the adult side for a sequel.

The cultural references have also been readjusted. With the period pushed forward—the kids' story now takes place in the '80s, when the adult story takes place in the novel—Pennywise no longer appears to his victims in Boomer-era shapes like the Wolf Man or the Creature of the Black Lagoon.

On the downside: Speaking as a confirmed wimp, I must say that I didn't find this *It* very scary.

There's a scene or two—especially one involving a slide projector—with some chill factor, but overall the evil clown archetype, which King helped to develop with Pennywise, may have slipped over into cliché.

I found Bill Skarsgard, who plays the role, skin-crawlingly repellent from our first glimpse of It—It's evil bearing is impressive, but I saw no sense of wit or wonder that could draw a child in initially.

This may simply be because the use of the traditional clown by the horror genre over the last few decades has ended the era of Bozo and Clarabell.

It may be that Ronald McDonald is the last iconic old-school clown that can still unambiguously delight children—though the clock may be running for Ronald—and that even the Demon Clown is now overfamiliar.

On the upside: *It* is still quite entertaining, in the manner of an '80s-style youth adventure flick like *The Goonies* or *Stand By Me* or *The Lost Boys*.

The young actors here are mostly first-rate, with charm and snappy comic timing, and Muschietti helps them to generate an ensemble hum in their group scenes.

It's oddly disorienting, in this virtual age, to see kids actually *doing things* in a movie—riding bikes, swimming, exploring—but it's rather refreshing.

And, times being what they are, I doubt I'll be the only person unable to resist a political reading of this *It*:

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Walk, knock, talk. Walk, knock, talk.

That's what Jennifer has been doing these last six weeks as she introduces herself to neighbors and shares her aspiration to represent south Tempe residents on City Council.

Yes, it's HOT...but Jennifer is from sturdy stock, having grown up in a farming community where her father was the local doctor and then mayor for many years. Serving her community comes naturally. She has both the experience and the skill-set to serve Tempe well.

Jennifer chose to start her "Walk, Knock, Talk Tour" in south Tempe because she and her spouse live in Buena Vista Ranchos, sharing their household with three rescue cats and horses Ginger and Bucky.

She is aware that south Tempe voters haven't always felt well-represented on Council. Now that she is retired, Jennifer is excited to begin a new chapter sharing her love of community and contributing her hard-won experience to the

City Council team.

Among Jennifer's strengths is her budgeting knowledge. In her last assignment, she ably managed a \$7.5 million operating budget and a \$1.5 million annual capital budget.

Among her concerns is that she feels recent Councils have been less "hands on" with the budget process. She believes that Tempe staff are both capable and smart, but thinks that managing the City's purse strings is the most important responsibility of the City Council—and an area where she can bring her expertise to bear.

"Big-picture" thinking also motivates Jennifer. Rather than concentrate on a "to do" checklist, Jennifer believes the Tempe City Council should implement a strategic plan based on resident input regarding top priorities for the City.

Staff accountability is then readily measurable and course correction can occur routinely under Council direction.

Jennifer was both humbled and delighted when she was chosen 2016 "Most Motivating Supervisor" by her fellow supervisors/employees. She believes her advocacy and counseling background is a contributor to the success she enjoyed as a supervisor/manager. She believes this attribute will enable her to effectively partner with other Councilmembers in pursuit of strategic goals.

Jennifer Adams hopes to parlay her City of Tempe experience and skills into an advocacy role on Council that directly benefits residents. Her candidacy embodies fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

But right now she needs petition signatures to get her name on the ballot.

Open your door wide when Jennifer Adams comes knocking; you'll be glad you did.

Pam Goronkin is a longtime South Tempe resident and a former member of the Tempe City Council.

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