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Veritas Prep students gathered together to run a 48-mile challenge, raising over \$5,000 for the Be Kind Project, an organization that focuses on helping those in need.

50 AHS Pom is #1

The squad brought home their first-ever D2 AIA Spirit State Title, winning by over two points. The ladies can't wait to get back to the mat next season.



ON THE COVER:

Senior Crew Edwards, who will be playing baseball for South Mountain Community College after graduation, spends one last season with his Arcadia High team.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I have a huge soft spot for the older generations that live among us. There is something about their history, what they've experienced in life and their general knowledge that is fascinating to me. So, when the opportunity arose to speak with 90-year-old Arcadia twins John and Bill Haug, I made sure to save the story for myself.

In fact, I yelled out "Yes!" when I read the email from Janelle – Bill's granddaughter – suggesting we reach out to them.

"I wanted people to know more about them because they are both so incredibly humble that they would never pursue anything like this on their own," Janelle told me. "They've both led incredible lives and we are so lucky as a family to have them leading our family. It's not often you get to celebrate a 90th birthday, and we got to celebrate two!"

You know that feeling you get when listening to your grandparents talk about days past? The nostalgia and longing to experience these memories for yourself is almost overwhelming. What life must have been like in 1931! No computers or cell phones, no color television. Life was carefree.

Each gentleman had his own unique

experiences while in their prospective careers (you'll notice a pretty famous movie mentioned in the story), but they both have fond memories of running around empty streets that these days are packed with cars, people and the rush of city life. It was an absolute pleasure to hear their story.

Our April edition always includes our summer camp guide, chock-full of everything "camp." It's nice to see summer camps making a comeback this year, so in honor, we've highlighted art camps, virtual ideas and, of course, cool things to do to beat the summer heat. Whether families are traveling this summer or hanging out in the backyard, the *Arcadia News* Summer Camp Guide should have something for everyone.

As always, if you have story ideas or briefs, please send them to editor@arcadianews.com. Thank you for reading *Arcadia News*!

Mallory
– Mallory Gleich



Jahnav received his award from his pack leaders at a February presentation.

Pack 6 member honored with Cub Scout of the Year

By Mallory Gleich

The Boy Scouts of America recently honored Arcadian Jahnav Bhatnagar with the Cub Scout of the Year award. The nine-year-old has been part of Arcadia's Cub Scout Pack 6 for the past four years. The award was presented to Jahnav in a ceremony in February.

Criteria for the award include showing leadership and responsibility and being more than just involved with Cub Scouts.

As a member of Pack 6, Jahnav has garnered several recognitions, including the Messengers of Peace award, which is earned by Scouts who organize an event or do something that promotes peace in the community.

Jahnav helped establish a "Song Around the World" event at the age of six. Children in India (where he was visiting his grandmother at the time) logged into the Arcadia Pack meeting virtually, and they all sang songs together.

"It was his idea to Skype into the meeting and have the kids in India join for one 'around the world' Pack meeting," Jahnav's father,



Jahnav Bhatnagar

Anuj, said. "We are extremely proud of the recognition he has received. He really has taken the Scouting program to heart, and it is something that has worked with the philosophy of his school (Veritas) as

well as our parenting philosophy."

Jahnav also earned the Scoutstrong PALA (Presidential Activity Lifestyle Award). Scouts earn this by committing to 60-minutes a day of physical fitness for 30 days.

"I always try to show effort and kindness in Scouts and out of Scouts," Jahnav said. "When I won this award, I felt honored and proud, but there are many Scouts who deserve the same honor."

In the future, Jahnav plans to earn his Eagle Scout rank and hopes to be a leader and a Scoutmaster one day.

parentsofpack6.com

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AHS students encouraged to apply for scholarship

By Cody Kennedy

Since 1993, *Arcadia News* has offered a scholarship to students at Arcadia High School who are interested in studying journalism, broadcasting, communications or other media-related fields.

To apply for this year's scholarship, students must submit at least one written recommendation from a current or former teacher, counselor or community leader who is familiar with the student and his or her drive and determination in the pursuit of knowledge.

Applicants must also write a one to two-page essay about their educational and

career aspirations and what they've done so far to prepare for their educational pursuits. Include any related awards, recognitions, media classes, etc.

The winner of the scholarship will have their own story published in the next edition of the paper.

Arcadia High seniors interested in the scholarship should contact Jacque Stauff, AHS's college and career coordinator. All submissions should be given to the College and Career Center no later than 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 9.

For more: editor@arcadianews.com or jstauff@susd.org

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Active Homes -	91 homes
Homes Sold -	65 homes
Average Sale Price -	\$1,837,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$466
Average Days On Market -	95 days

There is currently 3 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home sales have increased 9% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home prices have increased 6%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 7%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 homes are taking 8% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)

2021 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2021-2/28/2021)

Active Homes -	28 Homes
Homes Sold -	32 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$950,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$368
Average Days On Market -	43 days

There is currently 1 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home sales have increased 38% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home prices have increased 17%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 7%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 Homes are taking 32% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)



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WHAT'S HAPPENING, ARCADIA?

Arcadia Sports Central spring soccer and basketball registration is open for the upcoming season. The teams are specifically looking for more 7/8 and 9/10-year-olds in soccer and 5/6-year-olds in basketball but are still accepting registrations for all ages: 3-10 for soccer and 5-15 for basketball. Games are played at Veritas Prep on Saturdays. The spring season for each sport runs from April 3 to May 22, with summer registration starting in April. ASC is also looking for volunteer coaches.

arcadiasportscentral.com

Grass Clippings, a retail golf company opened by Arcadia residents Connor Riley, Jimmy and Jake Hoselton and Pete Wilson, opened their first store in March. The shop is located at 40th St. and Campbell, across from LGO and Postino. The annual Grass Clippings Open will be held April 29 - May 1 at the Mountain Shadows Golf Resort.

grassclippings.club

UrbAna is an Arcadia-based home goods store with luxury gifts, decor items, party goods, entertaining decorations and designer furnishings. The shop opened a second location at Scottsdale Quarter, 15059 N. Scottsdale Road, in March and offers more

furniture and decor as well as beer, wine and champagne and, eventually, specialty cheeses. urbanashop.com

Dance Theater West, located at 40th St. and Indian School Road, has started offering in-person and Zoom classes for incoming students. Story Book Ballet, the student program, is currently working on their spring production of *Peter Pan*. Classes are offered for kids ages three and up and include creative ballet, jazz, tap and intro to classical ballet. Summer workshops will begin in June.

dancetheaterwest.com

Desert Botanical Garden is now offering micro-group experiences for up to 10 people. These tours include a 90-minute private experience with a Desert Botanical Garden expert, with options to add food and drinks. Examples of tours are the Waterlily Pond Experience, Landscaping in Motion and Behind the Scenes. Tours start at \$300 for the group.

dbg.org

Arcadia Girl Scout Troop 4352 is looking for donations to go toward achieving their Bronze Award. The troop is making no-sew blankets for residents at Arcadia Assisted Living, and they need fleece to put the blankets together. They are also looking for

books, puzzles, gift cards, birthday cards and Easter decorations for the residents. Folks can drop off donations at 4520 N. 49th Pl., Phoenix.

Mountain Shadows Resort (5445 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley) will continue to offer their **Meteor Shower Viewing & Astrology Cocktails** event in the coming months. The next event, Cocktails Under the Cosmos, will happen on April 20. Guests will join an expert astronomer as they view the night sky with an astrology-themed cocktail. Tickets are \$45 per person. Capacity is limited to 50, and masks are required.

mountainshadows.com

Local entrepreneur **Wendy Lane** recently unveiled her latest concept, a food delivery service in south Scottsdale that focuses on what Wendy calls "South Pacific comfort food." The concept opened in February and boasts healthy ingredients with natural South Pacific flavors, such as coconut milk, lemongrass and ginger. Lane's brand, Sexy Chef, aims to "provide an entrée for couples to bring romance and intimacy back into their relationship through cooking." Items such as the chicken curry and rice and BBQ jackfruit sandwich can be ordered through various delivery services.

sexychef.com



Rich Hazelwood

Rich Hazelwood, best known as the owner of **Celebrity Theatre**, passed away in March after a long battle with leukemia. Along with the theatre, Hazelwood owned several businesses, including **Hazelwood's First Place**, which was located in the area (where Century Grand is now) until 2016. The family released a statement: "Rich Hazelwood cared deeply about his family, his Celebrity Theatre staff (which he considered family), everyone associated with Celebrity Theatre, and all the Valley supporters who attended concerts and events." Rich's daughter, Heidi, plans to take over the operations at the venue.

celebritytheatre.com

Network of Auto Repair Professionals, with locations all over the Valley (and one on Thomas Road), is collecting old, expired and damaged children's car seats which volunteers will take apart for proper recycling. The 13th annual event will dispose of the seats in an environmentally friendly way. Take your old car seat to any participating NARPRO shop through April 16.

narpro.com

Camelback Pediatrics is excited to announce Dr. Valerie Jacobs, M.D. Ph.D. FAAP as their newest physician. Jacobs is a board-certified, integrative medicine pediatric physician. She has a special interest

in nutrition, mental and behavioral health, practicing an evidence-based holistic approach to primary care. She earned doctorates in Medicine and Pharmacology from Dartmouth College. She is also trained in motivational counseling from Columbia. Dr. Jacobs completed her pediatric residency at Boston Children's Hospital. She brought her skillset back to Arizona to do what she loves, primary care and taking care of families. She looks forward to meeting your family!

camelbackpediatrics.com



Valerie Jacobs, M.D. Ph.D.

Moon Valley Nursery, located in the former Arcadia Color Garden Nursery spot at 52nd St. near McDowell, is scheduled to open in early April. Moon Valley was founded in Arizona in 1995 and is the largest box tree grower in the United States, now operating 41 retail locations across five states.

moonvalleynurseries.com

FOOD AND DRINK

Foodies rejoice! Chef Claudio Urciuoli, known for the creative Mediterranean-based dishes at **Pa'La**, opened a second restaurant in downtown Phoenix last month. The new spot features more seafood, pasta, pizza, sandwiches and salads.

palakitchen.com



Christopher's at Wrigley Mansion

Christopher's, helmed by Chef Christopher Gross, opened last month at the Wrigley Mansion, 2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix. The eatery has been in the works since 2017 when the Biltmore Fashion Park location closed. The new restaurant was expected to open in 2018 but construction and other delays pushed the date until its launch in March 2021. The new menu at Christopher's comprises favorites of Chef Gross and a tasting menu that changes each week. There are plans to offer brunch in the future.

wrigleymansion.com/christophers

From the chefs of Nonna Urban Eatery in Scottsdale comes a new concept called **Nomada Provisions**, located at 3410 N. 24th St., Phoenix. The new eatery offers cheese, charcuterie, oil and vinegar, spices and condiments, teas and baking products, as well as ready-made packaged meals.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING, ARCADIA?

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EVENTS

SATURDAY 4/3

Scottsdale Jazz Festival

12-6 p.m. at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. 2nd St. Come out and celebrate the start of Jazz Appreciation Month with a full day of jazz music. Attendees can head to the center's fountain for a free concert featuring Scottsdale Community College's jazz ensemble, the Mario Abney Quartet, Grammy-nominated Poncho Sanchez and more.

jazzdayaz.com

SUNDAY 4/4

Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Royal Palms Resort, 5200 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Executive Chef Lee Hillson and his team will host 2021's Easter Brunch at the Royal Palms. Guests will enjoy a three-course meal, as well as participate in the Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m., where they can search for the golden egg prize. Guests can also partake in a complimentary photo session and listen to live music. Registration is required, and tickets start at \$70.

royalpalmsshotel.com

SATURDAY 4/10

Arcadia Auto Rama

8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4225 N. 56th St., Phoenix. The 3rd annual Arcadia Auto Rama will happen this April. Exhibitor registration is currently open for those who would like to be in the show; entries include cars, trucks and specialty vehicles. It costs \$20 to register. Trophies will be given out for Best in Show and Best in Arcadia – Peoples' Choice.

acmna.org

Art in the Garden

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. This annual spring event is finally back and will feature a colorful display of garden-themed vendors showcasing the latest florals, botanicals, ceramics, wood and wearable art. There will also be live music, art and garden demonstrations, snacks and drinks, and a silent auction. Admission is free.

shemerartcenter.org

ARTrageous Gala

Virtual, starting at 7 p.m. Join Scottsdale Arts for a virtual event celebrating love for the visual and performing arts. Guests will enjoy new art, augmented reality experiences and guest performers while in the comfort of their own home. Guests can purchase a Gala in a Box, with sips and snacks, plus treats from Scottsdale Arts. Streaming the gala is free, but guests can also purchase add-ons with customized gifts starting at \$200.

scottsdaleperformingarts.org



Art in the Garden at Shemer Art Center.



Western Week in downtown Scottsdale.

SATURDAY 4/10 – SUNDAY 4/18

Western Week

Times vary. In downtown Scottsdale. Western Week is here! The 63rd Annual Hashknife Pony Express arrival will occur at Scottsdale Stadium this year to allow for social distancing. The Arizona Indian Festival and the Western Spirit Gold Palette ArtWalk will be happening, along with other events like a mariachi band, live music and an art auction. Unfortunately, this year's festivities do not include the Parada del Sol parade, which has been postponed until next year.

scottsdalewesternweek.com

SUNDAY 4/11

Bunny Hip Hop Class

12:15-1 p.m. at Bricks Studio, 4550 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Join Bricks Studio for a special Easter-themed class. Each child is encouraged to dress up in their favorite Easter dance outfit as they learn a hip-hop routine and get to go home with an activity coloring sheet. This class is geared toward ages 4-7. Registration is \$18 per child.

bricksstudio.com

SATURDAY 4/24

Dogs and Donuts

9 a.m.-12 p.m. at The Brokery, 4546 N. 40th St., Phoenix. Head out to The Brokery this Saturday for a free event – and make sure to bring your four-legged friends. Chin Up Donuts will provide the snacks while Run Buddy Mobile dog gym will offer free demos on their doggie treadmill. Guests can also partake in pet portraits. Donations of dog food and dog toys are welcome.

thebrokery.com

SATURDAY 5/1

Scavenger Hunt to End Homelessness

Virtual, starting at 9 a.m. UMOM, a nonprofit that works to end homelessness by providing shelter and services to people

in the Valley, will host their 2nd annual Scavenger Hunt to End Homelessness. This year's hunt will feature new challenges and opportunities to win various prizes. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids.

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Arcadia resident is one of the first female Eagle Scouts

By Mallory Gleich

Two years ago, the Boy Scouts of America made a significant change and opened the organization to females. History was made again on Scouting's 111th birthday in February when almost 1,000 girls from across the nation were sworn in collectively as the first female Eagle Scouts.

16-year-old Arcadia resident Stella Lipson is part of the inaugural class and one of five trailblazers from Troop 3030 to earn Scouting's top rank of Eagle.

Stella is one of the founding members of the all-female Troop 3030, which she helped start two years ago. She also has two older brothers who are Eagle Scouts out of Arcadia Troop 6.

One of the Eagle Scout rank requirements is to complete a service project that benefits the community. Stella chose to lead her troop in enhancing the children's garden at the Nina Mason Pulliam Audubon Society on Central Ave. by building a bench, defining pathways and placing custom stepping stones on those pathways.

"I chose the Arizona Audubon Society because my grandfather loved birding and loved the society," Stella said. "Going birding with him was a large part of my youth."

"Stella has always been very goal-oriented. When the opportunity arose for her to accomplish something her brothers and grandfathers achieved, we knew it would be just a question of when," Stella's mom,



Stella Lipson.

Joan, said. "We are proud of Stella's desire and drive to put herself in the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts."

Stella said Scouts can earn the Eagle rank after they sit for their board of review, which determines the quality of the Scout's experience and fulfillment of the rank requirements.

Scoutmaster Patty Heit explained that a Scout will officially become an Eagle after passing the board of review. They will then receive a certificate and card in recognition. Stella and her fellow Eagle Scouts will attend their Troop's Court of Honor ceremony in



Tori Shuman, Stella Lipson, Victoria Rader, Alyse Silverman and Elle Dingwell.

May, where they will receive the Eagle patch, neckerchief and medal.

"It's one of my proudest moments to see these girls earn their Eagle and be able to pin the medal on them," Heit said. "It's a moment they earned through hard work and determination that is theirs forever."

Stella said that being in the Scouts has taught her about responsibility, time management, leadership, and one of her favorite things to learn was how to tie different knots.

Stella's immediate goals include helping

fellow Scouts rank up, learn new things and discover what they love.

"Scouting is not about just one person and their journey. It is about everyone. While each person has their own goals, we work together as a Troop to make sure that people can reach them," she said.

In the future, Stella plans to attend college on the east coast.

"I would like to study some form of engineering and computer science," Stella said. "It doesn't matter to me where I end up going to college as long as I get to do what I love and be happy."

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Watching history unfold: Local twins celebrate 90 years

By Mallory Gleich

Remember when the average cost of a house was \$7,000? Or when gas was 10 cents a gallon?

Back then, downtown's Orpheum Theatre was the last and largest major construction project before the Great Depression hit, and in 1931, the population of Phoenix was 50,000.

These may seem like facts you would only find in the history books. John and Bill Haug, however, were part of it all.

The twins were born in Globe but grew up in the Arcadia area. Before Phoenix was a booming metropolis, they used 48th St. and McDowell and 24th St. and Camelback Road as their hunting grounds.

They attended Creighton Elementary and North High School, and eventually Phoenix College and UofA. John joined the Air Force while Bill took to his studies, eventually becoming a lawyer with Jennings, Strauss and Salmon before starting his own practice.

John started his Air Force career as a navigator for MATs (Military Air Transport Command). He flew C-118 Liftmasters and primarily took passengers to Alaska and Hawaii.

He explained that the highlight of his time in MATs was taking the U.S. team to the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia.

"Due to the good times I had as a navigator, I decided to become a pilot. I went through pilot training in 1958, and in 1959 began flying B52s. In 1963, I was transferred to Loring AFB, where I upgraded to an aircraft commander on B52s," John said.

One of John's scariest experiences was in 1968 when there was a fire in the crew compartment of the B52 he was piloting while flying over Tule, Greenland.

"The crew and I bailed out over Tule, and the plane crashed eight miles west – in the middle of winter – along with the four hydrogen bombs that were on board," John said.

He eventually served one tour in Vietnam and retired from the service in 1970.

On the other side of the world, Bill was having trouble figuring out what he wanted to do.

"I was graduating with an accounting degree, and I knew I didn't want to be an accountant," he said. "My folks always wanted me to go to law school, so I went and fell in love with it."

It worked out, as Bill was part of a case that became so well-known, it was turned into a movie – the Martin Scorsese blockbuster *Casino*.

The case involved a slot machine scam in Las Vegas where the Milwaukee arm of the Chicago mob were the undisclosed owners of four casinos. "They were skimming money off the slot machines by going in and resetting the rings so it would pay less than they were supposed to," Bill said.

Bill's investigation showed the slot machine manager was embezzling; the manager disappeared soon after. "We



John and Bill's brother's solution to babysitting the boys: put them in a trashcan! Circa 1936.

concluded the mob was skimming, and I told my client it would cost \$1M to prove the case, so they settled with the insurance company for \$100K," Bill said.

Eventually, four mobsters pled guilty to criminal charges for the scam, and Bill's client didn't have to pay anything.

Bill also worked on cases involving the Intel chip processing plant in Chandler and what he says was his most interesting case: He caught the government supplying false documents to his client.

Because of his work, Bill has received national honors, including induction into the Maricopa County Bar Hall of Fame and the Arizona Supreme Court Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service.

Before all of that, the twins spent their formative years exploring a growing Phoenix, hunting and fishing and enjoying the outdoors.

"It was great growing up in Phoenix because we could do anything we wanted; go anywhere, and our parents didn't have to worry about us," John said. "We got into roller skate racing in our teens and attended several tournaments, including a national championship race in Cleveland."

John and Bill said one change they've seen in Phoenix is how big it has grown – from a little town of around 50,000 people in the 1930s to more than one million.

"Personally, the greatest change is technology. I didn't have a phone in my pocket when I was a kid, but now I don't leave home without one," John said.

"Eventually, the hunting grounds we used to use were gone. Then, the city adopted an ordinance that you couldn't shoot off a gun but would exempt certain areas where you could



Bill and John a couple of years ago enjoying one of their favorite hobbies, hanging out at a Diamondbacks game.

still shoot birds," Bill said. "We had to go down and hunt south of the South Mountains, south of Maricopa."

John said that some of his favorite memories include getting married, his daughter being born and having a twin brother to pal around with.

They have both traveled extensively, with John's favorite place being Russia and Bill's favorites being Jamaica, Cozumel and Alaska.

"We took the ferry out of Homer and went through the Aleutian Islands, where you have the chance to meet the people living there," Bill said. "We ended up in Dutch Harbor, and what I remember was the vast number of eagles. Those suckers were everywhere! You didn't think of them going extinct when you saw them."

Even with all the traveling, the twins continued to call Phoenix home. John said that no other place compares to Phoenix.

Nowadays, Bill and John spend time out on the golf course or watching their favorite sports teams – the Diamondbacks and the Suns.

"I was a season ticket holder from the beginning with the Suns. We saw all the great Suns players right from the start, and when they moved to the new arena, we moved to the 7th row, the best row in the arena, according to Jerry Colangelo," Bill said.

For their birthday, the twins spent the morning playing golf and then had a family birthday party.

Their goal for the future?

"To make 100!" they said in unison.



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The lines are worth it: My vacation to the Parthenon

As travel restrictions gradually loosen and life resumes to some degree of normalcy, many thoughts will once again turn toward travel and far-off places, like Greece. My wife Lyn and I went there, and the journey was quite enlightening. Expecting to find solitude, I envisioned running barefoot through the ruins while communing with the gods whose spirits are, allegedly, still hanging around the Acropolis that stares down on Athens.

But while climbing toward the top of the hill, there came a certain amount of disappointment.

An estimated 12,000 people visit the site every day, and on most days, they all show up at the same time, so if several tour buses arrive simultaneously, there's a potential for human traffic jams. And improper footwear will worsen that situation.

The Acropolis is an absolute must for sightseers, but it isn't the only acropolis

in Greece. The word is derived from *akros* (Greek for "edge" or "extremity") and *polis* ("city"), and there are many others in the country, usually situated on hilltops so the gods would have a better view of their realms. But the one most tourists visit is so well-known that it commonly goes by "The Acropolis" without further qualification.

The first documented inhabitants of the Acropolis lived there in the sixth century, B.C. The Propylaea was the gate through which worshipers passed when they visited the site. Today it's still the only entrance to the ruins, and that can cause problems because it's relatively narrow. So when hundreds of arriving tourists



The Parthenon or Athena Parthenos



The Propylaea



The Erechtheum

and hundreds of departing tourists reach the gate at the same time, they form a slow-moving mass of humanity that can cause flared tempers, worry and missed buses. (I speak here from experience. We walked right through the gate on our way up to the ruins, but it took 25 minutes to get back down.)

Now, about the footwear: The Acropolis is, technically, a big rock. The ancient builders leveled some of it to provide flat spots to erect their temples, then built pathways leading to them. Over the years, the paths have deteriorated, and the multitudes who trod upon the exposed rocks wore them smooth. And smooth rocks tend to be slippery. So wear good shoes.

Such things are only minor distractions when held up against the splendor of the Acropolis itself. You may look at thousands of photographs, study hundreds of ancient drawings, watch the travel shows and view the endless slide shows of others who have been here, but they are mere representations. Nothing compares to seeing it for yourself.

There is an indescribable sensation that accompanies just being there. Perhaps it is the realization that your footsteps follow those who lived there 3,500 years

ago. Maybe it's awe and wonders at how people without access to power tools could build edifices so magnificent, so intricate and delicate, yet so well-constructed that they resist time, the elements and earthquakes.

Maybe it's the craftsmanship. Consider the hours they must have spent getting all those columns to fit precisely into their proper places on Athena's Temple. The mathematical calculations they implemented to design the floor plans.

The patience they must have had, knowing it would take decades to finish a project. And therefore knowing that they probably wouldn't be around for the completion.

Perhaps it's the view itself. Below the Acropolis, Athens spreads out in the valleys and across the hillsides like a delicate white quilt, a 360-degree rolling panorama that blankets sound and stills the bustle of everyday life. Or, more probably, it's all of these and more.



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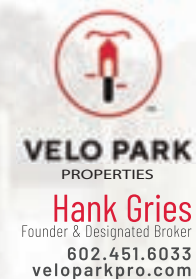
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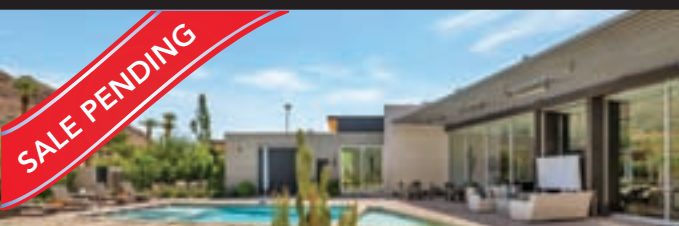


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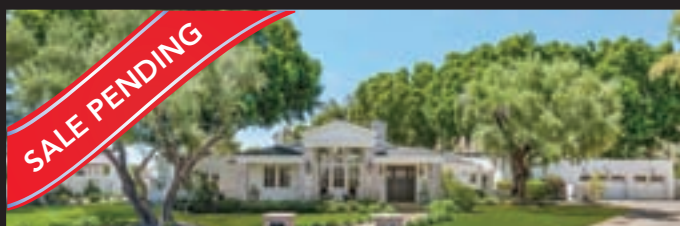
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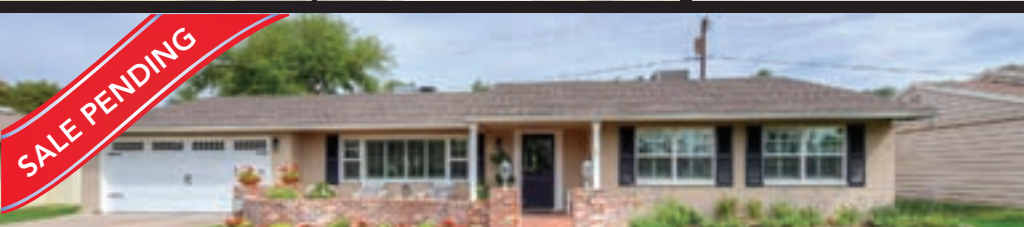
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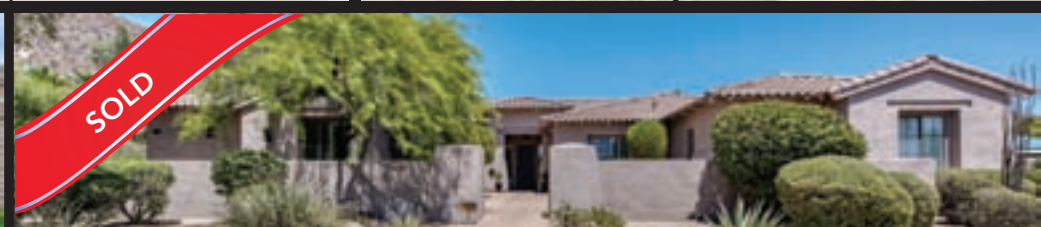
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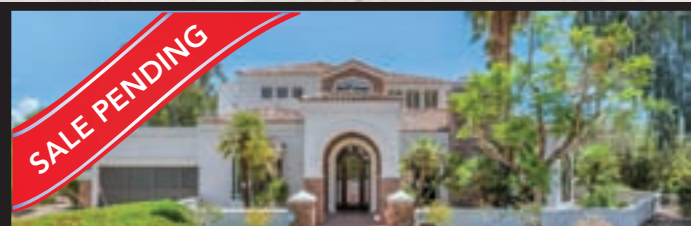


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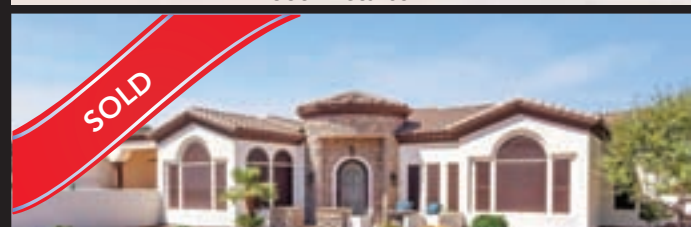
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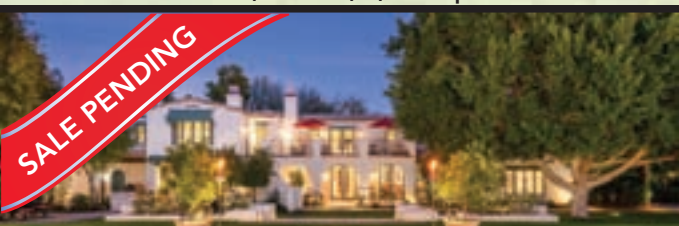
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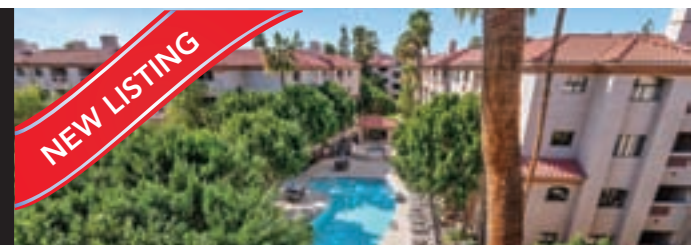
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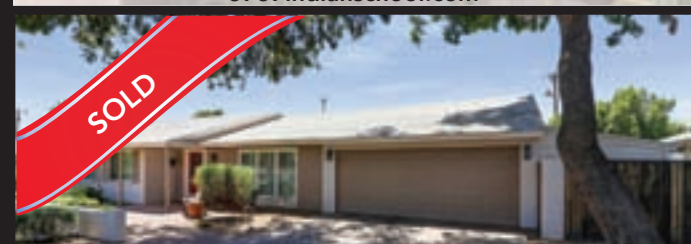
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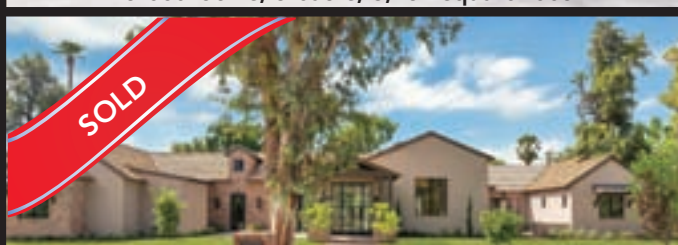
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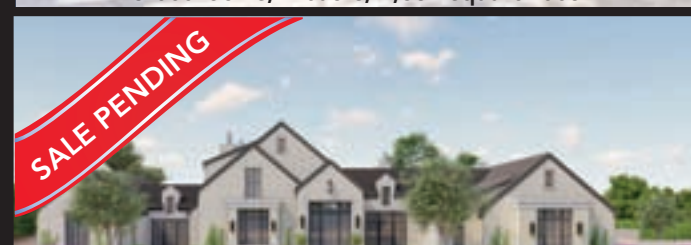
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Veritas Prep students take on marathon challenge

By Rachael Bouley

A group of Veritas Prep students took the mile run to new heights with the 4x4x48 challenge over a mid-February weekend.

Gage Lentz, Jake Marbach, Will Tork, Ian Rathsburg and Brody Richter ran four miles every four hours for 48 hours, covering 48 miles and raising over \$5,500 for the Be Kind Project, a Chandler-based organization whose mission is “to focus on specific projects that have a direct impact on animals, children and those in need.”

The students were inspired by ultramarathoner David Goggins, who created the challenge last year. They started a GoFundMe page and spread the word, blowing their fundraising goal of \$1,000 out of the water.

The boys weren’t alone in hitting the pavement, with guest runners joining them, including Veritas staff and students. The last lap had about 20 students running or biking alongside the group for a strong and supportive finish.

While all five of them are athletes, Ian is the only runner, while Jake swims, Brody plays soccer, Will plays football, and Gage plays football and baseball. The boys said the challenge pushed them physically, mentally and emotionally, but it was well worth it.



Gage Lentz, Jake Marbach, Will Tork, Ian Rathsburg and Brody Richter raised over \$5,000 for the Be Kind Project.

“The first 16 miles were easy, and then as the tightness set in, it became more difficult,” Gage said. “The challenge was largely mental. Waking up at 4 a.m. was difficult.”

Brody rode his bike and fought through the tiredness.

“The mental fatigue was the hardest, getting up every three-and-a-half hours to ride my bike in the dark. I rode with a speaker and music for the runners,” Brody said. “All

I could hear was ‘turn up the music,’ but I didn’t want to wake up the neighbors.”

For Jake, pushing through the early wake-up calls and exhaustion was made easier knowing they were raising money for an important cause.

“I have a parent who has had cancer three different times, and I know the challenges that families face with not knowing what is going to happen,” Jake said. “When I

found out that the Be Kind Project helps families pay for cancer treatments if they do not have insurance, I knew I had to do something for them.”

The others shared the sentiment, acknowledging how important it is to take time to help those going through hardships.

“We do a lot of things to benefit us, so to be able to do something for the benefit of the world around us, something bigger than us, was significant,” Ian said. “We also knew that once we started raising money for something, there would be no backing out. We could not quit, so it was motivating to finish.”

“The experience was unlike anything else we have ever done,” Will said.

The five boys learned valuable lessons throughout their fundraising challenge.

“There is something about suffering with others. It brought us closer. When doing something like this, you think of things differently. If I can do this, I can push myself to do other hard things,” Jake said. “At first, 48 seemed like a lot of miles, but at the end, we were sprinting. We had so much more left in the tank. I know we could do more.”

Ingleside students reflect on heroism for essay contest

By Jennifer Marshall

Luke Alvarado and Savannah Shorb, eighth-graders at Ingleside Middle School, recently received awards for ASU’s 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for their profiles on heroism within their own families.

ASU sent notices to teachers throughout the Valley encouraging them to take advantage of the program. Students were asked to write about someone who is a hero to them.

Ingleside Principal Erin Kadera said teachers Ms. Doan and Mr. Wagner were a big help in getting their kids excited about the contest.

Savannah won second place in the middle school category for an essay about her grandfather, an eye surgeon who has traveled the world to do surgeries for free.

“My grandfather was part of Esperance and Surgical Eye Expeditions,” Savannah said, “and he volunteered his time to do procedures.”

“I was honored to have Savannah write that little

treatise about my work,” Savannah’s grandfather Stanley said.

“We made many trips to countries like Tibet, Bolivia, China and India,” Stanley said. “While we helped people, we always learned something because the kind of operations we did there we didn’t necessarily do here. Surgeries were much harder because of the lack of equipment and the advanced nature of the diseases we treated. I’m appreciative that Savannah took the time to acknowledge my work, and I’m very proud of her.”

Luke, who placed third, wrote about his dad and how he helped kids get computers during the pandemic.

“Some kids didn’t have computers,” Luke said, “so my dad, working through his company, helped them get computers so they could continue their education. They were donated to individuals and families throughout the Valley.”



Savannah Shorb



Luke Alvarado

“I was honored when I found out Luke had written about me,” Luke’s father Robert said. “I didn’t know for two weeks that he’d won the contest, and then he showed the essay to me. When I read his words, they brought tears to my eyes. I’m very proud of him.”

“My dad helped these kids through a tough time, which was a good thing to do,” Luke said. “He says some kids were teary-eyed or crying because they were so happy to get the same education that others were getting.”

Savannah and Luke each received a poster containing their essay, a t-shirt, a bookmark and a medal.

“I’m incredibly proud of our students for participating and recognizing the heroes in their life,” Kadera said.

Savannah and Luke’s essays are online at asu.edu/mlk.

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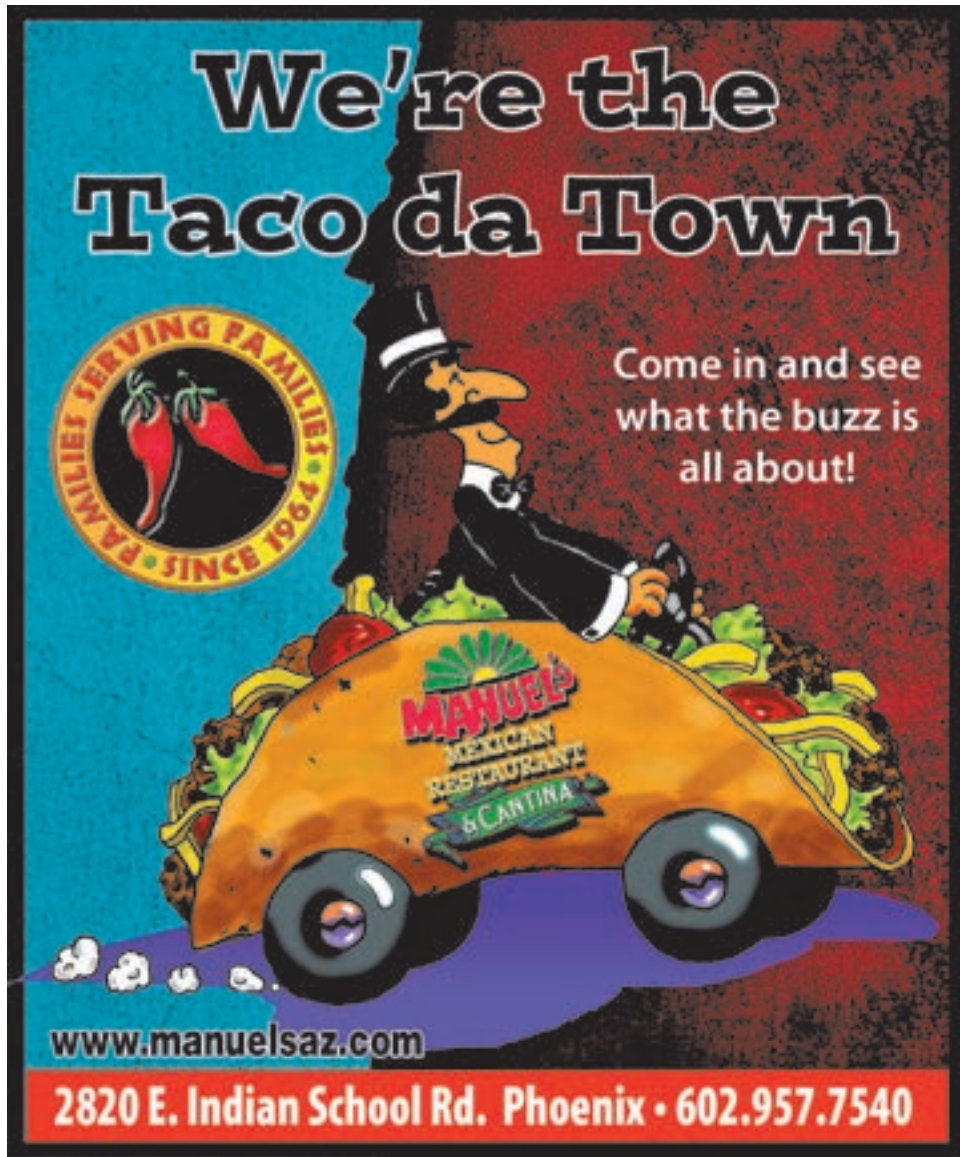


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Lisa Cardenas and Shanna Swardson.

Veritas Prep students awarded scholarships at art exhibit

Earlier this year, two Veritas Prep students were awarded with scholarships at the Shemer New Horizons Student Art Exhibit. New Horizons is an annual, Valleywide high school student art exhibition that showcases student artists from participating high schools.

Community donors provide monetary awards for various mediums and areas of excellence in art. Along with 26 other participants, Lisa Cardenas and Shanna Swardson were awarded scholarships along with the Rising Star Award.

Mayor Gallego unveils children's book club

By Melissa Hirschl

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, in collaboration with the Phoenix Youth and Education Office, has introduced a new program to inspire children to read. The initiative is called the Mayor's Birthday Book Club.

The program is targeted at children pre-K to 3rd grade and will provide an age-appropriate book for each child during their birthday month, with a letter from the Mayor included.

"Early childhood education and literacy are both essential to me," Gallego said. "Statistics show us that children who read age-appropriate books have a better chance at academic success and a stronger foundation for success throughout their lives."

The goal of this pilot program is to have 500 books sent out this year.

"Reading is such a gift to give a child," Gallego said. "I have a four-year-old, and we go to the library often since reading together is a special time for us. I've always wanted to combine the joy of reading with him with a literacy movement, and hopefully, this program will start a tradition."

The first book sent out will be a 20-page softcover titled *Be You!* by *New York Times* best-selling author and illustrator Peter H. Reynolds.

"It encourages kids to take risks and



Mayor Kate Gallego and son Michael.

realize they don't have to be like other kids. Also, it has been approved by my son Michael. Other mayors I've spoken to are passionate about starting something similar," Gallego said.

The Birthday Book Club is part of Read On Phoenix and My Brother's Keeper, two early childhood education and literacy programs. It is also a partnership between Scholastic and Phoenix librarians specializing in youth literacy.

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Rosie and Stellie Frederickson with their cousin, Lucy. The trio assembled 50 sack lunches for A New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center.

Hopi Good News Network to broadcast acts of service

By Rachael Bouley

Hopi Elementary School put its creative thinking cap on when it came to this year's variety show. Instead of focusing on talent acts, the school decided to share good deeds and service acts around the community. They called it the Hopi Good News Network.

Liz Ord, one of three network directors supporting students throughout the project, said the idea was born last summer when it became clear that the annual variety show wouldn't proceed as planned.

"This event is such a special and longstanding tradition," Ord said. "We were determined to come up

with something that would capture all of the good the variety show has provided for Hopi kids, their families and our community for so many years."

The organizers reimagined the event and launched the Hopi Good News Network in its place, where instead of having kids perform on stage, they were asked to perform acts of kindness.

"We hoped that families would turn their talents and their resources outward to bring smiles to audiences who could use some good news," Ord said. "Our goal with HGNN was to help Hopi kids realize that while they can't change the tough news happening in the



Kindergartener Hannah Clark loaded up her wagon full of trash sacks, hand wipes and water bottles and picked up trash on three miles of the canal.



HGNN anchors - top row: Beck Curtis, Ruby Shaeffer, Isabel Talamantes, Mack Levine, Anna Bender, Moses Allen. Bottom row: Shaan Rao, Lila Delong, Gracie McCarty, Gigi DeNitto, Chloe Seidenberg, Wilder Davis.

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First-grader Kennedy Komadina and her family collected books from friends and neighbors and restocked little libraries around the Arcadia neighborhood.



Fourth-grader Griffin Venneri hand-painted rocks with colorful, inspiring messages of hope and secretly placed them in various flowerbeds.



One of Griffin Venneri's inspirational rocks.

world, they can be a force for positivity in their little neck of the woods."

Families were asked to submit pictures and videos highlighting their service acts to be used in the Hopi Good News broadcast. The community turned up in

a big way after the tradition shifted to a new format, with over 100 families participating. Even the faculty joined in, as Principal Tamara Jagodzinski and Vice Principal Amanda Rand performed acts of service with their own families and submitted content for the broadcast.

Some acts of kindness included making hygiene kits for the Welcome to America Project, delivering flowers to neighbors and supporting frontline workers and volunteers with goodie bags. Students shared messages of hope throughout the community and then got to work

preparing the news broadcast. Typically, the variety show has student emcees, but this year 12 students were selected from fifth grade classrooms to serve as official HGNN anchors.

The broadcast will be aired to the students in early May, with a special drive-in movie night planned for parents and family members.

Hopi parent Allison Clark is looking forward to the broadcast after helping her kindergarten daughter Hannah with her project – filling a wagon full of trash bags and hand wipes to pick up litter along three miles of canal.

"Hannah was all smiles during our service project. She loved getting to show her big sign to cars, joggers and bikers as they passed by," Clark said. "We got two friendly honks, one car made a fast U-turn to thank us for making the neighborhood even more beautiful, and another car stopped to give Hannah a \$20 tip." In the

spirit of giving, Hannah chose to donate the \$20 right back to Hopi.

Many other students shared similar fun experiences, including 6-year-old Rosie Frederickson, who made 50 sack lunches for a homeless shelter alongside her sister Stellie and cousin Lucy.

"When we made all of those PB&Js, my tummy was really, really growling," Rosie said. "I kept thinking, 'Oh, boy! The super hungry people we're making these for are definitely going to love eating them.' Knowing that made me so happy inside!"

Eleven-year-old Chloe Seidenberg, one of the HGNN anchors, said the broadcast is the perfect way to finish off the project.

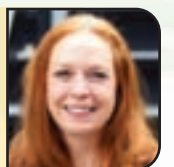
"It feels so good to be able to share some great news with my school when people need it most," Chloe said. "It makes me feel so special to know that I got picked to share so many stories about others doing amazing things."

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Arcadia kids create Stress Busters to help neighbors

By Rachael Bouley

Two Arcadia kids are spending their free time working on a creative project that they hope will make a difference in sick children's lives across the Valley.

When not in class at Hopi Elementary, 9-year-old Maverick and 8-year-old Mila Messenger make homemade stress balls and raise money for Phoenix Children's Hospital. The siblings started their project, called Stress Busters, back in February.

"They started super organically with giving some of their stress balls out and then started charging for them once they saw how excited both kids and adults were when they squeezed them," mother Gabi Messenger said. "It was a bonus to be donating all the money made to PCH."

Maverick's love of fidget and squishy toys led to the idea of a squeezable ball. He said he likes to keep his hands busy and enjoys trading the trinkets with friends at school.

"Since there seems to be a lot more stress around us lately, we think everyone can benefit from having a stress ball to squeeze," Gabi said. "We've sold over 80 so far, and many people have donated money in addition to purchasing stress balls."

Each ball is an original creation, made from a combination of balloons, water beads, rubber bands and friendship



Mila Messenger



Stress Busters are made with everyday household objects.



Maverick Messenger

bracelet string. Maverick and Mila spread the word at school and with their sports team while their parents shared the news on social media.

The whole family was on board to donate the money to Phoenix Children's Hospital, which mom and dad suggested.

"Maverick has been to Phoenix Children's Hospital a few times, and we've seen firsthand how wonderful the facility and staff have been," Gabi said. "We also have some friends that have been there longer-term, and we realize how lucky we

are to have this hospital so close by to help those in need."

Gabi said that so far, the kids have raised over \$1,000, and she and her husband are matching that amount.

While they think it would be fantastic to raise another \$1,000 in donations by the time the year is over, Maverick and Mila are just happy to be helping others and having fun in the process.

"It feels really good to give back and to help people that need it. We are grateful to be able to do so," Gabi said, noting that it

wouldn't be possible without local support, including school and sports friends.

"We love the community of Arcadia and feel like our neighbors and friends are our family. We support each other through ups and downs, and it has been really special to see everyone come together during this past year especially."

The family has set up a fundraising campaign on the Phoenix Children's Foundation website where people can donate and buy stress balls.

givetoch.org/stressbusters

One mom's journey through writing to being published

By Mallory Gleich

When Kelsey Vickers was a kid, she dreamed of becoming a published author one day. She kept a notebook of story ideas, and she would spend time with her father bouncing them around. The notebook is no more, but Vickers' dream came true: She recently published her first children's book.

Vickers grew up in Phoenix for a short time before her family moved to Flagstaff. She's a graduate of ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and now resides in Cave Creek, but often frequents the Arcadia area, where her family lives.

"I decided to finally put my efforts into publishing when my husband and I began



Kelsey Vickers

discussing starting a family," she said.

Vickers' inspiration for becoming a writer started back in high school. She had an English teacher who was known for his challenging classes.

"He was the first to push me creatively

in my writing and encourage me to think hard about pursuing it further in college," Vickers said. "After that school year, I didn't think about it again until my second year in college."

Vickers said that she felt unsure of her writing when she started at ASU, so she majored in a different field. She then switched gears and applied to the journalism program to pursue writing as a career.

Vickers' book, *Tails of Harlow*, is inspired by her sister's Bernese mountain dog, Harlow.

"She is clumsy, messy, and so much larger than she believes she is," Vickers said. "But with all the mess comes the most loving, gentle giant. The stories in the book are inspired by true incidents and the mess her tail causes."

The process of writing a book was challenging for Vickers. First, she said she had to overcome her lack of confidence.

"I had to continuously remind myself that everyone has to start somewhere, and most people don't know what they are doing at the start of anything new," she said.

Once she completed her research, Vickers said she decided to share the news with everyone that her goal was to get her book published.

"I truly believe the best way to stay motivated and to complete something challenging is to tell everyone you know about it. With people continually asking me

about how the book was going, I always had it at the forefront of my mind," she said.

After several edits, Vickers sent a first draft to a professional editor. Then, she started to search for a local illustrator to help bring the book to life.

"While waiting in line to get a coffee, I overheard two women having a conversation; one worked in publishing. It truly felt like fate stepped in. I introduced myself, and it turned out to be the best thing I had done," she said.

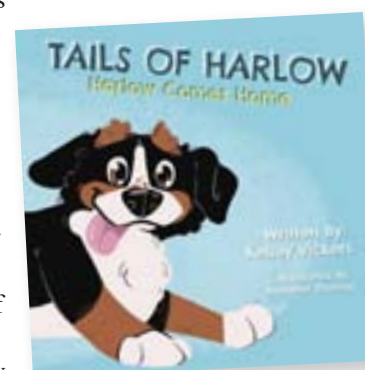
The woman shared referrals to groups that Vickers could turn to for help. She joined the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and shared her idea.

After reaching out to numerous small and large independent publishing companies, and a few rejection letters, Vickers received an email asking to attach the entire manuscript.

"I feel fortunate to have my name printed on a published book," Vickers said. "I am extremely happy."

Vickers plans to continue writing children's books and hopes to create a *Tails of Harlow* series with five more books.

Tails of Harlow is available on Amazon.



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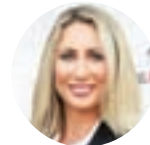
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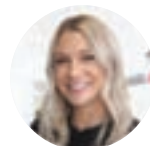
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Xavier wins computer science diversity award for a third year

By Jennifer Marshall

Xavier's done it again – the prep school is one of only 54 high schools in the country to receive the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for both AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles courses. Most notably, this is their third year obtaining the honor.

“To qualify, schools must have at least 50% of females taking the course,” Xavier Director of Marketing and Staff Development Lisa Zuba said.

Senior Jamie Stelnik, who will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall and major in computer science, said that “Having Xavier give access to computer science classes and make the industry more diverse makes me very happy. I’m excited that I’m able to follow my passion.” She plans to work in cybersecurity in the future.

Stelnik credits Xavier’s computer science teacher with helping the school win the award. “Ms. Wyman is an amazing teacher,” she said.

Xavier requires all sophomores to take an introductory course to learn how to code. From there, about 10% of the students choose to enroll in the two AP computer science classes for which Xavier won the award. For those girls committed to this field of study, they can also take Computer Science 3D Printing & Prototyping as an elective.

“Winning the Dual AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award means that Xavier is working toward gender equality through representation in computer science,” senior Sophia Plumb said. “I’ve always wished for more diversity in the industry, so I’m proud to be a part of this work toward improvement.”

Plumb said attending Xavier gives her opportunities to excel in the classroom and be exposed to female role models, especially in the industry.



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Jamie Stelnik, Bethany Barnwell and Sophia Plumb plan on looking into computer science-based careers thanks to classes at Xavier.

“Taking computer science courses in high school has given me the confidence to major in it next year and soon enter into the increasingly diverse computer science industry,” Plumb said.

Senior Bethany Barnwell is also proud that her school

won the award. “It was because of this program at Xavier that I got interested in computer science. I was planning on majoring in medicine in college, but now I’ve changed my career goals to be more computer science-oriented. I’m very grateful for the opportunities that Xavier has given me.”

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Mike Kennedy

By Ray Artigue

Occasionally you hear someone being described as "larger than life." Such was the case for Mike Kennedy, as eulogy after eulogy painted the picture of a man whose life was too large to fit on any one canvas.

Kennedy died on February 9 after a heroic battle with cancer. "Heroic," because he faced it courageously, never complained and fought with determination – just as he did hundreds of times as a trial lawyer. And though the final verdict did not go his way, Kennedy was still the victor through his abiding faith.

Kennedy was a special man, and he became regarded as such by being who he was – a thoughtful and caring person who put others first. He was an attorney with a national reputation for excellence and a community servant who made a real difference in the lives of so many people.

"People were just better human beings for knowing Mike," longtime friend Peter Calihan said, "and he always improved things after becoming involved."

Brophy President Adria Renke agrees and describes Kennedy's impact on the school when he co-chaired its first-ever capital campaign. "He stepped up when we needed it most and helped raise \$110 million. Mike Kennedy was a tried and true 'man for others,' always looking to lend a hand with his giant smile, sparkling blue eyes and a roll-up-your-sleeves attitude in all things."

People were just better human beings for knowing Mike.

Yet for everything he did to serve others, Mike was first and foremost a family man. He once said, "Professional accomplishments are very important, but there is nothing like your family."

Dean Short, a managing partner of the law firm that Mike co-founded in 1978, confirms that he had his priorities straight. "While stressing the need to deliver the highest quality legal services, Mike encouraged all members of the Gallagher & Kennedy family to lead balanced lives."

"Mike was one of the first people I met after moving to Phoenix, and he and I instantly hit it off with our mutual southwestern Ohio roots. No one did more to welcome us into the community," said Steve Matteucci, a former client.

Kennedy was a husband, father, grandfather and friend, and someone who was always there for you.

He leaves behind his wife, Dawn; three grown children, Jennifer, Rusty and Kevin; and six grandchildren with another on the way.

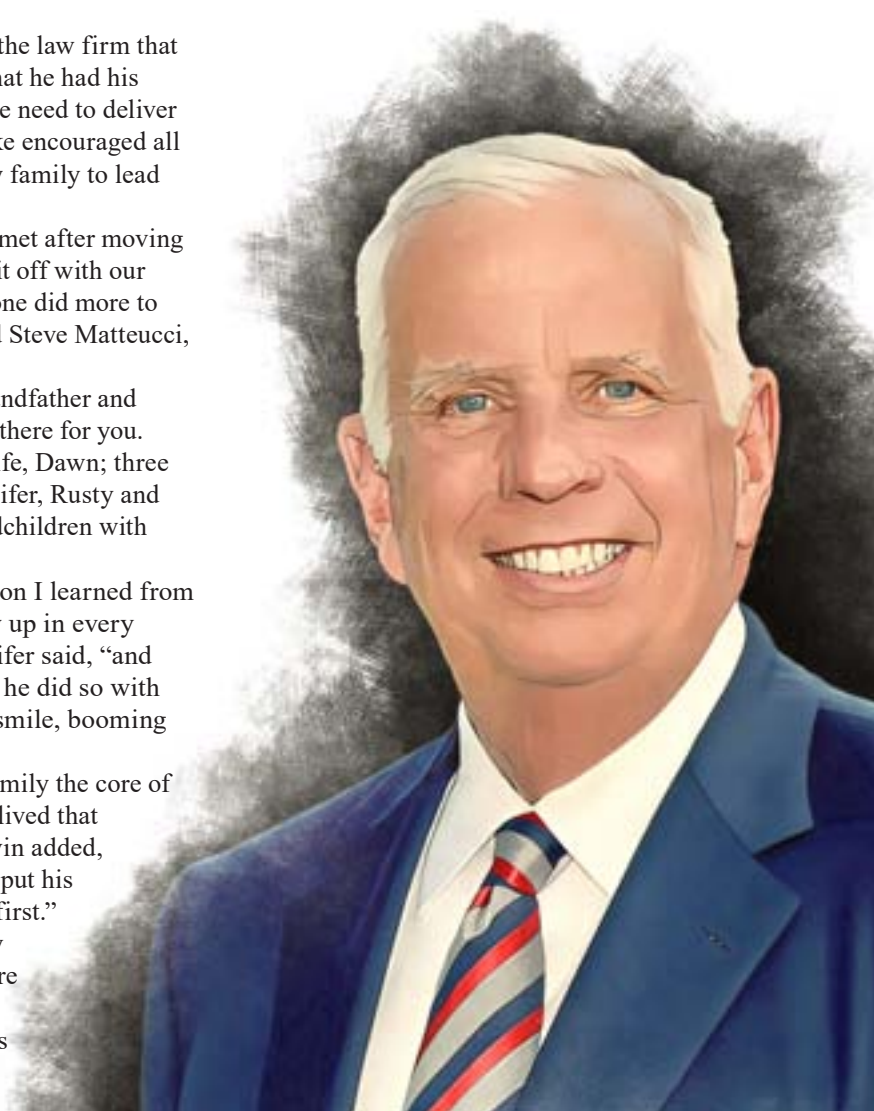
"The greatest lesson I learned from my dad was to show up in every aspect of life," Jennifer said, "and when he showed up, he did so with exuberance, a huge smile, booming

voice and total support."

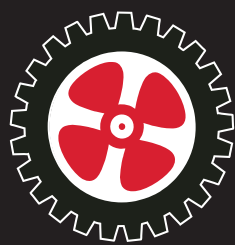
"Dad taught us to make faith and family the core of who you are and what you do, and he lived that out," Rusty said. Younger brother Kevin added, "Though he worked hard, dad always put his faith, family and being a good friend first."

The siblings said they learned many lessons from their father, and they were easy to grasp because he lived them out. "He would always tell us, 'there is no right way to do the wrong thing,'" Kevin said.

To the late Mike Kennedy, we thank you for your life's work and the example you set for us as a husband, father, grandfather, community servant and friend.



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A new way to dress for success

Over the past year, everything about the nature of work has changed, especially our work attire. In the past, khaki pants and golf shirts or suits and high heels were the norms, but today it's not unusual to see an entire team of people wearing hoodies and stretchy pants.

While focusing less on appearances can allow you to focus your energy more on work, there are occasions when you should make an effort with your attire. Interviewing for jobs requires a more formal dress code, even if you're working remotely. Dressing up for a virtual job interview is similar to writing a thank you note afterward. It's not something that you have to do. But if you want the job, you do it to show interest.

It is recommended that you wear an outfit you would have worn to an interview before the pandemic, and make sure you're well-groomed as well. Beyond what you look like, you also need to pay attention to your environment. In an in-person job interview, you'd go to an office for the meeting. But when you interview remotely, you have to pay attention to your surroundings. Clean up the area around you. Be sure your space is quiet. Consider the best-lit room in your home for an on-screen appearance.

This may sound like a lot of work, but it's worth it for the job offer you'll secure. Maybe the job will be remote, and you'll have the opportunity to wear casual clothes day-to-day.

Ultimately, office attire is likely to look different in the future. Perhaps hoodies and yoga pants will become the norm.



Career Corner

BY ANGELA COPELAND

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Letter writing kept alive with help from local stationery club

By Mallory Gleich

Remember the days when it was exciting to run to the mailbox in hopes of receiving a letter from a family member or friend? The art of letter writing may have lost some of its acceptance in today's world, but local entrepreneur Natalie Meszaros aims to change that with the Pretty Paper Club – a company inspired by a long-distance friendship.

In 1989, Natalie was living in Zweibrücken, Germany, when she met Julie Bass Walton. The pair were in 7th grade together, and their dads were both in the Air Force. The connection was immediate, and they remained friends into adulthood – even though they never lived in the same state again.

“Before the internet was even a thing, we wrote letters,” Natalie said. “Stationery was our thing. We marked each letter with the date we planned to run away from home (and never did), our initials ‘JN’ and the word beaches. We sent letters the way little girls exchanged friendship bracelets, secrets and hugs.”

Natalie explained that most military brats were letter writers since it was the only way to stay in touch when they moved. Everyone had an address book and, “we knew to only write in pencil because we updated our addresses so often,” she said.

Both Natalie and Julie left Europe in 1991, with Julie heading to Texas and Natalie initially heading to Ohio for college. However, during Natalie's sophomore year,



Natalie with husband Jason and kids Grant, Blake, Trey and Kate.

she transferred to U of A when her father was stationed in Tucson.

Natalie and Julie remained friends through college, their careers and motherhood.

In 2009, 31-year-old Julie received heartbreaking news: She had breast cancer. At the age of 33, she passed away.

“After years of friendship, I signed her hospice paperwork and held her sleeping baby while she passed,” Natalie said. “At that moment, the brevity of life overwhelmed me, and I realized Julie left us all a gift. The gift of connection. Stories. Friendship. Handwritten letters.”

The Pretty Paper Club was created to honor Julie and the friendship they had made.

Natalie explained that “there are hordes

of people who love paper goods, desk accessories, pens, stickers, washi tape, and confetti just as much as I do.”

“I’ve gifted these items to friends and family for years, even designing personalized stationery just for fun. Writing letters is part of my DNA,” she said. “And the best part? It blesses the sender just as much as it does the recipient. I’ve experienced it firsthand after years of sending letters back and forth to Julie.”

Natalie started getting requests from strangers for her stationery and realized she wasn’t alone in her affection for pen and paper. Pretty Paper Club officially began in 2017 and welcomed its first 30 members within a month.



Subscribers receive a new themed stationery kit each month.

Natalie explained that Pretty Paper Club’s goal is to “arm all of America with a pen and paper.” Members can pick their theme, customize it and start sending out letters. Each month, a new theme is introduced, so notes stay “fresh and fun.” Each box is filled with confetti – a small shout-out to Julie with each letter sent.

“Julie didn’t only write to me. She wrote to everyone,” Natalie said. “She wrote hundreds of letters. And she filled them all with confetti.”

Natalie still keeps in contact (through letters, of course) with Julie’s family, who lives in Texas.

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Art and culture pioneers celebrate 50 years

By Amanda Savage

Downtown Phoenix’s first art gallery – the Alwun House – has been a mainstay for Phoenix artists and activists for five decades. The art space is known for its many annual events like The Exotic Art Show, Salon des Enfants (a youth art show) and the Halloween Monster Ball. What isn’t as well known about the Alwun House is how it came to be.

The Alwun House building was erected in 1912 at 12th St. and Roosevelt in the Garfield Heights neighborhood. The manor-style home originally sat on five acres overlooking alfalfa fields. The home’s nickname was “Sedler’s House,” after the property’s original owner and builder, John Sedler.

Its architectural style and scale are somewhat of a hybrid between a classic bungalow and a colonial mission.

Co-founders and life partners Kim Moody and Larry Vanderbeek purchased the property in 1971 with a VA loan for \$11,000. Moody reportedly started dreaming of a collaborative space for artists when he returned to Arizona after a short stint in Los Angeles as an arts reporter.

The founding team spent 10 years renovating the house and grounds. The ground floor became an art gallery, the basement a theater, and the backyard a performance art space. According to Moody, the house’s name is a play on “all one,” as in all people coming together in the name of art.



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Co-founders Kim Moody and Larry Vanderbeek with Tom Houlon at the renovation. Executive Director Dana Johnson said that perseverance and dedication have contributed to the success of Alwun House.



The property’s renovations earned the team an environmental quality improvement award in 1972 by then-Phoenix Mayor Margaret Hance. Alwun House became the first nonprofit contemporary art space in Phoenix. In the beginning, it was primarily a performance space that hosted storytellers, guided meditations, jazz nights and miming acts.

In the early 1980s, Dana Johnson joined the team and brought structure to its free-flowing attitude. During this time, the Alwun House was one of the only places in Phoenix showcasing reggae music and community activism events.

In the 90s, the Alwun house launched an annual Valentine’s Day fundraising event called The Erotic Art Show. The organization also became more prominent in Phoenix’s LGBTQ community. During this time, Arizona media started to recognize the Alwun House in their annual “best of” round-ups.

In 1993, the house was listed on the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office’s Inventory of Historic Properties. In 2005, the City of Phoenix placed it on their list of registered historic properties.

The Alwun House’s transformative spirit has crept beyond property lines and into the neighborhood and surrounding communities.

Moody and Johnson have been heavily involved in the restoration of the Garfield neighborhood in Phoenix.

In 2019, they revealed plans to build a Green Art Park on the property behind the art space, which will be used for more family-focused events.

Despite the park’s construction, the Alwun House still has a busy 2021 planned. They will be hosting the Garfield Yard Sale, their annual Halloween party and dozens of other shows along the way. Celebrations for the art space’s 50th anniversary will begin in the fall.

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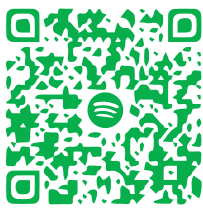


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The egg is the winner at Easter time

Eggs, rabbits, baskets, candy containers and small porcelain figures make Easter collectibles a signal that springtime is just around the corner. For those of you who enjoy a little bit of comprehensive knowledge, the word “Easter” comes from “Eostre,” a goddess of spring whose festival was celebrated in April long before the birth of Christ. It wasn’t until 325 A.D. that the Council of Nice set the first Sunday after the full moon appearing on or after March 21 as the date to celebrate Easter. This year it is late – on April 4.

European immigrants brought their traditions to the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries, including the concept of an egg-laying rabbit. By the late 1800s, the practice of children hunting for hidden Easter eggs had taken root. President Rutherford B.

Hayes hosted the first official White House egg roll in 1878, and American companies made all kinds of Easter keepsakes to profit from the holiday.

Items like Easter postcards, vases, plates, candy containers, toys, baskets, puzzles, and decorative eggs typically featured children, rabbits, chicks, flowers, and other springtime themes. The objects often depicted animals celebrating the holiday as any middle-class American might – shopping for eggs, eating a

hearty meal, or sending packages to their loved ones.

Most of the popular Easter items are from Germany and made during the Victorian period through the 1950s. Japan, the United States, and the United Kingdom have also produced several collectible items dating before 1960 that many collectors search out. You might have a treasure or two hidden away that could spark some interest.

Toy rabbits or “hares,” celluloid candy containers and small porcelain figurines featuring Easter themes that are well-marked with the country of origin are popular.

Most value-conscious collectors are looking for items produced after 1930 that are cute and affordable. The early German pieces dating from the turn of the last century are expensive and difficult to find. If you have a paper mâché rabbit container with a removable head, it could easily sell for \$100; or if your rabbit happens to be standing on four legs pulling a cart filled with vintage eggs, you could triple that figure.

Realistically, most people have some plastic rabbit or bunny or a tin egg left over from their childhood stashed away in a collectible memory box. Others might have those mid-century glass rabbit candy dishes, eggs, postcards, or even a special pamphlet from Sunday school that might be worth a few dollars.

However, the most popular and plentiful item on a collector’s shelf is the egg, the symbol of fertility and new life. There are thousands of dyed, etched, painted, carved, wax, glass, metal, jeweled and crystal eggs for the collector. The egg wins as the most popular item on a collector’s shelf. I bet you have at least one lying around that is unique to you.



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ASU tennis player finds passion in baking

I'm sure you've heard the saying, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." For most people finding just one passion they want to pursue as a career is challenging, but imagine having two hobbies you

categorically love that you could envision becoming a profession.

Sammi Hampton is a 24-year-old senior at ASU. Originally from Vancouver, WA, she came to Phoenix to pursue her childhood passion of playing collegiate tennis.

"I love playing college tennis. The girls are wonderful, Arizona is a great fit for me, and

I've made lifelong

friends with my teammates and other athletes at the school," she said.

Like many young athletes, Hampton dreamed of playing professional tennis after graduating from college – that is



until another childhood passion became even sweeter.

"My mom is a great cook. We baked pies, cookies and cakes together, and in middle school I used to joke that someday I would have my own bakery," she said.

Although baking was always a part of Hampton's life, between school and all the hours spent on a tennis court, it was something she did for fun and for all her friends.

Then two-and-a-half years ago, on a road trip with her mom from



Washington to ASU, she had an "a-ha" moment which led to the invention of what she calls the "cokie."

Hampton loves cookies, but she has always wanted cookies to be a little thicker, so as soon as they arrived back home to Arcadia, the experimenting began.

"I started researching and trying out different ingredients. They looked like a disaster at first, but they actually tasted delicious, so I knew I was on to something," she said.

At the time, Hampton was taking an entrepreneurial class at ASU, and part of the class project was working on a business venture. That's when her part-cake, part-cookie went from a dream to a profit. She decided to do a two-week advertising blitz on social media to see if the "cokie" could win over the hearts of diehard cookie and cake fans.

She had so many orders that the whole family was baking and packaging to meet the demands of her new following.

"People say they love them because

they are delicious, large and moist.

The most popular flavor is our famous funfetti, and chocolate chip is also popular," Hampton said.

To juggle her schoolwork, tennis and a three-day baking schedule, Hampton gets her teammates to exchange their rackets for aprons and become bakers for a day. It's just another way she can still enjoy both of her passions and recognize how one compliments the other.

"I think my work ethic and positive attitude are the personal qualities that helped me become the tennis player I am today," Hampton said. Those qualities directly translate to baking; as hard work keeps me striving for more."

Hampton is back on the Sun Devil's tennis court, and people all over the country are discovering they no longer need to choose between a cookie or a cake. Now they can enjoy both.

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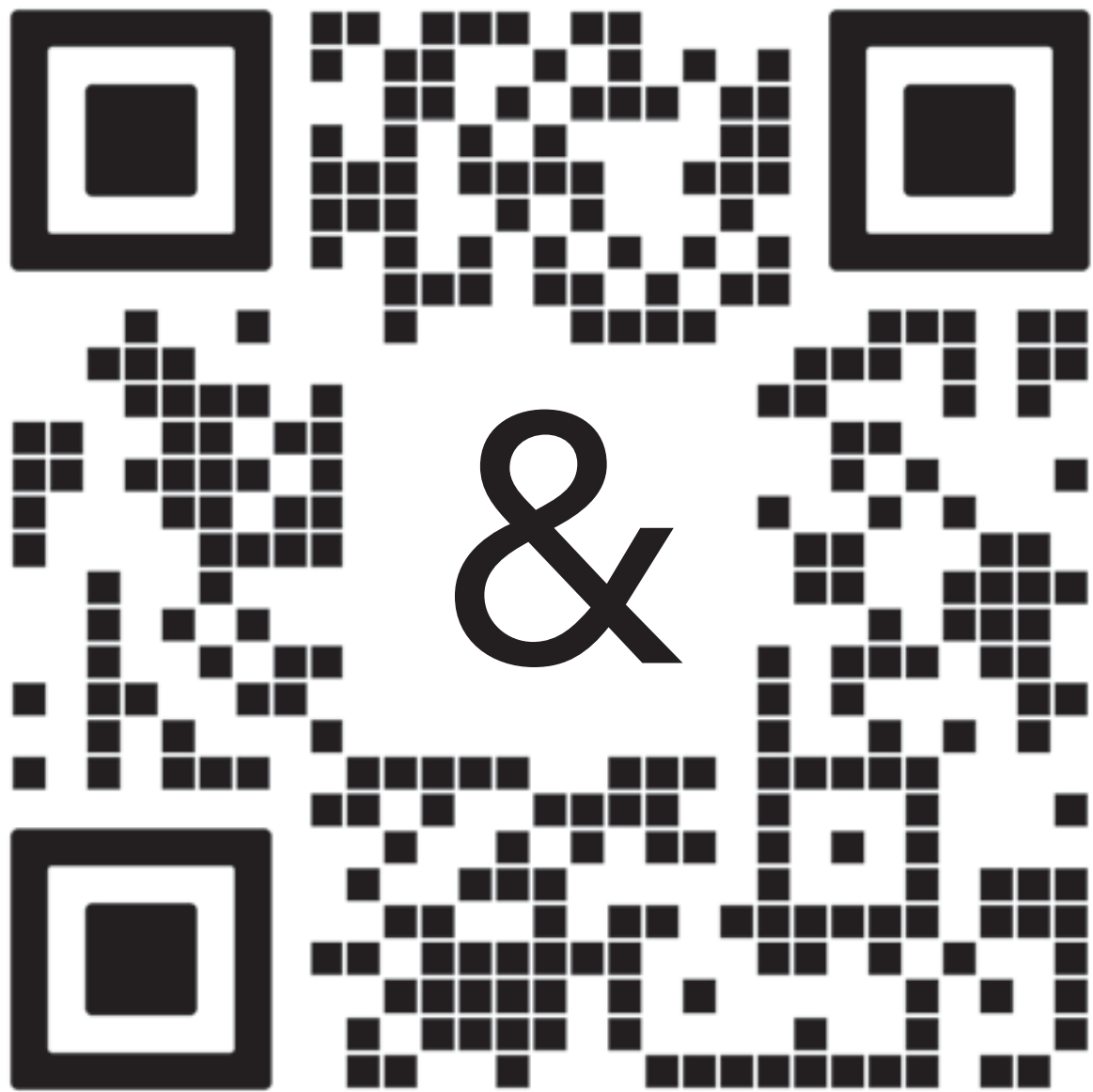
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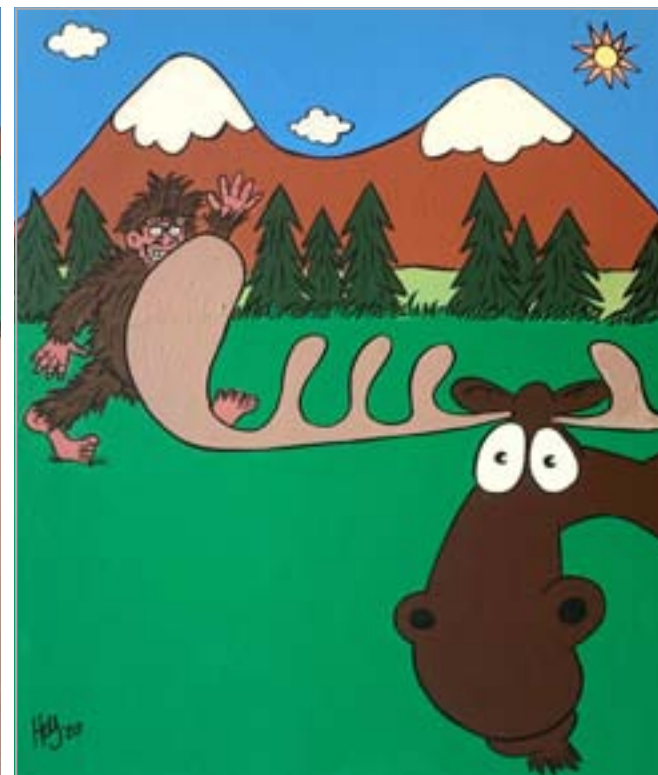
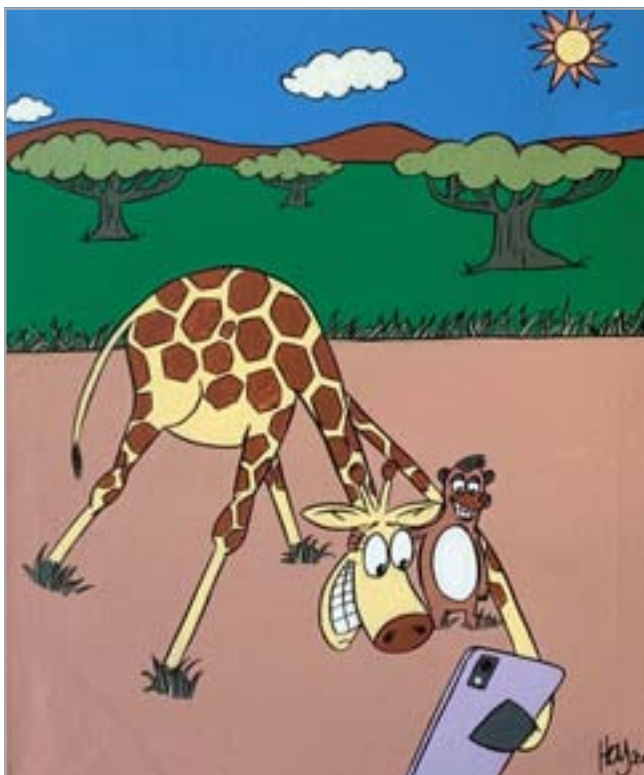
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Sean Hoy uses his art as a way to "leave someone feeling a little better," and has since started donating proceeds to the Living Hope Cancer Foundation.

Artist joins nonprofit to raise money with whimsical paintings

By Rachael Bouley

Artist Sean 'Hoylarious' Hoy is putting his talent to immeasurable use and raising funds for a cause that is near to his heart.

Hoy is donating a portion of proceeds from his sales to Living Hope Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit founded by his friends Chuck and Hannah Keels. The Arcadia husband and wife duo are cancer survivors who created the foundation to provide personalized cancer support, lifestyle coaching and patient advocacy education.

"Chuck and Hannah and their true strength, character, faith and positive views are the motivations for my inspiration for

Living Hope," Hoy said. "I cannot imagine what they as a couple and individuals have endured, and yet they do not let cancer rule their lives."

As his nickname suggests, Hoy specializes in bright and colorful artwork that showcases his quirky humor and life's simple joys.

"Humor is my driving force – it's whimsical wrapping with a bit of fun and inclusion for all," Hoy said. "Humor is such a powerful tool, and when mixed with art, it can heal much."

The self-taught painter and philanthropist is often inspired by his love of animals and his experience as a professional cartoonist. His offbeat humor shines through in his art as he

looks to lift spirits and spread happiness while supporting Living Hope.

Hoy has plans for a humorous, cancer-related gift book, a mural, T-shirts and other projects to support the foundation, but for now, he is focusing on giving back up to 25% of his proceeds to the nonprofit.

"I love creating art and supporting our local communities because it makes me feel like I am part of a bigger cause, and I can add what I believe will help us all," Hoy said.

Hoy is no stranger to getting involved in the community, having collaborated on programs and art/performing gigs for the Arc of Tempe, Phoenix Children's Hospital, United Way, Arizona Humane Society and more. He has participated in over 200 art shows since his first major commission in 2007.

Hoy has drawn his entire life and



Sean Hoy

developed his skills through practice, having taken only a handful of art classes. He majored in communications and public speaking at ASU and landed an editorial cartoonist gig in his second year.

His freelance work and stand-up comedy helped him connect to the local community, and he's had some special projects along the way. These include 35 caricatures for the Celebrity Room at Los Abrigados Resort in Sedona, a full-color mural at The Four Seasons in Scottsdale and a series of murals for The Perch Brewery in Chandler.

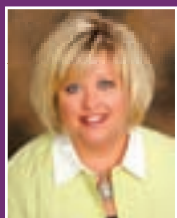
Hoy's interested in creating a mobile art studio and gallery in the future, but right now, he is just happy to be producing art he can be proud of and helping the community at the same time.

"My goal is always the same: to create artwork that leaves someone feeling a little better than before they viewed it," Hoy said.

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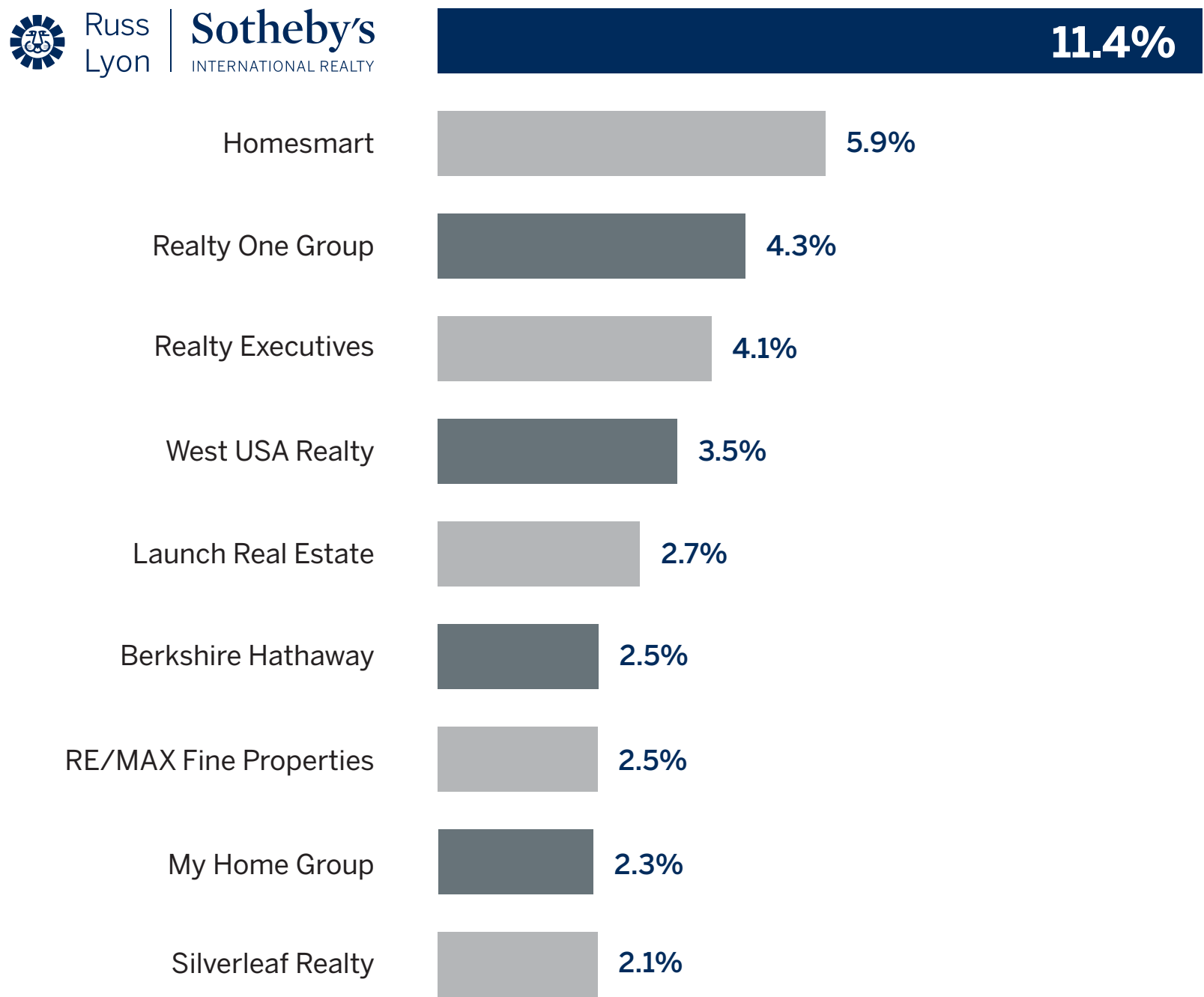


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Imagine the possibilities: ART CAMPS IN PHOENIX

By Mallory Gleich

For the aspiring artists out there, Phoenix has a plethora of summer camps available. Campers can hone their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and more while also making friends and learning new skills – all while having fun. Here, we’ve showcased a few local camps to choose from.

Readers are encouraged to check websites for safety protocols.

CARRIE CURRAN FINE ARTS CAMP

8300 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale

Date/Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 24-August 2

Age: 6-8, 9-13

Price: \$335 per 4-day session

Young Vincent art camp encourages kids to explore their creativity using multiple mediums, including watercolor, drawing, mixed media, sculpture and acrylic painting. There will be a community art show for friends and family on the last day of every session. Campers’ completed projects will be on display and ready to take home the day of the show. Carrie Curran Studios also offers a virtual camp from June-August where kids can learn drawing and painting techniques from home.

carriecurranart.com

CRAYOLA IMAGINE ARTS ACADEMY

Mad Science of Northeast Phoenix,
2701 E. Thomas Road

Date/Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 28-July 2

Age: Kindergarten through grade 7

Price: \$150 for five classes

The Crayola Imagine Arts Academy presents a half-day camp for creative minds. Each day will have a different

“*Summer art camps are so important for children, not only to build their creative and cognitive skills but also to give them social interactions that create lifelong memories.*”

theme, including Mars Habitat, Comic Book Heroes and Picture Perfect. Campers will experiment with various art techniques, such as sculpting, collage and mixed media.

“At Crayola Imagine Arts Academy, our motto is ‘art with a purpose.’ We inspire children to dream big with unique art experiences that broaden their horizons,” Owner Jennifer Mollett said. Not only will kids be able to create, but they’ll also learn about artistic careers in graphic design, fashion, board game design and architectural and urban design.

imagineartsacademy.com

SCOTTSDALE ARTISTS’ SCHOOL

3720 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale

Date/Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., June 1-July 30

Age: 6-17

Price: \$260 + fees

The Summer Breeze art sessions at the SAS will combine 2D art mediums such as drawing, painting, watercolor and mixed media with 3D art mediums such as relief, additive, found objects and hand building with clay.

“Our programs take art and incorporate STEAM, as well,” said Director Skye Fallon. “Art is everywhere

around us; it doesn’t matter where you look.” Students will learn what each of these mediums does and the techniques used to build upon an art piece. Students will work at their own “art stations” and will share their creations in a youth art show and reception at the end of the week.

scottsdaleartschool.org

SHEMER ART CENTER ART CLASSES

5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix

Date/Time: Ongoing

Age: 6-13

Price: Varies

Shemer Art Center’s four-day summer camp sessions have already sold out, but students will find plenty of youth classes and workshops throughout the year that are still available. Examples include silk screen printing and watercolor painting. “Art classes are so important for children, not only to build their creative and cognitive skills but also to give them social interactions that create lifelong memories,” Executive Director Shonna James said.

shemerartcenter.org

SUNSHINE SUNFLOWER STUDIO ART CAMP

700 W. Campbell Ave., Phoenix

Date/Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 1-July 9

Age: 5-12

Price: \$225 per week

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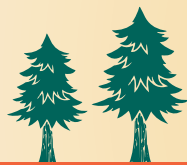


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childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

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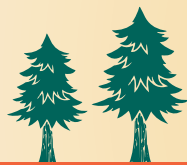
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LET'S GET DIGITAL, DIGITAL: VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMPS

By Mallory Gleich

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ANIMAL ED-VENTURES AT HOME

Age: 8-12

Cost: \$175 per 10 kits

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engineeringforkids.com

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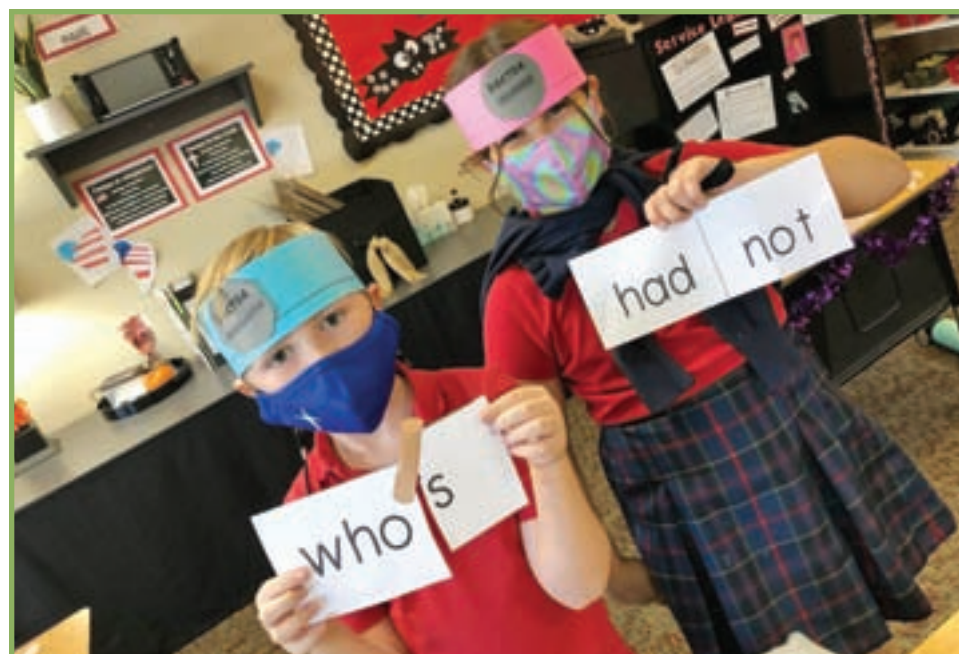
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Cost: \$300

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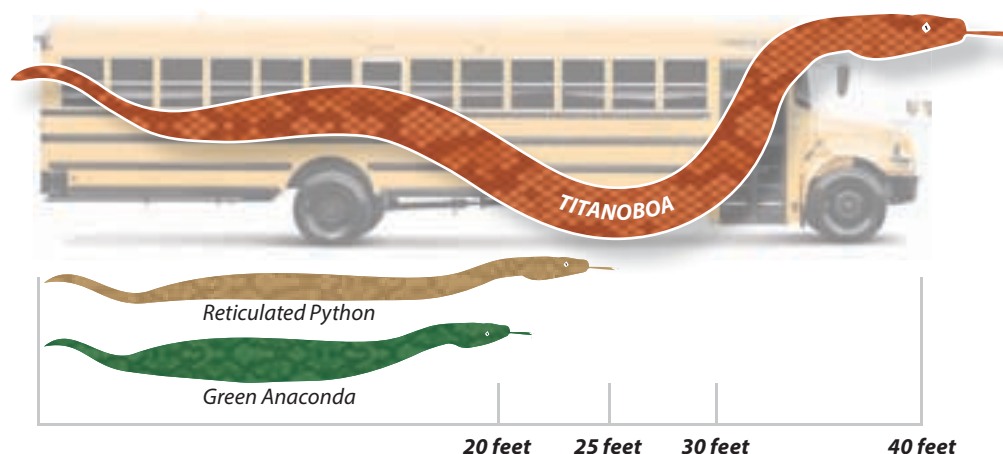
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They can survive for months without eating.

Snakes have teeth and fangs (front and rear).

Some snakes have over 200 teeth.

Australia's Inland Taipans are the most venomous in the world.

Some snakes have been known to explode after eating a large meal.

The amount of food a snake eats determines how many offspring it will have.

Snakes do not have external ears – but can still hear.

They smell the air to hunt.

Some animals, such as the Mongoose, are immune to snake venom.

Some snakes can breathe partially through their skin.

Despite their reputation, more people die from bee stings than snakebites, annually.

Of the approximately 725 species of venomous snakes worldwide, 250 can kill a human with one bite.

Some U.S. Army, Special Forces members are taught to kill and eat snakes during their survival training, which has earned them the nickname "Snake Eaters."

The most common snake in North America is the garter (gardener) snake.

Seventy percent of snake species lay eggs while the other 30% give birth.

Two-headed snakes can occur on rare occasions.

The decapitated head of a dead snake can still bite, even hours after death.

A snake "smells in stereo" and can even tell which direction a smell is coming from. It identifies scents using pits in the roof of its mouth called the Jacobson's organ.

The king cobra is thought to be one of the most intelligent of all snakes. Unlike most snakes, king cobras are careful parents who defend and protect their eggs from enemies.

SAY WHAT?

WATCH WHERE YOU STEP!

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The dream team: AHS Varsity Pom's season full of wins

By Rachael Bouley

Arcadia High School's Varsity Pom squad wrapped up their best season yet with their first-ever state championship. The team came out in full force to secure the AIA Division 2 Pom State Title, winning by over 2.5 points and scoring highest for both the execution and choreography portions.

The Arcadia pom program started in 2018. The group has been state runners-up two years in a row before winning it all last month. Coach Ashley Parcell said this accomplishment is incredible not just for the athletes but for the AHS Spiritline as a whole.

"These girls have worked so hard all season with the road to state in mind," Parcell said. "They gave it all they had in every practice and put it all out there on the floor at their state competition in hopes of becoming state champions, and they did it. Words cannot even begin to express how proud I am."

Parcell said winning the competition by a 2.5-point difference is quite a feat, since most differences between teams are within 0.5 points.

The team's performance brought tears of joy to teammates and their supporters. Parcell says she will never forget that feeling, made possible by the athletes' undeniable love for each other and their sport.

"The major key to success in winning this competition was the fact that my athletes shared the same vision and dream for their



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Back row: Kyle Kinkel, Campbell Clark, Libby Collins, Allie Logan, Elana Naftolin, Alyssa Blanks and Sophia Alba. Front row: Coach Ashley, Rheana Stangler, Sydney Guest-Nelson, Stella Morganstern, Jules Johns, Ava Farias and Assistant Coach Jaymie.

team," Parcell said. "When 12 athletes have the same drive, the same goal and the same fire behind their eyes, anything becomes possible."

The squad overcame adversity on their way to state glory, learning to dance through injuries and dealing with music malfunctions. Their journey included a first-

place win in the pom division at the Sonoran Desert Classic and a second-place finish at the AIA State Qualifier Competition in February.

With the season officially over, the girls will be designing and ordering their champion rings and sharpening their skills for next season's tryouts, which are just a few months away.

"It was an amazing way to end our successful season and a great way to send my seniors into alumni status within our program," Parcell said. "The girls have put so much time, effort, blood, sweat and tears into this sport that when their hard work pays off, it is the greatest feeling knowing that it is always worth it."

Parcell says the squad will miss the graduating seniors as they head off to college, many with plans to pursue spots on their university's dance teams.

"I wish them all the best in their future and will always continue to cheer for them and support them throughout all they accomplish."

The rest of the team will continue practicing and conditioning during the off-season with a focus on technique, skills, endurance, stamina and flexibility.

"The high level of performance will be something that the team in future years will continue to strive to maintain and push past those limits," Parcell said.

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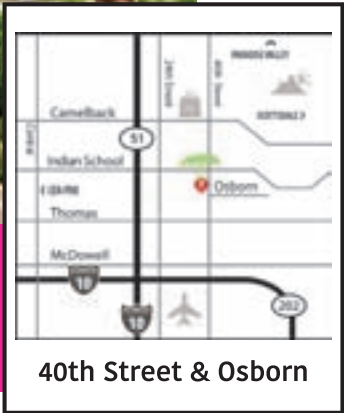
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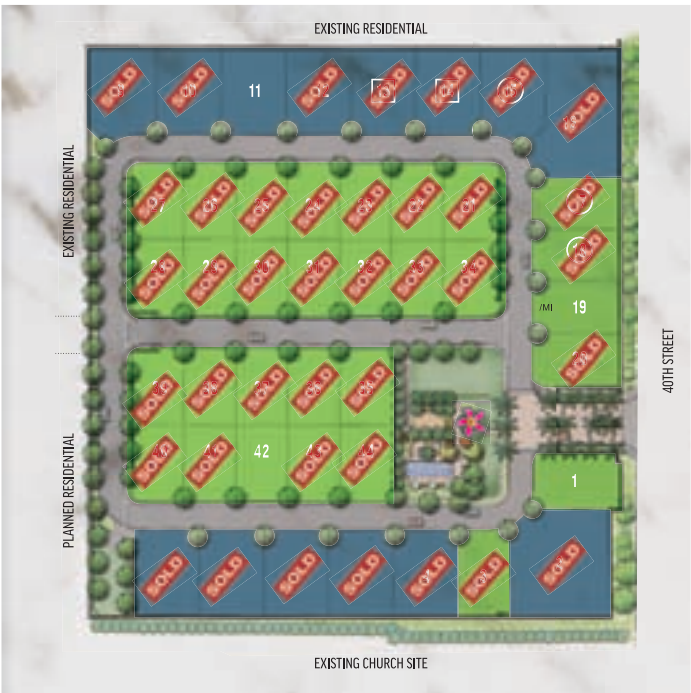
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Play ball! Arcadia High is back on the diamond

By Cody Kennedy

The skies are clear, and in the distance is the sound of a baseball bat cracking against a ball. Baseball season has arrived at Arcadia High.

The team began practicing back in October, but the season didn't start until early March after being pushed back to adhere to health guidelines put out by the Arizona Interscholastic Association. The team didn't let that stop them from getting on the field as soon as they were able.

The Titans first game was against Centennial, and the team won 4-0. Coach Matt Sugarman sees the win as a sign for a successful season.

"This year, we want to focus on competing during every pitch," he said. "The team is very excited and eager to be playing."

This season, the stands may look a little bare. Only two fans per player can watch the games in person, and there will be no online option to watch the games.

"I am most excited to be able to play in general, considering what happened last year," junior catcher Ryan Spier said. "However, I would say winning games is the most exciting thing when I think of this year. Winning makes everything fun, especially when you are playing with kids you have known most of your life."

Spier said that the team's biggest strength this year is experience, with many of the



players having years of playing time at the varsity level.

"I think we have a very well-rounded team," Spier said. "We don't have someone that throws 95 mph, or that is going to hit 15 home runs, but we feel we have everything we need to win lots of games. I am excited to see what we accomplish."

The season will run until May 5, and after that, playoffs will start.

"This team is a group of close-knit young men who like to compete alongside one another," Coach Sugarman said. "I am looking forward to watching them play the game they love."

ARCADIA LITTLE LEAGUE UPDATE

ALL celebrated their official Opening



Day on March 20. This year's opening event honored veteran volunteers Jim & Jennifer Baker, the National Anthem was sung and the first pitch was thrown by Jon Hobbs of Stabilizer Solutions, the company that helped make the repairs needed to use the field that was vandalized back in November. "We are up and running as normal and excited to be playing ball!" President Cheri Pierce said. arcadialittleleague.com

AHS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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Thursday 4/1, 6 p.m. Paradise Valley (Phoenix)

Tuesday 4/6, 3:45 p.m. Desert Mountain (Scottsdale)

Thursday 4/8, 3:45 p.m. Corona del Sol (Tempe)

Friday 4/9, 3:45 p.m. Desert Mountain (Scottsdale)

Tuesday 4/13, 6 p.m. Cactus Shadows (Cave Creek)

Friday 4/16, 7 p.m. Cactus Shadows (Cave Creek)

Tuesday 4/20, 3:45 p.m. McClintock (Tempe)

Thursday 4/22, 3:45 p.m. Saguaro (Scottsdale)

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