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**Marching toward their future** — The Class of 2018 headed toward the football field for their commencement ceremony as graduation got underway at Marcos de Niza High School. More photos, including shots from Corona del Sol High School, on Page 11 and online at [wranglernews.com](http://wranglernews.com) — Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Give a little, change a lot

### Grassroots initiative brings hope to homeless, impoverished

By **Susie Steckner**

A ride to a doctor's appointment. A bag packed with nutritious food. A hot shower. An after-school activity. Small actions, big impact – all supported by the Tempe Community Council.

What began in 1972 as a grassroots effort to tackle human service issues in Tempe has grown into a vital operation that plays a critical role in addressing immediate and long-term needs throughout the city.

This year alone, Tempe Community

Council is administering more than \$1.2 million in human services funding to 47 nonprofit organizations that serve Tempe residents.

"There are extensive needs in our community," said Elizabeth Cling, TCC's board president.

"Almost 22 percent of residents live below the poverty line," she said. "Whether it's an after-school program, a shelter for homeless youth and families, or assistance for homebound seniors, these are some of the critical services that receive funding from TCC."

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As human service needs continue to grow in the city, a new initiative – Together Tempe – aims to support even more programs to help individuals and families.

Together Tempe is building on the generosity of residents who, for two decades, have helped people in need by donating \$1 a month through their water bills.

The original program, "Project H2O," initially used homeowner donations to

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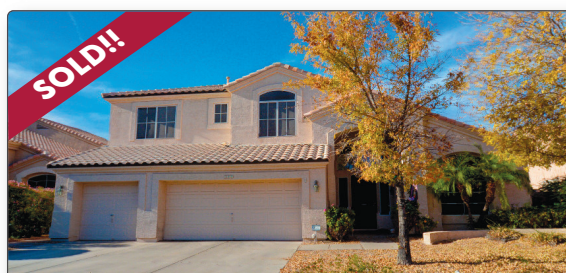
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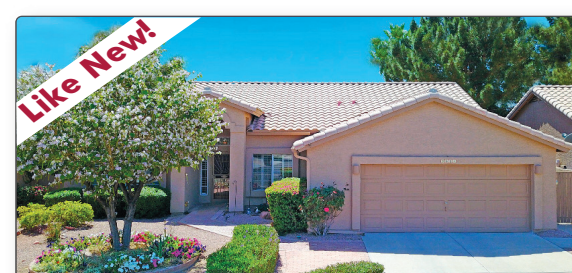
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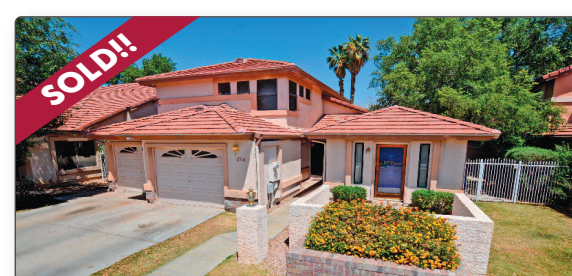
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## What you need to know about using fireworks in Tempe and Chandler

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department and Police Department remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits.

A 2011 state law allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities and towns to ban their use.

In 2010, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires.

Novelty fireworks are allowed to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes.

Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets. The penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a minimum fine of \$1,000.

The ordinance also allows Tempe to recoup expenses if emergency services are needed in conjunction with the use of

consumer fireworks.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).

**In Chandler** . . . The Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department advises that while some types of fireworks are legal to sell and purchase at local businesses, the use and misuse of fireworks can lead to personal injury, injury to others, harm to pets, property damage, and destruction of the environment.

Under Arizona law, the sale of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed from May 20 through July 6 and from Dec. 10 through Jan. 3.

The use of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed June 24 through July 6 and from Dec. 24 through Jan. 3 on private property, with the permission of the property owner.

Chandler prohibits the use of permissible consumer fireworks on any public property, including city-owned or managed land, buildings and facilities. This includes public parks, public school facilities, public retention basins, and public roads and streets within Chandler city limits.

## Itchy, coughing? Expecting? Ideas from Tempe St. Luke's Hospital to help control bothersome allergies

**W**hen faced with the itchy eyes, running nose and hacking cough that allergies inflict on their hapless victims, the usual reaction is to reach for medication to try to get some relief.

But what if the allergy sufferer is a pregnant woman? What's the best remedy?

Dr. Manisha Purohit, an obstetrician-gynecologist on staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, has offered some tips for expectant mothers to ease their allergy symptoms. Among them:

**Wash your hands.** Everyone touches their face multiple times an hour, so frequent hand washing will help prevent the transfer of dust, pollen, dander, and germs from irritating or contaminating already-sensitive eye or nasal tissue.

**Avoid smoke.** Cigarette smoke induces allergies, and more importantly, it's especially bad for the baby.

**Use saline spray.** This is a great way to clean nostrils, and also helps to prevent allergens blocking the pathway and causing congestion.

**Double check medication.** Check in with your obstetrician before taking any over-the-counter (OTC) medications, especially those for allergies. Medication typically affects

a baby, too. Your obstetrician can help narrow down which medication you can take or even recommend some nasal saline rinses to help tackle symptoms.

**Be mindful of household chemicals.** Expectant moms have an overwhelming need to nest and provide their baby with a clean environment, but many cleaning products contain elements that can trigger allergic reactions.

**Steer clear of pollen.** Pollen affects your nasal passages, throat and eyes. When venturing outside, wear sunglasses to keep pollen out of your eyes, and remove shoes and outdoor clothing when you get inside.

**Avoid dust.** As preparing for baby continues, you can avoid stirring up dust by wet mopping, using a HEPA filter, or seeing if a partner or friend can help with the cleaning.

**Eat mindfully.** Food allergies do not change during pregnancy. Make sure to carefully check labels.

**Watch your contact with pets.** Dander from cats can be particularly troublesome. Ask family or friends to brush your pets and vacuum or sweep up this dander for you. If you're especially uncomfortable, you can make at least one room in your home pet-free.

## With monsoon season coming soon, save these helpful tips from Tempe

Monsoon season officially begins in June and residents are encouraged to prepare for severe weather.

There are several things you can do for safety's sake:

- Trim trees so they are away from windows and roofs, to prevent breakage and uprooting
- Clear debris from your roof drainage system and from street gutters to prevent street flooding; city crews will clear storm drains to allow rainwater to drain efficiently
- Pack a three-day emergency bag of supplies, water, food and medications
- Keep pets indoors when storms are predicted

Also, note that Tempe's popular Operation Sandbag is back. Bring a

shovel and pick up sand and bags at either of two locations:

- Benedict Sports Complex: 490 W. Guadalupe Road (northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot)

- North Tempe: Access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive (near city's free compost pile)

Check out Tempe's Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep your family and property safe and secure.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/monsoons](http://www.tempe.gov/monsoons) or call 480-350-4311 for more information.

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# Backyard fundraiser may be just the start of girls' future endeavors

By Joyce Coronel

While most philanthropists are adults trying to create a positive impact on the world, Tempe is home to pint-sized versions named Isabella Small and Sophie Byrd.

The two sixth-graders managed to organize a backyard fundraiser to benefit a research organization that is working to reverse Rett Syndrome.

Isabella's older sister, also named Sophie, has been dealing with Rett's since she was 18 months old. The rare condition, affecting mostly girls, makes it difficult to walk, eat, speak—even breathe.

The backyard bonanza Isabella and Sophie Byrd planned was a life-sized version of the popular children's board game known as Candy Land.

"It was a cool experience," Isabella said. "It's fun for kids to do the things they see their parents do sometimes." About 75 people attended the event that raised a whopping \$5,500. Not bad for a couple of sixth-graders.

"We used the whole backyard," Isabella said. A photo booth, dessert table and games drew neighbors and friends who wanted to help the young entrepreneurs fund-raising meet their goal.



Sophie has been friends with Isabella since kindergarten and the two are in the same Girl Scout troop. She says she often spends time with the Small family on the weekends and enjoyed planning for and holding the fundraiser.

"All the things we wanted to happen, happened," Sophie said.

Isabella's mother, Audra, said she is proud of the girls.

"They worked their tails off. We're thinking it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience but they're already talking about what they want to do next."

The Candy Land fundraiser wasn't the first time Isabella tried to make a difference in her community.

"Every year for my birthday I do a different thing," Isabella said. "A few years ago, I got gift cards from Michaels to buy painting supplies for my sister's school."

Sophie, the sister, will be 14 soon. The money the girls raised will be contributed to Rett Syndrome Research Trust, a research organization that is working to reverse the devastating condition.

Isabella's grandmother, Iris Weiss, said that communication between granddaughter Sophie and others is facilitated through an electronic device.

"Isabella is looking forward to the day she can have a regular conversation with her sister—to really talk with her."

Information: reverserett.org

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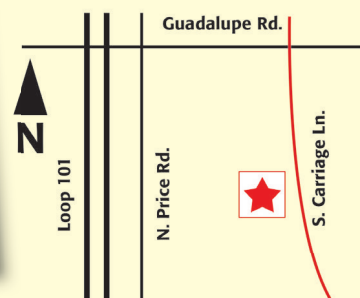
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## West Chandler to be site of first SRP innovative battery

SRP's first standalone battery-based energy storage project will be built at 54th Street and West Pecos Road in West Chandler, according to a May 31 announcement.

The 10-megawatt, four-hour-duration energy storage solution, to be supplied by Fluence, is projected to provide peaking capacity that will inject power into the grid during high-peak demand periods for SRP customers.

Additionally, West Chandler-based Mortenson Construction, with experience in the energy storage market, will be performing the engineering, procurement and construction for the project.

Officials said the contract was procured as part of an SRP initiative to learn more about grid-scale battery storage to help prepare the utility to implement battery storage technology at an even larger scale in the future.

Mike Hummel, SRP's general manager and chief executive officer, hailed the project as a step toward future proficiency.

"Energy storage is already providing a wealth of services to central Arizona's grid through other deployments, from supporting the growth of renewables to boosting reliability on transmission and distribution grids," he said. "This latest investment will add much-needed efficiency and value for our more than 1 million electric consumers."

Under the 20-year agreement, partner AES will provide SRP with the 10-megawatt, 40 megawatt-hour battery-based energy storage system that will be charged by an SRP distribution substation. Fluence's Advancion energy storage technology platform was selected to meet SRP's need for an industrial-strength solution with high dependability, reliability and the ability to evolve over long-term operations.

The solution can deliver the energy equivalent to power about 2,400 homes in the Phoenix metropolitan area for up to four hours and will help SRP assess how best to scale up future energy storage projects across its 2,900-square-mile electric service area, Hummel said.

SRP's new energy storage project marks the latest move to secure resources that enable the integration of more renewables for its electric service area. According to SRP, this comes at a time when Arizona is evaluating steps to transform its energy infrastructure, including proposals for both the largest energy storage target in the United States—3 gigawatts by 2030—and a "clean peak" standard.

Ken Zagzebski, president of AES Southland Energy, said his company is committed to developing solutions which will accelerate a cleaner and greener energy future.

"This project will allow SRP to continue meeting customer demands while also supporting the ongoing integration of renewable power sources."

As the largest provider of power to this area, SRP officials say they are drawing on both AES' experience developing energy storage projects across its platform and Fluence's expertise in designing and deploying energy storage solutions in 16 countries.

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# Globe-trotting teen on a whirlwind gig

By Joyce Coronel

For many high school students, the end of the spring semester and the advent of the warmer summer months are a time to relax from the rigors of academia, maybe by sleeping in or just sitting beside the pool.

Let's just say that Ali Cohen has an entirely different agenda on tap.

The 17-year old is splitting her time between London, Iceland, Washington, D.C. and Ft. Lauderdale in a series of competitions and educational programs that might leave even the most seasoned traveler breathless.

Jill, Ali's mother, said she's proud of her daughter and knows that Ali's summer break will be packed with excitement. "I wish I could take credit for her accomplishments, but it's all her doing," Jill quipped. "She finds this stuff and applies on her own."

Wrangler spoke with the pair just before Ali headed off to London, her first stop, for a speech competition. She was selected from students across the U.S. to represent her country at the English Speaking Union International Speech

Contest.

While there, she'll meet with Her Royal Highness Princess Anne in a private reception for competitors.

The competition brings the best young speakers from all over the world to London for a week of cultural exchange and public speaking contests. Established in 1980, it now reaches over 600,000 young people in more than 50 countries across the globe, showcasing the highest standard of public speaking, while giving delegates an opportunity to meet and engage with other young people of different backgrounds and nationalities.

For most people, public speaking is a cringe-worthy affair, but Ali said that even though she might get the jitters, she doesn't fear taking the stage. She's been involved with speech and debate since sixth grade.

"I've always been a very outgoing person so I've never been wary of public speaking, but that's not to say that I don't get nervous when I speak," Ali said.

"I kind of get this rush and this feeling that people are expecting and looking for me to share something special, a really important message."

Ali said she likes to speak on civic

engagement as well as topics related to public or international policy and feminism as it relates to other countries.

Three rounds of completion in London will include a prepared speech, an impromptu address and a final round.

In mid-June, Ali will travel to Fort Lauderdale for a national speech competition. She's an Arizona state champion in congressional debate and will compete in Florida among her peers from around the country.

During the first part of July, Ali will attend the United Nation's Girl Up leadership summit in Washington, D.C. She was selected to be a teen adviser for the U.N. program that addresses the many obstacles and injustices experienced by girls around the globe. From violence to discrimination and lack of educational opportunities, the U.N. program aims to educate and have an impact on the lives of young women.

Ali said she started a club at her school two years ago to help address these concerns. Girl Up Chandler is the face of the campaign on a local level, raising funds and awareness.

"It's something I'm passionate about," Ali said. "I've been personally inspired by it and it's also become motivational for me to write speeches about it."

She's excited about the summit because she's heard from prior delegates that it's a life-changing experience.

"I know there will be amazing speakers and I'll get to help plan it and run it so I'm

really excited for that."

The Tempe teen will round out her whirlwind summer with a 15-day quest in Iceland where she'll climb a glacier and film a short documentary on climate change. Ali won the trip through National Geographic Mundo. The program takes teenagers to different countries and then teaches them different skills as well as facets of anthropology and geography.



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# Aprende teacher inducted into ranks of nationally certified elite

By Diana Nelson

Laura Motoush, and art teacher at Kyrene de la Aprende Middle School in Chandler, recently joined the ranks of top-tier educators by becoming nationally certified.

National Board Certification is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond the required state licensure.

NBC has national standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, and issues certificates to those who successfully complete its rigorous process.

While board certification is not required for teachers, more educators in the Kyrene District have voluntarily studied for the national examination as a way to improve their performance in the classroom.

Motoush—or Miss Mo—as she is known by her students, is the only National Board-Certified teacher at Aprende, and Renee Kory, the school's principal, says that gaining such recognition is valuable for both the teacher and students.

"The value of having a National Board Certified teacher on campus is immeasurable," said Kory.

"They have gone through a rigorous process to demonstrate that they are the 'best of the best' in the education world and they truly are some of the most remarkable educators I have been proud to work with.

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To become a National Board Certified Teacher, the applicant must have a bachelor's degree and pass an extensive assessment process and demonstrate proficiency in their subject matter expertise.

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While the board certification is an advanced teaching credential, it complements, but does not replace a state teacher's license.

It is only valid for 10 years, but can be renewed through recompletion of the certification process.

Motoush will begin her ninth year of teaching with the Kyrene District in the fall. She earned her Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Art Education at ASU.

"While student teaching at Marcos de Niza High School and C.I. Waggoner Elementary, I fell in love with the Kyrene School District and was thrilled when I was offered a position," said Motoush.

Motoush decided she wanted to focus on her own growth as a teacher

and this is where National Board Certification came in.

"I had heard stories of how challenging the work is, but I my dedication and passion to be the best for my students helped me make the leap.

"The certification process changed the way I plan, teach, and reflect. I am without a doubt a stronger teacher because of this process," said Motoush.



Dr. Jan Vesely, Kyrene superintendent, left; Laura Motoush, Aprende art teacher; and Renee Kory, Aprende principal. — Photo courtesy Kyrene schools



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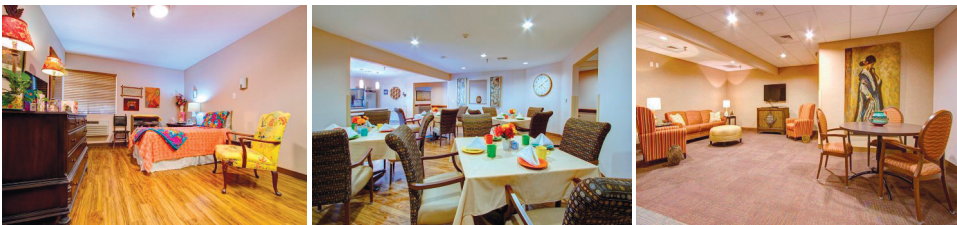
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## Ducey certifies voter support of Tempe charter amendments

Governor Doug Ducey has certified the final, canvassed results of the March 13 Tempe General/Special Election, which included two propositions amending the City Charter that were passed by voters.

The city requested the Governor's certification of the Charter amendments. According to the Arizona Constitution, cities governed by a Charter are able to regulate issues of local concern.

Arizona courts specifically have recognized the authority of Charter cities to regulate matters such as local elections and the disposal of real estate.

The Arizona Constitution also provides that the Governor must certify the results of local Charter amendments.

"Our thanks to Governor Ducey for honoring the clear will of Tempe voters as expressed through our

Charter amendments," said Mayor Mark Mitchell, adding that residents in Charter cities can directly shape how various functions are carried out, including elections, land use, taxation and more.

"These two amendments will have big impacts on Tempe and it's entirely fitting that those decisions were in our own residents' hands."

Proposition 402, which amends the City Charter to declare Tempe's 300-acre portion of Papago Park as a preserve, passed with 87 percent voter approval.

Proposition 403, which amends the City Charter to require the disclosure of the origins of major contributions used to influence local elections, passed with 91 percent voter approval.

In 2016, with 88 percent approval, Tempe voters passed a City Charter amendment to lower campaign contribution limits for Mayor and City Council candidates. The Governor certified those results.

For more information on the two propositions passed in March, visit [www.tempe.gov/election](http://www.tempe.gov/election).

## Hartke now official; early ballots coming Aug. 1

Chandler Councilmember and two-time Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke officially declared his intention to seek the mayoral post in the next city election Aug. 28. Early ballots will be mailed to voters on Aug. 1.

Among prospective candidates, Hartke was first, on April 30, to turn in petition sheets. A thousand signatures are required; Hartke submitted 1,791.

Hartke first was elected to City Council in 2010. He chairs regional boards on economic development, transportation and human services. Outside of City Hall, Hartke directs a non-profit, For Our City-Chandler and serves as a pastor at a local church, Trinity Christian Fellowship.

Hartke and volunteers from

the church assembled 7,000 snack packs for Chandler children affected by the teacher strikes. He also has read weekly for 14 years at a local elementary school.

He and his wife Lynne have lived in Chandler for 33 years.

Said Hartke:

"I continue to be honored to serve our community. Over the past few years, Chandler has been recognized as one of the top cities in Arizona and the nation for people to live and work. I will continue to work hard to bring jobs to our community, keep our neighborhoods safe and build a brighter future for Chandler and its children.

Information: [www.kevinhartke.com](http://www.kevinhartke.com).



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# Meet the Class of 2018

Special 11-page Graduation Section

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The Corona del Sol High School Class of 2018 rushes toward loved ones and friends to celebrate the big moment. *Remote-camera photo by Billy Hardiman*

Tempe's high schools have once again sent their best and finest on to the next step toward their future—a time when these outstanding young people, the Class of 2018, will go forward into a new and challenging world.

We at Wrangler News have worked with and personally know many of these students — teens who have contributed not only to us but to their community, their friends and families—and, not to be overlooked, to a future that we're sure will be better because of them.

Based on what we read and see in today's media, some of us occasionally ask where our world is headed. If we answer that question by looking at the young people who are celebrating their high school graduation this year — students who have made their way through four challenging years at one of our Tempe Union High School District campuses — we can feel confident that this world of ours indeed will be a better place.

To them we say Congratulations, Go Forth, Make Your Mark.  
And, what we think is important parting advice, Carpe Diem.

*The Editors*



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 Abdou, Maral  
 Abraham, Jacob  
 Abuzeina, Batool  
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 Acuna, Isaias  
 Adams, Cameron  
 Adams, Finn  
 Ahmed, Rashad  
 Ahmed, Zain  
 Airgood, Zachary  
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 Alexander, Melek  
 Alexander, Sean  
 Ali, Zakaria  
 Allas, Cimara  
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 Allen, Kalie  
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 Allison, William  
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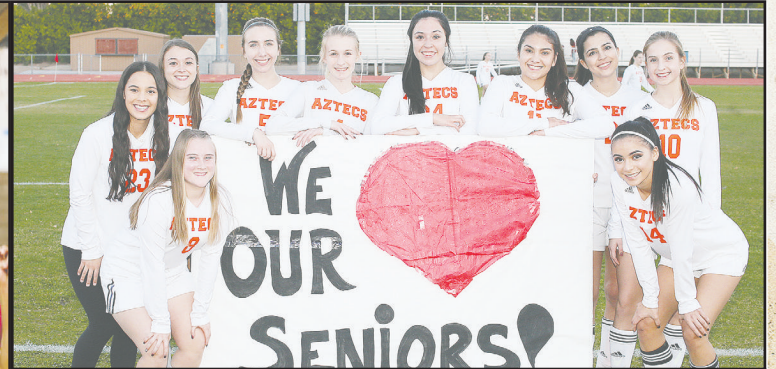
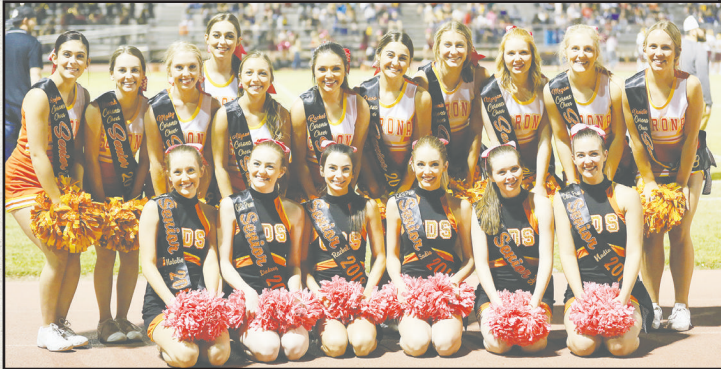
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*Wrangler's own Billy Hardiman was on the scene to capture all the drama and magic of the evening. Check out our photo gallery at [wranglernews.com](http://wranglernews.com) and on our Facebook page.*







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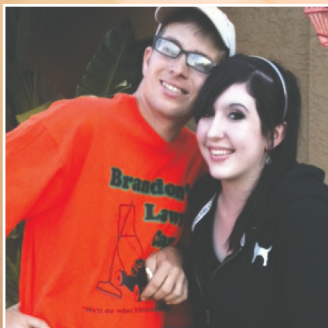
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## Support

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pay others' past due water bills. Then the program evolved, becoming "Help to Others," with a mission to support human service needs instead. TCC, in partnership with the city, became the program administrator.

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TCC focuses on six target populations: youth, seniors, the working poor, people with disabilities, people who are homeless, and domestic violence victims. The impact of Tempe's human services funding is easy to see in the faces of the people



receiving help every day.

When they spot each other, Elsie Mulligan and Kay Slaven exchange smiles. Slaven volunteers three times a week with Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which matches volunteers with seniors in the community who need transportation, basic home and yard maintenance, and more.

"I don't have a car anymore," Mulligan said. "So it's just nice to have someone available and reliable."

Across town, kids at the Ladmo branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley fill up on computer time, art activities, sports, and snacks in a safe and welcoming place after school.

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At 47, Timothy Mindrup is thankful for new opportunities.

The road has been long from well-paid security consultant to drug and alcohol addict to lost soul sleeping in the park. Through the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP), he found shelter, regular meals and a mobile trailer where he could shower and do his laundry.

Operated by Tempe Community Action Agency, I-HELP provides immediate assistance and resources to regain self-sufficiency.

Now employed as a transportation specialist, Mindrup is grateful for I-HELP.

“It was literally a ray of hope,” he said.

To learn more about Tempe Community Council, visit [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org).

# SPORTS . . . with Alex Zener

## Corona Beach volleyball duo wins pairs title

**B**rooke Nuneviller and Mady Noble, two of Corona's best indoor volleyball players, played together to win the first Division I State Beach Volleyball Championship Pairs title on May 10 at Mesquite High School.

Nuneviller, who is known for her versatility and heart on the indoor court, will take the additional skills she learned on the sand with her when she plays at Oregon this fall. But first, she will be playing on the U.S.A. Volleyball's Junior National team for her third straight summer.

Nobel, only a sophomore, has two years to decide whether she will pursue an athletic scholarship in the traditional indoor sport or beach volleyball.

Nobel and Nuneviller, who were part of Corona's 2016 state championship indoor team, defeated Salpointe's Peyton Lewis and Abby Russell, 21-14, 21-12, to win the championship medals.

Both players were part of the team

portion of the Division I State Beach Volleyball Championship where Corona's five teams of two players each competed.

Corona entered the tournament as the No. 7 seed but easily defeated No. 10 Coconino, 5-0 on April 24 in the first round and No. 2 seeded Salpointe Catholic 4-1 in the quarterfinals.

The Aztecs had a touch-and-go battle against No. 3 Millennium before losing 3-2 in the semifinals on May 1 at Mesquite High School.

### Corona baseball

The Aztecs, on a 12-game winning streak, won the Central Region title ending the regular season as the No. 2 ranked team in the 6A Division.

As the No. 2 ranked team, Corona received an automatic bid into the 6A state baseball playoffs. What that meant was they did not have to play in the Conference Play-In Tournament April 25 which is meant to be a reward.

Unfortunately, an automatic qualification with eight days between games, was not a good thing for the Aztecs who ended up losing, 4-2, in the first round of the 6A State Championship Tournament to

Westwood on April 28.

Nothing should take away from the incredible 22-5 season this young team, with only six seniors, experienced.

These six seniors, Matt Novis, Eric Weidner, Luke Eno, Nick Pareti, Cohlton Keiffer and Teddy Ladley, were honored at the last home game on April 20 when Corona had back-to-back wins against Highland.

Novis, playing outfielder and right-handed pitcher for Corona, was a multi-talented baseball player and team leader for the Aztecs.

As a third-year starter for the Aztecs, Novis played in all 26 games where he made eight appearances as pitcher, starting in six games. He is credited with winning all six of the games he started striking out 61 of the 169 batters he faced.

Novis was more than a great pitcher for the Aztecs. He had a .462 batting average, third on the team after sophomore Hunter Haas (.479) and junior Brian Kalmer (.472). He scored 25 runs on 36 hits with 28 RBI's and two homeruns.

When not pitching, Novis played center fielder where he put out 32 batters and is credited with a 1.000 fielding percentage.

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He was recently recognized at the Tempe All-City Awards Spring Banquet for his play in the outfield.

Novis, who has signed to play at Yavapai Community College next year, was awarded the MPV at the AZBCA all-star game at Goodyear Ball Park on May 28.

Novis was recognized for his play in the South's 9-0 win over the North when his second hit of the game, coming in the third inning, drove in a run to give the South a 1-0 lead. Novis pitched in the final inning striking out three batters to seal the win.

Weidner played in 25 games as an outfielder where he put out 10 batters with 11 chances. On offense, he hit .219 scoring 15 runs and six RBI's. He is credited with two homeruns and five stolen bases.

Eno, playing in the outfield, put out 14 batters on 14 tries to earn a 1.000 fielding percentage. In the 25 games he played for the Aztecs, he had a batting average of .220 with 12 hits and 12 RBI's and two stolen bases.

Pareti played in 19 games in the infield where he batted .267 scoring 10 runs and 4 RBI's.

Keiffer, playing outfielder for the Aztecs in 19 games, is credited with scoring seven runs on his 11 hits earning a batting average of .367.

Ladley put out 12 batters on 12 chances while playing infielder for Corona where he earned a 1.000 fielding percentage.

The Aztecs should return 16 of the 22 players who played on this season's 22-5 team. Several of these returning players were impact players this year and should only improve in the offseason.

For instance, Corona should return juniors Kalmer and Wyatt Berry who both played in all 26 games this season. Kalmer's numbers were impressive batting .472 scoring 28 runs on 34 hits with 37 RBI's and nine home runs. Berry scored 24 runs on 19 hits with 18 RBI's and led the team with seven stolen bases.

Then sophomores Hass, Caden Verusco and Bryan Webb had stand-out seasons as well with all three gaining valuable experience playing in 25 or more games this season.

Hass lead the team with a batting average of .479 scoring 27 runs on 35 hits and 24 RBI's with six stolen bases. Playing in the infield on defense, Hass had 25 putouts with 43 assists.

Verusco, playing in the outfield, put out 43 batters and had 2 assists on 45 chances to earn a .978 fielding percentage. On offense, his batting average was .388 where he scored 24 runs on 31 hits with 12 RBI's over the season.

Webb, as a left-handed pitcher, made eight appearances on the mound starting in six games as pitcher. He is credited in winning five of those six games. Altogether, he pitched 32 innings where he only allowed 19 hits and 4 runs while striking out 28 batters.

As pitcher and while playing first base, Webb is credited with a 1.000 fielding percentage putting out 94 batters with 20 assists on 114 total chances.

On offense, Webb hit .396 scoring 18 runs on 21 hits with 9 RBI's to his credit playing in 25 games.

Other returning players who

contributed to the Aztecs success this season on and off the field included juniors Daniel Sotelo, who played in 21 games and is credited with 8 runs and 9 RBI's and Jack Schobinger who had 12 hits and 12 RBI's playing in 24 games.

Juniors Aaron Garcia and Matteo Baker each played in 16 games this season with Baker scoring nine runs on 12 hits with 8 RBI's.

Additional members of Corona's varsity baseball team included juniors Austin Carpenter, Seth Pagetta and Nick Schobinger plus sophomores Ulis Jimenez, Kaiden Frees, Ben Click and David Utagawa.

## Marcos de Niza softball

The Marcos de Niza girls softball team honored their senior players at the team's last home game April 17 when they defeated the Tempe Buffaloes, 9-6.

Seven seniors were given recognition for their commitment and dedication including Shelby Cornforth, Shenea Manheimer, Angelique Lopez, Jasmine Medina, Adrianna Aguilera, Renee Ramos and Alyssa Matus.

Ramos, one of the team co-captains and playing catcher, closed out the season playing in 23 of the team's 24 games leading the team in batting average at .515 scoring 21 runs on 35 hits with 18 RBI's, four homeruns and eight stolen bases.

Alyssa Matus, the other co-captain, was second with a .390 batting average scoring 17 runs on 23 hits with 21 RBI's and four homeruns. Alyssa was also the leading pitcher on the team pitching a total of 91.2 innings striking out 71 batters.

Cornforth played 21 games mainly in the outfield for the Padres on defense and scored 10 runs on 12 hits on offense stealing three bases while Aguilera, an infielder for the Padres, played in 23 games scoring 10 runs on 13 hits with four RBI's.

Lopez played in 19 games, usually at first base, on defense and on offense she hit .340 going up to bat 50 times scoring 14 runs on 17 hits with 7 RBI's.

Medina, an outfielder, played in 21 games scoring 10 runs and Manheimer was a utility player for Marcos.

Other members of the team who contributed to the team's success on and off the field were junior Ashley Torres, sophomores Ella Brown, McKenzie Peters, Tianna Rodriguez and Ariana Matus and freshman Arianna Chiago.



# Girls Wrestling Offered at Arizona High Schools

According to USA Wrestling, wrestling is one of the fastest growing girls high school sports in America with close to 15,00 girls participating during the 2016-2017 high school season.

It appears the Arizona Interscholastic Association was paying attention to the trend, especially since there is a growing number of female wrestlers from Arizona who participate in the USA Wrestling youth programs, because the Executive Board voted on May 21 to offer girls wrestling.

Arizona will be one of the less than 10 high school state associations who have officially sanctioned state high school wrestling championships for girls.

Six states that sanctioned girls wrestling during the 2017-18 season were Alaska, California, Hawaii, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Girls wrestling will be offered as a championship sport in Arizona high schools starting the 2018-19 school year. This sport would be offered during the winter season coinciding with the boys program.

The season would culminate with a bracketed individual championship tournament at the same time as the boys state finals.

The details still need to be worked out and the championship brackets would all depend on the number of participants in each weight class and the number of qualifiers.

No word on whether any schools in the Tempe area would offer girls wrestling.



Senior Matt Novis, recently named MVP of the AZBCA 6A All-Star game, is a multi-talented baseball player who helped the Aztecs win 22 games this spring as both a pitcher and outfielder. He also scored 25 runs on 36 hits with 26 RBI's and a .462 batting average.

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And Timothy Mindrup has a safe place to live, eat and shower as he moves from homelessness to a brighter future with help from the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP).

"It was literally a ray of hope," Mindrup said of I-HELP.

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## New Tempe Councilmembers to be sworn in on July 26

Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and Councilmember Lauren Kuby, who were re-elected in March, along with Councilmember-Elect Jennifer Adams, who was elected in March to a first term, will be sworn in to

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Community members are welcome to join in person or to

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Details about the full City Council are at [www.tempe.gov/elected](http://www.tempe.gov/elected).

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# DIVERSIONS . . . with M.V. Moorhead

## Silly plot doesn't take the shine from latest in Ocean's series

**Ocean's Eight** — The Ocean this time is Debbie, sister of Danny Ocean. Just paroled, Debbie, played by Sandra Bullock, starts assembling a crew for a modest little heist: The Met Gala in Manhattan.

Cate Blanchett plays some kind of shady bar manager, Mindy Kaling is a jeweler, Sarah Paulson is a fence turned suburban mom, Rihanna is a hacker, the rapper known as Awkwafina plays a hustler and pickpocket, and Helena Bonham Carter plays a dotty Irish fashion designer. An eighth member, neurotic movie star Anne Hathaway, is unwittingly drafted into the crew.

Near the beginning, Debbie tells her pal that she's run through the caper again and again in her head while she was in the joint, working out the bugs, and that she's confident it's foolproof. What director Gary Ross, who wrote the script with Olivia Milch, then unfolds for us is quite possibly the silliest, least-likely-to-go-smoothly criminal plot I've ever seen depicted in a movie. The circumstances required to come together serendipitously would seem optimistic not only in the earlier films in the *Ocean* series, but in a Gilbert and Sullivan musical.

This may have been intentionally part of the joke by Ross and Milch; in any case it doesn't hurt the film. *Ocean's Eight* is about about eight beautiful, commanding actresses striding around swanky settings in dazzling outfits, and getting the better of skunky men. It's lavishly yet slickly made, and devoid of any significant emotional

or intellectual content. I found it thoroughly undemanding and enjoyable.

None of the stars are remotely asked to stretch themselves, and that works to the movie's benefit, too-everybody's low-key and relaxed, and their interplay is droll without any straining. All eight shine for at least a scene or two, but unsurprisingly the standout is the bedraggled but game Helena Bonham Carter: Her theft of the movie is by far the most efficient heist we get to see.

### Still in theaters:

**Book Club** — The title bibliophile's club consists of four affluent L.A. women: widow Diane Keaton, whose kids want her to move to Arizona; rich, perennially single hotel tycoon Jane Fonda; federal judge Candice Bergen, long-divorced and unable to move on; and married but romantically frustrated chef Mary Steenburgen. One month the assigned book (chosen by Fonda) is *Fifty Shades of Grey*, and it gets all four of them stirred up. Andy Garcia, Craig T. Nelson, Don Johnson, Richard Dreyfuss, Ed Begley Jr. and Wallace Shawn are the various men who enter, or re-enter, the lives of the ladies.

The script of this *emeritus* chick flick, by director Bill Holderman and Erin Simms, is pretty terrible, with banter and little heartfelt speeches linked together by some embarrassing physical shtick. But this, in itself, is a testament to the skill and charisma of these four magnificent women. Like *Ocean's Eight*, this movie is redeemed by a bunch of really good actresses--their committed delivery gives even the feeble college-playwrighting-class monologues here a degree of gravitas.

Probably nothing in the film is more mortifying than the idea that these powerful, worldly women would be so shocked and scandalized by the feeble *Fifty Shades* books. At one point, while reading, Keaton is heard to mutter "Give me a break." There's a solid literary judgement.

**RBG**--In *Book Club*, Candice Bergen's federal judge has a bobblehead of Ruth Bader Ginsberg on her desk. The suggestion is that even the Supreme Court Justice's peers might regard her as a heroine.

This documentary explains why Justice Ginsburg's current status as a cultural icon, on t-shirts and mugs and *Saturday Night Live*, isn't and shouldn't be just a fad. Those who, like me, were unfamiliar with her career as a lawyer will learn that even if she hadn't been named to the Court, she would still have a place in its history, having argued before it repeatedly, and mostly successfully, for gender equality when it was still an exclusive boy's club.

Directed by Betsy West and Julie Cohen, *RBG* is, as cinema, little more than a news special, though a deft, absorbing and graphically clever one. We're given a tour of her life, from her Brooklyn childhood to her college years all the way through to her improbable but seemingly heartfelt close friendship with Justice Antonin Scalia. The talking heads here range from Orrin Hatch to Bill Clinton, though some of the most intriguing interviews are the subjects of Ginsburg's cases, the real-world human faces for which she fought her abstract appellate battles.

Most of intriguing of all, however, is *RBG* herself, reserved and unpretentious, unmistakably partisan and passionate yet collegial. At a time when high-profile civility seems rare in American discourse, she comes across as a humbling example to us all.

*Ocean's Eight* and *Book Club* are rated PG-13 and *RBG* is rated PG. They play at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion Center and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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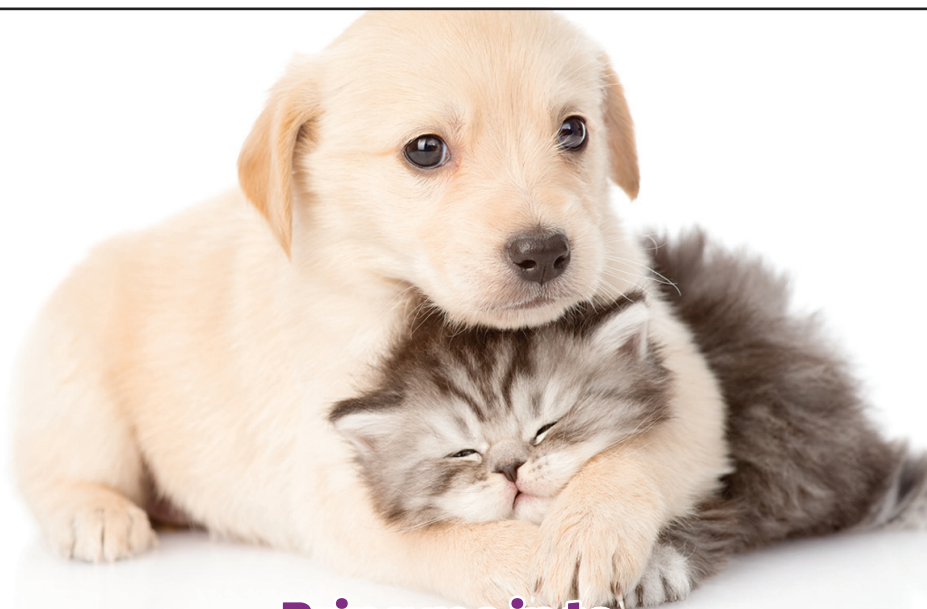


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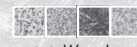
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# 'Dollars for Scholars' funds college dreams

*Editor's note: This story originally ran in Wrangler News in 2015 but has been updated with details about 2018 scholarship winners.*

By Joyce Coronel

For many high school students, a higher education — the key to a brighter future — is an impossible dream. Thanks to Tempe Dollars for Scholars, 275 students from the Tempe Union High School District have received the financial help to achieve their goals since 2006.

That's because 12 years ago, Frank Schmuck, who serves on the board of Tempe Dollars for Scholars, met Dr. Irving Fradkin, the retired Massachusetts optometrist who in 1958 challenged others to give at least \$1 to help local youth receive a college education.

Fradkin's efforts resulted in the development of a nationwide program with 700 affiliates in thousands of communities across America.

The Tempe chapter of Dollars for Scholars, now part of Scholarship America, was founded in 2006 and has awarded some \$173,000 in scholarships so far.

"The neat thing about the program is, they've never been frivolous with the money. They've always put it in the child's name and delivered it to the institution they've decided they wanted to attend," Schmuck said.

Although the deadline to apply for scholarships for this year has passed, Tempe Union High School students are encouraged to apply during the upcoming school year. This year there were hundreds of students vying for the 39 scholarships, each worth \$1,000 or more.

Some colleges and universities have agreed to match dollar for dollar, thereby doubling the amount of the

award.

And while the organization is looking for applicants with good grades who don't have the financial means to pay for post-secondary education, the selection committee considers each student's particular circumstances.

"Good grades don't necessarily mean you were a stellar student forever. Some of them have life-altering events. Some of their stories are heartbreaking to hear," Schmuck said.

A few of the applicants are homeless.

"We've had students like that who lived out of the back of their car with their family. We've had students where the mother or father died," Schmuck said.

At the award ceremony, a brief narrative about the recipient is read aloud to the audience and the individual or a representative of the organization that funded the scholarship presents a certificate to the student.

Schmuck said the sheepskin certificate is framed and includes the donor's photo or logo so that years down the road, when the student has graduated, there will be a tangible reminder of how their dream was launched.

"They're going to see that one day and say, 'This helped me, and now I'm going to help somebody else,'" Schmuck said.

At this year's awards ceremony, each winner's impressive accolades were read as they headed to the podium.

Connor Richards from Corona, for example, starred on the tennis team and was also active in numerous service clubs, all while maintaining a 3.97 grade point average.

He plans to attend Arizona State University and study software engineering.

Joshua Patterson of Marcos de Niza played baseball and was involved in several clubs and the National Honor Society.

He'll be studying business management and play baseball at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Spencer Pote of Corona earned a 4.0 GPA, played in the marching and steel bands and was a National Merit semifinalist.

He plans to attend Cornell University and study biology with a specialization in genetics.

Esmerelda Hernandez of Tempe High was described as a person of integrity who has persevered through hard times. She plans to study physical therapy.

Madison Didea of Marcos held down a 32-hour-a-week job and played volleyball. A National Honor Society student, she'll begin studying criminal justice at Chandler-Gilbert Community College this fall.

Several other TUHSD students received scholarships at the Dollars for Scholars awards ceremony.

Among them were Kevin Dunnahoo and Keionta Murry of Marcos who will enter ASU this fall; Benjamin Sandberg of Corona who plans to serve a two-year mission for his church and eventually go to medical school; Alyssa Winkler and Chloe Hettenback of Compadre who will attend Grand Canyon University; Marena Younan of McClintock who will begin studies at Mesa Community College; Elinor Griffin of McClintock who will attend the University of Arizona; Emma Barnes of Marcos and Lindsay Durland of Tempe High who will study at Northern Arizona University; Ryan Dinnan, Natalie Swanstrom, Hannah Eastwood, Alison Fahy and Nicole Newman of Corona will each attend ASU; DaJae Doral of McClintock who will study at NAU; and Jose Renteria of Tempe who will enter ASU.

The Blake Norvell Smile Scholarship was awarded to two students: Tatum Stolworthy and Jordan Alperin of Corona.

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# Tempe teen is West Point bound



By Joyce Coronel

As members of the class of 2018 toss their caps in the air and celebrate the end of their high school years, it's no secret that many are anticipating the newfound freedom that college life promises.

Parties, socializing, settling into dorm life and learning how to navigate the complexities of life away from Mom and Dad all beckon.

For a select bunch of high school seniors, however, college life will bring discipline, demands and difficulty to an unprecedented degree.

That's because they'll be attending one of the nation's military academies where a stern blend of the aforementioned is doled out liberally from the moment they step on campus.

Sayler Butters, a Tempe resident and recent graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory High School, applied for and won an

appointment to The United States Military Academy—West Point.

Syler reports on July 3 for "Beast Camp," the significance of which remains a bit murky. This much is for sure: It won't be a frat party. "They don't really tell you, but from the name you can kind of tell."

With a name like Sayler, she said she's taken a good deal of ribbing about not choosing Annapolis, the U.S. Naval Academy. Inspired by her cousin and his wife, both graduates of West Point, Sayler said a future in the military was always in the back of her mind like a distant dream.

"When I was younger, whenever I saw women in the military or heard of family members or friends' parents who have been in the military, I always thought, "Wow—that's really courageous. That's something that's so honorable and they're serving our country."

After her cousin Derek graduated from West Point, Sayler said she talked it over with him and his wife.

"I connected so much with what she was saying, what she stood for and I just decided this was something I wanted to do. And that's how it started."

The thing that really appealed to her, Sayler said, was the sense of community the military academy offered. "It's about being part of a team that is trying to do something to help others. That's literally everyone's mindset there—that we're in this together and that we're going to do this together, get through this together and then we're going to help people together."



Joining in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new South Tempe fire station and improvements at adjacent Estrada Park were, from left, City Manager Andrew Ching; Kevin Sweeney, Estate La Colina neighborhood; Councilmember Lauren Kubby; Assistant Fire Chief Hans Silberschlag; Lorraine Bergman, Caliente Construction; Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell; Assistant Fire Chief Craig Fredricks; and Assistant Fire Chief Paul Nies. Construction on Fire Medical Rescue Station 7 started late last month on McClintock Drive north of Warner Road. The station is expected to be in service by summer 2019. At the same time, Estrada Park is undergoing improvements and is expected to reopen in early 2019. For more information on the fire station project, the public can call the fire department administrative offices at 480-858-7200.

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