

Drop and Give Me Money



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The Kingman Mohave Lions Club held its annual 50/50 Golf Ball Drop at Centennial Park Saturday morning. The event raises money for Lions Club projects, including a global initiative for health and wellness that aims to give people access to basic health screenings. A crane dropped the balls on a baseball diamond at the park and the ball that stopped closest to the center mark won. Jon Hagenson of Forklifts and Equipment, one of the event's sponsors, had the winning ball and won half of the proceeds from ticket sales. Many local businesses and individuals helped sponsor the event. Those who donated services for free included Judge David Huerta, Michael Myers of Michael's Drone Photography, Merten's Heavy Equipment and Repair, Centennial Park and the Kingman Daily Miner. Kingman Mayor Dick Anderson, also a Lion, was among those present Saturday to watch. The Lions Club's next event will be a Health and Wellness Clinic held at the Mohave County Library-Kingman on 3269 Burbank St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 16. It will include various free health screenings – blood pressure, belly fat, body mass index, cholesterol testing, vision screening and more.

Council plans an 'eye-opener'

Informal setting will be used to explain city's spending plan

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KINGMAN – Mayor Richard Anderson said he wanted the City Council to hold a town hall meeting regarding the next budget to give citizens the opportunity to weigh in.

He also believes those who attend will receive a beneficial education on the city's financial realities.

2009 was the last year the Council held such a meeting. Anderson said it was important to give citizens insight "into the issues we've gone through



MAYOR RICHARD ANDERSON

the last couple of years. There's lots of differing opinions of what should and should not be in the budget."

Anderson suggested the meeting be scheduled after Finance Director Tina Moline provides them with the budget book for fiscal year 2016-2017, which begins July 1. Anderson said city staff could create charts and other visual aids to illustrate the city's revenue and expenditures, and how a monsoon washing out a road can force the city to patch it rather than repair or replace it.

"It could be an eye-opener," said Councilman Mark Abram. Resident Doug Dickmeyer said more such meetings

should be held.

The mayor suggested a date be set between May 2 and May 9 and he directed City Manager John Dougherty to work with staff regarding the presentation and to locate a venue in which to hold the town hall.

"Find a place where we can have less formal interaction," said Anderson.

Dougherty and staff will provide a proposed agenda for the Council's consideration at the March 15 meeting. The Council voted 7-0 to accept Anderson's proposal.

Rack and Roll at Kingman Middle School



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From left to right, Taelynn Conn, Charity Stedman, Hailee Madison and Hailie Thompson see for the first time the finished skateboard/scooter rack they designed.

Students team up to create winning storage design

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KINGMAN – A team of four students at Kingman Middle School won a project to design a skateboard and scooter storage rack and got to witness its unveiling at the school Thursday.

Five teams of eighth graders in Project Lead the Way STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) classes worked on designs for a device to store skateboards and scooters, conducting research and finding ref-

erences. From this, the school picked a winning design.

Taelynn Conn, Charity Stedman, Hailee Madison and Hailie Thompson saw the finished rack from their design for the first time Thursday. Arnold McCoy, Craig Schritter and Curtis Williams of Kingman Unified School District Facilities Maintenance built the skateboard storage rack.

KUSD Superintendent of Schools Roger Jacks commended their efforts, commenting, "You've contributed to the heritage of

the school. This will be here for years and years."

Ron Bahre, the Project Lead the Way teacher, supervised the design efforts. To make the design, the students had to learn various programs including CAD (computer-aided design). The winning design was built for under \$400 and is powder-coated to help endure years of sun and wind.

The four girls remarked that the project was fun and taught them a lot of teamwork skills.

"Working as a team was challenging because

we didn't all have the same thing in mind on everything," Charity said. "We finally came up with the same idea and went with it."

Hailee credited Charity with doing a large amount of work for the project, but they all pitched in to help.

As Taelynn pointed out, "We got to work together and we got to experiment with our imagination. It was hard at first, and yes there were some parts we couldn't really understand, but we got it done."

Ex-cop sentenced: 14 years for rape

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KINGMAN – A former Bullhead City Police sergeant and law enforcement instructor who was convicted on two counts of sexual assault in the rape of one of his students in January was sentenced to 14 years in prison Friday, the maximum allowed by law.

Jesse Samuel Hoag, who turns 39 later this month, was haggard, unshaven and defiant when given the opportunity to address Judge Billy Sipe during a crowded hearing. He told the judge he hadn't slept for a week and that he is being denied medication he takes for post-traumatic stress disorder he reportedly suffers from. He asked the

judge to set aside his convictions, which came after a week and a half of testimony. Acknowledging that would "make a miracle," he asked the judge to sentence him to the lowest possible term and to run them at the same time.

The 11-year veteran of the Bullhead City department and a combat



JESSE SAMUEL HOAG

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