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Trust Land camper arrested on warrant

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

A reported homeless campsite on State Trust Land (STL) near Fountain Hills Middle School was the subject of a discussion at the Town Council meeting on April 18. The individual reportedly living at the site was arrested two days later.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Capt. Larry Kratzer confirmed on Friday, April 21, that the individual who had been camping on the STL had been arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He said deputies saw the individual near Palisades and Fountain Hills boulevards about noon on Thursday, April 20, recognized him as wanted and took him into custody without incident.

State Land Department personnel are to be at the site this week to clean up the camp.

Kratzer to report on the situation, though this was before the arrest had taken place.

According to Kratzer, a citizen had contacted MCSO regarding the individual apparently camped in the desert not far from the Middle School. He said Councilman Allen Skillicorn had also reached out regarding the individual.

Kratzer also explained that MCSO has no jurisdiction to enforce codes on regulations related to the STL. He said he reached out to the Land Department to get guidance on how to proceed. Forms and photos were submitted to the Land Department who indicated someone in the department would follow up, which Kratzer said they did. The Land Department official located the campsite, but there was no one there. An official notice was left giving the individual 72 hours to clean up the site and leave.

Kratzer noted that it is legal to camp on STL with

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Times photo by Bob Burns

Planting a future

Earth Day activities at the Fountain Hills Community Center on April 22 included potting plants and seeds. Town customer service employee Rhonda Brenneman assists siblings Harlan, Lainey and Lyndon Jackson with pots for them to take home and watch grow.

Funding lacking Pavement woes continue

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

Residents are complaining to Town staff and council members about rough, pot-holed streets that shake their vehicles and sometimes even cause vehicle damage.

This is a small part of what has been the Town's ongoing challenge to maintain the vast amount of asphalt pavement that makes up the streets. The issue has even become something of a political

point of contention with discussion of a "streets first" fiscal strategy. This is not so much a point of disagreement – pavement management has been at the top of the council priorities for a decade or so. The financial resources to get the work done is a significant obstacle.

The Town dedicates .2 percent of the revenue it receives from its local Transaction Privilege Tax (sales tax) to the Streets Fund for pavement maintenance. That is projected to be \$1.2 million for the

current fiscal year, but declining somewhat next fiscal year. The Town also receives revenue from the state Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF), which is used in all Street Department operations including asphalt maintenance. Staff projects \$1.9 million in HURF revenue for the current fiscal year. Those sources come to just over \$3 million in ongoing revenue, about half of what the Town projects is needed for annual street maintenance

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Slurry seal, like this recently laid over the asphalt on El Lago Boulevard, is part of the process to keep streets well maintained.

Revised logo approved

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

The Town Council revisited a proposal for a new logo to be used for Town marketing purposes at its April 18 meeting and, after some heated discussion, approved a design with minor changes from one presented in March.

Councilwoman Brenda Kalivianakis asked that the item be revisited after saying she heard too much negative comment from the public on the design. She had the support of Council Members Gerry Friedel and Allen Skillicorn for bringing up the discussion again.

"You would have to be completely tone-deaf to live in Fountain Hills and think there is any support



(cont. on page 9A) Approved logo. Coloring may vary depending on use.

P&Z recommends amendments to site plan regulations

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

The Planning and Zoning Commission has voted to recommend the Town Council approve proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to site plan regulations.

Development Services staff has been working on

a complete review of Chapter 2 related to procedures in the Zoning Ordinance. Previously work was completed and the council approved changes to section 2.02 Special Use Permits. Site plan regulations are next up for consideration.

Development Services Director John Wesley said a change has been added to clarify that the purpose of

site plan review is to review for compliance with the architectural guidelines in the Zoning ordinance.

Regarding applicability, there would be a change to the requirement that site plans need to be approved prior to submission of construction plans and that it applies to redevelop

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Ban goes into effect soon,
plus tips to avoid disaster.
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WEATHER

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Tues., April 18	83	57	--
Wed., April 19	77	56	--
Thurs., April 20	83	59	--
Fri., April 21	87	57	--
Sat., April 22	91	65	--
Sun., April 23	90	61	--
Mon., April 24	87	60	--

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Two candidates announce challenge to Schweikert

Two Democrats have announced their intention to challenge Republican U.S. Representative David Schweikert (AZ 1) in the 2024 election. Andrei Cherny and Kurt Kroemer announced their candidacy within the past couple of weeks.

Cherny’s website states he is the grandson of four Holocaust survivors and son of refugees from communism. He grew up in a family struggling to make ends meet. He worked his way through public education he went on to work in the White House.

After 9/11 Cherny enlisted to serve as a U.S. Navy Reserve intelligence officer. He also served as an assistant attorney general

for Arizona.

“I’m proud to have served in uniform, taken on financial fraudsters and drug smugglers as an Arizona Assistant Attorney General, and started a sustainability-focused company that created good-paying jobs for thousands of people. But what I’m most proud of is being Ben and Belle’s dad,” Cherny said in the statement announcing his candidacy. “And because of them, I refuse to stand on the sidelines while their future is at stake. I’ve called this community home for twenty years. And I can’t just watch as my congressman puts the interests of corporate donors ahead of our kids.”

Kroemer, a non-profit executive who recently retired as CEO of the Red Cross in Arizona, has also announced his campaign for Congress in Arizona’s First Congressional District.

As a leader of some of America’s most impactful organizations, like the Red Cross and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Kroemer said he has seen first-hand some of the country’s biggest challenges.

In a statement announcing his candidacy to challenge Congressman David Schweikert, Kroemer said, “Arizonans are fed up with the culture of corruption in Washington – and it starts with David Schweikert. Voters know that career

politicians like Schweikert are only looking out for their own bottom line.

“I’ve helped to lead some of America’s most impactful organizations, guiding crisis responses to natural disasters or helping sick children and their families through their most trying times.

“Arizona needs a CEO with a conscience, and I look forward to bringing my common-sense solutions to Congress: banning corporate PAC’s so money doesn’t run our government, fighting to expand access to affordable health-care, and protecting the right to abortion from dangerous ideologues like David Schweikert.”

According to Kroemer’s



Kurt Kroemer



Andrei Cherny

statement, he is a mission-driven executive with a track record of results. He has served as CEO of the Red Cross in Arizona, as COO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and in a vari-

ety of other executive roles over the past 25 years.

A Republican, Schweikert is a Fountain Hills resident who has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2010.

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This week at the Community Center

Fountain Hills Community Center is maintaining its schedule of weekday events at the Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive at the Cutillo Civic Center.

Activities are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 26

- *8 a.m., Back fit with Pilates
- *9 a.m., video gentle yoga; intermediate bridge.
- *10 a.m., open paint studio.
- *12 p.m., poker.
- *1 p.m., Scrabble; Hand & Foot Cards.
- *2 p.m., Open jam session.
- *5:30, Euchre.

Thursday, April 27

- *8 a.m., Peer led exercise/

aerobic chair exercise.

- *9 a.m., canasta; video gentle yoga.
 - *9:30 a.m., Basic beginner line dancing.
 - *10 a.m., Spanish Club; open paint studio.
 - *1 p.m., Table Talk for Women; Improver Line Dancing; Hand & Foot Cards.
 - *5 p.m., Open paint studio; movie.
- Friday, April 28**
- *8 a.m., Back fit with Pilates.
 - *9 a.m., Pinochle, Aerobic Chair Exercise, intermediate bridge.
 - *10 a.m., Medicare consultations.
 - *10:30 a.m., Golf Cards.

- *1 p.m., Woodcarvers & Open Table Art; Mexican Train Dominoes; Table tennis; Chess; Hong Kong Mah Jongg.

Saturday, April 29

No activities

Sunday, April 30

No activities

Monday, May 1

- *8 a.m., Back Fit with Pilates.
- *9 a.m., Table Tennis; Geri-Fit/Fall Prevention.
- *10 a.m., Men’s Discussion Group.
- *10:30 a.m., advanced Conversational Spanish.
- *11 a.m., Caregiver’s support group.
- *12 p.m., duplicate bridge; poker.

- *12:30 p.m., American Sign Language meetup.

- *1 p.m., cribbage, pinochle, Mah Jongg for beginners.

- *5 p.m., aerobic chair exercise.

- *5:30 p.m., Hand & Foot Cards.

Tuesday, May 2

- *8 a.m., Peer-led exercise; Aerobic chair exercise.
- *9 a.m., video gentle Yoga.
- *9:30 a.m., Intermediate line dancing.
- *10 a.m., Hooks & Needles; open paint studio.
- *11 a.m., American Sign Language meet-up.
- *1 p.m., Mah Jongg; movie; Bingo.
- *5:30 p.m., Table tennis.

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Fountain Hills is named a Dementia Friendly community

The Town of Fountain Hills has joined a growing network of communities in the Dementia Friendly America program. Dementia Friendly America is a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure communities across the country are equipped to support people with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia-friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in the community and engage and thrive in day-to-day living. The Town of Fountain Hills is the 10th community in Arizona to receive the Dementia Friendly America designation.

“I am incredibly proud that the Town of Fountain Hills has partnered with community leaders and volunteers throughout the town, and region, to form a Dementia Friendly America program,” said Fountain Hills Mayor Ginny Dickey. “Our population is getting older, and dementia is a growing disease within our community. We must do everything in our power to provide knowledge and expertise to the residents

of Fountain Hills. This program is another tool to accomplish just that.”

Over the next several years, Arizona is expected to experience the fastest growth of residents living with dementia in the United States. Fountain Hills recognizes this is a significant concern for all local residents. To proactively address those concerns, Fountain Hills is committed to building a dementia-friendly community by forming Dementia Friendly Fountain Hills.

This endeavor began when Councilmember Peggy McMahon attended a Dementia Friendly seminar in late 2021. The information provided at that conference was ideally situated to meet the needs of Fountain Hills, so the presenter was asked to participate in the Town’s Fountain Hills Cares forum on dementia in April 2022.

Following the positive response from the Fountain Hills Cares program, McMahon, Interim Town Manager Rachel Goodwin, Community Services Executive Assistant Patti Lopuszanski, Community

Center Manager Jennifer Lyons, Community Center Program Manager Cheryl Ponzo, and Linda Rode, a community member who is not only a caretaker for a family member but also an ambassador of the Dementia Friendly America network, began the Dementia Friendly Core Committee.

Learning of the Dementia Friendly America designation for cities and towns, the committee agreed that Fountain Hills would benefit from such a designation and association and filed its application in January 2023. The application was quickly processed, and the Town was honored with the Dementia Friendly America designation in March.

As a dementia-friendly community, Fountain Hills is committed to being a town that is informed, safe, and respectful of individuals living with the disease, their families, and caregivers, and the Town is dedicated to providing supportive options to foster quality of life through supportive community connections.

Learn more about Dementia Friendly America at dfamerica.org.

Thursday Concert series concludes

The spring series of Concerts on the Avenue of the Fountains wraps up this Thursday, April 27, with the Chuck Hall Band and solo artist Dave Clark.

The series is being presented by the Sonoran Lifestyle Team at RE/MAX Sun

Properties and Fountain Hills Community Services.

Enjoy live music along the Avenue of the Fountains with the evening concert series from 6 to 8 p.m.

Solo musicians will perform at Nichols Plaza in front of the MCSO parking

lot. The bands will perform at the fountains in front of Sofrita.

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FYI

Law enforcement report

The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office District 7 substation in Fountain Hills reported deputies responded to the following calls during the week from Thursday, April 13, through Wednesday, April 19.

- Thursday, April 13**
- ◆ Deputies made a traffic stop at Fountain Hills and Glenbrook boulevards. A driver was pulled over for driving 56 MPH in a 15 MPH school zone. The driver was criminally cited.
 - ◆ A resident of the 16500 block of Fayette Dr. reported an unknown suspect(s) stole a set of “Cobra” brand golf clubs from their garage. The clubs were valued at approximately \$900.
 - ◆ A resident of the 16900 block of De Anza Dr. reported that her ex-boyfriend took their shared children to a different state without notifying her, which violates their parenting agreement.
 - ◆ A resident of the 11200 block of Teller Dr. reported that their fiancée assaulted them after an argument in their home.
- Friday, April 14**
- ◆ A resident of the 17300 block of La Pasada Dr. reported being hacked with a loss of approximately \$70,000 when they received a call from a person that represented themselves as a Microsoft employee. The person convinced the resident that their bank account was hacked, got them to withdraw their funds, and transferred it to bitcoin.
 - ◆ Deputies made a traffic stop on Saguaro Boulevard at Colony Drive. A driver was pulled over for speeding. During the traffic investigation, it was discovered the vehicle license plate was suspended for a prior insurance violation. The license plate was seized as part of the investigation.
 - ◆ A resident of the 16500 block of El Lago Blvd. reported that an unidentified suspect created two false Twitter accounts in the resident’s name without their permission. The suspect then used those accounts to make threats toward a Fountain Hills elected official. MCSO determined that by statute no threat was made.
 - ◆ A resident of the 15200 block of Fairy Duster Ct. reported an unknown suspect hit a resident’s backyard window when they shot an arrow at it. There were no injuries or damage reported to the window.
- Saturday, April 15**
- ◆ Deputies made a traffic stop on Palisades Boulevard and Hampstead Drive. The driver was pulled over for speeding. During the

- traffic investigation, it was discovered the driver had an outstanding warrant for a prior watercraft-related citation. The driver was arrested for the outstanding warrant.
- Sunday, April 16**
- ◆ Aresident of the 14600 block of Fountain Hills Blvd. reported that her ex-boyfriend approached and knocked on her front door, which violated a protection order. Video evidence was provided and criminal charges were submitted for prosecutorial review.
 - ◆ Deputies responded to the 14600 block of Briarwood Dr. A resident was arrested after it was confirmed they had an outstanding probation violation warrant for their arrest.
- Monday, April 17**
- ◆ Deputies responded to the 16600 block of Westby Dr. An unidentified black Dodge Charger crashed into a mailbox and a water irrigation line near this location and fled without leaving their information.
 - ◆ Deputies responded to El Lago Boulevard and Desert Sage Drive where a driver collided with a parked vehicle while backing out of a parking spot. The driver reported they accidentally stepped on the accelerator instead of the brakes. There were no injuries reported in this collision.
 - ◆ A resident of the 16300 block of Palisades Blvd. reported that their neighbor was being disorderly when the neighbor pushed over their patio furniture without provocation. The incident was captured on video surveillance.
- Tuesday, April 18**
- ◆ A resident of the 14200 block of Oakwood Lane reported that her ex-husband was stalking her when he routinely drove by her residence and stared at her.
 - ◆ A resident of the 14600 block of Olympic Way reported that their son stole approximately \$4,000 cash from their home. It was reported that the son has financial power of attorney over the father.
 - ◆ A resident of the 16500 block of Palisades Blvd. reported an unknown suspect burglarized a vehicle when they entered the vehicle, without the owner’s permission, and stole approximately \$85 in personal affects. The owner unintentionally left the vehicle unlocked while it was parked.
- Wednesday, April 19**
- ◆ Aresident of the 15500 block of Teepee Dr. reported receiving a letter from the Department of Internal Revenue informing them that an unknown suspect used their Social Security number to apply for a job.

The resident did not wish to aid in prosecution.

- ◆ A resident of the 14600 block of Fountain Hills Blvd. reported an unknown suspect placed an air tag tracking device on their vehicle. The resident believes it was placed there by their ex-boyfriend, who they have had issues with.
- ◆ A resident of the 14600 block of Fountain Hills Blvd. reported that their ex-boyfriend showed up and knocked at their front door, in violation of their protection order.

Skillicorn reports threat

Councilman Allen Skillicorn filed a report with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office saying he felt that certain language used in letters to the editor in *The Fountain Hills Times* and on social media were a threat on his life.

MCSO Capt. Larry Kratzer said Skillicorn had filed a report. The information was documented as an informational report. This was handled in a similar manner to a previous incident in which Mayor Ginny Dickey reported a threat to her life.

OBITUARIES

Rebecca B. Nuckolls

Rebecca Belle (Brosius) Nuckolls, a 41-year resident of Fountain Hills, went peacefully to be with Jesus on April 19, 2023. She leaves behind her husband, Carl R. Nuckolls of Fountain Hills; brother, Joe F. Brosius of Show Low, Ariz.; daughters, Rachel S. Hoff of Seattle, Wash., Alissa M. Costello of Fountain Hills, and Kathryn A. Nuckolls of Vancouver, Wash.; and granddaughters, Sophie and Lily Hoff and Paige Costello.

She was a long-time member of Christ’s Church of Fountain Hills and served in many roles there. Rebecca (Becki) was a wonderful, loving mother who devoted her life to raising her children and making a good home for her family. She and Carl were happily married for 41 years.

Becki was born in Roswell, N.M., Sept. 10, 1946, very close in time to when the “aliens” landed. We often kidded her that she was a child of one of the aliens. Becki graduated from McMurray University in Abilene, Texas majoring in education and specializing in History and English. She taught middle school history in Phoenix until she married



Carl in 1981 and moved to Fountain Hills.

During the years she was raising her children, she taught Sunday school, was a Girl Scout leader, and a deacon of missions at her church. She was well known on the bleachers of Fountain Hills High School for her vocal support of the volleyball teams for seven-plus years. In her empty nest years she spent much of her free time helping the elderly and being a property manager of the family’s rental properties. She had a soft spot for rescue dogs and often sent money to local rescues to support the care of sick and injured animals. She adopted a rescue dog, Daisy, in 2012 who came from the Yuma humane society and loved her dearly.

Throughout her life she enjoyed reading fiction books, especially murder mysteries. She also loved cooking, especially around the holidays and was known for her family recipe fudge and New Mexico-style chicken enchiladas. Holiday celebrations in the Nuckolls house always included friends and neighbors who did not have extended family nearby. Many long-time friends in Fountain Hills became “adopted” family, especially during the holidays.

In recent years she was devoted to helping raise her granddaughter, Paige, who was born in 2017 and only lived a mile from her. She loved being a grandmother.

Becki always had a positive attitude in life with a great sense of humor. She had an accepting and down-to-earth personality that always set people at ease from the second they met her. Even as her brain cancer progressed and her body began to fail, her caregivers often commented about how she never once complained. That was the kind of person she was – always rolling with the punches with grace and optimism.

A public memorial service will be planned in the future to honor her memory and celebrate her life. Donations in her honor can be made to the American Brain Tumor Society, or the animal rescue of your choice.

Richard D. Schmidt, Jr.

Our dad, Dick, told us days before he died that he would miss most his family, football, friends and food. We found a note days after he passed that he had written on an old Executone notepad he’d kept from his days when he sold hospital communications systems. He wrote his idea of a perfect day. In my dad’s writing, the note read, “cold beer, hot juicy cheeseburger, football on TV, and Carolyn by my side.”

Dick was born June 27, 1930, to Richard and Carol

Schmidt, Sr. in New Jersey, where he grew up an only child.



Richard Schmidt, Jr.

He attended Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where he was a Delta Upsilon brother, and over the years lived in New Jersey, Colorado and Arizona. He passed away on Feb. 26, 2023, at home in east Mesa, Ariz.

He was 92½ years old. He loved the life he lived and shared with “Carolyn by his side.” They shared 27 years together with a combined 10 children, 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. He was proud of his family and loved family reunions.

Dad was honored to be a Lehigh University graduate who led the Arizona alumni group and proudly boasted that his son, Curt, and grandchildren, Alivia, Josh and his wife, Jill, also graduated from Lehigh.

Dick was a hard worker with an indomitable spirit, never retiring until he quit driving cars for enterprise at the age of 90. Always volunteering to better the community, he influenced positive change through his service in parks and recreation and was instrumental in developing the dog park here in Fountain Hills. He always offered words of wisdom and advice drawn from his decades of life experience, and he enjoyed helping others succeed.

Dick appreciated meeting people and it seemed he never met a stranger. He would talk sports, politics, business and history with anyone who listened. He loved to travel and had visited all 50 states. He shared his love of the Southwest, especially the Grand Canyon, whenever family and friends would visit. He liked American history, was patriotic, well-read, enjoyed music, was a gregarious storyteller with a sense of humor, and Dick was a dotting husband, a loyal friend, and our Dad, Grandpa D and Great Grandpa.

Dick, Dad, Grandpa D, Great-Grandpa is greatly missed by his wife, Carolyn, and by his children and stepchildren and their spouses, Curt (Kathy), Dede (Keith), Jana (Andy), Jennifer (Glenn), Teddi, Teresa (Steve), Lisa (Phil), Susan (Chris), Sharon (Scott), and Jenn (John), and his 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. We will miss his stories, his guidance, his generosity and his love here

on earth.

At his request, a celebration of life will be held in Dick’s honor as opposed to traditional funeral services. We invite all who knew him to join us for cold beer and hot cheeseburgers to celebrate his remarkable life at the home of Lisa Jones in Westbrook, Maine, on Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m.

Daniel J. Simodi

Dan Simodi was born on Dec. 13, 1956, and passed away in Fountain Hills on April 17, 2023, due to pancreatic cancer. Dan is survived by his wife Christina (Chrissy) Simodi; brother, Michael; daughters, Elisha and Danyel along with grandson Isaiah.

Dan served four years in the military as a Marine. Dan worked decades for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, achieving the position as a **Daniel Simodi** Nuclear Assistant Project Superintendent. He was held with high regard and respect throughout all ranks.

Dan loved traveling, especially to the West Indies. Dan always lit up a room, no matter where he was, with his infectious smile and presence. He had a great sense of humor.

Dan studied transcendental meditation, which is a silent mantra meditation under the teachings of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Dan embraced such techniques by reaching out to many to share his meditation practices and highly skilled singing bowls. Dan loved to cook and entertain.



Dan loved his country, flag and mankind. In honor of Dan’s wishes, he requested for anyone wanting to donate, to please make their donation to their respective local home-town veterans’ facility, and not to any other organization or purpose for or under Dan’s name. He would always say, “Semper Fi, my brothers.” Dan will be sorely missed and loved by many, as he touched so many lives on so many levels.

May Dan always and forever Rest in Peace.

Dan’s celebration of life service will be held on May 10 at 11 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, located at 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85024. Dan will be cremated and will remain at a memorial wall at the National Cemetery.



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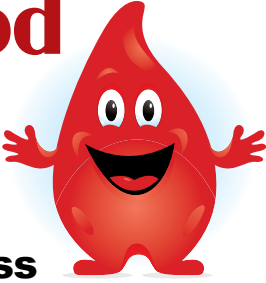
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Proposed parking amendments forwarded to Town Council

The Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded its recommendations for proposed amendments to parking and loading requirements in the Town Zoning Ordinance on a 6-1 vote at its April 10 session.

Development Services Director John Wesley noted that commission members had been providing comments and suggestions over the past year. A proposal presented at the February commission meeting was updated with additional comments and presented in draft form this month.

The parking and loading requirements are chapter seven of the ordinance and the objective of the update is to remove errors and inconsistencies, improve readability and flow, update standards and add new provisions if needed.

Section 7.02, related to applicability, has a subsection (B) to address changes related to existing development.

“Given the built nature of the Town, this section will be used a lot (to) address reuse, expansion or redevelopment situations,” Wesley said.

The new draft has added some flexibility for the Town engineer to consider alternative paving materials, “by allowing for and encouraging creative design options for permeable paving and shared parking.”

The ordinance clarifies that such surface should not “violate county environmental or ADEQ regulations.”

According to Commission Chairman Peter Gray, technology has created materials that can provide the durability needed for parking, but permeable to allow for reduced heat and storm runoff.

A new section has been added to the ordinance to require maintenance of parking areas consistent with the approved plans.

Illustrations and tables have been added to ordinance or updated to provide greater clarity.

Design standards for residential uses would require a minimum of two covered parking spaces. Wesley said this requirement may have the effect of limiting conversion of garages to living space.

Covered parking requirements have also been added for multi-residence and commercial development. For multi-residence the requirement is for one per unit. For business and office uses, with 10 or more parking spaces there would be one covered space per office suite.

In the design standards for multi-residential and non-residential a provision has been added to require a setback to reduce ingress and egress conflicts.

Off-street parking requirements for mixed use zoning were amended to allow for shared parking. A provision was added to clarify that providing parking for businesses vehicles does not count toward required spaces. A provision was added to set a maximum number of paved parking spaces.

A requirement for golf courses is to include six spaces per tee plus the spaces for restaurant and golf shop to meet commercial requirements. For private golf clubs there is an existing requirement of one space per every five member families or individuals.

Proposed language for electric vehicle parking would require that “all new or expanded parking areas providing parking for 50 or more vehicles shall provide the electrical capacity necessary to accommodate the future hardwire installation of Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for a minimum of 10% of required parking spaces.”

This does not require installation of the charging equipment, however, construction documents need to indicate details of the provided infrastructure.

The council will consider the commission recommendation at a future date.



Electronic recycling
Westech Recyclers were in the Fountain Hills Library parking lot on Saturday, April 22, marking Earth Day with an electronic recycling event. Brian Dyer, with Westech, examines a circuit board to identify the elements to be removed for recycling including gold, copper and aluminum.



Drug Take Back event
The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office participated in the semi-annual Drug Take Back Day in Fountain Hills on April 22. MCSO Deputy Service Aide J. Sloan and Shawn Uphoff of the Protect Our Youth Coalition teamed up to assist people dropping off their unused prescription pills for proper disposal by DEA officials. They collected 64.8 pounds of pills during the event.



Farmers’ Market today
Today, April 26, is the last day of the Fountain Hills Farmers’ Market. It is set to return in November. Beginning Saturday, June 3, the Fountain Hills Sweet Corn Market will begin at its new location in the parking lot of Tractor Supply, 17130 E. Shea Blvd. Sweet Corn Market hours are 8 to 11:30 a.m. It will run for five Saturdays ending on July 1.

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Opinion

Streets

 **A letter from:**
Jerry Butler

Thanks to Justin Weldy, our Town’s Public Works director, for his presentation to our Town Council on April 18. In case you missed it, he clarified some street misunderstandings and addressed history.

As a member of the ad hoc volunteer Streets Committee, I can assure you the committee is wrestling with some very complex issues. At the moment, we’re still examining a 2023 professional assessment of street conditions, together with two other assessments conducted in 2008 and 2018, to determine what it will take to fix everything.

Looking back, “fixes” have been limited by available revenues, and only once did voters agree to an influx of new money, an \$8 million Saguaro bond in 2013. For 33 years, monies to fix our streets, many now 50 years old, have come from a combination of general funds, state-shared revenues and sales taxes. Fortunately, two years ago the Council committed nearly \$10 million from one-time federal COVID funds, but even that will not be enough to catch up.

Since 2016, \$14.8 million has been spent on our streets, nearly 70% having occurred in just the past four years. It’s clear that streets deteriorate naturally at their own pace and as a result, streets dictate the amount of funds needed annually. But even after a street is fixed, deterioration starts again; it never ends. Thus, having ample maintenance funds becomes essential to sustaining the pavement lifecycle.

Based on voiced comments, many residents want more to be done, and now. But it may be, after the Streets Committee wades through all the issues, a conclusion could be reached that until voters agree to provide more funds, existing revenues will not be enough to fix everything.

At the moment, I believe our Town staff is doing its best with limited resources, despite claims otherwise.

Environmental plan

 **A letter from:**
Stephen Gay

After the school board meeting on April 3, Councilmember Skillicorn approached me and said he really liked my letters to the editor. I can’t fault a man with such impeccable taste and discernment, but then I read his letter the following week and couldn’t believe my biggest admirer had so quickly lost that keen sense of discernment.

Like Reagan, I allowed myself a bemused chuckle and thought, “There he goes again!”

My friend thinks the environmental plan will 1) Remove gas and diesel cars from town roads; 2) Force transit ridership; 3) Ban gas-powered leaf blowers; and 4) Implement new building codes and regulations. My dear admirer, please read it as closely as you do tax cut legislation.

The actual wording that was forwarded to Council by the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, an appointed Town committee of volunteers, was approved in the General Plan (required by the state) by voters in 2018.

There are no mandates in the recommendation. None. They purposely and correctly described the recommendations as “encouragement.” Might I gently suggest reading comprehension over tax cutting for a while?

There were no words like “ban,” “force,” or “remove” in the SPAC presentation. Town officials are not trying to “control our lives” nor are our “rights and freedoms” at stake. They were setting goals, which will be achieved organically

anyway at some point.

Tractors replaced horses on the farm. Nobody was frog-marched into a John Deere dealership by a County Extension bureaucrat; tractors were just more efficient. New technologies like electric cars and leaf blowers will become ubiquitous in the same way – people will flock to them because they will be the obvious choice.

Plus, statists would rather watch a good MLK documentary than herd people into a Tesla dealership on a Saturday. Too much work!

Quality music

 **A letter from:**
Ethelyn Fey

We attended the Fountain Hills Community Band concert on Sunday, April 16. So many talented musicians and director. Also appreciate the Fountain Hills Community Chorus programs throughout the year.

So nice to stay in town for quality music entertainment. Thanks to all that are involved.

Highest priority

 **A letter from:**
Allen Skillicorn,
TOFH council member

I heard reports from several concerned parents about homeless encampments popping up within a quarter mile of the middle school so I went to check it out and sure enough these reports were found to be true.

My concern about these encampments is we do not know anything about these individuals. I did a video for social media near where one of these individuals was living and I could see kids playing on school grounds from where the person was staying.

Since that video was shot, the Sheriff has arrested one of the homeless individuals because there was an outstanding warrant for him, which confirms my concerns are valid. The last thing we need is for Fountain Hills to make the news for something horrific to happen at our school. Protecting our community and, above all, protecting our kids should be our highest priority.

I am working to provide some assistance to our schools to have another SRO, volunteer, or Arizona Ranger in place to ensure that anyone meaning harm to our kids will be stopped. Let’s work together to protect our kids before it is too late.

Appalling

 **A letter from:**
Bill Davis

If the letters to *The Times* last week are any indication, it appears that the townspeople are becoming increasingly critical of Councilperson Skillicorn and his conservative views and policies.

His derisive comments about a homeless encampment on the State Trust Land north of town are appalling and shortsighted. He has elevated his discovery of a tent in the desert to

a fire hazard and imminent threat to our school children. His call for installing armed Arizona Rangers in all schools is preposterous. His allegation that such a presence would encourage school children to become police officers even more so. I don’t ever recall hearing about a homeless individual shooting up a school.

This man is a public servant. As such, he should be offering viable solutions to this situation. However, he is spewing inflammatory rhetoric and stoking fear and anger instead.

This isn’t the first time. From his disruptive behavior at the Candidates’ Forum last summer prior to the Town Council election, to his opposition to and ultimate defeat of changes to the Town’s Environmental Plan, to the firing of the Town lobbyist, Skillicorn has shown his stripes repeatedly. It has become obvious. A pattern is emerging here.

I hope the Town’s electorate will remember his words and actions in any upcoming election in which he chooses to run. I suspect that he considers councilperson as a steppingstone to higher office. That tactic didn’t work in Illinois and it shouldn’t work in Arizona.

Additionally, it would be wise to carefully consider whether or not to re-elect any of his disciples to our supposedly nonpartisan Town Council.

Divisive actions

 **A letter from:**
Rita Higgins

In four short months, the divisive actions of Councilmembers Toth, Kalivianakis, Skillicorn and Friedel are resulting in unacceptably personal discussions between councilmembers and Town staff, as well.

Didn’t see it coming? I beg to differ. An incredibly divisive and nasty election cycle ushered in the three new councilmembers, supported by two political action committees that doctored pictures and spread lies concerning certain candidates’ positions and beliefs. That “campaign” moved to the Council Chamber dais.

Excruciatingly long-winded speeches about certain agenda actions, social media posts that seem like campaign videos (perhaps because they are), and websites specializing in “alternate” defamatory posts amplify the discord that we see at almost every Town Council meeting. Motions passed against the advice of the Town attorney add to the chaos. Tediously repetitive speeches, often advocating baseless concerns and accusations, are followed by those same people speaking on specific agenda items. It seems staged, planned, orchestrated...like a badly-written melodrama, or is it performative theater from an extremely destructive playbook? Could be, since coined phrases like “administration mission creep” occur frequently.

C o u n c i l m e m b e r

Skillicorn didn’t volunteer for Council subcommittees, yet he and other councilmembers now attend School Board meetings. Why is that?

Our Town Manager “retired” after nine years of Town service, just months after the new councilmembers were sworn in. It is inexplicable unless it “delivers” an outrageous campaign promise.

Town staff will not remain if they are constantly fielding unwarranted accusatory questions. Is that the point? It becomes increasingly apparent that some of these councilpersons do not have the level of expertise to tell staff they are wrong or infer clandestine motives.

Public concern about this dysfunctional governance is reflected in *The Times’* letters. The newspaper, itself, wrote an editorial proposing local government civility.

So, what is their purpose? It’s ugly, it’s alarming and I’m angry.

Concern

 **A letter from:**
Mathew Corrigan

I attended the Fountain Hills Town Council meeting on Tuesday, April 18, and heard a unanimous concern from all the speakers who addressed the issue of campus safety at Fountain Hills Middle School.

An illegal camp (confirmed by a Maricopa County Sheriff’s deputy who spoke and testified that state authorities had given the trespasser 72-hour notice to remove himself and all belongings) on state land, very close to Fountain Hills Middle School. Some letters to the editor want to attack Councilman Allen Skillicorn because he was concerned enough to ask the same deputy if security at the school included an armed officer.

Another opinion writer seemed to think that it was somehow within Councilman Skillicorn’s job description to talk to the illegal camper. I can assure the writer that law enforcement, counseling and state camping permits are not part of the Fountain Hills Town Council duties or responsibilities.

Yet another opinion writer calls out “dangerous” comments by Councilman Skillicorn in a social media platform. First Amendment speech is viewed by some as dangerous if it does not match their own personal worldview.

I admire Councilman Skillicorn’s tenacity and clarity. I would encourage him to listen to the unanimous consent of all who took time to deliberate and speak to this important issue at last Tuesday’s council meeting. It is not easy or convenient to publicly stand up and speak in an organized and compelling way, but last Tuesday I heard many who did just that without personal attacks or attempting to destroy anyone’s good character or reputation.

Wake up

 **A letter from:**
Allen Hunt

As I continue to read more and more about Councilman Skillicorn’s comments and actions, I wonder why they no longer wanted him in Illinois but we unwittingly appeared to want him here in Fountain Hills and on our Town Council.

In accordance with all the comments in the April 19; *Fountain Hills Times*, it seems like he may be a very delusional person. Did he really see and hear someone near a tent on State Trust Land yell out, “Hey, I’m homeless and I’m keeping watch on your children. I’ll tell you why later.” What was Skillicorn doing in that area, after all?

My brother-in-law has traveled around the world several times. During one trip, while in Greece, he stayed in one area for a while helping some locals gather stones from their fields and building fences to separate farmland pastures. While helping these people he slept in a nearby cave with a few others. Does this make him a homeless person? Absolutely not. He was broadening his travel experience and helping out his fellow man.

Mr. Skillicorn appears to want videos to watch and make up his mind about at some other time. Wake up and smell the roses. Our town’s people do not need this. Tired of it!

Local authority

 **A letter from:**
John Kavanagh,
State senator

I would like to correct an erroneous statement made by Pam Cap in last week’s letters to the editor (“Concerning”). With respect to local police authority to enforce laws on state trust land, specifically to remove a camping trespasser on state land near our middle school, Cap wrote, “Fountain Hills has zero authority to set foot on that land. Any and all actions must be taken by the state. My understanding is that Fountain Hills can petition the state to do something.” That is wrong.

In response to constituent concerns that our police cannot unilaterally enforce laws on state trust land but instead must go through a bureaucratic process with the State Land Department, as your state senator, I contacted State Land Commissioner Robyn Sahid. She told me that local police can enforce laws, including anti-camping laws, on state trust land without state permission.

Commissioner Sahid referenced an opinion by former Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano that concluded, “State, county and local law enforcement agencies have the authority and obligation (emphasis mine) to enforce criminal laws on State Trust Land.” The opinion reasoned that by not creating an enforcement division within the State Land Department, it would be unreasonable to conclude that the legislature

wanted such land to be a law-enforcement-free zone.

Pam Cap should be thankful that she did not visit the man as a volunteer citizen-social worker, as she suggested would be appropriate before calling the police. As it turns out, the man was recently arrested on an outstanding warrant. Imagine that – a person breaking the law on state trust land also broke another law and is a fugitive from justice. So, the fear property owners had for their homes and parents for their children that Pam Cap mocked were real fears.

ROT

 **A letter from:**
Sherri James

A couple of years ago John Kavanagh used this newspaper to sound the alarm that Democrats outnumbered Republicans on the non-partisan Town Council for the first time in our town’s history. A group called ROT answered that call and made sure to change the makeup on the Council regardless of whether those candidates were suitable or not. They also gave us the ugliest Fountain Hills Council election ever.

ROT has made Council meetings unbearable with their constant barrage of complaints by the same speakers at every meeting. They spit out their words, lecturing our public servants and fellow citizens as if they were junior high school teachers communicating with an unruly class. How will we ever find decent and capable candidates who would be willing to submit themselves to such a grueling job in the future?

Some of the new Council members stir up issues and then their followers complain at meetings and write letters and post online. Then these Council members can swoop in and claim they have the answers to these issues that they stirred up. These Council members complain about the time they have to spend on some issues, but have clogged up the meetings with this manufactured outrage that causes the meetings to go on for hours longer than previously. They add to this by putting things on the agenda that were already decided, because they don’t trust that the past Council members knew what they were doing.

These Council members are spreading fear and have people believing that crime and strangers are everywhere. They don’t care about the damage those lies are causing the town. The stench of ROT permeates the town and will linger in the air long after it’s gone.

Call to public

 **A letter from:**
Cindy Couture

Citizen involvement. It makes for good decisions and a strong government. However, our current Town Council meetings show how citizen involvement can also go wrong. For

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some reason, our town has about eight “frequent flyers,” unelected people who monopolize the Call to the Public and characterize their personal thoughts as representing those of the town’s majority. Not so.

These folks repeat the same tired messages, represent themselves as experts, waste our time and speak disrespectfully to our elected representatives. Their messages are often delivered as a lecture, in an angry and condescending manner. In addition, while others adhere to published protocols and decorum, the frequent flyer cheering squad applauds noisily, in spite of constant admonitions to stop. I am suggesting also that in the future, those who defy the rules are escorted out as indicated in the meeting guidelines.

Meetings used to be informative and interesting. Now they have become an endurance test. I think it’s time to shorten public comments to two minutes, instead of three. Our repeat performers need to be brief and to the point. On student award nights, let’s consider cutting back on agenda items, so we can show our students and their families the best in town citizenship and how democracy works.

I’m also asking that frequent flyers and those who participate in the call to the public, drop the bravado and performance art at the door. Let’s return to the days when Fountain Hills Town governance was about enacting solutions, not creating problems.

Unaffiliated

 A letter from:
Cap Parlier

Ms. Plencner asked, “Exactly what do [Independents] believe?”

I do not and cannot speak for all Independents. I have been and remain an “unaffiliated non-partisan” since I entered adulthood and gained the right to

vote. I believed it was most appropriate to register to vote as an unaffiliated non-partisan, since I was a lieutenant of Marines, and the military of the United States of America is apolitical. Thus, I can answer Ms. Plencner’s query as just one Independent citizen.

I believe in “we, the people,” democracy, the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the common laws of this grand republic. I do not believe in political tribalism. I do not swear allegiance or loyalty to any political party – only to the U.S. Constitution. Political parties are not mentioned in the Constitution or any other of our founding documents. Political parties are the exception, not the norm.

We are all Americans, not Republicans, Democrats, Greens, Libertarians or any other political party members. In fact, political party affiliation is a social affectation and evolved many years after the ratification of the Constitution.

I could address each of Plencner’s “Republican” statements; however, I do not want Ms. Plencner to feel I am attacking her tribe or political beliefs. She is entitled to believe whatever she wishes for whatever reasons she wishes. The tribalism of “us” or “them” is exactly why we are in the political predicament we are in today. I will only state, as an Independent, that I vote for the best candidate on the ballot no matter what political party s/he may be affiliated with.

Lastly, respectful dissent and debate are essential to any viable democracy. Thank you for reading and thinking. Have a great day.

Second look

 A letter from:
Robert Slabach

I appreciate Allen Skillicorn and others on the council for taking a second look at the Environmental Plan. Many of us are aware of the disastrously similar policies had and are having in California, for example with brownouts, high electric prices, water shortages and

wildfires caused by misguided environmental policies.

We in Fountain Hills were aiding this trend with many of the environmental policies that were promoting this unwise direction. I am happy that the voters now have in place people who take a critical look at the policies and mandates that would also lead us to failure.

In this regard, I want to bring attention to the charging stations that were installed at the Community Center and at Fountain Park. Contrary to many people’s belief, these stations are not charging for the energy. The Community Center charger says “Free for the first two hours.” The one at the park just says “Free.” I do not feel that my taxes should go to people who own electric vehicles. I already am forced to pay for subsidies for their purchase.

Sure, I don’t use the Splash Pad I helped pay for, but does anyone think that getting free fuel for my car should be part of the park experience? I sure don’t.

Crisis of fear

 A letter from:
Ann Schweers

Our nation is in a crisis of fear, distrust and rage brought to us through intentional propaganda campaigns by FOX News (and similar media), the NRA, MAGA, etc. The recent court case against FOX showed they knew they were broadcasting false, inflammatory information, but did it anyway to maintain their audience.

And fearmongering, pushed by current Republicans (like Trump and Councilman Skillicorn) to win elections has a huge part in this crisis. They paint our country and our town as being turned into dangerous third-world places by the invasion of immigrants, homeless, POC, Jews, Muslims, LG-BTQ, rehab facilities, liberal “woke people” – and only they can save us!

We’re taught to fear everyone who’s different

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or unknown to us instead of being encouraged to see them as fellow humans – some incredibly wonderful and some with issues –just like us. And the truth is that most of those in the above groups we’ve been taught to fear are more often the victims than the victimizers.

We’re indeed a very sick country, fearfully clinging to our guns and hiding behind our locked doors, trusting no one. This latest rash of shootings of teens for simply going to the wrong door, car or driveway shows how successful propagandists have been. We’re obsessed with fear of even our own government, which we claim is coming to get us, and we rush out to buy more guns after every mass shooting. Yet, while we’re living in fear and separation, we’re letting our children and our country be decimated in front of our eyes. We aren’t courageous, we’re cowards!

Guns aren’t our salvation but our demise and the number one cause of death of our children. There are currently more guns than people in our country. Resist the politics and fear and find a real solution, now!

Recommendation

A letter from:
Jeff Dover

I was glad to see the nice write-up last week accorded to Aaron Mielke and his company, Plumbrite.

Back in February we noticed water seeping from a joint in the middle of our concrete driveway paving. Initially I had thought that it was from a neighbor’s irrigation. Investigation, though, proved that not to be the case. It turned out that the leak was in the water line from the meter at the street to our home service lines.

I called a plumber with a lot of trucks around which had recently spent many days at another neighbor’s house. They sent out a guy for “leak detection.” After some time the guy said that

he couldn’t pinpoint the source under the driveway. He recommended trenching the side of the driveway back to the garage, then run piping up and over the inside of the garage to the side of the home. The price, \$7,900 plus cosmetics. His company charged me \$320 for the valueless visit, to be excused if I took the bait. No thanks.

Through a neighborhood website where another household had used him for the same problem, we heard of Plumbrite. Aaron dropped by, suggesting a remedy without any trenching. There was no hemming and hawing or hedging. He was confident. The price was \$6,100. There was no charge for the estimate. I hired him.

At the prescribed time, he showed up with his crew. The job was done perfectly in a day without any of the physical and visual trauma to the surrounding land and structures for \$1,700 less than what Brand X had quoted. I highly recommend Plumbrite.

Biggest fan

A letter from:
Suzanne Rambo

My first experience with The Fountain Hills Times was around 1996. We had recently moved here and met Arnie Dworkis (hint). Out of nowhere my husband was wished a happy birthday from a character named Norman. We were at a loss of who this was until, a few days later, we learned all about Arnie’s antics at The Times. We have been the biggest fan of our hometown paper ever since.

So, I recently messed up my subscription and needed to call after a few weeks without. I hate calling anyone so close to quitting time but didn’t want to miss another edition. They were so, so sweet straightening everything out for me and guess what? Thirty minutes later I get a tap on the door and tomorrow’s copy right there on my doorstep.

We are so fortunate to have this wonderful paper available to us. I thank God that we still have good companies like yours still around.

Falsehoods

A letter from:
Faryl Palles

Oh, Mr. Skillicorn! How you do go on about your rights, your freedoms. And in your constant decrying, how the falsehoods do pile up.

In your April 12 letter to the editor, “Environmental Plan,” you claim that it was “defeated.” It was not. I was there. A couple of sentences were rewritten. There were never any bans. Fountain Hills still has an Environmental Plan. End of story.

NPOA approves plans

The Neighborhood Property Owners’ Association’s Committee of Architecture reviewed and approved seven permit applications at the meeting held on April 18, with no applications in need of further review.

Approvals were as follows:

- *15720 Richwood – Owner, Bailey; remodel.
- *15538 Centipede – Owner, Albertin; repaint.
- *15542 Centipede – Owner, Hite; repaint.
- *11615 Mission Bell – Owner, Rohrer; repaint.
- *15605 Sycamore – Owner, Matthews; repaint.
- *11618 Dawn Ridge – Owner, Olson; wall.
- *15128 Marathon – Owner, Legacy Property Solution; repaint.

The NPOA welcomes member homeowners who are interested in serving the NPOA Board of Directors or the Neighborhood Committee of Architecture.

All interested members should contact the NPOA office at 480-837-5317 or visit the NPOA/NCOA website at npoafh.org for more information.

Any questions may be directed to the NPOA office at 480-837-5317, or visit the NPOA website at npoafh.org for more information.

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a permit. It was not immediately clear whether the individual had a permit. The Land Department authorized MCSO to follow up after 72 hours and trespass the individual from the property if they were still there.

According to Kratzer, the Land Department has indicated that they will follow through with adequately posting the property for no trespassing, which would allow MCSO to enforce that regulation.

Discussion
Councilwoman Brenda

Kalivianakis said she had heard quite a bit of concern regarding the issue from citizens, particularly since the site is close the Middle School. She reported discussing the issue with State Senator John Kavanagh, who relayed to her that State Land officials told him MCSO could enforce the law on STL. Kratzer said MCSO has authority to address and investigate more serious criminal issues such as assault, robbery or homicide, but enforcing State Land regulations is not the Sheriff's jurisdiction unless asked, which is why he sought the cooperation of the Land Department.

"We just want to be sure we are respecting

the rights of everyone," Kratzer said.

During the call to the public resident Alan Meehan cautioned the Town against what he described as "the slippery slope of compassion," for the homeless. He described a situation where his son lives in Oregon, which he said has become intolerable because the city wants to support the homeless.

Fountain Hills Town Attorney Aaron Arnson said the Town is not alone in wanting to address the issue. He said his firm is working with attorneys across the Valley to draft what might be a "model code" that could be adopted and adjusted to specific needs of the

municipality.

Arnson said he is planning to present the proposal to the Town Council at a workshop prior to the first regular meeting in June.

Kratzer responded to *The Times* with an email regarding MCSO interaction with homeless individuals. He said the Sheriff's Office does not track crime by homeless individuals because it does not have a mechanism to do so. He went on to cite some additional points from a law enforcement perspective.

It is not a crime to be homeless and MCSO cannot take any enforcement action because someone is reported to be homeless in the area (minus any violation of town ordinance or

state statute).

MCSO had been requested to enforce certain minor crimes in town such as jaywalking and littering, and MCSO made the statement that any crimes they would take enforcement action on would be enforced across the board and not only focused on one population in the community.

If individuals in the community want to assist the homeless population, the best way to do this would be to donate to local groups or charities that provide services to homeless individuals. This is in line with the signs the town has put out in the community about panhandling and it being okay to say no.

MCSO has worked with local businesses and churches to inform them of their rights as a business or property owner to have individuals they don't want on their property trespassed and how they can request the assistance of MCSO for these requests or enforcement after a person has been told and continues to frequent the property or business.

Bulk collection concludes

Republic Services continues its annual bulk collection service for Fountain Hills, which are set to wrap up this week.

The final area to be collected is Zone Nine, which includes the Crestview and Adero Canyon subdivisions.

Bulk collection waste includes items that are typically too large to be disposed of in the regular curbside trash container.

To help dispose of these items Republic Services offers the once-a-year service so residents do not have to transport items to the landfill.

Typical bulk items include couches, lamps, rugs, mattresses and large appliances without Freon.

Additional information is available by contacting republicservices.com/customer-support.

Pavement

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(Street Department operations not related to asphalt maintenance come out of that).

The Town's Public Works Director, Justin Weldy, reported to the Town Council April 18 that over the past seven fiscal years, \$14.85 million has been invested in street maintenance and this includes a range of maintenance processes from pothole repair, pavement repair, crack sealing, asphalt seal treatment and curb repairs.

In his report to the council, Weldy stated, "an effective pavement preservation program will address pavements while they are still in good condition and before the onset of serious damage.

"By applying a cost-effective treatment at the right time, the pavement is restored almost to its original condition.

"As a major component of pavement preservation, pavement maintenance is a strategy of extending the service life by applying cost-effective treatments to the surface of structurally sound pavement."

The inadequate financial resources have resulted in the Town being unable to maintain the basic preservation process. There are many streets in Town, built pre-incorporation, that have reached the point where they need to be reconstructed. An ultimate goal would be to have all streets brought back to prime condition where they can be maintained in good condition through the preservation program.

The council has adopted a pavement condition index (PCI) standard of 60-70 for arterial streets, 50-60 for collector streets and 50-55 for local streets. Currently there are a significant number of streets with a PCI of 40 or below, a point where they need to be rebuilt.

The PCI is determined through a high-tech evaluation of the pavement using laser technology. The Town has had a couple of pavement condition studies done most recently within the past year to assist a citizen ad-hoc streets committee with its work toward a recommendation for long-term pavement management.

The company that conducted the pavement analysis has not yet completed its final evaluation for the committee. Once that information is available the committee will finalize its recommendations to the council, including financial options. Weldy said they believe the committee will be reporting to the council before the annual summer break by the council.

The Town has available approximately \$10 million in federal CARES and ARPA funds (COVID recovery) to begin a pavement reconstruction program on some pre-incorporation

streets. Weldy said they have had to delay this work while waiting for utility clearance. Before the majority of street maintenance projects, reconstruction, mill and overlay and even slurry work, the Town makes sure all necessary utility work in these streets is complete. The Town does not want to complete new pavement projects only to have a utility come back within a year or so wanting to tear up the asphalt.

The first of two reconstruction projects is an estimated \$5 million in work planned for the coming fiscal year.

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P&Z

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or expansion of existing development.

"Staff has been operating on the premise that site plans need to be approved prior to submission of the building permit plans for many years," Wesley said. "The purpose of the site plan is to ensure conformance with design guidelines and to uncover any significant roadblocks to development.

"This is better and easier to do prior to the applicant making significant investment in construction drawings. Reviewing construction drawings and site plans at the same time also leads to confusion regarding

changes to one application that might not get reflected in the other set."

Other items in the proposed ordinance include updated application requirements to include a project narrative, clarification that site plans need to be prepared by a registered professional and includes a list of information to be included on the site plan.

The amended approval process would provide for administrative approval.

The proposed language also simplifies the process when the application includes a special use permit or temporary use permit. It allows the applicant to process a conceptual plan with the special or temporary use permit and then follow up with a full site plan.

"This recognizes the idea that a developer may not want to go to the expense of preparing a full site plan submittal if they may not get approval of the special or temporary permit," Wesley said. "They can, however, submit the full site plan at the same time of the other application if they choose."

Additionally, a change was made to reflect the ability to submit applications electronically.

Language has been included to clarify that changes to a site or building which previously had site plan review will require submission of a site plan amendment.

The recommendations of the commission will be forwarded to the council for its consideration for adoption.

Logo

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for this (design)," Kalivianakis said. "I take this as an opportunity to correct a bad decision I made (in previously voting for the logo). I wanted a logo we could be proud of.

"Citizens don't think government is listening to them. They see an elite class telling them what they should like."

Councilwoman Hannah Toth asked Economic Development Director Amanda Jacobs to clarify implementation related to the logo, if that is an added cost.

Jacobs said there is no

additional cost for implementation, the new logo is introduced as needed to new, updated materials that would be included in routine operational costs.

"I think the conversation surrounding this logo has gotten extraordinarily out of hand," Toth said. She told Jacobs she appreciated the effort and thanked her for the additional effort to have the minor changes made.

At the opening of the conversation Skillicorn had made a motion to suspend all work and effort to implement a new logo. Kalivianakis said she would prefer to chalk this up to a \$20,000 mistake and learning experience over accepting the proposed logo.

The motion to suspend the project was defeated on a 4-3 vote with Skillicorn, Kalivianakis and Friedel supporting it.

A second motion to accept the proposal as presented was approved 5-1 with Skillicorn voting no and Kalivianakis choosing to abstain.

The new logo does not preempt the use of the existing Town Seal.

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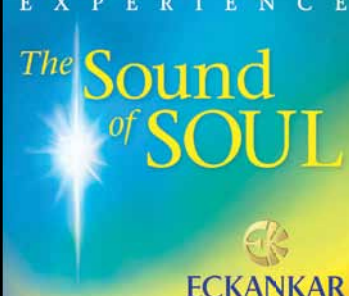
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The weather is starting to warm up, and now is the perfect time to get out and do work to reduce the risk of being impacted by a brush fire. Fountain Hills firefighters are asking residents to follow some simple tips to help safeguard their property. Following the tips listed can help keep families and homes safe.

The National Fire Protection Association has provided these tips for homeowners.

The home should have an area zero to five feet from the furthest attached exterior point of the home, that is a non-combustible area. Science tells us this is the most important zone to take immediate action on as it is the most vulnerable to embers. Start with the house itself, then move into the landscaping section around the home.

*Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves and debris that could catch embers.

*Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.

*Move any flammable material away from wall

exteriors – mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles – anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

*Keep bushes and trees trimmed up away from the house.

The next area is five to 30 feet from the furthest exterior point of the structure. Landscaping/hardscaping- employing careful landscaping or creating breaks that can help influence and decrease fire behavior.

*Clear vegetation from under large stationary propane tanks.

*Create fuel breaks with driveways, walkways/paths, patios, and decks.

*Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of four inches.

*Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire cannot reach up into the trees. Prune trees up to six feet from the ground; for shorter trees do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height.

*When planting trees, make sure that when they mature the tree canopy is

no closer than ten feet to the edge of the structure.

*Trees and shrubs in this zone should be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up the continuity of the vegetation across the landscape.

*Remove all dead brush from the property and dispose of it properly. Do not discard the trimmings over the fence into the wash.

*Work with neighbors and share the cost of a landscaping service or woodchipper to dispose of tree branches and brush.

A little bit of work and preparation now will help safe during the upcoming summer months. The Fountain Hills Fire Department is happy to assist by providing an on-site wildfire risk assessment. Call the Fire Marshal's office at 480-816-5114 to set up an appointment.

Fire officials note that the unusually wet winter has caused a lot of vegetation to flourish that will dry out during high temperatures coming in the summer months, increasing fire danger related to the wildland interface in Fountain Hills.

Community Foundation elects board directors

Members of the Fountain Hills Community Foundation (FHCF) met on Thursday, March 30, at DC Bar & Grill to review the achievements of the previous year, celebrate the contributions of its volunteers and elect new board directors.

Theresa Conti, Barbara Hansen, Bernie Hoenle, Steve Hoffman, Lee Holmes, Sandi McGee, Dr. Bill Myhr, Michael Pameditis and Helen Whatmough were elected to two-year terms. They join current board members Debbie Clason, Mark Dalton, Siobhan

Doherty, Bill Pape, Nicole Perkins and Dori Wittrig whose terms expire in 2024.

During the first part of the evening, grants totaling more than \$60,000 were distributed to representatives of 30 local nonprofit organizations. A copy of the annual report, along with photos of the check presentations are available online at fountainhillsgives.com.

The Fountain Hills Community Foundation assists with additional funding for educational, cultural and

humanitarian nonprofit organizations operating within Fountain Hills and the surrounding community which have an emphasis on serving youth, seniors and families.

The organization, originally known as the Sunridge Foundation, was formed in 1995. To date, it has provided more than \$1.5 million in financial support for local nonprofits. For more information on the grant process and how to become a donor, visit FountainHillsGives.com.

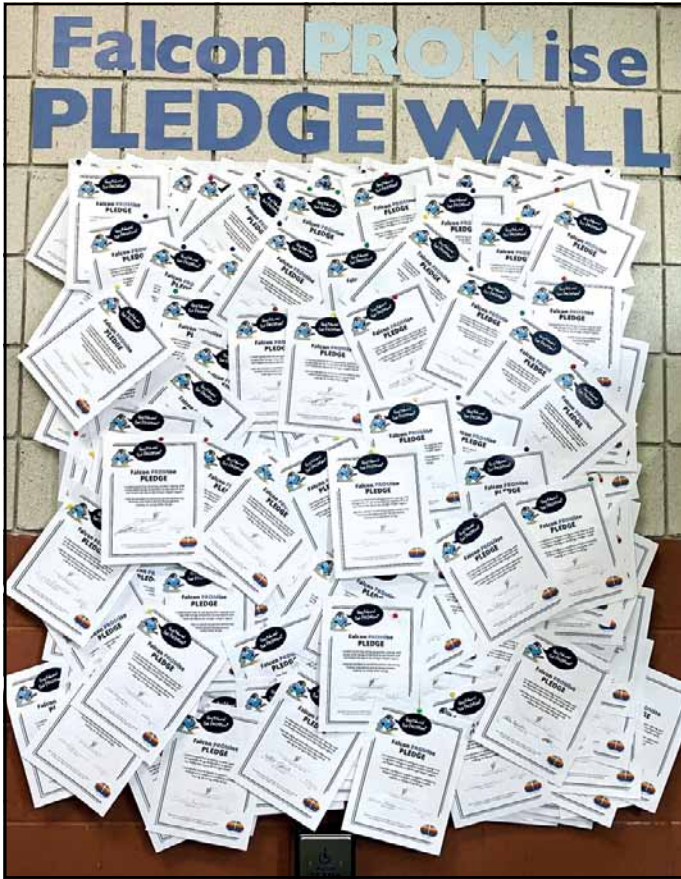
Food Truck Fare

Join the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce for the Food Truck Fare, a free community event geared at supporting Fountain Hills businesses.

As part of the Chamber Lunch Mob initiative, food truck members will gather outside of the Chamber for lunch on the patio.

“Come try one or all of our local Fountain Hills food trucks,” a Chamber press release said of the event. “Don’t forget to bring business cards as this is a fantastic opportunity to connect with Chamber members and we will also have a raffle drawing at the event!”

The community is invited to attend the Food Truck Fare this Friday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Chamber Event Patio, 16837 E. Palisades Blvd.



PROMise Pledge

The Fountain Hills High School Student Government has collected 266 student signatures for the PROMise Pledge to avoid drugs, alcohol and the like during Prom 2023, which upperclassmen will celebrate on Saturday, May 6. Photo courtesy of Shawn Uphoff.

Fire ban begins Monday

The Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department (MCPRD) will initiate its annual fire ban on Monday, May 1. The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department’s annual fire ban goes into effect the same day.

The department’s annual fire ban dates align with the county’s Air Quality Department burn activity regulations. Under these regulations, outdoor recreational fires are prohibited within Area A’s boundaries between May 1 and Sept. 30. This area encompasses all of Maricopa County’s regional parks.

“This winter, Maricopa County received an abundance of rain, which provided us with a beautiful superbloom of wildflowers in the parks,” said R.J. Cardin, MCPRD department director. “As the temperatures begin to rise, this vegetation is drying out and quickly becoming an ideal source for wildfire ignition. Implementing a

fire ban limits the possibility of starting a brush fire, which could cause severe damage to park resources, threaten park visitor safety and pose a danger to homes near many of our parks.”

MCPRD said it is also important to note that during this time of year, the National Weather Service often issues red flag warnings across central Arizona to alert land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildfire ignition. Should this occur before the fire ban, park supervisors are authorized to issue temporary fire bans to ensure public safety and protect the park’s resources.

When temporary fire bans are issued, the information is posted on the website and visitors are notified upon entry to the park. The parks also stop selling firewood during this time.

The fire ban does not allow campfires, fire pits and charcoal grills; however,

using gas/propane grills in designated areas such as semi-developed and developed camping sites is still acceptable. Campfires along the shoreline at Lake Pleasant Regional Park are prohibited. Those who violate the fire ban may be fined under Rule 314, Section 312.

Smoking in the parks is also discouraged due to the extremely dry conditions. MCPRD asks everyone to be responsible and ensure that all cigarettes are properly extinguished and placed in trash receptacles.

While Sept. 30 is the traditional fire ban lift date, an extension is possible. Park staff will monitor precipitation levels and vegetation conditions in the parks throughout the summer to determine if an extension is necessary.

Contact the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department at 602-506-2930, or visit maricopa.gov/parks for additional information.

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Schools

Host families sought

The travel bug can bite you at any time, and it's hard to swat away. Travel can be expensive and difficult to plan, but the Council on Independent Education Exchange (CIEE) offers an easy way for people to get a taste of another country.

Janae LeDoux is a local coordinator for CIEE, and she is trying to place exchange students with Fountain Hills families. Students are high school ages, from 15-18, and they will be in the country from this August until May for the 2023-24 school year.

CIEE is the oldest non-profit exchange program in the country, existing since 1947. CIEE has relied on volunteer hosts for over 75 years, and hosts can be single, empty nesters, or have other children in the house. Exchange students can share rooms with children of the same gender within four years of their age.

"Ours is volunteer [based]," LeDoux said. "Now the students do come with their own spending money, so if they want to join the track team, they're going to have to pay for that. Let's say they have a growth spurt and need clothes, they're going to pay for that, and they have health insurance covered through CIEE."

CIEE is helping 130 students come to America from 70 different countries. Not all of the students are coming to Arizona, but all of them have completed at least three years of English language studies.

LeDoux and other coordinators from around the country match hosts and students based on similar interests, hobbies and personality traits. Being a host requires you to be part parent, part cultural ambassador, part mentor and part friend.

LeDoux said it can take as little as a week to complete the process to become

a host. Anyone older than 18 in the household must pass a background check, and LeDoux has to visit the home to ensure that there is a bed and bedroom, an appropriate place to study and a welcoming home with support from all parties involved.

Hosts also have to submit two character references, and one of the references has to come from someone who's spent time inside the host's home. Hosts are also expected to provide meals at home and school and assist in coordinating transportation.

LeDoux will conduct a host family orientation and will go with the hosts to the airport to make the introductions. Most students will come for the whole school year, and LeDoux said host applications need to be finished by July in order to finalize flight plans in time.

LeDoux said hosts get to set house rules, like curfews, and most hosts sign up again after having a great experience learning and sharing cultures with exchange students. She encourages locals to take this opportunity to introduce someone to the beauty of Fountain Hills next school year.

Interested parties can either fill out a host application or contact LeDoux and she'll send over an application. LeDoux can be contacted by cell at 480-203-1932, or email at janaeledoux@outlook.com. You can also learn more and find the application at the bottom of the page at ciee.org/partner/hosts/host-families.

"They've worked very hard to come to America," LeDoux said. "They've heard about us, a lot of them want to come to college here. They're thinking this is a great introduction to America, and most of these kids just love adventure."



Science Night

Brothers Orion Finley, left, and Liam Finley, right, got to make and play with slime at the McDowell Mountain Elementary School kindergarten and pre-k Science Night last Wednesday, April 19.

Inspiration Academy students go hands on at Reigning Grace Ranch

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

Students have done field trips and interactive work for decades, but The Inspiration Academy (TIA) takes things to another level with their community modules. The modules are a series of programs where students learn with various local professionals, and one of the students' new favorites is Reigning Grace Ranch.

TIA is a K-12 private school located in Fountain Hills, and they've done community modules ranging from entrepreneurship and personal finances to performing and culinary arts. As the weather started to warm up, TIA added modules that get their students outside to garden and learn about animals.

In February, TIA received a grant from NFL Green to design and install a garden next to their playground at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church. Around the same time, they started going to Reigning Grace Ranch.



The Inspiration Academy students stand with mentors at Reigning Grace Ranch. From left are Aurora Brandstetter, Aiden Vanchieri and Jay Penick. Photo courtesy of Lisa Ristuccia.

The students go in alternating groups every Thursday – Boys go one week, girls go the other – and three students go each week for a mentoring program on Mondays after school.

TIA partnered with Reigning Grace for three programs. The one-on-one mentor program, a student leadership program for all students, and a service-learning program where students learn about the animals and agriculture on the ranch.

"Sometimes it's not actually about the animals. Sometimes it might be about cleaning up horse poop, and even learning leadership skills," 11-year-old Charlie Zemke said. "We were once able to describe a leader with certain adjectives, [like] polite, helpful and useful."

The students pick weeds, plant seeds and clean up after animals as part of their service learning program. One of the mentored students, 11-year-old Jay Penick, lived on his family farm before they moved to Fountain Hills, and he said he thinks the ranch chores are relaxing.

Penick planted an orange tree on the ranch, and he got to take home a chocolate mint plant, too. The students' favorite part of going is getting to see and pet the animals, but they also learn how each animal group helps the plants and other animals there.

Another student in the mentor program, 10-year-old Aurora Brandstetter, loves the animals at the

ranch. She was able to use washable paint on a willing miniature horse, and she's inspired by her mom's childhood stories.

"I wish that I could live on a farm like my mom and my grandpa used too," Brandstetter said. "She's always telling me about it. How fun it was; like, even the chores were fun. They had woods in the back yard, and they could just walk in it, and she found baby turtles. Even if I didn't find baby turtles in the desert, I would still like to live on a farm like that or a ranch."

Reigning Grace Ranch seeks to provide a place for people to experience hope, healing and encouragement. The nonprofit organization uses Christian-based mentorship and the rescued horses inspiring stories to help strengthen the student's futures.

"You get to do a lot of fun things, like you get to ride horses and you get to groom horses," 10-year-old Aiden Vanchieri said. "My mentor calls horse treats 'yum yums,' and he lets me feed them to one of the horses."

TIA received grant funding from the Fountain Hills Crisis Response Team to cover mentorship costs for three students. The kids develop relationships, responsibility, and self-confidence through the weekly program.

The students do different activities when they are there together. They have climbed stacks of hay bales, built an obstacle course and guided blind-



Jay Penick holds up a lamb at Reigning Grace Ranch. Photo courtesy of Lisa Ristuccia.

folded classmates through it, and they interact with all sorts of animals in the "Critter Corner."

"I like petting pigs," Zemke said. "Their fur, I guess you could call it, is kind of bristly. Sometimes we also are able to have a little lamb, it's very cute and we pet it, but one

thing about the lamb is that it always follows the previous person who fed it."

TIA is accepting enrollment for the 2023-24 school year, and you can learn more by calling 480-294-0193, or by visiting theinspirationacademy.org.

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The Arts & Entertainment

Theater’s ‘Curious Incident’ promotes autism awareness

Fountain Hills Theater announces the opening of the Tony Award-winning play “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.” Winner of five Tony Awards including Best Play, “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” is a “truly remarkable theatrical experience that will change how you experience everyday life,” a press release read.

Based on the international best-selling book, the play takes the audience inside the mind of Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old autistic math savant who talks in loud declamatory sentences, has never ventured beyond the end of his street, doesn’t do “chat” and can’t stand to be touched. When he discovers that his neighbor’s dog has been murdered and that he has fallen under suspicion, Boone sets out to solve the crime, embarking on a journey that will upend his world.

“The show has taught me that people on the autism spectrum have a lot of layers,” Elias Matthews said, who plays young Christopher Boone. “The most tricky part about playing Christopher is the rapid-fire nature of the piece. The show’s scenes range from seven minutes to 20 seconds and you have to switch emotions, locations and everything on a dime.”

Dan Marburger, a returning actor at the Fountain Hills Theater who plays Christopher’s father, Ed, says this play provides a particular perspective on autism that anyone could benefit from watching.

“What makes this play so unique is that, instead



From left, Dan Marburger and Elias Matthews cast in “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” playing at Fountain Hills Theater April 28 through May 14.

of looking at autism from the outside looking in, it’s mostly narrated from Christopher’s perspective,” Marburger said. “So, we get a view of autism through an autistic person. That is enlightening for anybody.”

This play is special to the staff at Fountain Hills Theater, which is comprised of individuals with autism or who have family members with autism. On Friday, May 5, the theater is offering a \$10 discount for theater tickets. Attendees can use the code “AUTISM” at check-out to take advantage of this special pricing.

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” is rated PG for language. Recommended for ages 14 and older. This production contains bright lights, loud sounds and projections that may be upsetting for those with high-sensory disorders.

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time”

is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. It is directed by Ben Tyler and stars Elias Matthews, Cindy Pruett, Dan Marburger, Amani Mckenzie, Donna Kaufman, Roger Prenger, Grant Roberts, Arthur Kilduff, Cheye Bieber and Cynthia Elek.

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” will play April 28 through May 14 with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are \$35 for adults and \$18 for youth 17 and under. Seniors receive a \$5 discount on all Thursday performances. Group, active duty and veteran discounts are available.

All performances are at Fountain Hills Theater on its Mainstage at 11445 N. Saguaro Blvd. Tickets are available through the Theater Box Office at 480-837-9661 x3 or by visiting fhtaz.org. Box Office Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, call Fountain Hills Theater Artistic Director, Peter J. Hill at 480-837-9661 x7.

Youth theater camps set

This summer, Fountain Hills Theater is offering two three-week summer camp sessions including “Legally Blonde Jr.,” running June 12-30, and “Annie Kids,” running July 10-28. These performance-based camps will focus on the essential skills needed for a working theater production, alongside professional teaching artists who provide real-world training.

Through rehearsals and lessons, campers will build self-confidence, gain skills for all aspects of life and grow new friendships with their fellow castmates. All campers will have a part in the production, perform two ticketed eve-

ning performances, have their picture and bio in the show program and receive a camp t-shirt.

Each summer camp is available for campers ages 8-11 in Performance Academy 1 and ages 12-16 in Performance Academy 2.

Campers in Performance Academies 1 and 2 will start each day in their own age group, learning and practicing the skills they need to be a “triple threat.” In the second half of each day, campers will work together as an ensemble to bring their musical performance to life.

“Legally Blonde Jr.” will feature a 60-minute performance for the public on Thursday, June 29, at 6

p.m. and Friday, June 30, at 6 p.m.

“Annie Kids” will feature a 30-minute performance for the public on Thursday, July 27, at 6 p.m. and Friday, July 28, at 6 p.m.

Tickets for “Legally Blonde Jr.” can be purchased by visiting bit.ly/scfhtblonde and tickets for “Annie Kids” can be purchased at bit.ly/scfhtan-nie.

Performances are held at Fountain Hills Youth Theater, 11445 N. Saguaro Blvd. Tuition for each summer camp is \$600 and held Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited. Visit fhtaz.org or call 480-837-9661 x3 to register.

Watercolor Association featured

Through May 9, the Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA) is holding its Spring Exhibition at The Gallery on the Way at Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church on Shea Boulevard.

The AWA is an Arizona-based non-profit corpora-

tion that promotes and advances the art of painting in water-soluble media and the promotion of public awareness in watercolor mediums by way of education, exhibitions and other organized events.

The Gallery on the Way welcomes all people to explore and experience art, creativity and their shared humanity. Through its Arts on the Desert program, the gallery values integrity, diversity, inclusivity, excellence and a deepening public understanding of the importance of the arts.

“The gallery is intended

to be an oasis where curiosity and continuous learning thrive, while offering a place of restoration and renewal where all may belong,” a press release read.

The Gallery on the Way is located at 12990 E. Shea Blvd. Visitors are welcomed on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and should contact the church’s office at 480-451-0860 prior to their visit.

For more information on the AWA visit arizonawatercolorassociation.com. For more information on The Gallery on the Way visit st-anthony.net.



“Singing Sommelier” by David Amsellem is one of many watercolor art pieces that will be featured at the Arizona Watercolor Association Spring Exhibition held at The Gallery on the Way at Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church on Shea Blvd.



Pony visit

Eleanor Clemens enjoyed a visit from the Tender Little Hearts miniature horses that make frequent visits to the Fountain Hills Library. Photo Courtesy of Chris Clemens.

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Sports

Baseball

Underclassmen push Falcons from play-in to playoffs

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

The Fountain Hills High School baseball team ended its regular season with two wins over No. 10 Scottsdale Christian Academy (8-7) last week. The Falcons (14-3) hold the No. 3 ranking at the time of writing, and they will host their first playoff game next Tuesday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Fountain Hills Middle School.

The Falcons celebrated senior night with a 12-1 win on Monday, April 17. Senior Zach Mendello went one for two at the plate and had an RBI, and fellow seniors Devyn Hernandez, Tim Lamar and Kyle Biebrich combined to score four runs for the Falcons.

Mendello went two for two in the 8-2 win at Scottsdale on Thursday, April 20, and added another RBI and a run. Senior Cy Dethlefs pitched five innings in relief and had six strikeouts compared to just two hits allowed and one walk.

“The seniors, it’s different for each player,” head coach Bob Langer said. “I think they’ve all had an impact. We have a

lot of kids on the team, so they’ve learned to assume roles and they accept their role.”

Langer said one reason they’ve been successful this season is the fact that their seniors have been great role players. The Falcons have used Lamar as a base runner since he came over to the team after spending the last three springs on the track team, and Lamar is sixth in the region in stolen bases and first on the team.

Dethlefs is another senior who joined this year. He and Biebrich have brought experience to the bullpen, and each of them have 14 strikeouts this year. Biebrich is the only senior to play all four years with the program, and he knows the ins and outs of Fountain baseball.

“They have a lot of knowledge about the game they can share with us,” sophomore Aidan Cronican said. “We’re a really young team, I think. We have one senior that starts, so they can share a lot of stuff they’ve experienced.”

The Falcons have eight underclassmen on varsity this year, but they had 13 last year. They’ve grown

a lot and improved their team batting average from .280 last year to .317, and they improved their on base percentage from .395 to .448 this year.

The underclassmen showed they were capable last year when they made the play-in tournament as the No. 21 seed. They all grew, and junior Nathan Hughes and sophomores Eli Johnson and Cronican hit their first career home runs this season.

Junior Tyler Langer had four home runs last year, and he hit his fifth home run of this season in the third inning of senior night. Cronican hit his first career home run on the play after Langer’s, and the Falcons exploded for six runs in that third inning.

The Falcons started down 1-0 after the first inning but tied it up in the second and took the lead with their home runs in the third. Cronican also pitched one strikeout and allowed three hits and zero runs in five innings.

The Falcons were down 2-0 on the road in the season finale, but they broke loose for five runs in the fourth and went on to win 8-2. Cronican, Mendello



Times photo by George Zeliff

Sophomore Aidan Cronican hit his first career home run against Scottsdale Christian Academy on Monday, April 17.

and sophomore Zion Sidhu all had two hits, and Hughes led the team with two RBIs.

The Falcons grew during the season as well as the offseason. Scottsdale Christian came into the season hot after winning the 2A state championship last year, and they beat Fountain Hills 16-1 in the first game this season. Tournament games don’t affect rankings, and the Falcons got redemption from their biggest loss of the season.

“Every single day we came to practice and got better,” Cronican said. “We just worked on all the little

things that we didn’t do in the first Scottsdale Christian game, and we executed them in both of these ones.”

The Falcons will practice like normal and will find out who their first round opponent is after the play-in games Wednesday, April 26. It does not appear junior Kyan Taylor will be able to pitch after injuring his shoulder against North-west Christian on April 13, but Langer plans to use a committee approach unless someone gets hot in the playoffs.

The Falcons have always been a play-in team under Langer’s head coaching. If they maintain a top-four

ranking, they will be able to host the first round at 4 p.m. next Tuesday, May 2, and the second round on Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. The quarterfinals will be from May 9 to May 13, at the Goodyear Baseball Complex.

“Every practice, they get about 65-70 swings,” Langer said. “It’s not just going up there and hitting, it’s different things we work on. They’re getting to be better hitters. You can’t do it over night, it’s a process. They’re all buying into it, they’re picking each other up, their attitudes are great, and they’re putting the work in.”

Sports Briefs

VOTS plays another round

The Valley of the Sun golf group played a scramble at Painted Mountain Golf Course on Wednesday, April 19.

The winners were Jack Cranmer, Art Spalding, David Neumeyer and Bill Dunbar. Coming in second place was the team of Clark Ewing, Kirk Stubbs, Daniel Wochos and Donald Butler. Third place went to Roger Saylor, Jack Pihaly, Gary Fredricks and Steve Thomsen.

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Bogey Boys Season finale

The Bogey Boys honored their previous president and held their season-ending annual party on Friday, April 14. Ron Fett retired last October after 14 years serving the golf group, and the Bogey Boys presented a plaque to honor him at the party.

The group followed up by playing their regular three-man best ball game at The Orange Tree Golf Resort on Monday, April 17. The winning team in a scorecard playoff at -11 was Dave Hatting, newcomer Craig Roberts, David Mur-

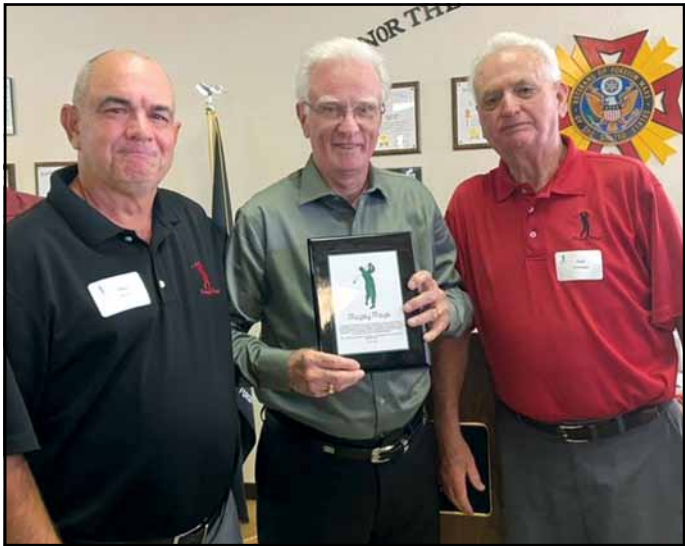
phy, and Dan Kinner.

Second place went to the team of Lyman Schliep, Clark Ewing, Mike Saladino, and Bill O’Callaghan. Six golfers won skins: Mike Hoops (2), Brad Strehlow, Dan Kinner, Jim Sandow, David Murphy, and Bill O’Callaghan.

Gold flight low net winners were Clark Ewing (69) and Jim Kidwell (71) with Silver flight going to George Vogelgesang (72) in a scorecard playoff over Ron Fett.

The Wednesday travel group played at Grand Canyon University on April 19. The winning team at -3 was Mike Hoops, Jerry Lynch, Jim Dygert, and Jim Molloy. Closest to the pin winners were Jerry Lynch, Mike Hoops, and Dave Stensrud. Long putt went to Al Wahlstrand.

For membership information go to azgolf.org; click on join/renew, join a club, and search the club directory for “Bogey Boys of AZ.”



Fett honored

Mike Hoops, Bogey Boys’ new president on the left, and Dan Kinner, right, presented a plaque to Ron Fett, middle, to honor his 14 years as president of the Bogey Boys. Photo courtesy of Linda Prochnick.

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Beach volleyball

Falcons fall in second round, send two pairs to tourney

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

Juniors Bella Garman and Sydney Boeshans did something for the Fountain Hills High School beach volleyball team in the first round of the playoffs that they'd only done once before. The top pair put the team on their back and won in overtime to defeat No. 9 Mesquite (8-3) 3-2 on Monday, April 17.

Garman and Boeshans beat Eastmark in a tie-breaker set to win 3-2 in the second match of the season on Feb. 24. The stakes were much higher in the first round, and Garman and Boeshans won the last two sets 23-21, 15-6 to win after losing the first set 21-8.

"I was actually very stressed out," Garman said. "It was the second set, and it was 18-20 for them, and I was like, 'if I miss this serve, I lose playoffs for everybody'...We're a very supportive duo. We click really well together and there's never any negative energy on the court."

The pressure was on the top pair, and all eyes were on them at Golden Eagle Park. They played with their backs against the wall, and they had 15 ties and 10 lead changes in the second set. After Garman and Boeshans won the second set, they jumped out ahead 6-0 in the third set and went on to win so the

team could advance.

The Falcons also got wins from their No. 2 and No. 5 pairs. Sophomores Jocelyn Bloedel and Kitrick Garman won the second pair handily, 21-11, 21-16, but juniors Bree March and Savannah Peterson fought harder than they had all season to win 22-20, 22-20.

March and Peterson were down 20-15 in the first set, and they hit shots perfectly on the line or in the back corners to make it 20-18. Peterson served two aces in a row, and then they fought for two more points in a row to win.

March and Peterson were down 12-6 in the second set, but they rallied from behind and caught up to make it 18-18. They fought back and forth, until March nailed the back left corner and followed it up with an ace to win 22-20.

"Game on the line, are we thinking about the score? Are we thinking about the white flag? Heck no," head coach Peter McGloin said. "To be able to execute in those types of situations, you have to be fully in the moment. You have to be committed to whatever you're doing. You have to be confident in yourself."

Junior Elle Schulze and senior Liv Sopeland lost the four pair 21-14, 21-17, and sophomore Lucia Kalmbach and junior Sophie Wickland lost 23-21, 21-19 in the three pair. Kalmbach and Wickland lost 21-16,

21-17 in the second round, but McGloin said he loved the way they battled.

"We knew we were playing a good team," McGloin said. "You have to be purposeful. You have to be aggressive. You can't just lob balls over the net and expect something good to happen, and they were throwing punches."

No. 1 Salpointe Catholic stood in the way of the Falcons advancing any further as a team. The No. 8 Falcons (11-4) lost 5-0 last Wednesday, April 19, and it was their only 5-0 loss this year.

Eight of the 10 staters for Salpointe were upperclassmen, and five of those were seniors. The No. 4 and No. 5 pairs lost 21-12, 21-5 and 21-7, 21-7, but the top three pairs all had closer matches.

After the No. 3 pair lost 21-16, 21-17, Bella and Boeshans lost 21-18, 21-14, Bloedel and Kitrick lost 21-13, 21-15. It was the first No. 1 match that Bella and Boeshans lost, and it was the first loss Bloedel and Kitrick had together all season.

The Falcons lost one senior last season, and they will lose Sopeland to graduation this year. They have six rising seniors and three rising juniors able to return, and all of them got their first playoff victory, which will only inspire them to reach higher next year.

"We've been told the past



Times photo by George Zeliff

Junior Savannah Peterson hits a deep shot on route to a 22-20, 22-20 first round playoff win over Mesquite on Monday, April 17.

three years, every year is some growth year because there was such a big senior class my freshman year, so none of us got to play," Bella said. "But now, we're going to have a majority of seniors on our varsity team and indoor. This is a year where we really have to put in work because this is all our last years playing. This is not a growth year. This is our peak year."

McGloin said rosters like the one he'll have next year don't come around too often. He has high hopes for the team and said they can't let up in the off-season. The Falcons had six

freshmen on junior varsity this year, and McGloin said they'll be nipping at heels trying to get playing time next year.

The Falcons will have an edge like nobody else next year. Five of their 10 starters will have previously played in the individual pairs tournament. Wickland made it to the second round with Mia Kohoutek last year, and two other pairs are going this year.

The tournament will take place at Casteel High School next week. Bella and Boeshans earned the No. 5 pair ranking in the division and have a first

round bye. They play their first match on Tuesday, May 2, at 5 p.m. If they win, they'll play in the quarterfinals at 6:30 p.m. on May 2.

Kitrick and Bloedel had 13 wins this season, same as Bella and Boeshans. The second pair did not receive a first round bye, so they will play their first match on Monday, May 1, at 5 p.m.

The semi-finals and finals will be on Thursday, May 4, at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Casteel High School. *The Times* will report if one or both the pairs advance.

Softball team splits week with SCA

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

The Fountain Hills High School softball team rolled with the punches all season and made the best out of difficult situations. The Falcons beat Scottsdale Christian Academy and won their first non-tournament game on senior night last Monday, April 17.

The Falcons "run ruled" the Eagles and beat them 15-5. The Falcons had a six-run inning that blew the game wide open, and they celebrated seniors Mia Duda, LJ Holland and Alexis Ibarra.

Duda has played all season and plans to play for Golden West College next year. She committed before her senior season started, and Holland and Ibarra joined midway through the year to give the Falcons enough players to keep competing.

The Falcons couldn't repeat their success at Scottsdale three days later, despite junior Alicia Ibarra going three for three at the plate. The Falcons lost 22-12 on Thursday, April 20.

"We had a huge game on Monday," interim head coach Chris Peterson said. "We played the game the way it was supposed to be played. We won and it felt good. The girls really vibed with it. I think they wanted to bring that with them today and it just didn't work."

The Falcons had a six-game hiatus after a coaching change, and they returned in the middle of their region schedule. The Falcons felt best about their match-ups with No. 35 Scottsdale Christian (2-9), since three of their last five games were against top-10 teams, No. 7 Northwest Christian and No. 9 Bourgade Catholic.

"Obviously, it's been a really interesting season," Duda said. "It felt good to win a game, because I know the girls on the basketball team that joined, they were also pretty excited about it, too. We came into yesterday's game hoping to win, but I think we all got into our heads too much and it just didn't work out in the end."

The Falcons played on a unique turf field at Scottsdale Christian. The Eagles play on their school's football field, and home plate was right where an end zone pylon would typically be. Duda had played on turf before but said the football field was probably the weirdest softball field she's ever played on.

Peterson said the field reminded him of playing as a kid in an empty parking lot. There was no pitcher's mound, but he said it all worked out because everyone had the same advantages and disadvantages.

"I always ask the girls 'what does the umpire say at the beginning of the game?'," Peterson said.



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Junior Alicia Ibarra went three for three at bat at Scottsdale Christian Academy last Thursday, April 20.

"He says, 'play ball,' and I always remind them he doesn't say 'work ball.' I tell them that we are here because we signed up for fun, and that's what we are going to continue to do."

Duda said her teammates were able to shake off the loss to Scottsdale within 10 minutes on the bus ride home. The Falcons scored 16, 15, and 12 runs in their last three games, and they only scored 17 combined runs in their first three conference games this year.

"It's definitely better than how our season first started," Duda said. "We didn't even make double digits, but now we are. We're improving slowly."

Duda has played softball for Fountain Hills all four years and didn't expect

to have any other senior teammates this year. She thanks all the players that joined mid-way through the year and made it possible to end the year with a senior night.

"It was definitely emotional," Duda said. "You've been kind of waiting for this moment, and at senior night it hits you that you're graduating this year. It's like you're moving on too, and you're not going to play with these girls anymore and it's sad."

The Falcons had one more game that they played against Bourgade Catholic after press time on Monday, April 24. They hoped to carry momentum from their games against Scottsdale Christian into their season finale.



Senior LJ Holland joined the softball team to give them enough girls to play, and she was one of three seniors honored at senior night.

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Track makes late-season push for state competition

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

The Fountain Hills High School track and field team went to Queen Creek for the True Grit Invitational last Friday, April 21. The Falcons had a few standout performances, and several athletes are closing the gap to qualify for state.

Senior JP Cahill overcame several challenges and set a new personal record (PR) in long jump (20-0). Last year, Cahill jumped 20-3 at a home meet but it wasn't a state qualifying meet. According to head coach Kevin Clancy, Cahill broke his femur on his next jump at that home meet, and Cahill missed his chance to compete at state.

Cahill is now qualified for the state meet but needs to maintain his standing and his health. Cahill placed fourth at the wrestling state championships this year, and Clancy said this year he's on a "redemption tour."

Another standout was junior Brendan Davies, who set a PR in pole vault. The opening height was higher than Davies had ever cleared, but he managed to make the nine-foot mark.

Senior Dylan Romans set a new PR in the 100m (12.64) and 200m (25.80). Romans now has the second fastest 200m time on the team and fifth fastest 100m.

Junior Skye Alker improved her 1600m (5:56.54) and helped the 4x400m girls team set a new record (4:36.18). Freshman Alli Guerrette, and juniors Eliana Bartman and Erin Hooley also ran in the relay, and the Falcons will be debuting their girls

4x800m relay team this week at the Northeast Valley Championships.

"It was an okay meet for us," Clancy said. "I was telling the team, it feels like a little bit of a plateau. Sometimes we have mediocre, off meets because it means we're going to have a breakout meet, and that's what happened with Northeast Valley last year. It was just a complete breakout meet and I think this is kind of setting the tone for that."

The Falcons only set new records on 21 of their 71 events at True Grit. Several athletes ran comparable times to their best of the season, but they only have one more week to qualify for state.

"I think we're at the point now that we know this is the last weekend," Clancy said. "It's not always linear. Progress isn't linear and sometimes you continue to improve and sometimes you have setbacks and sometimes you just don't see progress. I think this is one of the ones where, they've been improving so much, they just had a little bit of a plateau."

Clancy and his assistants gathered around 16 athletes in a room last week and showed them how close they were to making state, and what they need to work on in order to get there. His goal is to have a similar number of people in a room when they prepare for state.

Outside of relay events, there are no team competitions at state. Clancy said several relay teams are ready to make a late push, and he's excited to see the girls 4x800m team of Hooley, Alker, Guerrette and sophomore Sara Dethlefs debut at the Northeast

Valley Championships.

Junior Jeneya Boone returned from injury on a limited basis and only ran in the 4x100m relay. Clancy said to look out for Boone as she gets her health back, as well as Guerrette in the 800m, Alker in the 1600m and senior Tyler Irvine-Violette in both events this week. Clancy also has his eyes on the hurdles event, as three Falcons are close to making it.

Senior Gunnar Wise set a PR in the 300m hurdles last weekend (45.64), and so did junior Garren Keeler (45.74). They are ranked No. 30 and No. 31 respectively, and senior Zion Atwood is ranked No. 16 (43.80). Wise is ranked No. 20 in the 110m hurdles, Atwood is No. 31, and Keeler is ranked No. 35.

The Falcons had huge jumps in their records last year at the end of the season. They can happen at any time, as junior Eliana Bartman had been throwing discus around 75 to 80 inches but threw 94'11" at the Bears Invitational on April 15. She went from not being ranked to being No. 16, and Clancy hopes



Junior Garren Keeler is one of three Falcons with a chance to qualify for state in hurdle events. Photo courtesy of Kim Guerrette.

others will have breakout performances this week.

The Falcons will compete in the Northeast Valley Championships at Horizon High School today, Wednesday, April 26, and

Friday, April 28. Division meets will be next Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, and the state meet will begin on Friday May 12.

"Last year we had only two kids that went on, now

we have double that who have ensured themselves in," Clancy said. "Probably four times that amount have the ability to do it. It'll be exciting to see who's able to make it."

Golf wraps home play today

By George Zeliff
Times Reporter

The Fountain Hills High School golf team had back-to-back matches last week and will have another pair of back-to-back matches this week. The Falcons will play their final home match today, Wednesday, April 26, and tee off will be at 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Bob Buczek plans to play all his Falcons in the season finale. There are no seniors on the team, but Buczek encourages people to come out for the first hole and support the team.

The Falcons were on the road at Chaparral Pines in Payson for a cold and windy day last Wednesday, April 19. The Falcons took second place, and junior Ethan Schafer led the team at 43, and freshmen Riley Murdock and Adam Oberg followed with 46 and 47, respectively.

Juniors Jaxson Butcher followed with 48, and Tom Tiebert with 51. Sophomore Savannah Miller finished at 59, and fellow sophomore Zoe Kohoutek rounded out the scores with 66.

"We're just trying to win," Schafer said. "We're practicing a lot. We're practicing every day so hopefully the next match we win...We're [ranked] 17th and 17 teams make it. We have to finish good because there's a lot of teams dropping right now."

The Falcons have kept their ranking around No. 15 to No. 17 all season, and they are worried about losing ground in the final weeks of the regular season. The Falcons have four more matches and four



Times photo by George Zeliff

The Falcons play their final home game at Desert Canyon today. Junior Ethan Schafer looks to qualify for state and help his team join him, too.

more chances to improve their scores at the time of writing.

The Falcons played their 10th match of the season at Trilogy Golf at Power Ranch on Thursday, April 20. The Falcons took second place again, but this time Tiebert led the team with 42.

Schafer was second at 45, and Murdock was third at 57. Oberg and Butcher tied at 50.

"We had a couple of matches that didn't help a whole lot, and now were down to the last four," Buczek said. "Everybody else is dropping all their high scores and there's a lot of movement in the rankings right now, so we just need to play good golf to make it."

Buczek saw some of his

players practicing the chipping and putting drills that PGA pro Steve Alker showed them, and they showed improvement in those areas. The best seven scores from the season are counted in rankings, and the Falcons can erase a bad outing from early on with a strong one at the end of the season.

Even if the team doesn't qualify for state, the Falcons could send athletes to compete individually. Schafer's older brother competed as an individual at state for the past two years, and he's in a prime position to make it this year either way.

"Believe me, I have my spreadsheet out and I'm calculating the numbers and going 'what do we have to do to get the team in state?'" Buczek said. "It looks like Ethan will probably make state. He has a better shot at making state than our team does right now."

Buczek also said that Tiebert has a good chance

of making state. The pressure is on, and the Falcons have their second chance of the week at home today. The Falcons played at McCormick Ranch Golf Course after press time yesterday, April 25.

Next Tuesday, the Falcons will head out to Kokopelli to face Gilbert Christian, Tempe Prep and Gilbert Classical. Their final match of the regular season will be the Metro Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5, at Sun City Golf Club.

Football fundraiser, meet the new coach

Pete Schermerhorn is the new Fountain Hills High School head football coach, and he will be at a percentage night fundraiser at Cold Beers & Cheeseburgers in Scottsdale tonight, Wednesday, April 26, from 4 to 10 p.m. Twenty percent of all sales in the timeframe will benefit Falcon football.

Schermerhorn comes from Michigan and will have lived in Fountain Hills for two years this July. His brother has lived in Fountain Hills for five years, and he and his wife moved here after retiring from Michigan.

Schermerhorn spent the majority of his 35 years coaching and teaching at his own alma mater, Portage Northern High School. He was brought in to reinvigorate the football program back then, and Portage Northern went 26-7 in his last three years there.

Schermerhorn has won seven conference championships and two district championships. He's been

named Region Coach of the Year twice and was the Michigan Associated Press Class A State Coach of the Year in 2001. Since he retired from Portage Northern, he's been nominated to the Michigan Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

His two years in retirement from coaching was the first time he'd been away from football since he was eight years old. The Falcons will have a new field, new coaches, and a new logo next year, and Schermerhorn's excited to get back to work on the gridiron.

"I think the biggest thing is I want to bring some stability to the program where the kids understand what the expectations are and what the opportunities are within the program," Schermerhorn said. "It will be consistent throughout the year and [the] years. Just bringing that level of consistency to the football program, I think is something that is needed here in Fountain Hills."

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LIFT meets for Spring at the Fountain Events set for Day of Prayer



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church's Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) met at Fountain Park for a "Spring at the Fountain" planning and lunch meeting. LIFT meets monthly to enjoy social time together, plan community outreach projects, take field trips and host educational speakers. From left, Donna Hawkinson, Pat Flug, Rose Gibson, Vickey Thompson, Linda Marchi, Suzanne Kudrle (standing), Jeanette Anderson and Viv Tam with her faithful companion, Zinny. Not pictured are Judy Konop and Sue Bye. An outing in May to the Queen Creek Olive Mill for a tour and lunch is planned.

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4, and the Fountain Hills Christian Ministerial Association has announced 24 hours of continuous prayer for Fountain Hills and the nation.

The 24 hours of prayer will be held at SBC Fountain Hills in the Discovery Kids building, 15202 N. Fountain Hills Blvd. The prayer vigil begins Wednesday, May 3, at 5 p.m. and ends Thursday, May 4, at 5 p.m.

"We invite you to come and join fellow Christians as we corporately lift our nation to God," a press release said of the event.

Attendees are welcome to register online to indicate which hour(s) they will be present for prayer. For a link to register, email fhcma@yahoo.com, call 480-612-8835 or sign up at [Eventbrite.com/e/24-hours-of-prayer-2023-tickets-596335785387](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/24-hours-of-prayer-2023-tickets-596335785387).

On Thursday, May 4, from 8 to 9 a.m., a Four Corners Prayer will take place followed by a prayer walk (or hike) beginning at 9 a.m. at Fountain Park. Then, at 12 noon, there will be a time of prayer at the flagpole at Town Hall followed by the main National Day of Prayer event held at Cornerstone Church of Fountain Hills at 6 p.m.

The Four Corners Prayer is meant to attract the local community to pray over the Verde River Valley area including Fountain Hills, Rio Verde and the Ft. McDowell Reservation. All four locations will pray "over the land" simultaneously.

The locations for Four Corners Prayer are Reigning Grace Ranch, Eagle View RV Resort (meet on the road), Desert Creek Fellowship and the Adero Canyon Trailhead.

For more information, visit fountainhillscma.org.

LEGACIES

In my vocation as a pastor, I lead memorial services for those who have died. These worship services are times to celebrate the life of the one who has died, mourn our loss of them, and witness to the promise of the resurrection.

In these services, I share Biblical verses which speak of God's power over death and God's love. As I share, I intertwine these verses with the person's life story as together we praise God and remember the person.

I have led several memorial services this spring. As I have planned them, I have wondered what is truly memorable about the person. Sometimes it is their faith, their strength in the face of disease, their love for their family, their humor. Always, though, no matter what is memorable about them personally, we rely on God's grace which saved them.

Yet, I wonder, what is memorable about me, or you? For what do I, do you, want to be remembered?

Certainly, I want to be remembered as a sinner saved by grace, for at the end, that is who I am. But then what? It is not our skills or talents many of us want to be lifted up at our death. I hope it is how we allowed the Spirit of God to bear fruit within us.

Two things strike me here. One, Paul

writes about the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, and he also goes to speak of love's characteristic traits. He writes, in Galatians 5:22, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Will we be remembered for exercising the fruit of the Spirit which is love? If so, thanks be to God!

Second, if we are remembered as exercising the fruit of the Spirit which is love, how will that work? It has often been stressed to me that no matter what disagreement you might have with someone, or they with you, it is important to stay in relationship, to show that love. God does this with us. He is the hound of heaven, as it has been said; his love will not let us go, as it has been sung. He remembers us always and is always there for us.

Paul also wrote, in *1 Corinthians 13:13*, "And now, faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."



Cathy Northrup, Pastor

Wisdom from the Bible

by Ken Vos

1. In Galatians 5:22-23 how many fruit of the Spirit are recorded?
a) 3 b) 5 c) 7 d) 9

2. In I Corinthians 13:13 what does Paul declare to be the greatest?
a) Mercy. b) Love c) Hope d) Faith

3. In Luke 22:19 Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks. What did he also proclaim?
a) Do this until the kingdom of God comes. b) Take the cup and drink. c) Do this in remembrance of me. d) Take the bread and eat.

4. In Luke 23:42 what did one thief on the cross say to Jesus?
a) Remember me when you come into your kingdom. b) Are you not the Messiah? c) Save yourself and us. d) This is the King of the Jews.

Answers: 1)d, 2) b, 3) c, 4) a

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Clubs

Local DAR works to save historic club

The Four Peaks Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) welcomed ASDAR Regent Sallie Béraud Lovorn and several members of her leadership team to its meeting on Saturday, April 8. It was an official visit by the state regent who presented details of her efforts to support the preservation of the Mountain View Club of Arizona's historic Ft. Huachuca near Sierra Vista, Ariz.

From 1892 through the post-World War II years, Ft. Huachuca hosted more Black soldiers and officers (including female units) than any other Army fort across the country. Located approximately 15 miles north of the Arizona-Mexico border, It was from Ft. Huachuca that the last four official U.S. Army Indian scouts were discharged in August 1947. The Mountain View Club building is one of more than 1400 structures quickly built during WWII and intended to be semi-temporary. Designed by Del Webb, it was built as an entertainment and morale venue for Black officers and now is one of the very few remaining



Welcomed by DAR's Four Peaks Chapter and Chapter Regent Viree Byrne (center), ASDAR State Regent Sallie Béraud Lovorn (in red with blue sash) and members of her leadership board met with the Four Peaks Chapter to discuss their support to preserve the Mountain View Club of Arizona's historic Ft. Huachuca near Sierra Vista, Ariz.

structures from the era on the Army post. During the war years and afterward, the building hosted top entertainers including Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Dinah Shore. In later years, it was an integrated non-commissioned officer club and served as a theatre. An ongoing project now seeks to preserve and renovate the Mountain View Club building as a museum

of Black military history, with ASDAR as one of the partners involved. Called "A Walk Through History," Arizona DAR's project includes the support of research and several signs along a one-mile pathway around the facility. Full funding and initial panel designs for the signs are due by the summer of 2023. As part of the Four Peaks Chapter meeting, Chapter Regent Viree Byrne was

happy to present a check to State Regent Lovorn in support of her project. Byrne also provided an overview of the chapter's many activities during the past year. Four Peaks is one of 42 NSDAR chapters in Arizona. DAR's efforts support goals of historic preservation, education and patriotism. For more information or membership inquiries, contact Viree Byrne at sissy78982@aol.com.

New Elks Lodge officers installed

On Sunday, April 16, new officers for the 2023-24 Fountain Hills Elks Lodge #2846 were installed by visiting dignitary Mari Slocum, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) along with last year's officers. The Elks Lodge is a growing fraternal organization that sets goals in the care of veterans, youth and the community. The new officers are Judi Beischel, Billy Pageau, Sue Modrak, Russ Bonaguidi, Jody Knapp, Dave Peter-

son, Jim Beischel, Jane Lienemann, Cindy Backes, Christan Heintz, John Engels and Greg Thomas. The Elks Lodge is open at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays for meetings and socials, Fridays for dinner, the last Sunday of the month for karaoke and for special occasions including St. Patrick's Day, Flag Day, Cinco de Mayo, the Preakness Stakes horse race and College and NFL football games. For more information, visit the Elks Lodge at 16766 E. Parkview Ave.



The newly installed 2023-24 Fountain Hills Elks Lodge #2846 officers.

Caregivers meet May 1

The Fountain Hills Caregivers Support Group will have an open discussion about various caregiving issues at its next meeting on Monday, May 1. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center. The open discussion will cover a broad range of issues including how to manage the effects of caregiving on the caregiver's personal health as well as contending with the emotional strain and drain of caring for a family member. Attendees are encouraged to bring caregiving materials to the meeting including books, articles, pamphlets and websites. This sharing of information allows for the exchange of thoughts and ideas about viable solu-

tions to particular caregiving concerns. For more information, contact Jim Judge at 480-209-8755 or Bill Whittaker at 480-837-7961. Open to all caregivers regardless of age, affliction or place of residence, the Fountain Hills Caregivers Support Group offers a responsive environment where caregivers may discover they are neither unique in their situation nor alone in their feelings and experiences. It allows caregivers to exchange ideas and information, find solutions to similar problems and suggest discussion topics for future meetings. It is also an opportunity for caregivers to develop informal networks and peer groups for extended support.

Club Briefs

Post 58 holds weekly events
American Legion Post 58 hosts weekly events that are open to the public, including Bingo every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, April 28, the World's Smallest Quartet will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, April 29, Hooters Blues will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. On Sunday, April 30, DJ Ed will perform from 1 to 4 p.m. during the Sunday Funday event. Events are held at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E. Parkview Ave.

Contract bridge winners told
Contract bridge is played every Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Membership in the Community Center is required

to participate. Winners from April 19 include Joanne Arneson in first place, Vess Drazev in second and Doug Stewart in third. Winners from April 21 include Elen Drazev in first place, Joanne Arneson in second and Joanne Moreland in third. **FH Rotary Club hosts speakers**
The Rotary Club of Fountain Hills invites the public to its 2023 speaker series. On Tuesday, May 2, Lisa Ristuccia, founder of Inspiration Academy in Fountain Hills will speak. Held at American Legion Post 58, 16837 E. Parkview Ave., Rotary Club of Fountain Hills meets at 4 p.m. every first and third Tuesdays of the month.



Military Active Duty Honor Roll

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7507 and *The Times* wishes to honor residents, or close relatives of residents, of Fountain Hills, Verde communities and Fort McDowell who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

NAME & RANK	BRANCH OF SERVICE	CURRENT DEPLOYMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
1st Lt. Tyson Alexander	Marines	Camp Pendleton, Ca.	3
Col. Kevin J. Anderson	Marines	Afghanistan	25
Pfc. Nicholas M. D'Andia*	Army	Fort Rucker, Al	1
MGYSgt Chad Antes	Marines	Retired	30
Major Gabriel Avilla	Air Force	Afghanistan	12
Cpl Jeremy Baker*	Marines	29 Palms. Ca	3
Capt. Shon S. Belcher	Marines	Afghanistan	8
1st Lt. Jonathan Bonde*	Air Force	Cannon AFB, NM	3
Sgt Beau J R Boyd	Marines	Iraq	5
PO2 Travis Burke*	Coast Guard	Coos Bay, Oregon	3
E5 IT3 John Burton*	Navy	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	3
LCDR Michael Christoph	Navy	NAS Lemoore, CA	13
P.O. Michael Correy A Bushman	Navy	Med. Read.Tr Bremerton	14
Gy Sgt. Shane W. Butler	Marines	NSA Hampton Roads, VA	13
1st Lt. David Byrne	Air Force	Travis AFB, Calif.	2
2nd Lt. Michael Byrne	Air Force	Del Rio, TX	1
CMSgt RichardT. Cain	Air Force (Ret)	Mt Home AFB, Idaho	30
2nd Lt. Marie Carrillo	Army	Del Rio, Tx	3
1st Lt. Christopher D. Carrillo*	Air Force	Hill AFB, Utah	5
2nd Lt. Anthony J. Carrillo*	Air Force	Deployed	3
2nd Lt. Michael F. Carrillo*	Air Force	North Carolina	3
Peter Carollo*	AF Academy	Colorado	2
Sgt Case Collins*	Marines	MCAS Cherry Point, NC	3
Pfc Michael E. Craig	Marines	Okinawa, Japan	1
Sgt. E6 Mark A. Crosby	Army	Ft Bliss, Texas	6
SPC Blake M. Dargavel	Army	Afghanistan	1
Pfc. Jeffrey DeMeyer	Army	Fort Lee, Va.	1
STS2 John DeMeyer	Navy	NSF Groton, Conn.	5
1st Lt. Matthew P. Fierro*	Army	Ft Bliss, Texas	2
Lt. Kyle Frazer	Army	Germany	6
Brian Gratz*	Air Force	Baltimore, Md	1
SSG Ryan P. Guilfoil	Army	Phoenix, AZ	2
1st Lt. Todd Hadley	Air Force	Goodfellow AFB, Tx	7
Major Jeff Hanson	Marines	San Antonio, Tx	14
Major Joseph F. Hockmuth	Army	Ft. Lewis, Wa.	22
IT3 Tyler Hodge	Navy	USS Makin Island	3
Lt. Col Eric Hoversten	Air Force	Elmendorf AFB, Ak	20
Capt. Michael J. Howard*	Army	Fort Drum, NY	7
MSgt. James M. Hyland	Air Force	Afghanistan	5
Major Alex James	Marines	Pentagon	12
Spc. Charles P. Jones II*	Army	Fort Bliss, Tx	7
P.O. Kristofer Jones*	Navy	USS Nimitz (CVN68)	8
Sgt. Michael Jones*	Marines	Goodfellow AFB, Tx	4
1st Lt. Joshua Kandybowicz	Army	Afghanistan	3
E3 Kaylie Kantor*	Navy	Pensacola NAS	1
LtCol. Adam Keith*	Air Force	Langley AFB, Virginia	17
SSgt Nicholas Larson	Air Force	Kirtland AFB, NM	6
Cpl. Jonathan Lawson	Marines	Pendleton, Ca.	3
Capt. Tom Lesnick	Air Force	Lakenhealth, England	20
Capt. Kelly(Scribner) Lesnick	Air Force	Lakenhealth, England	5
Gm2 Maxwell T. Link*	Navy	USS Pinckney	1
Pfc. Joseph Luca*	Marines	Afghanistan	2
Major Kyle Lund	Air Force	England	7
Sgt. William J. MacDonald	Army	National Guard (IP)	6
2nd Lt. PavanManhas*	Air Force	Kirtland AFB, NM	1
Major Mike Mansell	Army	Germany	8
Lt. Nick Massie	Army	Walter Reed Hospital, DC	6
Capt. Eric L. Metzger	Air Force	Keesler AFB, Miss.	8
Capt. Robert C. Meyersohn	Air Force	Iraq	6
Sgt Alexander Mynars*	Marines	Okinawa, Japan	4
Cpl. BayLee Mynars	Marines	Okinawa, Japan	3
Spc Justin Nelson*	Army	Korea	1
Capt. Ronald L. Olson	Navy	Balboa Hosp. San Diego	26
LCMR Matthew S. Paul*	Navy	Norfolk, VA	14
PO3Max Tyler Pelot*	Navy (Corpsman)	Camp Pendleton, Ca	31
Lt. Col Blaine Peterson	Air Force	Iraq	20
Lan Cpl Jacob Pittsenbarger	Marines	Camp Pendleton, Ca	2
Lt. Col. Brian Polk	Army	Fort Houston, Tx	27
Capt. Bryan J. Pranski	Army	Chicago, Ill.	10
Ad E2 Andrew Prins*	Navy	NAS, Fl	1
2nd Lt Matt Rindel*	Air Force	North Carolina	3
Major Lars Rockholm	Marines	Alexandria, Va.	12
M.Sgt. Nathan C. Rohn*	Marines	Camp Lejeune NC	20
Pfc Zach C. Rollings*	Army	Afghanistan	2
Pv2 Nick Rollings*	National Guard	Prescott, Az	2
Pfc Robert A. Rossfeld*	Army	Afghanistan	2
ET1 Michael L. Schluter	Navy	USS Carl Vinson CVN 70	12
OSI (EXW) Arthur Schofield	Navy	Afghanistan	14
Bm3. Jonathan J. Shine	Coast Guard	Newport, Rhode Island	6
E4 Andrew Schumacher	Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	3
Pfc. Ryan T. Simmons	Air Force	Abu Dhabi	1
Pvt. Dennis Sittin*	Army	San Antonio,Tx	1
Airman E3 Michael J Smith*	Navy	San Diego, Ca.	1
Spc. Robert Steele	Army	Afghanistan	5
Lt. Aaron Stehlik	Army	Korea	2
Cmdr Dan R. Stock	Navy	Carrier Strike Group 12	21
Sgt. Cory Stockman*	Marines	Honduras Embassy	5
MC3 Grant Stoltz*	Navy	Sasebo, Japan	3
2nd Lt. Andrew J. Tilden	Marines	Quantico, VA	1
E2 Michael Alan Tilden	Army	Ft Leanard Wood	1
Sr Airman Derrick Underwood*	Air Force	Nellis AFB, NV	4
Spc Bill Urbelis	Army	Camp Taji, Iraq	2
Major Jason K. Vaught*	Air Force	Hurlburt AFB, FL	12
Major Megan Vaught	Air Force	Hurlburt AFB, FL	11
Capt. Anthony Vitellaro*	Air Force	Anchorage, AK	10
Cpl Shane Waldo	Marines	Okinawa, Japan	3
Pvt. Tyler Welch	Army	Afghanistan	25
CWO Daniel White*	Army	Germany	10
2nd Lt Peyton Willigrod	Air Force	Columbus AFB, Miss.	1
Sgt. Gabriel D. Williams*	Army	Iraq	5
SSgt Benjamin Wilson	Air Force	Maxwell Gunter AF Base, AL	4
Pfc. Merle Yazzie	Army	Ft Stewart, Ga.	1
TSgt. Ryan Young*	Air Force	Hickham AFB, Hawaii	12
Col Tyler Zagurski	Marines	The Pentagon	24
Lt Cmdr Bo Zierden	Navy	Joint Base Andrews, Md	14

(Special Mention: Jason Kukkola* Army Wounded in Action in Iraq)
* Denotes: (43) FHHS Graduates

Note: Many of those on this list who are currently deployed in the United States have completed one or more tours of duty overseas.

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Business

New allergy clinic arrives in Fountain Hills

By **Cyrus Guccione**
Times Reporter

A new allergy and immunology clinic has entered the Fountain Hills businesses community located in the office suites of E. Palisades Boulevard where Thomas J. William, PA-C, will run his new practice, Elite Allergy and Asthma Clinic.

Most recently affiliated with Chandler Regional Medical Center, William has been in practice since 1986. A 27-year resident of Fountain Hills with his wife and two sons, William is eager to nix his commute and bring a local allergy clinic to the people of Fountain Hills.

"It fills a service and void in this town that I think is important because allergies affect one out of every five people," William said, who earned his PA degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Rather than administering the traditional allergy shots, William uses sublingual immunotherapy or under-the-tongue allergy drops.

"We take the same raw ingredients that are used in shots but just put it in a dropper form," William added. "These drops have been used by allergists

[and] by the rest of the world since the 1960s and are recognized as the 'gold standard' for the treatment of allergy-caused conditions including Hay Fever, [Eczema] and Asthma."

According to William, the sublingual application compared to the traditional allergy shots increases the success rate of eliminating allergies from 60% to 90%. Furthermore, rather than getting allergy shots twice a week, William says he sees his patients only five times a year.

"My patients just take them at home. They work very fast, usually within a few weeks instead of nine to 12 months, because it takes nine to 12 months for shots to work."

William says that he is in the process of becoming credentialed with insurance companies, so as it stands, Elite Allergy and Asthma Clinic is on a cash-pay basis until further notice. Given the success of the under-the-tongue allergy drops, William is offering a 100% money-back guarantee for any patient that has not seen a significant improvement in symptoms within six months of treatment.

William considers himself the third medical professional in the nation

to offer allergy drops to patients and has been the acting team allergist for a major professional sports team in the valley since 2013, saying his players have consistently had notable improvements in their athletic performance by eliminating their symptoms of chronic fatigue and "brain fog."

Land of allergies

Dust, air pollution and mold are all common allergens that affect Arizona residents, but with a year-round growing season in Arizona, plants and trees are major pollen-producers for those with allergies, especially in the springtime and after a wet winter when pollen counts are at their highest. William points to increased irrigation and non-indigenous plants across the state as the culprits to high allergens in Arizona.

"You look around and it's not just rocks and [cacti] anymore. Now there's trees and grass and golf courses," he said. "It's converted what was a good place for people with allergies and asthma in the sixties and fifties into a worst-case scenario."

More specifically, William says olive trees are common culprits for al-

lergies. In fact, within the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, planting pollen-producing olive and mulberry trees is banned in Apache Junction, Buckeye, Chandler, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix and Youngtown because of their large amounts of allergenic, airborne pollens.

"It was just making it inhospitable for people and putting them in hospitals," William said. "So, the doctors got together and said, 'No, we can't do this anymore. This ain't working out.'"

William notes that under-the-tongue droppers are safe for adults, children and infants because they don't cause anaphylaxis, offering his patients 24/7 access for questions and concerns and providing same-day appointments to those who inquire about the allergy droppers.

"It's kind of like a legal performance-enhancing drug," William said. "It's really virtually unknown still, but it's massively effective."

Elite Allergy and Asthma Clinic is located at 16733



Times photos by Cyrus Guccione

Thomas J. William, PA-C, is the newest allergist in Fountain Hills providing under-the-tongue allergy drops.

E. Palisades Blvd., Suite 106. Walk-ins are not available, but appointments can be made by calling 480-999-2559. For more

information, visit eliteallergyandasthmaclinic.com, call 602-717-1954 or send an email to tom@eliteallergyandasthmaclinic.com.

Barker Team welcomes new agent

The Barker Team has announced the addition of a new agent, George Jennings.

Jennings was born and raised in Arizona. His active lifestyle has taken him to all corners of the state as he played the sport he adores - baseball. Jennings

has watched his home state grow throughout the years and looks forward to being a part of the growth and helping the people that live here.

Jennings' passions are staying busy and working hard, maintaining cars and hanging out with his three

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passion and support from her previous career as the director of sales and marketing for senior living communities across the country.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA,
MARICOPA COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of:
LOWNSKI MIGUEL GARCIA,
Deceased.
NO. PB2023-050459
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (For Publication)
Notice is given that Barbara Garcia was
appointed Personal Representative of this
estate. All persons having claims against
the estate must present their claims within 4
months after the date of the first publication of
this notice or the claims will be barred. Claims
must be presented by delivering or mailing

a written statement of the claim to Personal
Representative at 15008 N. Escalante Drive,
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.
DATED: April 11, 2023
HOLMES LAW, PLLC
Signed: Eleonora Holmes
Attorneys for Personal Representative
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State of Arizona- Office of the Secretary
of State Combined Certificate of Limited
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29-308(C)
Name of the Partnership
DONNELLS FAMILY, LP
CTDONNELLS@MISSIONALMARKETING.COM
Name of the Limited Liability Partnership
DONNELLS FAMILY, LLLP

Address of chief executive office
4252 WHITEHORN DRIVE
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KEVIN D. PECK
10255 EAST ROSEMARY LANE
SCOTTSDALE AZ 85255
Name of General Partner
DONNELLS HOLDINGS, LLC
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ROCKLIN CA 95677
Signed: Charles T. Donnels
Dated: 12/27/2022
Published Fountain Hills Times
04/26/2023, 05/03/2023, 05/10/2023

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GILBERT AZ 85295
Agent for service of process
JASON HAMROCK (480) 773-9115
507 EAST JOSEPH WAY GILBERT AZ 85295
Signed: Jason Hamrock
Dated: 1/16/2023
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04/26/2023, 05/03/2023, 05/10/2023

FOUNTAIN HILLS SANITARY DISTRICT						
Pursuant to Paragraph C of A.R.S. Section 48-2026 , notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Fountain Hills Sanitary District that a public hearing shall be held at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 18, 2023 in the District's Board Room, located at 16941 E. Peppercord Circle, Fountain Hills, Arizona. This public meeting will be for the discussion and approval of the proposed budget and fee schedule for fiscal year 2023-2024.						
Proposed Revenues & Expenditures: <i>All Funds</i>						
	General Fund		Capital Fund	2023-2024 Proposed Budget All Funds	2022-2023 Adopted Budget All Funds	
	Operations	FERR	Contingency			
Revenues						
Property Taxes	6,026,420			6,026,420	5,578,000	
Sewer User Fees	6,062,100			6,062,100	5,566,840	
Connection Fees	26,000			737,300	837,600	
Recycled Water	524,260			524,260	600,000	
Other Income	176,320		25,360	72,450	274,130	
Reserves/PV Deferred	705,000	225,000	2,614,850	1,045,000	4,589,850	3,445,180
Funds Transfer	(2,469,200)	2,119,200	350,000	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 11,050,900	\$ 2,344,200	\$ 2,990,210	\$ 18,214,060	\$ 16,288,690	
Expenditures						
Operating Expenses	9,087,150			9,087,150	8,293,280	
System & Facility Improvements	1,963,750	1,500,000		3,261,250	6,725,000	4,983,500
Contingencies & Unforeseen Events	-	844,200	2,990,210		3,834,410	3,285,310
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,050,900	\$ 2,344,200	\$ 2,990,210	\$ 3,261,250	\$ 19,646,560	\$ 16,562,090
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,432,500)	\$ (1,432,500)	\$ (273,400)
FERR - Facilities and Equipment Replacement Reserve PV - Prior Year						

Proposed Operations Budget <i>(General Fund)</i>			
	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	Increase (Decrease) from 2022-2023 Adopted Budget
Revenues			
Property Taxes	6,026,420	5,578,000	448,420
Sewer User Fees	6,062,100	5,566,840	495,260
Connection Fees	26,000	30,000	(4,000)
Recycled Water	524,260	600,000	(75,740)
Other Income/Reserves	3,746,530	3,637,250	109,280
Interfund Transfer	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 16,385,310	\$ 15,412,090	973,220
Operating Expenditures			
Administrative & Billing	1,986,580	1,854,420	132,160
Collection System	1,889,260	1,812,140	77,120
Maintenance	1,290,630	1,103,040	187,590
Recycled Water	1,649,800	1,447,900	201,900
Wastewater Treatment Plant	2,270,880	2,075,780	195,100
System & Facility Improvements	3,463,750	3,833,500	(369,750)
Contingencies	3,834,410	3,285,310	549,100
Total Expenses	\$ 16,385,310	\$ 15,412,090	973,220
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ -	\$ -	-

FOUNTAIN HILLS SANITARY DISTRICT

Proposing fee schedule for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Pursuant to **Paragraph H of A.R.S. Section 48-2027**, notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Fountain Hills Sanitary District that a public meeting shall be held at 4:30 P.M. on **Thursday, May 18, 2023** in the District's Board Room, located at 16941 E. Peppercord Circle, Fountain Hills, Arizona, to set the amount of Fees and Charges for the District at the levels set forth below. The District reserves the right to set different Fees and Charges as it deems to be just and reasonable and to amend, alter, delete or add to the Fees and Charges of the District at any time after providing notice and conducting a public meeting thereon.

Residential ⁽¹⁾	Monthly User Fees
Residential (single family homes, duplexes, condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, or other multi-family housing units).	\$33.00 per month for each living unit of housing – billed quarterly.
Hotel, motel units, and bed and breakfast units.	\$12.75 per unit per month – billed quarterly.
Assisted living units, independent living units, or other similar multi-unit facilities.	\$12.75 per occupant per month – billed quarterly.

Non-Residential ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
Schools	\$90.00 per month – billed quarterly
Restaurants, Bars, Bakeries or Supermarkets	\$ 3.69 (Rate per 1,000 gallons)
Food Preparation (Non-Restaurant), Dry Cleaners, Laundries or Mortuaries	\$ 2.67 (Rate per 1,000 gallons)
Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Clinics, Laboratories, Salons, Daycare Facilities or Automobile/Equipment Repair Facilities	\$ 2.31 (Rate per 1,000 gallons)
Carwashes, Offices, Retail Stores or Other	\$ 2.17 (Rate per 1,000 gallons)

(1) user fees apply separately to each use category for mixed-use properties
(2) The average monthly water usage is determined by meter readings provided by EPCOR-Chaparral District for the prior calendar year. In no event shall the fees for non-residential users be less than **\$39.00** per month or **\$117.00** per quarter. If a building with multiple businesses is serviced by only one water meter, the owner will be billed at the rate for the business with the highest user classification.

Other Fees and Charges	
Availability Fee	\$84.00 billed annually (\$7.00 per month)
Establishment Fee	\$30.00 charged to set up an account
Late Fee	\$25.00 for accounts delinquent for more than 15 days
Interest Charges	10% (.0833% per month) applied to delinquent balances on the 20 th of each month
Lien Fee	\$150.00 lien fee filed against the property after the account is 90 days delinquent
Deposit	An amount equal to two quarters of User Fees charged after the account has been late two consecutive quarters
Returned Payment Fee	\$30.00 for all payments returned unpaid by any financial institution in addition to the amount of the check
Project Review Fee	\$2.00 per lineal foot plus the sum of \$2,000.00 for each pump station to be constructed. Additional fees may be charged on a time and material basis.
Encroachment or Abandonment Permit Fee	\$75.00 if a physical site visit is required, or \$25.00 if no site visit is required
Fees for Reproduction and Delivery of Requested Public Records	Copy Fee - \$0.18 per 8.5"x11" standard, \$0.20 per 8.5"x14" legal, \$0.23 per 11"x17" page
Disposal Fees (Use of RV Dump Station)	RV disposal by District resident – No Charge RV disposal by non-resident - \$5.00 Commercial waterborne waste disposal - \$25.00
Recycled Water Fee	Tier I: \$380.00 per acre-foot up to 500 acre feet delivered; Tier II: \$1,505.00 per acre foot for delivery in excess of 500 acre feet per fiscal year.

New Sewer Connection Fees	
Hook-up Fee	\$400.00 per connection
Lateral Fee, if required	\$5,500.00 per connection
Capacity Fees - Residential	
Capacity Fees – Residential (single family homes)	\$10,000.00 per unit
Capacity Fees – Residential (Duplexes, condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, or other multi-family housing units)	\$5,200.00 per unit
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Residential (single family homes, duplexes, condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, or other multi-family housing units), if required	\$1,260.00 per unit
Capacity Fees – Non-residential	
Water Meter Size – 1" or less	\$ 10,000.00
Water Meter Size – 1-1/2"	\$ 14,883.00
Water Meter Size – 2"	\$ 29,757.00
Water Meter Size – 2-1/2"	\$ 47,634.00
Water Meter Size – 3"	\$ 68,500.00
Water Meter Size – 4"	\$ 89,372.00
Water Meter Size – 6"	\$148,884.00
Capacity Fees – Hotel and motel units and bed and breakfast units	\$4,145.00 per unit
Capacity Fees – Assisted living units, independent living units, or other similar multi-unit facilities	
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 1" or less	\$ 1,260.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 1-1/2"	\$ 1,875.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 2"	\$ 3,750.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 2-1/2"	\$ 6,002.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 3"	\$ 8,631.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 4"	\$11,261.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Water Meter Size – 6"	\$18,760.00 per meter
Shea Corridor Capacity Fee Surcharge – Hotel and motel units, bed and breakfast units, assisted living units, independent living units, or other similar multi-unit facilities, if required	\$ 450.00 per unit or per occupant

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For more information, contact Farhad Tavassoli, AICP, CFM, Senior Planner, Town of Fountain Hills, 16705 E. Avenue of the Fountain, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268; or by calling 480-816-5139. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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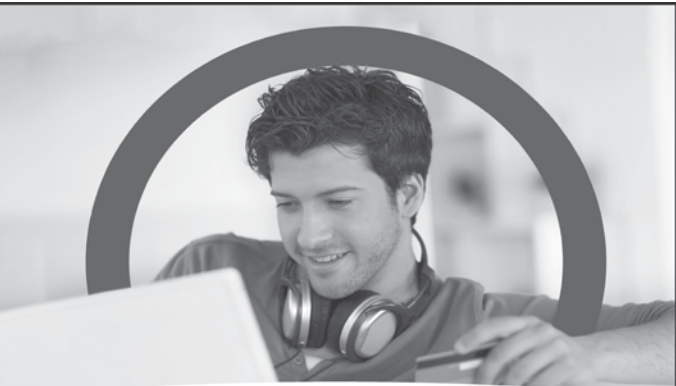
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The Verde Communities

Forest Road

MCDOT improvement plan unveiled

The Maricopa County department of Transportation (MCDOT) released its final report related to the Forest Road Corridor Improvement Study (CIS) in late March.

The study was focused on Forest Road between McDowell Mountain Road and Rio Verde Drive, a section that bisects the Rio Verde and Tonto Verde communities. The study was conducted by Burgess & Niple engineers along with AZTEC Engineering Group.

The study area is approximately 1.5 miles in width centered on Forest Road. It extends into Tonto National Forest to the North and East and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to the South.

According to the executive summary, MCDOT had identified the CIS as a need based on major development changes near the study area resulting in a perceived increase in traffic. The purpose was to address safety concerns for users along the corridor including alternative mode users. The study scope included identifying existing and future conditions, evaluating potential capacity and active transportation

solutions, and investigating alternative access into and out of the Rio Verde area from the east side.

The study examined existing and future conditions and needs to establish an alternative development. Conditions considered included land ownership and management, land use, zoning, geographic features, transportation network, traffic analysis, crash history, environmental features, drainage and utilities.

The crash analysis covered a five-year history from Jan. 1, 2016, through Dec. 31, 2020. There were nine crashes, four which were property damage only, four were possible injury crashes without serious injury or fatalities recorded during the timeframe. There is a higher incidence of crashes involving bicycles than the statewide rural average. This is known to be an area heavily traveled by bicycles.

The process included MCDOT, Transportation Advisory Committee and public input through hearings held in the area. Out of the discussion there were six proposed alternatives for improvement, which was narrowed to three for ultimate discussion.

A preferred alternative was selected that includes enhanced signing and pavement marking. This will include installing Rapid Flashing Beacons at the two golf cart crossings, narrowing the lanes from 12 to 10 feet at the golf cart crossings at Abajo Drive and Lago Lane with chevron pavement markings in the shoulder area, adding bike lane markings throughout the corridor, and revising the channelized right-turn lane pavement markings at Rio Verde Drive.

The development of the Preferred Alternative included 15% design, a planning level cost estimate, and implementation plan. The planning level cost estimate is approximately \$239,000.

This Preferred Alternative is recommended to be implemented in the short term with increased periodic landscape maintenance. Additional corridor monitoring and public education is recommended for the mid- and long-term.

The complete report is available on the county website, Maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/82525/Forest-Road-CIS-Final-Report.

Recycling rescheduled

The E-Waste and Shredding Event at Rio Verde has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Rio Verde Community Center parking lot.

The event had been scheduled for last week, but a scheduling conflict with Republic Services forced the postponement.

There is a long list of items acceptable for the recyclers. The list is avail-

able at the RVCA office at the Community Center. No hazardous material will be accepted. The list of items that will not be accepted is also available.

Residents are also invited to bring items for safe disposal of sensitive documents (no need to remove staples) for shredding.

There will also be bulk available for items are not hazardous that residents are looking to get rid of

including furniture, appliances (no Freon) and construction and landscape material. No hazardous waste material will be accepted.

The RV Community Center parking lot will be closed during the event. Those dropping items off will be directed through the lot with their material.

Call the RVCA office, 480-471-2068, for additional information.

Verde News Briefs

Water volleyball returns to RV

Water volleyball returns to Rio Verde beginning May 2, and continues every Tuesday through Aug. 8 at the Rio Verde Community Center Pool.

Set-up starts at 3:45 p.m., play is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This start time is earlier than last summer. Come to play or watch. No registration necessary.

After play, relax and socialize with BYOB (no glass) drinks and snacks. Call Dwaine Abbe at 513-225-7059 with any questions.

May 18.

Check in time for hole assignments is 5:15 p.m. on the event lawn. Appetizers and drinks will be served on the event lawn and North Patio beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Putting begins at 7 p.m. Bring a putter and ball marker. The maximum number for play is 88.

A cost of \$13 per person includes appetizers, and a cash bar is on site.

Contact Ron (513-808-3126) or Glenda O’Neal (513-808-9597) with any questions. Sign up on the Lifestyle Menu at the website or on the ForeTees app.

of free health activities in the Verdes for the season.

The free 15-minute Injury Screenings are offered from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Rio Verde Community Center Board Room.

Sign up at the counter next to the RVCA Office for injury screenings scheduled for Thursday, May 25.

The final free health lecture of the season presented by Spooner staff is Thursday, May 4, from 4:15 to 5 p.m. in the Rio Verde Community Center Card Room. The topic is Breast Cancer and Physical Therapy: Learn how physical therapy can enhance treatment and recovery. Presented by Jessica Krehbiel PT, DPT and Abbey Schmidt PTA.

Putting event at Tonto May 18

Tonto Verde residents are invited to “Putting Under the Stars” on Thursday,

Spooner health programs at RV
Spooner Physical Therapy is closing out its series

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a. Periodontal, b. Root Canal, c. Flossing, d. Rinsing, e. Nutritious

1) The primary cause of tooth loss today is _____ disease.

2) Many times, _____ can save a severely diseased tooth from extraction.

3) Three keys to keeping your teeth healthy include brushing, flossing and eating _____ foods.

4) If you cannot brush after every meal, _____ your mouth with water is at least better than nothing.

5) Daily _____ is the only way to remove food debris and plaque from between teeth and under the gum line.

Answers: 1.a,2.b,3.c,4.d,5.e

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CLUES ACROSS

- It's all over the beach
- A cirque
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Influential report author
- Satisfaction
- Recurring only at long intervals

CLUES DOWN

- Islamic calendar month
- Neither
- Gelatinous substance
- American electronic music producer
- Old computer system
- Professional organization

CLUES ACROSS

- Malaria mosquitoes
- Not composed of matter
- It's in the ocean
- Peyton's little brother
- French commune
- Eyelashes
- Equal (prefix)
- Quality of little or no rain

- One who beheads
- Sung to
- Influential punk artist
- Amount of time
- Polio vaccine developer
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Job
- Flat-bottomed sailboat
- Japanese wooden clog
- Folk singer DiFranco
- FL city
- Naturally occurring solid
- Language of indigenous Asian people
- Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Venomous snake genus
- Uninteresting
- Straightforwardness
- Expression of wild excitement
- Arrange in order
- East Indian cereal grass
- Hillsides
- Bird beak covering
- Baseball stat

- Edge of a surfboard
- Wrapping accessory
- Express approval
- Deduce
- Similar
- Born of
- Automobile
- Obliged to repay
- Live in
- Influential journalist Tarbell
- Set aflame
- OJ trial judge
- Scottish town
- African nation
- Egg-shaped wind instrument

- Mimic
- Frees
- In slow tempo
- Sword
- Related on the mother's side
- Mars crater
- Plant of the lily family
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