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Registration open for Community Chorus

The Fountain Hills Community Chorus is hosting registration and rehearsals for this year's musical program. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. in the hall outside the Pima and Hopi Rooms in the Community Center, with rehearsal to run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration will be held on Jan. 14 and Jan. 21. The theme for this year's concerts is "Tuneful Tales," with performances set for Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. There are no tryouts to join this chorus. All are welcome.



Times photo by Bob Burns

Desert dusting

The winter storm that passed through Arizona over New Year's left a dusting of snow on the mountains surrounding Fountain Hills. This photo was taken from the Fountain Hills McDowell Sonoran Preserve on the trails leading from the Adero Canyon Trailhead. Fountain Hills received about an inch of rain the first week of the New Year.

Legislative session Rep. Kavanagh talks priorities

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter



Representative John Kavanagh

The next session of the Arizona State Legislature is set to open next week with a lot of issues on its plate including what is always a priority, the state budget. Representative John Kavanagh, of Fountain Hills, said it is always a challenge to come up with the balanced budget as required by law. He said they are focused on beefing up the rainy day fund as a hedge against a possible recession. Another budget-related subject the lawmakers will consider is an income tax conformity law. This would have the state filing requirements consistent with the federal government which would eliminate some tax deductions. Kavanagh clarified, however, that it would not change or impact the current tax credit system in the state, which allows taxpayers to take a dollar for dollar credit for donations to

charities. The amount is capped depending on single taxpayer or a couple. The credits are relied on heavily by schools for extra-curricular programs, food banks and similar charities. Kavanagh said they would not touch the credits. Kavanagh said he is also working on legislation to address major problems with short-term rental properties. The current bill stripped away too much control from local government to

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Deputy-involved shooting Monday afternoon

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is investigating a reported deputy-involved shooting just outside the District Substation at Fountain Hills Town Hall late Monday afternoon. A radio call broadcast by a local television station indicated the suspect was throwing rocks at a deputy and the deputy had drawn his weapon. MCSO did report that no deputies were injured in the incident. The suspect was transported to the hospital, but there has been no report on their condition. Jay Schlum, former Fountain Hills mayor, was in his office across the Avenue of the Fountains from the Sheriff's substation

parking lot when he said he heard two quick, low compression sounds. Schlum said he did not really see anything out the window on the second floor because of a tree. He went down to the street when it appeared a lot of people were watching what was going on. "There were two deputies standing there working to restrain a [person] in dark clothing lying on the ground," Schlum said. "I could hear moaning, but the [person] seemed to be resisting." Schlum then said other deputies began to arrive on the scene from inside the building and returning from patrol. Fort McDowell Police and Fountain Hills



Police tape surrounded much of the parking lot around Town Hall on Monday night as the Sheriff's Office investigated a deputy-involved shooting.

Fire Department also arrived on the scene. The incident occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m. and MCSO did not talk with media at the scene of the incident prior to 10 p.m. television news broadcasts on Monday evening. There was no additional information available as of press time.

Teen vaping Local schools mirror statewide trends

By Ryan Winslett
Times Editor



An example of popular vape products.

E-cigarette use among minors is on the rise according to the 2018 Arizona Youth Survey, a trend that Fountain Hills is not immune to. While Fountain Hills High School Principal Cain Jagodzinski and Fountain Hills Middle School Principal James Carrick agree that e-cigarette use is not as prevalent among local teens as it is in other areas of the Valley, they also agree that its use is still growing within the community. This year's Youth Survey, which can be found at azcjc.gov, asked Arizona students to weigh in on a wide array of topics including everything from gang involvement and exposure to violence to dangerous driving and use of illegal substances. The survey is anonymous and this year was administered to 48,000 students from 245 schools. Participating students were from the eighth,

10th and 12th grade. The survey is conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, as well

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EXPO registration deadline Friday

The Town of Fountain Hills Volunteer Program and Activity Center are teaming up again this year for the "Annual Activities & Volunteer EXPO," and now is the time for clubs and organizations in town to sign up for a spot at the event. Any group interested in participating may complete an EXPO registration form from the Town website, fh.az.gov, and return it to Town Hall, attention Jennifer Lyons, jlyons@fh.az.gov. Registration deadline for clubs and organizations

is this Friday, Jan. 11. The EXPO will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. This is an opportunity for groups to share their message with the community, recruit new members and network with other clubs and organizations in town. Attendees learn about volunteer opportunities, gather information and speak to representatives from over 35 clubs and service organizations. Not only does the EXPO allow residents to find out

what the clubs have to offer and recruit volunteers, it allows the clubs an opportunity to learn about one another. In addition to the Volunteer Program, the Activity Center will also be showcasing its programs, support groups, classes and special presentations offered throughout the year. It's also a good time to renew Activity Center memberships for 2019 or become a new member, according to organizers. Located in the Grand Ballroom of the Community Center, each club or

organization is provided a table and two chairs where they can host a couple of enthusiastic members, display pamphlets, photos, examples of what the club is all about and recruit volunteers and members. The EXPO is free to participating groups and free to the public.

Friday deadline to attend State of the Town

The deadline to attend Mayor Ginny Dickey's first State of the Town address is 11:55 p.m., Friday, on the Chamber of Commerce's website. The event will take place at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Community

Center. The event is free and open to the public. However, pre-registration is required at the Chamber's website: fountainhills-chamber.com. No walk-in will be permitted at the door. Hob Nob Catering will provide a continental breakfast. Sponsoring the event are Fountain Hills Recovery, Republic Services, Desert Title and Tag, Fountain Hills School District and Sanitary District.

Silver Auctions kick off 2019 car events

By Barb Charzuk
Times Reporter



A roadster crossed the auction block last year at Silver Auctions AZ at We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center. The auction is moving this year to Peoria.

Cooler January temperatures traditionally debut the prime tourist season and the start of the hot collector car auctions in the Greater Phoenix Valley. At least seven collector car auctions are scheduled from Jan. 10-20. One change this year is the absence of Silver Auctions AZ at We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center at Fort McDowell. Construction of a new casino into parking areas forced the auction to relocate to the Peoria Sports Complex. Even if your bank account doesn't stretch to purchase one of the collector or vintage cars, the

auctions make for a great learning experience and people-watching. Sellers enjoy talking about their cars and the years of restoration that

went into making them auction ready. The larger auctions - Barrett-Jackson and Russo

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Tues., Jan. 1	47	31	--
Wed., Jan. 2	49	32	--
Thurs., Jan. 3	56	39	--
Fri., Jan. 4	64	45	--
Sat., Jan. 5	65	45	--
Sun., Jan. 6	63	40	--
Mon., Jan. 7	61	46	--

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