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'Tiki' prepares for grand adventure



Carol Fontana and "Tiki" scout one of the segments of the Arizona Trail. They will tackle the 800-mile adventure with a straight-through ride, a first for the grueling border-to-border trail.

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Horse, rider to tackle Arizona Trail's border-to-border ride

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"Tiki" is going on the ride of his life, a two-month trip that will take him over 800 miles from Mexico to the Utah border. He has a fan club, sponsors and promoters. After his return to Prescott in June, he's hosting a Welcome Back Party and will give all of the money this trip generates to the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

Tiki Barber, 11, is an Arabian horse, born and raised at Cre Run Farm in Virginia. He trained as a racehorse - with nine wins under his belt! - and more recently, has been training for endurance rides with his friend and owner, Carol Fontana.

The purpose of this grueling Arizona Trail ride is to raise money for PASS, Fontana said. PASS provides temporary housing, resources and case management for those without



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"Now it's her time to be a young girl again," said Janice Antes, Windsor's

mother. "She wants to fulfill that dream and I'm all for it."

Kari Fischer and Mitch Macleod, an engaged couple from Phoenix, drove up to check out the expo as well.

They plan to get married on the Van Dickson Ranch in Skull Valley this coming October.

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Oberg appoints task force to focus on group home issues

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PRESCOTT - When Harry Oberg was running for Prescott Mayor this past summer, he says he heard numerous concerns from residents about issues with group recovery homes.

"I decided then that it would be a good idea to have a task force to try to get a better understanding of group home issues," Oberg said this past week.

On Friday, March 4, the city announced in a news release that Oberg had appointed an eight-member committee to deal with structured sober living homes.

The committee was set up as an "ad hoc" group, which means that it is not an on-going standing city committee. The news release said the committee members would serve for Oberg's term in office.

Oberg said he chose that route because the need for the group home committee could be temporary. "Hopefully, within a year or so, we may not need the committee," Oberg said Friday, pointing out that the city is trying to get mechanisms in place to deal with the proliferation of group homes.

He foresees that the committee will deal with two main issues:

- **The quality of care.** "There are people in these homes that I don't think are getting properly treated," Oberg said.

In some cases, the residents are not being properly fed, he said, which causes them to use the community's social services.

Also, Oberg said, "There is no proper exit program for them," which leads to clients being discharged onto Prescott's streets with no way to get back to their homes.

"I think we need to understand exactly what they're going through," Oberg said of the group home residents.

- **The impacts to neighborhoods.** "The other thing is people who are living around group homes," Oberg said, adding that when residents have talked to code enforcement in the past, they haven't always felt like the city properly dealt with their concerns.

Oberg said he chose the committee members based upon input he has received from residents. "They are

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Oberg

Engaged couples fulfill wedding needs at Prescott bridal expo

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PRESCOTT - Soon-to-be-married couples glided past each other in a haze of nuptial splendor at the 2016 Prescott Bridal Affaire Expo on Sunday, March 6, hosted at the Hassayampa Inn.

No matter what they were looking for - a sterling musician, a minister, a venue, a photographer, a dress, a cake,

etc. - they were sure to find it among the 67 exhibitors who participated.

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