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Self Development Academy Middle School TEACHERS NAMED BEST FACULTY IN ARIZONA

By Jennifer Salvatori, MA Ed.

The Self Development Academy (SDA) middle school faculty members have been named the Best Public Middle School Teachers in Arizona (niche.com, 2017).

How did the SDA middle school faculty attain such an honor? Passion for education, dedication to student learning and growth, commitment to program innovation, coupled with the vision and support of Superintendent Dr. Anjum Majeed, are among the many factors contributing to this achievement.

SDA MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS

When asked about their courses and students, the SDA middle school faculty members beam with excitement. They are passionate about their subject material and committed to individual student learning. The middle school team (shown in the photograph) is comprised of five teachers. They are Mrs. Tici Smith, Language Arts; Mrs. Patricia Graville, Mathematics; Mr. James Mitchell, Social Studies; Miss Laura Meyer, Science; and Mrs. Veada Pauls, Language Arts.

The faculty members have degrees, expertise and real world experiences in their subject areas. Besides a dedication to facilitating the SDA accelerated curriculum, they are committed to student learning beyond the classroom. They provide individual and group tutoring as necessary and lead meaningful electives and extracurricular activities to enhance student experiences beyond the curriculum.



SDA CURRICULUM

SDA offers an advanced, intellectually stimulating curriculum. Students learn at their skill level as opposed to their grade level in the subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.

SDA offers a comprehensive middle school Language Arts program. The writing program is an intensive program based on the Six Traits Writing curriculum. This enriched curriculum allows the student to compose writing in a wide variety of formats. These are expository, narrative, persuasive and informative essays. The advanced literature program is taught at a ninth- and 10th-grade level, with an emphasis on skills, such as story elements,

comprehension and advanced vocabulary.

As a diverse curriculum, literature is taught across all genres. The literature texts consist of nonfiction, fiction, poetry and drama-based stories. Taught in conjunction with literature is grammar. The grammar program emphasizes usage and mechanics. Students in our program are well prepared in all areas of the Language Arts.

Students in Mathematics test into their appropriate skill level. We are excited to offer the following Mathematics courses: Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II. These classes typically are offered beginning in high school. SDA students have the opportunity to receive high school credit for these courses.

SDA's science program focuses on mastery of scientific concepts and conducting experimental investigations.

The Science and Technology Center provides the perfect environment for learning and applying scientific knowledge. Middle school students advance their knowledge while completing coursework in biology, chemistry and physics. Taking these courses earlier gives students the opportunity to complete required science coursework in fewer years. Through its integrated approach of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) applications, SDA prepares students with a strong foundation for future career paths.

Students completing eighth grade at SDA are enrolled

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New Mexico Flair Comes to Mesa's Breakfast Scene



By Jamie Killin

What's Crackin Café opened recently in Northeast Mesa, bringing a unique New Mexican flair to the dining scene, with menu items such as Chef Angel's Pan Fried Tamale, Breakfast Tacos and Stacked Enchiladas.

Their traditional dishes already have made an impact on guests, too. With items as delicious as the Monte Cristo Breakfast Sandwich, Country Breakfast Bowl and Quinoa Bowl, the restaurant owners are putting the focus back on real food.

"After being in the restaurant industry for 20 years, I've gotten pretty upset seeing the trends with food and what these big restaurants are serving people," said co-owner Craig Arstingstall. "It's out of convenience."

Now, the co-owners are applying their two decades of experience in the industry to create the most high-quality dishes possible.

"We wanted to go back to butter and heavy cream," Craig said. "Keep it natural."

That includes great ingredients, many of which are locally sourced.

"We want to be relaxed, and we want to bring people the best product we can for the cheapest price we can," Craig said.

So far, guests are loving it, and the restaurant recently extended its hours to include dinner. Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday; and 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday.

"Good area, good people," Craig stated. "Everybody's been really receptive and showing a lot of love."

What's Crackin Café is also offering a happy hour menu, from noon to 6 p.m., with daily drink specials.

Heading into fall, restaurant goers can also look forward to more exciting changes, including a dog-friendly patio and new menu items. ■

What's Crackin Café is located at 6663 E. McDowell Road, Suite 101, next to Barro's Pizza. For more information, visit whatscrackincafe.com, or call (480) 264-6832.

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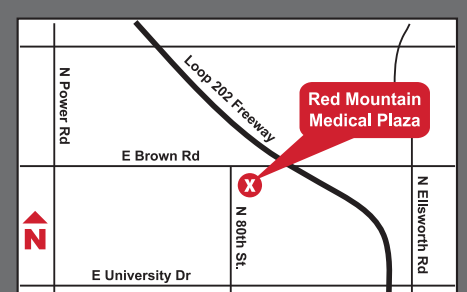
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HEALTH

Get the mind and body TO WORK TOGETHER

By Dawn Abbey

Therapist Randi Rotwein-Pivnick, LMFT, previously would conduct her therapy sessions while walking with clients on the beach in California.

"I found that by getting the person outdoors and moving, concerns and anxieties were more easily overcome," she said. "It was the combination of mental and physical energies working together."

Randi doesn't do any walking around now in our Arizona summer-time, but she does get patients to move their thoughts by employing therapies like EMDR with her counseling. "My goal is to help others achieve their goals or to improve the quality of their lives, remove anxieties and the feeling of being stuck," she explained. "EMDR is an actual physical stimulation of the brain that helps remove or lessen anxiety and the negative thought processes."

What is EMDR and how does it work? WebMD.com describes EMDR as, "Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, a fairly new, nontraditional type of psychotherapy. It's growing in popularity, particularly for treating post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, which often occurs after experiences, such as military combat, physical assault, rape or car accidents."

Developed by Francine Shapiro in the early 90s, EMDR originally involved the therapist moving her fingers in front of the patient's face and asking him to follow the movement while recalling a disturbing event and the emotion and body sensations involved. Eventually, alternatives to finger movements, such as hand tapping, headphone sounds and more recently, hand-held devices with buzzing frequencies that caused



Randi Rotwein-Pivnick

bilateral stimulation of the brain's fight or flight limbic system, were found to weaken the effect of negative emotions. Gradually, the therapist can guide the patient to shift his thoughts to more pleasant ones, replacing the anxiety with a positive experience.

"Before, during and after each EMDR treatment, I ask you to rate your level of distress in the hope your disturbing memories will become less disabling," Randi said. "Based on the degree of trauma, it may take several sessions to completely resolve the anxiety. A lot of our anxieties are formed through childhood trauma or conditioning, and addressing them with EMDR therapy can free you to be who you want to be today."

Licensed in both California and Arizona, Randi has practiced for more than 20 years. Before becoming a therapist, Randi had acquired a bachelor's degree in special education and another in exercise science. It was a natural transition to combine these with a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, with a focus on mind/body connection.

"I also find this concept of moving the body to move the thoughts to be a great relief for depression, in which body and mind are very much connected. Although it's the last thing a depressed person may feel like doing, if you are depressed or in a really bad mood, the best thing you can do is get up, get out and push yourself to go for a walk or do something physical." ■

Randi Rotwein-Pivnick's office is located at 3303 E. Baseline Road, Building 6, Suite 114, in Gilbert. For information or appointments, send an email to Emotion4You@aol.com, or call (480) 707-8291.



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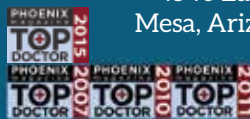
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Decide When to Use Blue, Green, Yellow, Purple or Red File Folders

By Nancy Nemitz

In an effort to mute the bright yellow, green, red and purple file folders I sometimes find in clients' file cabinets, I've often had to wear sunglasses. As a professional organizer, however, I'm grateful the papers are in folders and, as a bonus, inside a file cabinet. Usually, the papers are in multiple piles on the desk, chair, floor and anywhere other than a file cabinet. Though, truthfully, we are going to go through the papers one way or another.

What's the problem with multiple colors of folders? Too much random color creates visual chaos. Your eye has a harder time focusing when there is a clutter of color. Colored file folders are no problem if there is a reason for the color.

If you use green for financial and blue for insurance, for example, no problem. If you have one color for personal and another color for business, there is no problem. If you use blue for one bank and purple for another, green for vital records, orange for vacation ideas, and back to blue for insurance, there is a big problem.

Simplify your life. Use straight cut folders as explained last month and pick one color for personal and one for business. I use white. It's clean and crisp. There is no jarring of the senses when I open my file cabinet.

White reinforced straight cut folders are made by Smead and can be purchased on Amazon. I also found the Smead folders at Office Depot online. A local office supply store offering great customer service and delivery to your home no matter the size of the order is Wist (visit the website at wist.com). A member of Local First Arizona, the company has been a great contributor to causes in the Southwest.



Nancy Nemitz

FILE IDEA FOR CURRENT PROJECTS
I am a fan of using different types of file folders for different purposes. One of my favorites is the project file folder. This has the usual place for the papers but on the front of the file folder, it has places for your notes. I use clear file folders for projects I'm working on right now. I don't have to label it because I can see the papers inside and I know it's something I'm currently addressing. There are pocket folders, which are closed on all sides but the top. These are perfect for files, which include things other than paper. I've used these for numerous projects. Do you have a group of file folders belonging to a project you would like to keep together? Red box is the answer. It's what attorneys use when they bring case files to court. The tops are open but the pocket expands to house a large number of files. These fit right into a file cabinet for archival storage. So, forget all the vibrant colors with tabs all over the place. Instead, use different types of file folders to help you get your work done and stay organized. ■

Nancy Nemitz organizes all kinds of disorganized people and offices. Read the client testimonials on her website at createthespace.com. Email Nancy at nancy@createthespace.com with your filing and folder questions. Perhaps you have something nice to say about the article. She would like to hear how it's been helpful.



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in Honors and Advanced Placement courses upon entering high school. Additionally, many students receive high school credit for courses completed at SDA. This opportunity enhances their grade point averages, and makes them highly competitive students when applying to colleges and universities.

NEW PROGRAMS
STEAM AND VOYAGERS

The 2017-2018 school year marks the introduction of two new programs, STEAM and Voyagers, both developed and led by middle school faculty members. Many parents are familiar with the acronym STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The A in STEAM stands for Arts. The faculty members developed a STEAM curriculum, integrating STEAM projects within the existing curriculum. During Quarter One, students will design and decorate a drum. The project involves engineering, music and art. Another example includes students writing and illustrating a story about the moon, combining science, writing and art.

Voyagers provides students with an opportunity to complete an independent project over the course of the school year. Students must submit a proposal detailing the project. Once approved, students are assigned to collaborate with a middle school faculty member to complete the project. A presentation is the final stage of the project. The projects require time management, critical thinking, writing and communication skills.

SOCIAL GROWTH THROUGH
ELECTIVES AND
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With 100 students enrolled in the middle school program, the SDA middle school staff know each family, creating a family-like atmosphere. SDA provides a safe and protected environment whereby students have freedom, as well as responsibility. Teachers serve as advocates and mentors for students, responding to their social and emotional needs. Their role of advocacy strengthens the positive relationships between students and teachers.

In addition to receiving a high-quality academic experience, SDA students have many opportunities for social growth, healthy competition and new experiences through extracurricular activities. Electives offered at SDA include violin, percussion, computer coding, journalism, Latin, debate and tutoring. SDA offers clubs, including Science Olympiad, Sports Club, Choir Club and Dance Club. Every winter and spring, students showcase their creative spirits through performances. ■

SDA is a highly acclaimed, public charter school (kindergarten through grade eight). For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the Front Office at (480) 641-2640.



LOCAL BUSINESS

Prepare Your Home for the
Holidays with Unique Finds

By Jamie Killin

September is here, and believe it or not, the holidays are right around the corner, so what better time to get your home ready for family visits and holiday parties?

Whether you need to clear out old items, or find new furniture and décor pieces for your home, Robin's Nest Consignment Shop has something for you.

"My main goal is to sell people items at the best cost, and to provide people with higher end items at a great cost," said owner Robin Grimaldi.

Robin, who has owned Robin's Nest Consignment Shop for five years, runs the shop with her son, Joshua, offering customers a comfortable, family-run business experience and providing a wealth of knowledge that comes from Robin's years in the industry.

This experience has provided her with a keen eye for finding unique high-quality items customers won't find anywhere else.

"I look for higher end items at great prices, so there's true value in what people are purchasing," she said.

At her shop, customers can find everything they need to perfect their home, including rare antiques from the early 1900s.

"A lot of people always say that when



they come in they are surprised at the uniqueness of the items," she said. "Either they've never seen the items before, or they hadn't seen anything like them since their grandma's home."

Those who choose to sell items with Robin will enjoy her personable approach to selling their merchandise, with communication every step of the way, timely payment and the confidence their items have a great chance of being sold.

It's clear Robin goes the extra mile when it comes to marketing items, from posting everything on her website, to advertising them to her extensive social media network. ■

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REAL ESTATE

Trust Your Realtor To Find Your Next Home

By John Karadsheh

You will not find your next home on the Internet.

Did I get your attention? Good.

While the statement is not completely true, it does have some merit. Research has shown that more than 90 percent of buyers start their home search online. Sites like Zillow.com, Trulia.com, Realtor.com and Homes.com are some of the most visited sites. So, what's the problem with looking for a home on one of these sites? It all comes down to two inherent problems with how these sites procure their information. 1.) Internet Data Exchange (IDX) and 2.) Garbage In, Garbage Out.

Let's start by looking at IDX. The Internet Data Exchange is an automated data feed provided by the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) to a website. The MLS decides what data in a home listing it will feed to a home search website. This information contains the basic information about a home, such as list price, square footage, number of bedrooms and baths, etc. It is only supposed to feed active listings to these sites, but the Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service, or ARMLS, decided many years ago to create a separate category for listing status called Under Contract—Accepting Backups (UCB). These listings are also fed to home search sites.

UCB listings are listings in which an executed contract is in place. Therefore, any subsequent contracts would only be in back-up position. This is a way for a seller and his agent to continue to market a property even though it already has an accepted contract. Typically, homes remain in UCB during the inspection period or until all contingencies have been removed. Homes should then move to pending status in the MLS and at that point no longer get fed to home search sites via IDX.

This all translates into frustration. Frustration exists



John Karadsheh

for buyers who spend hours online looking at properties only to find out from their agent that those properties are already under contract. Frustration results for agents who have to tell their clients that the home of their dreams is not available (and more than likely hasn't been available as long as they have been searching).

Now, let's talk about Garbage In, Garbage Out. Most good listing agents create virtual tours or videos for their properties. These virtual tours are uploaded to the Internet and are syndicated all over the Internet to home search sites. This is fantastic for sellers because their property quickly is promoted worldwide. But buyers can't always rely on these home search sites simply because the information is often out of date.

Unfortunately, listing agents often forget to mark a virtual tour as sold once the property is no longer available. Months or even years can go by with this virtual tour living on the Internet as an active listing. Sometimes, the home still may be available, but the price has changed. Again, the information available about the property isn't always correct because it does not function in real time, which is moving very fast in our current market.

So, what is the best way to find a home, you ask? That is easy. Find a reputable Realtor and trust him with your real estate search. He can very easily set you up with a customized search on the MLS. A portal will be created for you, which will show you all of the homes fitting your criteria, no matter how specific or general your requirements.

If you want a search that is as broad as all single family homes in Mesa, or one that narrows it down to a specific neighborhood, size and

price, a good Realtor can find you your dream home. What you see in that portal will be as accurate a search as agents use.

Then, trust your agent to help you understand the market and the comps, as well as the pros and cons of the property. Stop wasting your time, and stop getting frustrated. Use a Realtor to help you find your next home, and make the process fun. ■

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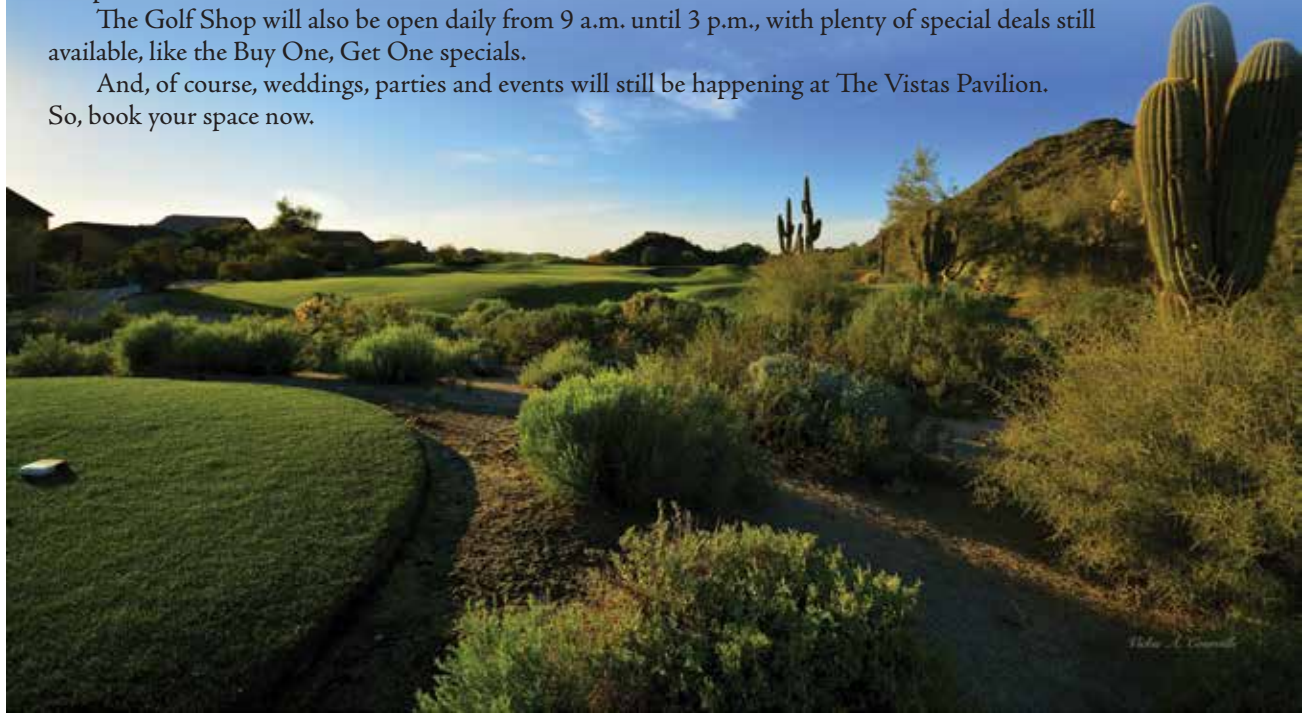
That doesn't mean that it's all over for fun and activities at Las Sendas. Everything else goes on as usual.

The Grille and The Patio will still be open every day, serving delicious lunches and dinners, as well as appetizers and our Happy Hour. And there's always a refreshing libation and plenty of TV sports to entertain.

Evenings will be a little cooler, too, so dining on The Patio will be at its best, and there likely will be a little less competition for a sunset-view Patio table until our winter residents and visitors return.

The Golf Shop will also be open daily from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with plenty of special deals still available, like the Buy One, Get One specials.

And, of course, weddings, parties and events will still be happening at The Vistas Pavilion. So, book your space now.



SIGN UP NOW FOR 2017/2018 JUNIOR GOLF STICKS PROGRAM

Junior Golf Sticks Program begins Tuesday, Nov. 7. Students from ages 5 to 15 are invited to join, and are grouped according to age, gender and skills level. There are a total of 20 Tuesday classes, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., starting as low as \$20 per class. Flexible sign up lets you join in any time and sign up for as many Tuesdays as you like.

Organized by the Mike Malaska Golf Academy at Las Sendas, the Junior Golf Sticks Program offers a developmental approach to the game. Lessons are stair-stepped to match the skill levels as the junior golfer becomes more experienced.

The goals of our junior golf programs are to not only develop the fundamental skills of the golf swing, but to also teach each player the characteristics that will make them champions in life, and most importantly, create a love for the game.

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Register now. Registration forms are available in the Las Sendas Golf Shop or by contacting Tracy Berman at tberman@lassendas.com. You can also call her cell at (602) 920-8208.



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We developed a 6,000-square-foot banquet kitchen facility, and have hired the highest quality culinary staff from throughout the Valley. We have an outstanding track record for delivery of quality cuisine from our onsite restaurants, and our goal is to bring this experience and expertise to our menu and services.

The Vistas event planning staff has prepared an exquisite ceremony package, which includes four carefully designed locations, all capturing the magnificence of the Valley sunsets. In addition to the panoramic views, and lush lawn and garden areas, our ceremony package includes white garden chairs, an expansive choice of table linens, champagne and a fruit platter in the luxurious bridal changing room, as well as registration and unity tables.

Optional services include use of our two privately owned limousines, valet services and special golf packages. Consider The Patio at Las Sendas and Bogey's private dining room at Las Sendas for your rehearsal dinner to round out your complete wedding experience. We look forward to serving you and making your special day a dream come true.



A CLOSER LOOK AT LAS SENDAS GOLF CLUB (CONTINUED)

THE PATIO AND THE GRILLE

September brings cooler nights, so come enjoy Happy Hour from 2 to 7 p.m. nightly all month. Choose from special Happy Hour food selections and special pricing on margaritas, mules, martinis, mojitos, draft beers and wines by the glass.

Entertainment begins again Fridays and Saturdays on The Patio, starting Friday, Sept. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. And look for our new fall dinner and lunch menu to roll out around the same time.

Also extended through September is the Monday and Tuesday BOGO night special. Purchase one entrée and get the second of equal or lesser value for free. The special is valid after 5 p.m., but not valid on carry-out or with any other discounts or promotions.



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REAL ESTATE

Current Mesa Housing Market Benefits Sellers

By Lorraine Ryall
Realtor, CDPE, CSSN
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We still are in a strong seller's market, with inventory levels continuing to decline.

In the Phoenix metro area, supply has decreased from 2.1 to 1.9 months of supply year over year for July, which is a decrease of 9.5 percent. However, in Mesa, the decrease is far more significant.

In July 2016, there were 1.7 months of supply compared to July 2017 of 1.3 months of supply, which is a decrease of 23.5 percent. To put it in perspective, a balanced market for Mesa would be two to three months of supply.

Demand has dropped very slightly, down 3.1 percent, but with supply down 23.5 percent, the spread is continuing to widen. As you can see from the statistics and charts below, active listings are lower year over year, while pending sales and monthly sales are increasing. The median sales price in the greater Phoenix area is forecast to decrease slightly over the next couple of months as we head into the fall season, but everything is driven by supply and demand. With lower inventory levels in Mesa, the median sales price should remain steady rather than decrease in the next couple of months.



MORTGAGE RATES

Mortgage rates haven't increased as much as everyone expected and are approximately .25 percent higher than this time last year. The FHA and VA 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is in the high 3's, and the conventional 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is in the low 4's. Now is a great time to purchase and lock in these low rates whether you are a first-time homebuyer or purchasing your next home.

MESA MARKET

	July 2016	July 2017	Change
Active Listings	1424	1158	-18.68%
Pending Sales	959	988	3.02%
Monthly Sales July	740	780	5.41%
Days on Market	66.1	57.3	-13.31%
Months of Supply	1.7	1.3	-23.53%
Median Price	\$234,000	\$254,900	8.93%

If you are planning on purchasing a home in the near future, now is a great time to buy, as prices are continuing to increase, while supply is continuing to decrease. If you are thinking of selling, listing your home while there is little inventory means less competition and a strong seller's market.

For more information on buying or selling a home in today's market, please contact me directly for a free market analysis. ■

Lorraine Ryall has been a Multi-Million Dollar producer for the past nine years. If you are thinking of buying or selling and would like more information or a market analysis, please contact her at Lorraine@Homes2SellAZ.com, or call (602) 571-6799. Visit her website at Homes2SellAZ.com.



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HEALTH

Free Sports Physicals Are OFFERED TO EAST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Submitted by Mountain Vista Medical Center

It's back-to-school time and the beginning of high school sports activities, which means the need for sports physicals.

Mountain Vista Medical Center and Desert Grove Family Medical are teaming up to offer free sports physicals for East Valley high school students, including incoming freshmen. Physicals are provided regardless of whether a student has insurance.

The free sports physicals will be offered in Mesa, on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Morning appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling (480) 834-7546.

The standard Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) sports physical remains valid for high school athletics during the entire 2017-2018 school year. A sports physical is required for Arizona students who want to participate in high school athletics.

Physicals will be conducted at Desert Grove Family Medical, located at 10238 E. Hampton Ave., Suite 508.

ABOUT DESERT GROVE FAMILY MEDICAL

The medical providers at Desert Grove Family Medical are committed to your family's health and well-being. From annual checkups and immunizations, to sudden illness and sports injuries,

you are minutes away from receiving the caring services you and your family need. Our focus is on preventive health care, including making healthy lifestyle choices. Our providers will take the time to educate you and your family about your health care condition and help you develop a successful recovery plan.

ABOUT MOUNTAIN VISTA MEDICAL CENTER

Mountain Vista Medical Center, part of IASIS Healthcare, is a 178-bed, full-service hospital, featuring all-private rooms and advanced medical technology. Designed to provide comprehensive health care services for residents of the East Valley, the hospital is accredited as a Primary Stroke Center, Chest Pain Center and a Level III Trauma Center.

The hospital also features a Cardiac Receiving Center. Mountain Vista Medical Center is directly or indirectly owned by an entity, which proudly includes physician owners, including certain members of the hospital's medical staff. It is located in Mesa, just north of U.S. 60, at Crismon Road and Southern Avenue. Mountain Vista Medical Center is an Official Healthcare Partner of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury. ■

For more information, visit mvmedicalcenter.com, or call (877) 924-WELL (9355). Find Mountain Vista Medical Center on Facebook, and follow the hospital on Twitter.

HEALTH

Senior Yoga Does Wonders for Mind and Body

By Cynthia F. Jones

If you are a senior who needs to do more to keep your balance and flexibility from slipping away, yoga is one activity to include in your life.

Additional benefits for seniors include greater body strength, mobility confidence and learning various breathing techniques that bring vitality to daily life and greater peace of mind.

Gentle yoga or chair yoga (chair yoga is performed sitting and standing without getting up and down from the floor) is a very practical and doable activity to include in your life as we embrace the changes that come with aging. There are no age limits. There are older adults still engaging in yoga well into their 90s.

Gentle and/or chair yoga, for women and men, will introduce you to yoga practice in a way that suits your body and guides you to do only what is comfortable for you.

The YMCA, in Mesa, offers gentle and chair yoga as a way to help seniors add to their quality of life. Classes at the YMCA are casual and welcoming. Joining a yoga class regularly brings you into a community of peers who share this activity. It can be fun.

Kripalu yoga, or hatha yoga, is the type of yoga offered to seniors at the YMCA because it is an integrative approach to health and wellness. This type of yoga brings to seniors a comfortable crossroad of East (the origins of yoga) and West (contemporary needs) to help transform seniors' years into a very different physical and mental state of being.

Yoga also helps deal with an all too common issue for seniors, which is social and personal isolation. The healing properties of yoga help seniors reconnect within—turning to the mind to help heal the body, and using the body to help nourish and heal the mind.

Please consider trying (or resuming) your practice of yoga at the YMCA, located at 207 N. Mesa Drive. Call (602) 212-6106, or visit valleymca.org/mesa to download a YMCA class schedule.

Another option to get you started would be to try a free gentle yoga class, which is offered on the last Thursday of each month at the Mesa Public Library, located at 64 E. 1st St. Visit the website at mesalibrary.org, and see Events for specific information.

Finally, if you prefer going to a yoga studio, look for one offering gentle or chair yoga and give it a try. As a 68-year-old yoga instructor, I'm a big advocate of bringing yoga into the lives of seniors.

I hope to see you in yoga class soon. ■

If you have questions, please email me at senoj99@gmail.com.



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September Means a Floating Beach Blast on the Salt River

Submitted by Lynda Breault

Enjoy a floating beach blast adventure and chill out with Salt River Tubing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Why did thousands of tubers flock to the Lower Salt River to beat the heat and enjoy fun in the sun each week during the summer? Simply, the cool and refreshing mountain-stream waters are an inviting refuge from the scorching Valley temperatures, and it's an inexpensive getaway close to the Phoenix metropolitan area, in beautiful Tonto National Forest.

"September is the perfect month to float on the Lower Salt River," President and Chief Executive Officer of Salt River Tubing Henri Breault said. "Catch a glimpse of the wild horses crossing mid-stream, blue herons gliding across the water and the majestic mountains of the mini Grand Canyon of Tonto National Forest as you float by. The Salt River offers chills and thrills while tubing and creates memorable, enjoyable experiences in the great outdoors," he continued.

FLOATING TIPS

- Children must be at least 8 years old and 4 feet tall for tubing and shuttle bus service.
- Non-swimmers, inexperienced swimmers and children should wear a life vest while tubing.
- Tubers should plan their floating picnics to include plenty of water, sun block, protective footwear and beverages in cans or plastic containers.
- Glass containers are not permitted in the Lower Salt River Recreational Area. Ice chests and coolers will be inspected before boarding shuttle buses.
- One valid driver's license is required for credit card identification and as a tube rental security deposit for every five tubes rented.
- Appoint a designated driver *before* your tubing adventure. Drugs, alcohol and the Salt River do not mix. Just don't do it.

Enjoy a fun-filled floating adventure for just \$17 for all day tubing, shuttle bus service and free parking.

Salt River Tubing accepts cash and credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover). Operating under permit of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Salt River Tubing is located in Tonto National Forest. ■

For more information about Salt River Tubing, please visit the website at saltrivertubing.com, or call (480) 984-3305. Salt River Tubing is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, until Sept. 25.



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Submit Online Applications for Educational Jobs

Submitted by Sally Marks

The Apache Junction Unified School District (AJUSD) currently is accepting online applications for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals (teacher's aides), nurses and medical assistants through the district website at ajusd.org.

The application must be completed online and takes about 45 to 60 minutes to complete. However, the process does not have to be finished in one sitting. The application, guidelines and directions can be found on the AJUSD website under Departments/Human Resources/How to Apply/New Application.

For more information, call (480) 982-1110, ext. 2047.

ABOUT APACHE JUNCTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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AJUSD has a reputation for innovative approaches to education. The guiding philosophy of the school district is to put all students in the best position to succeed academically, emotionally and physically. Committed to low teacher/student ratios and individualized instruction, the focus of AJUSD is centered on a College Readiness For All curriculum for every student in every grade. ■

For more information, call (480) 982-1110, or visit ajusd.org or [facebook.com/ajusd43](https://www.facebook.com/ajusd43). Apache Junction Unified School District is located at 1575 W. Southern Ave.

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2630 E. Lockwood St.	2,370	Rancho De Arboleda	\$315,000
5547 E. Evergreen St.	2,003	Alta Mesa	\$320,000
2646 E. Hale St.	2,189	Chateau D' Arnett	\$320,000
2712 E. Hale. St.	1,970	Chateau D' Arnett	\$326,500
1011 N. Sunview Cir.	2,269	Alta Mesa	\$334,900
3047 E. Menlo St.	2,419	Vista Mesa	\$355,000
3018 E. Minton St.	2,861	Vista Mesa	\$359,900
3124 E. Hale St.	2,655	Mesa Northgrove	\$360,000
1730 N. Gentry Cir.	2,965	Hy-Den Place	\$360,000
3147 E. Fairbrook St.	2,270	The Groves	\$368,500
2536 E. Inglewood St.	2,786	Ironwood Manor	\$372,000
4023 E. Grandview St.	2,470	Estate Groves	\$415,000
1442 N. Ogden St.	2,611	Valencia Park Estates	\$419,000
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3304 E. June Cir.	5,592	Arboleda	\$656,300
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HEALTH

Make Sure Your Medicare Plan Is Working For You

Submitted by Tapestry Insurance

It is a good idea to revisit your Medicare plan each year to see if it is fitting your needs.

For many people, it can be overwhelming and time consuming going to meetings and reading printed materials. There may be plans available that are worth reviewing. That's why it is good to find an agent who can help navigate through all the choices.



Lynne Jones

Lynne Jones is a licensed and trained agent who stays informed so she can help those who are eligible for Medicare choose the plan that works best for them. "I attend Medicare plan roll-out meetings," Lynne said. "I am educated and trained on what is available annually. You may find something works better for your needs or you may confirm that you have the right plan."

"It's important to have as much knowledge as possible when making medical decisions," Lynne continued. "Why not have someone local who can help you make the best possible decision?"

Lynne is able to meet one-on-one with her clients, either at their home or at a public location. "By meeting with them individually, I feel like I can really understand their needs and what is most important to each person. I firmly believe it is not a one-size-fits-all decision. I'm an independent agent, so I am able to share more than just one insurance option and more than one type of plan."

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Submitted by Sue and Bruce Mitchell
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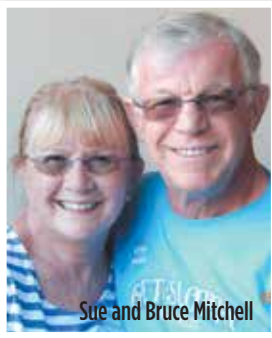
That *what* suddenly becomes little Johnny running a high fever of 105, and with just days before your departure, *you* also get sick.

Sound familiar? It's funny because I am guilty of just that type of mentality. The days of, "Oh, nothing's going to happen before we go," are totally over.

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 - You have a medical emergency in a foreign country.
 - A terrorist incident occurs in the city you are planning to visit, and you want to cancel your trip.



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- A hurricane forces you to evacuate your resort, hotel or cruise.
- You are called for jury duty.
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I always tell clients not to take insurance if they do not mind losing the money they paid for a trip.

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Contact Sue or Bruce Mitchell, your Cruise Planners travel specialists, with any questions about travel. Visit our website at redmountaintravel.com. You also may send an email to smitchell@cruiseplanners.com, or call (480) 396-8084.



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RELIGION

God Promises New Seasons of Life

By Pastor Paul Frank
Hosanna Lutheran Church

OK, did you feel that moment just now when all the planets came back into the right alignment and all is right with the world again?

You know what that means? Are you ready for some football? Oh yeah.

At Hosanna Lutheran Church, we have a lot of Skyline, Red Mountain, Mountain View and Desert Ridge high school students, so the rivalries are plentiful but friendly. I love pro, college, and high school football. Now, I know this is hard to believe, but some people out there, you know, like my wife, are just not fired up about football season starting. I know—it's weird. Kathy couldn't care less about it.

She looks forward to other seasons starting, however, like cooler temperatures, fall hiking, more time on the patio and time around the fire pit in the evenings. She also likes seeing a number of friends return to Mesa after avoiding the heat of summer.

In a sense, it's the start of Snow Bird season. It's hiking season again. It's get outside and enjoy this amazing creation of God season again. It's also a time to remember that God keeps bringing us into new seasons in our lives, and new seasons

in our life together.

Sometimes, you really need a new season in your life to begin. Sometimes, you might feel like you need that last season to just end. One of the enduring and endearing promises of God throughout His Holy Word is the promise that life will go on and the seasons of life will transition, one to the next. There will be a better season, a new season coming along always.

Life is difficult at times, painful, challenging and confusing at times. And yet, in the midst of it all Jesus said, as he prepared to ascend back to his heavenly throne, "I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." The key word there is *always*. It's his promise to be with us, to comfort and guide and reassure us in all times, always.

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Check us out at hosanna-lcms.com.



LOCAL BUSINESS

KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW

By Jon Englund

D downsizing? Determined to get rid of *stuff* you no longer need? Cleaning out a home or an estate? Stop! *Know Before You Throw!*

As summer winds down, so, too, does this series on the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. Over the past few months, we've been reminiscing about that fabled time in our history when counterculture came to a head in California.

Part One of this series covered the recorded music of the era and the collectability and value of some of those old vinyl records. Last month was devoted to the colorful *ephemera*, the psychedelic concert posters advertising the top bands and their next gigs.

And with this month's topic wrapping up our series, it deserves to go out with a bang (or a smash), or up in flames, just like the guitars of Pete Townshend of the Who, and Jimi Hendrix. Yes, you guessed it. This month's topic is the iconic symbol of Rock and Roll, the electric guitar.

Pete Townshend was notorious for smashing his guitars with frequency. Jimi Hendrix burned his first guitar at a 1967 London performance as a warm-up feature for the June 18, 1967 performance of *Wild Thing* at the Monterey Pops Festival. In fact, he burned and smashed his guitar



Jon Englund

that night.

While there's not a lot one can do with a broken and burned guitar, some of those famously destroyed instruments have sold for a small fortune. The Hendrix guitar that got torched in Monterey reportedly sold for \$380,000 in 2012.

One of the most expensive guitars ever sold was the 1968 Stratocaster, played by Hendrix at Woodstock. Paul Allen, of Microsoft, bought the guitar for \$2 million, and it now resides in the Experience Music Project in Hendrix's hometown of Seattle.

While few of us will ever have our own *experience* with one of those ultra-famous guitars, we may have an older Fender or Gibson guitar stashed away in our closet collecting dust. At last check, a mid-1960s Fender Stratocaster guitar could be worth \$10,000 or so. What's in your closet?

Jon Englund has more than 25 years of experience in appraising and liquidating personal property, jewelry, art, collectibles, antiques, furniture, printed items and more. A Midwest transplant, Jon trained at New York University in appraisal studies. ■

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She has been published in numerous journals and received recognition for her volunteer work with the United Nations Health Mission and other various organizations within the state of Arizona.

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HEALTH

A Podiatrist Can Address Women's FOOT AND ANKLE HEALTH

By Dr. Aprajita Nakra, DPM, FACFAS
Red Mountain Medical Plaza

Let's admit it ladies, we abuse our feet. We put a lot of stress and strain on our lower extremities, and we don't take nearly as good care of them as we should. Based on our need to be fashionable, we often wear shoes that don't fit well or just are not designed for walking and standing for long periods of time.

Even Oprah admits she only wears her highest heels once she is seated during an interview. It's no wonder those stilettos and peep-toes are causing us pain. They are designed for beauty, not comfort.

Women have some of the same foot problems as men, but mostly, our feet have many more issues.

Bunions are enlargements of the joint at the base of the big toe that form when the bone or tissue at the big toe joint moves out of place. Bunions are a symptom of our foot's development due to the way we walk, our inherited foot type, our shoes or for other reasons. Although bunions tend to run in families, it is the foot type that is passed down—not the bunion. Since this joint carries much of the body's weight while walking, bunions can cause extreme pain if left untreated. Podiatric medical attention should be sought at the first indication of pain or discomfort.

Stress fractures are tiny or incomplete cracks in a bone often caused by overuse. Stress fractures occur most frequently in the foot and ankle and can be caused by a number of factors. An unusual increase in activity causing strain in the foot (fatigue fracture) is one of the most common causes, while weak bones (insufficiency fractures), are caused by medical conditions, such as osteoporosis. Medications, such as steroids, can lead to stress fractures, as can a sudden increase in activity levels. All of these causes can and should be evaluated by your podiatrist when you notice pain or swelling, which are the symptoms of a stress fracture.



Dr. Aprajita Nakra

A **neuroma**, also referred to as a pinched nerve, is a painful condition involving irritation and/or thickening of the nerve tissue between the toes, most commonly the third and fourth toes. The condition brings on pain, a burning sensation, tingling or numbness between the toes and in the ball of the foot. Your podiatrist can offer a number of treatment options for a neuroma.

Ingrown nails are a common ailment seen by podiatric physicians. An ingrown nail is one whereby corners or sides dig painfully into the soft tissue of the toe, often leading to irritation, redness and swelling. Usually, toenails grow out straight, but sometimes one or both corners or the sides will curve and grow into the flesh. The big toe is the most common site for this condition, but other toes also can become affected. Ingrown toenails may be caused by any one or more of the following: improperly trimmed nails, shoes that are too tight, trauma and activities with repeated pressure on the toe, such as running or kicking. There are other causes as well, but this painful condition usually can be eased with one or two visits to your podiatrist's office.

Women also may have a tendency to develop blisters, corns, calluses and heel pain. Your podiatrist can treat all of these conditions, and a number of treatment options are available.

Once we all realize that our feet don't have to hurt, ladies, life will be that much more enjoyable.

DR. APRAJITA NAKRA, DPM, FACFAS

Dr. Aprajita Nakra is board certified in reconstructive ankle and foot surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. She also is a fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. She successfully finished a surgical residency program at Emory Hospital, in Atlanta, Ga., and began practicing podiatric ankle and foot medicine and surgery in Arizona in 2000. ■

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HEALTH

GRIEF PROCESS Is Different for Everyone

By Randi Rotwein-Pivnick, MA

A professional therapist, Randi Rotwein-Pivnick offers valuable advice to clients dealing with a wide range of issues. Good suggestions for anyone experiencing family issues, she offers the following guidance to *Grieving Grace*:



Randi Rotwein-Pivnick

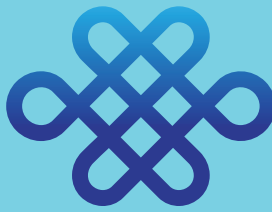
Dear Randi,
My mother passed away four months ago. We were very close, and I miss her terribly. Since she died, I feel like I am on an emotional rollercoaster. One minute I am doing fine, and the next I am crying or angry. My sister seems to be doing just fine, and my husband tells me four months is long enough to be sad, and it's time to move on. Is there something wrong with me?

Signed,
Grieving Grace


Dear Grace,
Clearly, you are grieving the loss of your mother. The grief process is different for everyone, and you need to go at your own pace. Some people experience all the stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance), and some people don't. Oftentimes, you jump from one stage to another and back again. It all depends on the person, which is why you are having a different experience than your sister.

The best thing for you to do is to allow yourself to feel what you are feeling and to grieve at your own pace. Don't let anyone else determine that but you. Surround yourself with supportive, empathetic people, get some guidance from a therapist specializing in bereavement, and/or join a grief support group. Little by little, with time, you should begin to feel more like yourself. ■

To contact Randi Rotwein-Pivnick, please email her at Emotion4You@aol.com, or call her at (480) 707-8291.




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LOCAL BUSINESS

A HEALTHY CAT IS A WELL HYDRATED CAT

Submitted by Pet Planet

Like people, cats aren't big water drinkers.

Just as we are seeing a rise in urinary health issues (i.e. bladder and kidney stones) in people, veterinarians across North America are seeing a rise in urinary health issues in cats. Dehydration in cats can be connected to other life-threatening diseases, as well, like diabetes and kidney failure.

Water intake in cats is challenging. Just like us, cats prefer fresh water. So, making sure we change water bowls daily is important. Some cats prefer to see movement in their water (and may display this by tapping at their water dishes with their paws or preferring to drink from dripping taps). So, consider getting your cat a water fountain or even placing ice cubes in his dish. We can even use diluted low-sodium chicken broth or tuna juice as a way to make the water more enticing.

Another excellent source of water is moisture-containing canned, freeze-dried or raw food. It contains about 85 percent water and should be a regular part of every cat's diet.

There are several benefits to feeding high moisture food to your cats.

- Canned, freeze-dried and raw food:
- contain higher levels of protein than dry cat food, so choose options with meat, poultry, fish and eggs.
- offer more nutritional value than dry cat food.
- provide much needed water vital for your cat's overall health and well-being.

- contain lower levels of carbohydrates, which will help your cats maintain a healthy weight and keep clean teeth.
- are easier to digest, which translates to less stool and odor in the litter box.

A dry cat food can be connected to many life-threatening diseases that affect cats, including diabetes, kidney failure and feline lower urinary tract disease. A cat fed exclusively dry kibble will consume only half the amount of water needed on a daily basis, since dry foods contain only 10 percent water.

There is no question that feeding your cat dry food is more convenient. Supplementing dry food with 50 percent or more canned, freeze-dried or raw food, however, can help prevent life-threatening disease and ensure your cat stays hydrated.

At Pet Planet, we love our cats. That's why we are very passionate about educating our customers and helping them save money.

Here is our Cat Savings Program:

- Buy cat food and get 10 percent off litter, treats, toys and grooming supplies.
- Buy 12 cans of cat food and get 5 percent off each can.
- Every Thursday, get 15 percent off all the cat treats. ■



EDUCATION

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning Offers Educational and Social Opportunities

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL), a peer-led, self-directed organization of more than 400 members, operating under the sponsorship of Mesa Community College (MCC), may be just what you are seeking.

Educational and social opportunities happen by joining interactive groups, such as America, the Gilded Age, Walking the Cather Trail, Continuing Piano Class, We Were Citizens—Now We're Not, Theory of Evolution and Trailblazer's Hiking, as well as more topics. Many classes meet one time for two and one-half to three hours. There are no tests, grades or credits.

Other social opportunities, such as luncheons, tours, traveling, concerts, board and card games and theater productions, can be enjoyed. Volunteer opportunities on the MCC campus and in the community are available. As an NFLL member, you are given an MCC student ID card, which gives you discounts on campus and in the community.

An open house for learning about NFLL will take place on Friday, Sept. 15, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the MCC Downtown Center, 145 N. Centennial Way, on the fourth floor. Parking is available in the parking garage, on the second and third levels only. An elevator or stairway leads to the fourth floor from the garage.

Classes meet at MCC campuses located at Southern Avenue and Dobson Road, McKellips and Power roads, Mesa Active Adult Centers, at 247 N. MacDonald St. and 7550 E. Adobe St., as well as other locations.



Fees are \$80 a year or \$60 for each semester. After enrolling at the open house, a member can register for as many classes as one's schedule will allow. Online registration begins on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Arrangements will be made for those without computers. ■

For more information, visit the NFLL website at newfrontiers.mesacc.edu, or send an email to communications@newfrontiersaz.org. Write to Mesa Community College, NFLL, Office of Community Partnerships, 7110 E. McKellips Road, Room 222, Mesa, AZ 85207. You also can call (480) 461-7497.

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EDUCATION

Help students succeed by getting involved

Submitted by Mesa Public Schools
Photos by Tim Hacker

As students at Mesa Public Schools settle into the rhythm of a new and exciting school year, it's a great time to get involved in helping students succeed. From classroom helpers, to supply drives and more, the district appreciates the opportunity to engage community members. Here are three ways you can help.

1. BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Every day, hundreds of community volunteers actively are helping on school campuses. Volunteers can be found reading to small groups or working one-on-one with students, helping teachers with administrative tasks or shelving books in the library. Becoming a volunteer is simple. Bring a completed volunteer application packet and signed school referral form to the district's Human Resources Department, or

visit the school you would like to help. Learn more and find the form at mpsaz.org/hr.

2. ADOPT A SCHOOL

Organizations, such as retirement communities, civic groups and churches, are welcome to adopt a school for campus cleanup, supply drives or other needs. Visit your neighborhood school and talk to the principal about opportunities to get involved. Organizations looking for a school referral may call the district's Communications and Marketing Department at (480) 472-0223.

3. ORGANIZE A SUPPLY DRIVE

Whether it's school supplies or personal care items, schools are happy to accept donations from community members. Looking to help a school with a donation but unsure where to begin? Contact your neighborhood

school's office staff or family support specialist for advice or specific needs. Then, rally friends and neighbors to provide donations.

Thinking about attending a school event? Senior community members are eligible to receive a Gold Card and cheer on your favorite student. Residents who are 62 or older and live within district boundaries are eligible for a free Gold Card, which offers free or discounted admission to school plays, concerts, musical theater performances and sports. Pick up your Gold Card at the district's Administrative Services Center, 63 E. Main St., or Curriculum Services Center, 549 N. Stapley Drive. For more information, call (480) 472-0223. ■

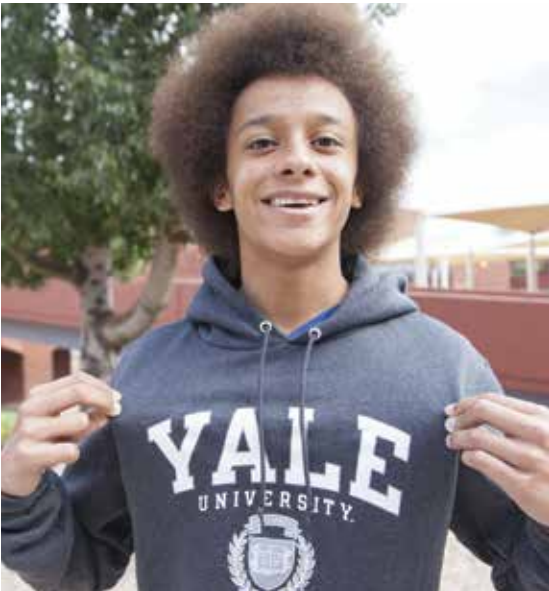
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LOCAL BUSINESS

Stages of Dementia Progress

DIFFERENTLY WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL

Submitted by Home Care Assistance

Dementia isn't a disease, rather it is a term used to describe a collection of symptoms that can include memory loss and confusion.

It is a progressive condition with the three stages described as early, middle and late. Learning how to recognize the early signs of dementia can help you recognize the onset of decline. One of the most common types of dementia is Alzheimer's disease. Others include Lewy Body and Vascular dementia.

Here is how early dementia progresses and the signs and symptoms that are part of that progression.

It's important to note that even though dementia has three stages, each individual will experience them differently. Dementia is a very fluid condition. So, there are no hard and fast rules about when a person will move from one stage to another. Some symptoms may appear in several stages, while others might not occur at all. Dementia occurs gradually and results in a slow worsening of symptoms as the chemistry of the brain and its structure are damaged. Dementia will reduce the person's ability to:

- communicate.
- remember people, places and things.
- understand conversations, concepts and directions.
- reason.

Behaviors and moods also will change across the three stages of dementia.

EARLY STAGE DEMENTIA

The Alzheimer's Society says there is good evidence that by the time people exhibit signs of dementia, the disease has existed for many years in the brain. The initial symptoms of dementia, such as forgetfulness and difficulty retrieving words, can be taken as signs of normal aging, until they begin to occur more regularly and affect activities of daily living. The signs and symptoms of early stage dementia include:

- memory problems, such as forgetting recent events, or repeating the same question over and over again.



- lapses in reasoning, planning or problem-solving with trouble thinking things through to logical conclusions.
- short attention spans that make the person easily distracted.
- language impairments, including taking longer to find the right word, or an inability to call an object by its name (toaster, car, etc.).
- changes in visual depth perception, which cause trouble navigating stairs or judging distances.
- putting objects in the wrong place, such as car keys in the freezer or ice cream in the kitchen cabinet.

In the early stages of dementia, your loved one may realize these memory losses are increasing and, as a result, become depressed or anxious. It is important to offer reassurance and comfort.

MIDDLE STAGE DEMENTIA

As dementia progresses into the middle stage, personality, behavioral and memory changes will become more noticeable.

- Your loved one will need more help and support with daily activities, such as grooming and personal hygiene.
- He may forget to wash, eat or use the toilet.
- Memory loss increases and may include an inability to recognize people.
- Forgetfulness may cause your loved one to not take medication, get lost, turn on burners and not turn them off, etc.

- Mood and behavior changes become more distinct and may result in outbursts, anger, frustration or aggressive behavior.

Your loved one may walk off or start wandering endlessly around the house. He may mix up night and day, or begin to exhibit odd behaviors, such as wearing pajamas outside, asking strangers for food and other socially inappropriate actions.

LATE-STAGE DEMENTIA

At this stage, people will need almost complete help with daily living. They may require full-time nursing care. They may



become non-verbal. They will be physically weak, will have significant trouble walking alone and may need a wheelchair. Other signs of late-stage dementia include:

- inability to recognize loved ones.
- trouble eating and swallowing.
- significant weight loss.
- incontinence may begin to occur.
- behavior changes, which may include restlessness, as if searching for someone.
- angry outbursts or depression.
- feeling threatened.
- an inability to know where they are, or time of day, etc.

Despite the difficult nature of these symptoms, it is important to remember that when you are with a loved one who suffers from dementia, he will respond to a kind word and a comforting touch. Understanding how to communicate with someone who has dementia can be hard, but it is still possible. It is important to soothe and reassure your loved one regardless of the stage of dementia.

If you need support caring for a loved one who suffers from dementia or any other cognitive decline, call us. Our trained caregivers can provide support to fit your schedule and provide you with peace of mind. We understand aging, and we can help your loved one age in a healthy manner. Caregivers at Home Care Assistance are available for daily and hourly respite care for your loved one to help you protect your health and focus on yourself also. ■

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Be A Salt River Hero During Labor Day Weekend

By Lynda Breault

Celebrate Labor Day weekend on the Salt River and join thousands of tubers lending a hand on their public lands while floating on the cool and refreshing mountain-stream waters as Salt River Tubing hosts its 22nd annual Labor Day Salt River Heroes = Litter Zero event, from Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Tonto National Forest.

Salt River Tubing will be distributing free litter bags and encouraging tubers to stash and bag their picnic trash during the national Take Pride in America event. Since 1996, responsible public lands stewards have bagged more than 740 tons of picnic trash on the Lower Salt River during the summer holiday weekends.

As an added bonus, Salt River Tubing will be distributing free patriotic leis to the first 1,000 tubers during the holiday weekend. Radio stations KISSFM 104.7 and KNIX 102.5 will be onsite with free giveaways, and Monster Energy Beverage Company also will be distributing free energy beverages to attendees.

“Enjoy a floating beach blast Labor Day weekend with us,” said President and Chief Executive Officer Henri Breault. “The Salt River is loaded with chills and thrills while shooting the rapids in the great outdoors. Our recreational paradise in Tonto National Forest is the coolest adventure for fun in the sun,” he continued. “Take Pride in Arizona’s water wonderland, and bag your picnic trash in our free Tommy Tuber litter bags. Help us keep the Salt River clean and beautiful for future generations to enjoy.”

The cost of tube rental is \$17 per person, which includes inner tube rental, shuttle bus service and free parking at the Salt River Tubing Terminal.

Salt River Tubing recommends tubers plan their floating beach blast adventures.

- Bring plenty of water and sun block.
- Wear protective footwear.



- Bring beverages in cans or plastic containers.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers and non-swimmers should wear life vests while floating.
- Ice chests and coolers will be inspected for glass containers before boarding shuttle buses.
- Drugs, alcohol and the Salt River do not mix. Have a great time by responsibly appointing a designated driver before the tubing adventure.

Salt River Tubing was the corporate recipient of the Department of Interior’s National Take Pride in America award in 2003 for its Salt River Heroes = Litter Zero program. Take Pride in America is a national partnership that aims to inspire a new generation of volunteers to put their love of country to work to improve our national parks, wildlife refuges, public lands, cultural and historic sites, playgrounds and other recreation areas.

Salt River Tubing has received four National Take Pride in America awards for the company’s conservation

efforts on the Lower Salt River in Tonto National Forest. (1991, 2003, 2006 and 2010).

Catch the coolest ride in the Valley of the Sun, and visit our website at saltrivertubing.com, or call (480) 984-3305. Salt River Tubing is open seven days a week, Aug. 1 through Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Beginning Sept. 1, Salt River Tubing is open weekends only (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) until Oct. 1. The latest tube rental is 1:30 p.m.

Salt River Tubing accepts cash and credit cards. A valid driver’s license is required for credit card identification and tube rental security deposit. ■

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2018	\$524,000	4.8%	\$2,749.25
Difference in Monthly Payment			\$304.16

* Average Commitment Rate per Freddie Mac **Principal and Interest Payment



We probably should chat about Buying or Selling your home sooner rather than later...

Let's say you have your eye on purchasing a home priced at \$500,000. However, instead of jumping on the chance to buy your dream home, you bide your time in hopes that mortgage interest rates decline further. But they don't and a .25% interest rate increase happens instead.

This .25% increase now means you need to earn an additional 3% in income to qualify for your \$500,000 dream home. You're also now looking at paying additional interest around \$19,000 or more during the course of your loan. It's either that, or you now go looking for houses priced 3% less than the \$500,000 dream home you've wanted. Now just imagine how much your purchasing power decreases if rates go up 1 percent or higher!

If you value the purchasing power you have today, the best decision you can make is to jump off the fence and buy now, most especially if your dream home is on the market right now!

-source: Realtor.com

The same is true for those of you looking to sell your home. You probably ask yourself often, "Should we sell now or should we wait?". If you wait and interest rates continue to climb, the buying power of the buyer goes down and you will have fewer buyers able to buy your home at the current market value!

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