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Locals shoot up for flu dreaded season

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Tombstone schools look beyond Prop 204 failure

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Prop 204 was a voter initiative that would have allocated funding for education by ex- tending 1-cent state sales tax, to expire this May. For school districts across the state, the loss of tax money could lead to bigger class sizes, smaller budgets and layoffs. Two years ago, Arizonans voted overwhelm- ingly to pass the original temporary increase that supporters said would end a funding crisis in edu- cation. But this year, the question of perma- nently extending the tax by a vote of 50 to nearly 57 percent of voters.

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Tombstone veterans share life experiences

By Kristyl Jenkins

In honor of Veteran’s Day earlier this week, five local veterans told their stories of military and life service in Tombstone.

Micah Collins

Former Marine Bill Flackes joined in with the others in expressing his appreciation for veterans, and even noted that it is up to the community to remember and honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have served. He also noted that the community can do something to recognize and honor the sacrifices of local veterans.

Tom Johnson

Tom Johnson said he didn’t know what to expect when he went to Vietnam, but he ended up being called to do 23 years of service in the military. Johnson stated that he didn’t have any family problems during his time in the military and that he never had any problems with the officers. He also noted that he had a close relationship with the other veterans and that he had learned a lot from them.

Charles Dillard

Charles Dillard said he enjoyed his time in the military and that he had a good time while he was there. He also noted that he had a lot of friends and that he had a lot of fun while he was in the military. He also said that he was proud to serve his country and that he would do it all over again.

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Flu shots are available at the clinic by appointment or on a walk-in basis. A local flu shot promotion is being offered this year to encourage flu vaccination among the community. The promotion includes a discount on flu shots for those who get their shot at the clinic. The flu shot promotion is a great opportunity for those who want to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu. The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Two women are expected to run for the seat now held by Mike Dillard, who decided not to run for reelection. Kristina Bui is running as an independent and Michelle A. Weiss is running as a Democrat. Kristina Bui is the incumbent and she is running for re-election. Michelle A. Weiss is running as an independent and she is not running for re-election. Kristina Bui has raised $193,603 to date.

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For healing, visitors go to Tombstone ‘witches’

By Carla Norelto

Two women were healed by people at Tombstone last year. The first woman was healed by a person named Cheri Melton, who is a spiritual healer. The second woman was healed by a person named Jack Henderson, who is a spiritual healer. The first woman was healed by Cheri Melton, who is a spiritual healer. The second woman was healed by Jack Henderson, who is a spiritual healer.

Retiree unrattled by raising rare reptiles

By Emily Daily

At the Tombstone Reptile Exhibit, Brian Gill, the owner, has two boa constrictors. The constrictor feeds once a month and can weigh up to 60 pounds, and more than 13 feet in length. The exhibit, which opened in 2008, is known as the “Rose Man.” Dildine first learned how to make the rose by watching his mother make flowers. He then started making roses and selling them to make money. He has been making roses for the past 22 years. He is known for his large roses and his ability to make roses on the spot. He has won several awards for his roses.
Tis’ a new season for business

Town finances hinge on holiday sales

By Debbie Feehs
The Tombstone Epitaph

Business owners have high hopes that the holiday season will give them some green and keep them out of the red.

Through Allen Street shops do not offer traditional Black Friday sales, usually found in chain stores in bigger towns, business owners still expect the number of shoppers to go up next weekend. Out-of-town visitors coming to Tombstone contribute to the increase in business this time of year, said Tina Miller, owner of T. Miller’s Tombstone Mercantile Co.

People visiting family in Tombstone for the holiday tend to do some of their shopping in town. “It’s a big deal,” Miller said. “I’ve been here for 12 years and it’s always been a big shopping time. Miller said the store doesn’t have plans for holiday specials but will continue to give a 10 percent discount to anyone who shops in costume.

“Tombstone’s been really down,” Martinez said. “They try to support everybody,” Hilligoss said. “I know I do.”

Hilligoss estimated Turkey Creek Traders would see about a 30 percent increase in the number of shoppers to go up next weekend. “They come armed with fanny packs, walking shoes, cameras and cash,” he said. “Where will I put everything?” and “Will I be hot?” are typical comments.

Though Allen Street shops do not offer the traditional Black Friday sales, usually found in chain stores in bigger towns, business owners still expect the number of shoppers to go up next weekend. “The stores that were undercapitalized are not here anymore so it’s prime time for anybody that has taken care of their business to go in and expand,” Miller said.

Businesses are starting to come back to Allen Street, Davis said, though he recognizes there are obstacles holding them back. “The biggest problem is the older landlord store owners aren’t willing to come down on their lease and rental prices. We’ve had businesses vacate for one or three years and it’s hard to imagine why the old owners stick to charging $1,800 a month,” Davis said.

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“I think the time is ripe right now,” Miller said. “Closed businesses are bad for your town and it doesn’t look prosperous. As new people come in with a little more money and a little more education, it helps to upgrade our economy. Competition is good. It’s a win-win situation.”

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Miller is in the midst of renovating the building and getting a final certificate of occupancy from building inspectors. She will have a grand opening on Dec. 26 if everything goes according to plan.

“We’re actually pretty much on track and where we want to be,” Miller said. “I think it’s been a challenge but it’s been really fun and I’m excited.”

Other business owners are looking to capitalize on the space left available by the many businesses that had to close their doors on Allen Street.

Randy Davis, owner of the Big Iron Shooting Gallery, is relocating from his current location on Fourth Street to the former Bank of America building on Allen Street in order to increase the size of his store and to attract more customers.

“We contacted the people who owned it and discovered almost immediately it was a corporate-owned bank building,” Davis said. “They couldn’t find a bank that was willing to come to Tombstone, so we negotiated with them and ordered up a lease agreement and we should be operational around Dec. 1.”

Davis said the decision to relocate was made because he wanted to expand his inventory to include more displays and weapons from different eras. Though the relocation has been expensive, he expects to gain back expenses within the first few months of opening.

“The shooting gallery has always been profitable and now it will be on a larger scale,” Davis said. “We expect more foot traffic and more business.”

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The biggest sign for me is that big of camera around their neck,” said Bill McCoy, owner of Smoke Signals Trading Post, who wore a top hat and button down vest.

“High-Tech Camera

Many visitors have seen the movie Tombstone and are ready to snap photos of anything and everything possibly related to the town’s well-known role in the West. To do so, they need a big camera with a good shutter.

“Walking shoes

Tourists want to make sure they see everything and that means wearing sneakers that will withstand running around all of the sights.

“Fanny Pack

When you’re far from home it’s important to have access to lots of things that you might need. Hence the fanny pack. While certainly not high-fashion, this utility device helps tourists be prepared for anything.

“Shirt Pocket

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The Tombstone Epitaph's Jessica Canchola asked people coming to town about the dead giveaways that say, “They are most usually dressed in a T-shirt and flip-flops,” said Richard Wilson, who was dressed in jeans and a T-shirt and is a 10-year resident of Tombstone. “They come from all over the country too. We even have some tourists come from England and Australia. But everyone just knows everyone in this town.”