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Sunshine Acres Children's Home Dedicates Bonnie's Place



Submitted by Blandford Homes

Sunshine Acres Children's Home recently dedicated *Bonnie's Place*, a home to 10 deserving girls, as well as their house parents and their own four children.

Bonnie's Place is a 6,700-square-foot girls' home donated and built by Blandford Homes, with support from their trade partners.

Blandford Homes, with Jeff Blandford and Bonnie Blandford, have been generous donors to Sunshine Acres for more than 27 years. Last year, they joined forces with Executive Director Carol Whitworth, to inquire as to the home's current needs and future plans. At that time, the inspiration for Bonnie's Place was born. The new facility is named after Bonnie Blandford, Jeff's mother who has been very involved with the building of this home.

Blandford Homes is proud to be a small part of such a loving and giving place as Sunshine Acres. The company continues to work with the home to contribute more building projects over the next five to seven years.

ABOUT BLANDFORD HOMES

Blandford Homes is built on a foundation of success, which began in 1979. Over the years, the company has built thousands of homes in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The owners of Blandford Homes and its affiliate companies, Pinnacle Ridge Holdings, LLC, City View Properties,

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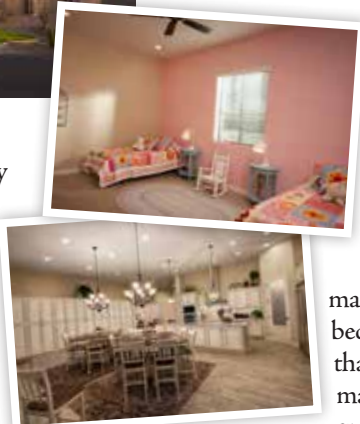
The miraculous story of Sunshine Acres Children's Home encourages and inspires people all over the world.

Rev. James and Vera Dingman (*Uncle Jim and Aunt Vera*) opened Sunshine Acres Children's Home in 1954, with a desire to give their lives to caring for children who are hurting, and faith that God would provide all they needed. The Dingmans had spent their

entire lives serving those forgotten by society—the sick, the poorest of the poor, migrant families and people in prison.

For 17 years, they had prayed for a place to take care of homeless children. In 1953, they sold their home, and, with the help of the Mesa Optimist Club, made the down-payment on 125 acres of Arizona desert, complete with a few run-down buildings.

They were grandparents with no income, 11 years of mortgage payments, no electricity and a well with a broken pump. Aunt Vera writes, "That day, we both felt we should never solicit money, or a board, or a brick, and no child would ever be turned away for financial reasons. God impressed upon us very strongly that this was His work. We were to take care of the children, and He would take care of the finances." This was the beginning of the *Miracle in the Desert*. ■



SOCIAL CLUB JUNE BREAKFAST IS A BIG HIT

By Jay Williamson - Social Club Publicity
Red Mountain Ranch Social Club

The Red Mountain Ranch Social Club met for breakfast on Thursday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., at the Red Mountain Ranch Country Club.

The announcement for the meeting said, "Tired of having to stay home because it is so hot? Would you like to go where it is cool, and visit with friends you have not seen for a while? I have a solution for you. Join us for breakfast."

Those members of the Social Club still in town took us up on our offer, and we had a large group attending the breakfast. Instead of a business meeting and speaker, we just had breakfast together. We ate downstairs in the Grill Room, with two long tables so we could appreciate the golf course view and enjoy fellowship together. We will be meeting

for breakfast again in July and August, as many of our members are out of town.

We want to thank Meal and Beverage Manager Terry Durr, his staff and Sarah for planning and preparing wonderful breakfasts for us. Like last year, Terry provided a breakfast special for \$5, including tax and tip. The tasty

breakfast included bacon or sausage, a potato and fruit dish, with toast and coffee. Members had the option of ordering from the regular country club breakfast menu. Also, a table featuring free coffee was provided.

During the meal, President Betty Day and Vice President Wanda Wimp announced several upcoming club events, and thanked everyone for coming. ■

For more information about the Red Mountain Ranch Social Club, send an e-mail to Jay Williamson at jaynwilliamson57@yahoo.com.



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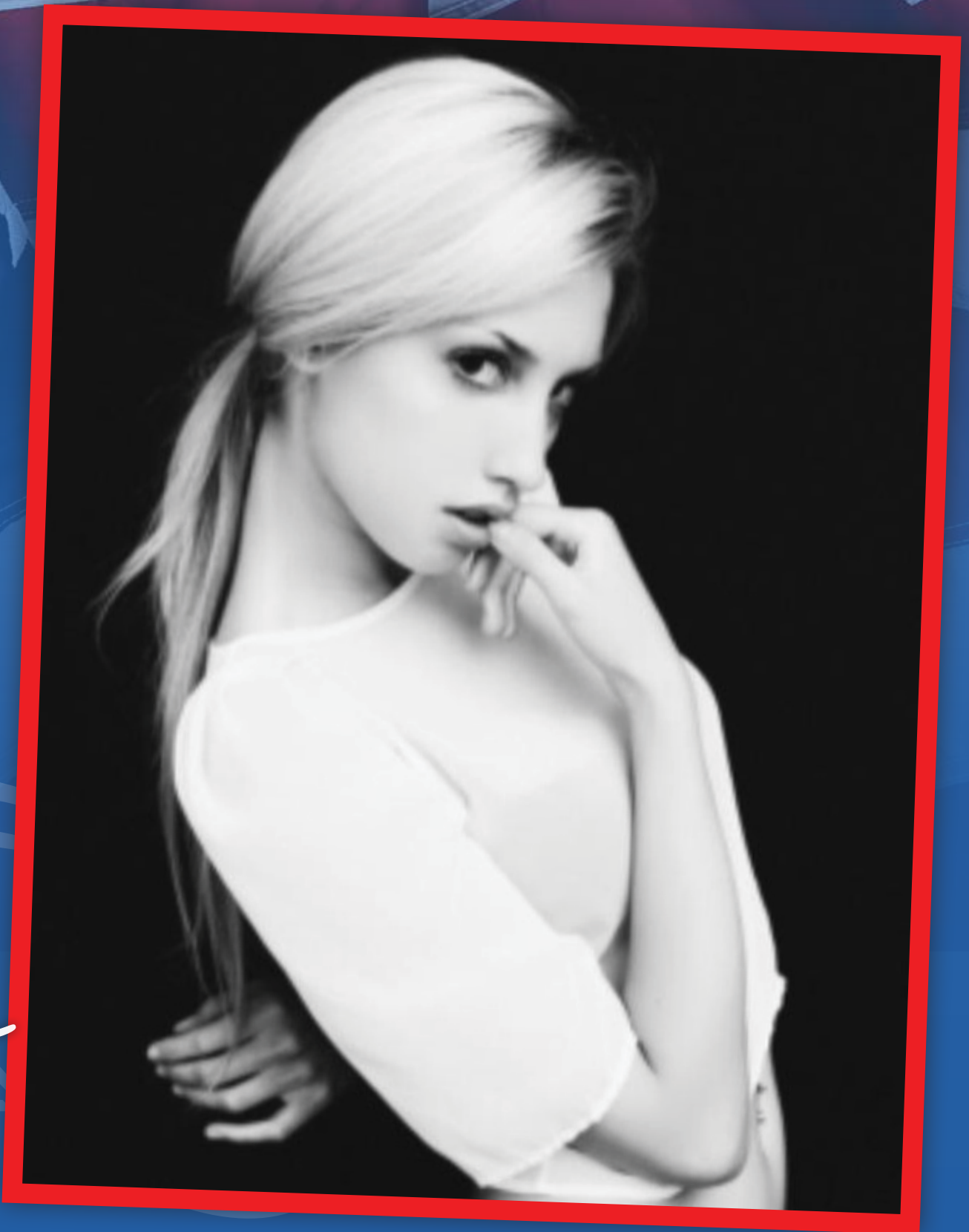
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READING TO CHILDREN Leads to School Success

By Dr. Anjum Majeed, Principal
Self Development Academy

As a school leader, one of my favorite activities is to visit classrooms to teach, talk with students, and watch them interact with each other and their teachers.

On one occasion, when visiting Self Development Preschool's 3-year old class, I noted an interaction between a child who was barely 3 years old and Ms. Vernetta Madsen, the director of the preschool. Both of them were sitting next to each other on the carpet in the room.

The little child was holding a book with pictures and having a conversation with Ms. Vernetta. The little girl was trying to build a story while getting ready to pretend to read the book she was holding. She asked Ms. Vernetta what characters would she want in her story. The little child explained that they should have animals and a person. Then, she asked Ms. Vernetta, "Where will the story take place?" Next, she asked what should happen in the story. Much to my amazement, this 3-year-old further queried, "What should be the plot of the story?" Based on the information she gathered, this little girl began *reading* the story to Ms. Vernetta, pausing frequently, carefully turning the pages, and mimicking adult behavior.

The preschool and kindergarten years are a time of great joy and learning. These are the formative years when students begin to relate with the printed words in the book. They begin forming fond memories of being read to and reading with the special adults in their lives. The type of books adults select to read to children fosters the youngsters' love for reading and their school success.

The selection of books should take into consideration the developmental levels of children. Another consid-

eration for the selection of books for early years should include children's interests. These carefully selected books not only increase children's vocabulary, but also help lay the foundation for reading for pleasure.

Research documents the fact reading with young children is the single most significant activity for helping children become literate. Reading books with children enhances vocabulary, brings awareness about the world surrounding them, and motivates them to become readers and knowledge seekers. Through their interactions with books, children learn books have a structure and a different way of communication. Similar to the example of the 3-year old child discussed earlier, children who are read to regularly and frequently soon learn about the characters in the books, the stories the books contain, and the special means of communication through print.

Children who are read to extensively develop a literate

way of communication. Being read to also helps students develop a rich vocabulary, extends language interactions, and improves children's literacy. Children's earliest years provide the foundation upon which later literary skills are built. By building a relationship with print, repetition, modeling and oral language, parents and preschool programs lay the foundation for later success.

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A delightful way to spend my time at Self Development Academy (kindergarten through eighth grade school) is to listen to our kindergartners read with confidence and exuberance. Each year, at the beginning of the spring semester, individual or small groups of kindergartners come to my office to read to me their favorite stories. I listen to them read, and, with amazement, I am in wonder as to how much of a difference a semester makes in the intellectual development of the kindergarten students at our kindergarten through eighth grade academy. ■



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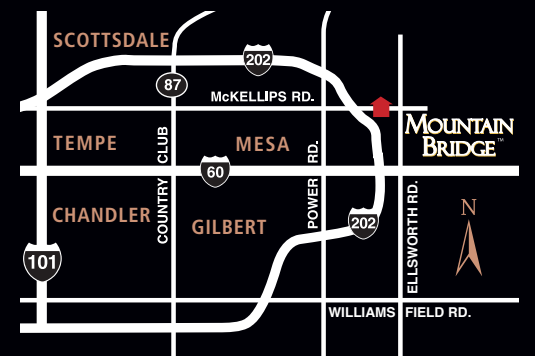
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EDUCATION

New Pathfinder Academy School Opens in August

Submitted by Pathfinder Academy

The leaders of Edkey Inc., formally known as Sequoia Schools, had a \$6 million dream.

It has been a dream to build a new campus for Pathfinder Academy's existing kindergarten through eighth grade. On Aug. 5, those dreams will be a reality with the opening of Pathfinder Academy in the Las Sendas community. The community is invited to explore the new campus during the Pathfinder Academy ribbon cutting ceremony and open house, on Thursday, July 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., at 2906 N. Boulder Canyon.

Just 16 years ago, Pathfinder Academy Principal Susan Stradling joined the family of Edkey Inc. schools by creating Pathfinder Academy. From the beginning, her tuition-free public charter school, consisting of kindergarten through eighth grade, has been on a mission to build strong academic foundations through unique *back to basics* philosophies. For the past seven years, accomplishing her mission has earned Pathfinder Academy the highest academic ratings of *Excelling* and *A+* from the Arizona Department of Education.

According to Edkey Inc. Chief Executive Officer Doug Pike, the overwhelming success, combined with the student waiting list, were motivating factors for Edkey Inc. to invest approximately \$6 million in the construction of the new campus. He describes it as a campus with an evocative colonial leadership style.

The new 34,000-square-foot campus will serve up



to 250 students. The campus, located at the northwest corner of McDowell Road and Ridgecrest Drive, will include 11 classrooms, a large multipurpose room for sports and school activities, a stage for drama classes, as well as art and music rooms. In addition, a library will serve to facilitate the love of reading at Pathfinder. A serving kitchen for lunch and a new playground for fun will complete the campus.

According to Principal Stradling, the four-day school week and award-winning academics will not change. To enhance the state's curriculum requirements, Pathfinder Academy will continue to use Spalding's *Writing Road to Reading*, with an emphasis on

reading the classics.

By third grade, students will begin to master more than 450 Greek and Latin roots, which teach the vocabulary of all subjects, along with memorizing hundreds of short poems, teaching math, history, geography and science. Arizona history and the U.S. Constitution will be studied, along with historic field trips, which enable students to experience what they have learned. A Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curriculum-based (STEM-based) science camp also will be offered every year. ■

Enrollment at the new Pathfinder Academy is under way. The first day of school is Aug. 5. To learn more, visit www.pathfinder-academy.org, or call (480) 986-7071.

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GOLF PUNCH PASSES—available until September
Purchase a golf punch pass for \$299 plus tax, which is good for 10 rounds of golf. Book your tee time in advance. This offer is valid through the end of September.

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SECOND COURSE
Grilled 8 oz. Prime Sirloin
Baked Mac and Cheese, Heirloom Tomatoes, Peppercorn Demi
Or Half-Roasted Chicken
Pan Seared Gnocchi, Sundried Tomato Pesto Cream, Veg de Jour
Or Grilled Verlaso Salmon
Farro Risotto, Corn Veloute, Seasonal Greens

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Chocolate Lava Cake
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Juniors—come and join in our summer fun at Las Sendas Golf Club. Our Junior Golf Sticks Summer Program offers group lessons in July on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 7 to 8:30 a.m., on the following dates:

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looking forward to our fall lines, which will feature new and exciting technical designs and styles.
Watch for our big Labor Day Clearance Sale. Details will be published in August. ■

CHEF MATTHEW'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ahi Ponzu and Grilled Bok Choy Salad

- Salad Ingredients**
- 4 4-ounce pieces of Ahi tuna
 - 1 each—yellow bell pepper, cut into thin julienne strips
 - 1/2 each—fennel bulb, thinly shaved fennel bulb rings
 - 1 each—cucumber cut into ribbons (thinly sliced planks on mandolin)
 - 1 head of butter leaf lettuce. Tear delicately into large pieces. Don't over tear, or it will ruin the lettuce.
 - 1 head frisee lettuce (optional)—use only the light green leaves.
 - 1 head of bok choy—separated at root, rinse and dry—oil and season stalks then grill until stalks are tender. Don't burn all of the greens.
 - 2 each—won ton squares—Cut into strips then fry.
 - 1 batch of soy ginger vinaigrette

- Ponzu marinade for Ahi**
- 4 cups orange juice
 - 1/2 cup lime juice
 - 1 cup grapefruit juice
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 4 garlic cloves—thinly sliced
 - 1 shallot-fine chop
 - 1/2 bunch of cilantro—rough chop
 - 2 tablespoons Sriracha Chili Sauce
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons fine chopped ginger
 - 1 teaspoon black pepper (ground)

Combine all ingredients minus cilantro in a pot to heat. The only purpose for heating is to dissolve sugar. Forgo heating if done well in advance to marinating your fish.
Tuna should not be in marinade for any longer than 48 hours.

- Soy ginger vinaigrette**
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon rough chopped ginger
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar

Place all ingredients in blender and pulse. Slowly add in 1 cup neutral oil (veggie, canola).
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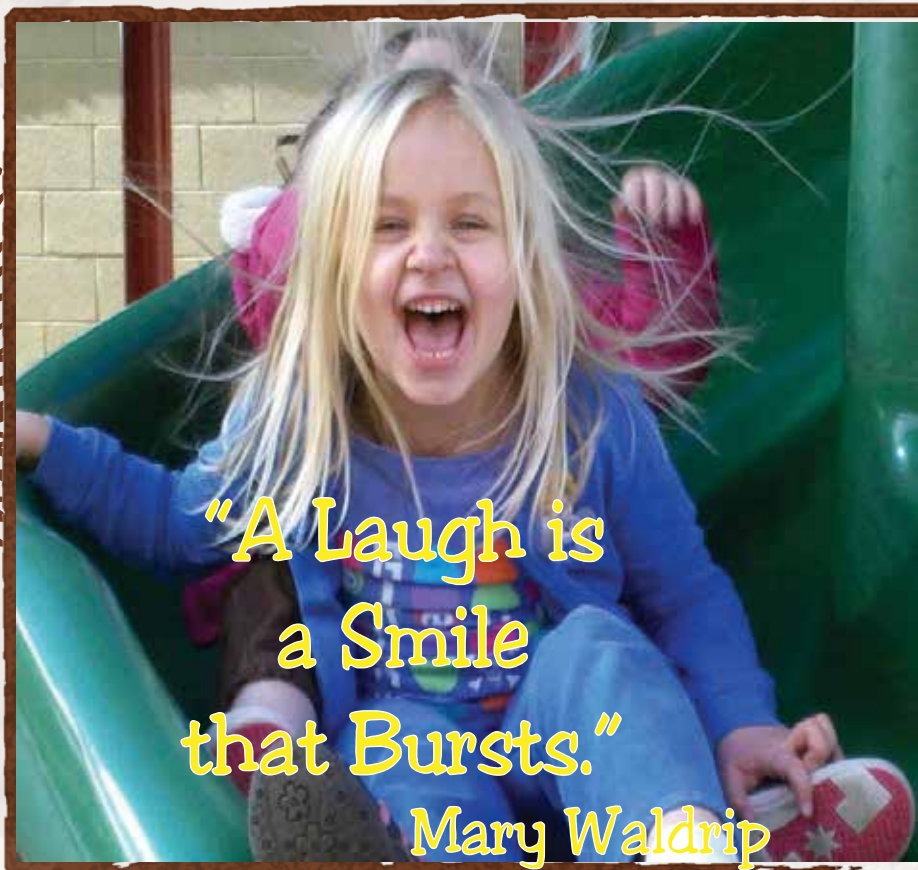
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EVENT

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Submitted by Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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Pre-registration to the popular summertime camp is encouraged, since the number of openings is limited. There is a nominal charge of \$20 per child, with a \$50 maximum registration fee per household. Parents are asked to provide their child with a plain black T-shirt for the first day of camp. ■

Anyone interested in learning more about the Love of Christ Lutheran Church music camp may contact the church office at (480) 981-6199, or send an e-mail to darlene@loc.org. The church is located at 1525 N. Power Road.



EDUCATION

Mesa Public Schools ADDRESSES TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Submitted by Mesa Public Schools

Photo by Tim Hacker

In 2012, voters approved a \$230 million bond issue for Mesa Public Schools.

These funds are providing much needed upgrades to their facilities, technology infrastructure and transportation services. A critical need currently being addressed is the issue of aging computers for instruction and productivity.

TECHNOLOGY WITH A PURPOSE

As the demand for technology increases and new software programs are adopted, older computers do not have the required processing power. The initiative currently under way far exceeds the scope of a traditional *computer refresh* project. Mesa Public Schools stands to fundamentally change the way in which instruction is facilitated in the classroom through technology. Teachers will employ a device, which takes full advantage of the recent advances in mobile Windows technology, as well as the district's ongoing initiative to provide all school and administrative sites with wireless Internet access by August 2014.

The district's Information Systems and Education

Technology departments will provide a Lenovo Helix Ultrabook powered by Windows 8.1 to every certificated teacher and administrator through a series of four consecutive deployment cycles. The rollout will be completed by end of the fall semester.

According to Nathan Myers, educational technology department specialist, "This is an exciting initiative as Mesa Public Schools has the opportunity to provide each teacher with an educational technology tool for engaging online content and digital resources to students while facilitating teaching and learning in a manner not previously possible."

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The Helix is a powerful tool with incredible flexibility. Each classroom will be outfitted with a docking station, which connects the Helix to a full-sized monitor, mouse and keyboard, providing a traditional desktop workstation. By simply removing or untethering the device from its docking station, the Helix becomes a tablet, freeing teachers to move about the classroom. The school's wireless infrastructure supports access to online resources, while a wireless display receiver, or WiDi, attached to a projector, allows broadcasting both audio and video content from anywhere within the room. With the flick of a wrist, a teacher can share content with the class by projecting it onto a SMART Board.

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EVENT

Salt River Tubing Presents HALLOWEEN IN JULY

Submitted by Salt River Tubing
Dare to visit Salt River Tubing's *Spooktacular Halloween* event on Saturday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy ghoulish, superhero and gypsy shuttle bus rides to the Lower Salt River. Tubers also can take advantage of numerous photo opportunities with the madcap Salt River Tubing employees in their incredible attire. Costumes are optional for floaters. However, Salt River Tubing will award \$17 tube rental complimentary passes for best tuber costumes. Passes are valid on return visit.

Floaters can zip down the Salt River on the refreshing, 68-degree mountain-stream rocking rapids, while chilling and thrilling in the great outdoors.

The popular event draws thousands each year to the Lower Salt River in Tonto National Forest. Tubers enjoy a howling, ghoulish time, as awesome phantoms, frightful witches, scowling pumpkins and eerie voices echo throughout the day.

"Tubing on the Lower Salt River is the ideal way to beat the heat in July," said President and Chief Executive Officer of Salt River Tubing Henri Breault. "Our zany, fun-filled crew is determined to put the *wow* in your Salt River adventure, and create a unique and memorable journey in the great outdoors," he continued. "Don a mask, paint a face, and join us for the ride of your life on the chilling and thrilling Salt River rapids. High step it with our line dancers performing the Monster Mash."

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service's national program, *More Kids in the Woods*, was expressly designed to encourage efforts to get kids and teens outdoors, and explore ways to connect youth and nature. Salt River Tubing's *Spooktacular Halloween* event is aligned with the USDA Forest Service's commitment in meeting the challenge of reduced youth involvement in outdoor activities. The Halloween-themed event's objective is to capture the attention of teenage youth, and encourage



them to enjoy the great outdoors on the Lower Salt River in Tonto National Forest.

The cost of tube rental and shuttle bus service all day is \$17 per person/tube, which includes sales tax.

Children must be 8 years old or older and at least 4 feet tall for tube rental and shuttle bus service. Children, non-swimmers and inexperienced swimmers should wear life vests.

Glass containers are prohibited by law in the Lower Salt River Recreational Area and will be confiscated. Ice chests and coolers will be inspected for glass containers before boarding shuttle buses. Have a great time on the Lower Salt River by responsibly appointing a designated driver before beginning your tubing adventure. Drugs, alcohol and the Salt River do not mix. Therefore, play it safe, and just don't do it. Salt River Tubing operates in Tonto National Forest under permit of the USDA Forest Service.

Salt River Tubing is located in Northeast Mesa, just seven minutes from Highway 202 East, or 15 miles north of Highway 60, on Power Road.

For event details, please visit the Salt River Tubing Web site at www.saltrivertubing.com. View the Monster Mash video at vimeo.com/70254801, or the Spooktacular Halloween video at vimeo.com/68895620.

For more information, call (480) 984-3305. Daily operating hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and latest tube rental is 3 p.m., weather and water flow permitting. Last shuttle bus pickup is 6:30 p.m. Salt River Tubing and Recreation is open seven days a week.

EVENT

Firecracker Bucks OFFERS JULY FOURTH FUN

Submitted by Salt River Tubing
Celebrate July Fourth weekend at Salt River Tubing's *Bag it for Bucks*, the award-winning Take Pride in America event, from Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., on the Lower Salt River in Tonto National Forest.

Salt River Tubing is offering Fire Cracker Bucks—a \$7 Tube Rental Discount Coupon as a token of appreciation for conservation efforts by tubers, while stashing and bagging their picnic trash into litter bags. Tubers will trade in full litter bags at the end of their floating adventure for a \$7 discount on their next visit to Salt River Tubing. The coupon is valid seven days a week until Aug. 29.

The event offers live entertainment, water balloon and hula-hoop contests, as well as a beach ball bonanza. Co-sponsoring the weekend are radio stations 98 KUPD, KKFR Power 98 and JAMZ 101.5, as well as Take Pride in America and Salt River Tubing.

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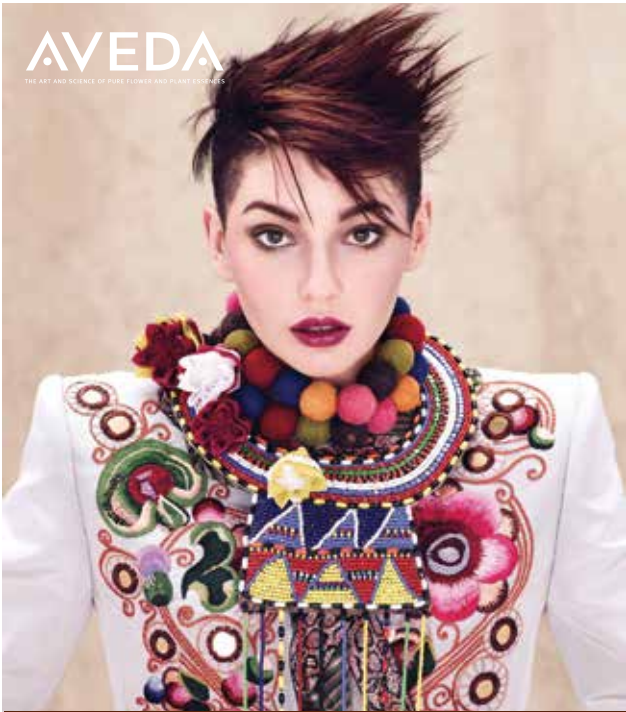
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BEAUTY

There are several ways to CARE FOR SUMMER HAIR

By Dawn Abbey

Summer presents its own set of problems for taking care of our hair. “Hair can be damaged a million different ways, whether it’s a long swim in a pool or improper hair coloring,” said Sandra Barbetta, co-owner with husband Cosmo of Cosmos Salon and Day Spa. “Even if we have the best intentions, when it comes to hair damage, we are often clueless about the effects some everyday actions can have on our vulnerable strands.”

Sandra listed a few examples of what causes hair damage:

- Water—Pools, spas, ocean water and even your shower all have minerals that can deposit and stick to hair like a magnet. Excessively hot water is damaging, too.
- Heat—From hair dryers, flat irons, curling irons and hot rollers. Hair is a fiber and can be destroyed by the overuse of heat. A flat iron, set to 400 degrees, can literally melt hair.
- Excessive hair color—Over-lightening hair can cause porous hair and breakage.
- Friction—Brushing with a hairbrush with improper bristles can get hair all tangled up.

“We feel that educating our clients is a must here at Cosmos,” Sandra explained. “A big part of having wonderful, healthy hair in Arizona is proper shampooing and conditioning to induce shine and hydration into the hair. We recommend the use of a clarifying shampoo, like our salon favorite, Malibu,” she continued. “The Malibu shampoo will naturally cleanse and protect hair against damage or discoloration without using harsh chemicals,

and prevents the buildup of minerals from water. Our staff is expert with Malibu treatments to de-stress your tresses.”

Short styles are always easier in summer, but don’t count out medium and longer styles. “Keep it loose, no scrunching,” Sandra said. “Take it easy with your hair dryer and flat irons. Just smooth it a little, don’t completely straighten your look. With all the Arizona summer heat, your hair can use a break in the styling department.” Sandra suggests using heat protective sprays and oils when using hot tools, and controlling frizz with sprays and conditioners instead of over-ironing.

Big, floppy sun hats always are very stylish, too.

According to Sandra, to spare your hair from chlorine green, braid it before going swimming to keep more of it away from sun and chlorine. Put a conditioner in your hair first.

“If you should experience the horror of having your hair turn green, don’t panic,” Sandra said. “We use a great shampoo and crystal gel treatment that takes the green out and removes minerals and deposits from the hair.” She also suggests using a good hair moisturizer.

“Don’t forget about your skin,” Sandra advised. “Cosmos carries a full line of Dermalogica skincare and sun care products. Try their Sheer Tint, with a built-in SPF 20, which is great for women on the go.” ■

For more information, or for a free consultation on which summer products are right for you, visit the Cosmos Salon and Day Spa, at 2837 N. Power Road, at McDowell Road. You also can call (480) 844-0707.

LOCAL BUSINESS

O’Neill’s Sports Pub KEEPS SUMMER COOL

By Kimberly Searles

If you’re looking to take a break from the summer heat, O’Neill’s Sports Pub has some great specials to keep you cool.

World Cup action is drawing to a close, and O’Neill’s is your headquarters to watch all the games. In fact, it is one of the few places in Mesa open for all the games beginning at 9 a.m. and serving breakfast. As owner, Mike Aiton, stated, “We don’t close until you stop drinking.”

To celebrate the global games, O’Neill’s is offering specials on beers from countries with teams still in play, including Germany, the Netherlands and Mexico, to name but a few. Plus, they will have a few other specials throughout the remaining competition. The games will be on more than 40 TVs, and you can experience the atmosphere in surround sound. “It’s just like being at the game,” Mike said.

The specials don’t stop when World Cup play ends. All summer long, in fact, there is a special deal for every day of the week. Get your week started right with \$5 burgers on Mondays.

Other specials include Taco Tuesday; Whiskey Wednesday, with 50 percent

off top-shelf whiskey; and Craft Beer Thursdays, with \$3 pints for all craft beers. Then, get your weekend revved up with

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry, for \$10, on Friday; \$15 prime rib dinner, on Saturday; and \$12 bottomless Southern fried chicken, on Sundays. There’s something for everyone in the audience every day of the week.

O’Neill’s Sports Pub is a great place to bring the whole family, including the family dog.

“We love dogs at O’Neill’s—so much so that we’ll serve dogs before humans,” stated Mike. “And the kids

can have a blast in our arcade room, while Mom and Dad watch the big games.”

O’Neill’s is a great neighborhood place where you can enjoy a fabulous night out with good food, friends and family. And with more than 40 HDTVs, you won’t miss a minute of any sports action. ■

O’Neill’s Sports Pub is located at 2855 N. Power Road, on the northeast corner of Power and McDowell roads, in The Village at Las Sendas. During World Cup play, the pub is open at 9 a.m. and serves breakfast. Be sure to also visit O’Neill’s on Facebook at facebook.com/ONeills-Place.



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BEAUTY

Find the straight answer TO UNWANTED CURLY, FRIZZY SUMMER HAIR

By Dawn Abbey

With the monsoon season upon us, the humidity goes up, and straight hairstyles go curly and frizzy. “Now there is a new and natural way to keep your hair straight and frizz-free,” said Maytee Green, owner of True Essence Salon and Spa, an Aveda Concept Salon. “Aveda has added Naturally Straight to its Smooth Infusion line of hair products.”

Naturally Straight progressively

straightens curls with every use. “As you blow-dry your hair, plant-derived fibers help create a locking layer to help hold your hair straight, day after day,” Maytee explained. “Organic cassava root helps form a barrier against intense humidity to help you forget about frizz. Straight styling also becomes faster and easier.”

According to Aveda, after five consecutive applications of Naturally Straight, your hair will stay straight for up to three washes. Aveda offers these tips to smoothen, straighter hairstyles:

Wash your hair with Aveda Smooth Infusion shampoo and conditioner. Then, towel dry your hair. Thoroughly apply Naturally Straight styling creme in sections and blow dry. Flat iron, if you wish.

For extremely curly or coarse hair, begin with Smooth Infusion Style-Prep Smoother to set the foundation for a beautiful straight style. Then, apply Naturally Straight one section at a time to ensure a thorough application. Use a brush and blow dryer to straighten hair. You also can flat iron, if necessary.

“If you have very tight curl, you’ll love the soft, straight finish you get from flat ironing hair after blow-drying it,” said Maytee, “And if you just need light hold, the Smooth Infusion line also offers a Glossing Straightener.”

“All the Aveda products are available at the salon, and we can help you choose which ones are right for your hair,” said Maytee. ■

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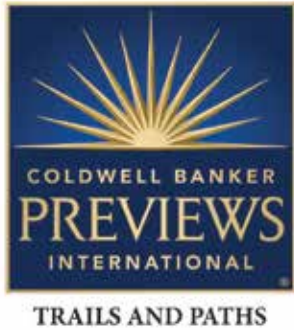
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