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Senior Expo today

The Activity Center for Seniors & Boomers will have its annual "expo" Wednesday, Jan. 25.

It will be held that day at the Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

The expo will showcase many new programs being offered this year by the John O'Flynn Activity Center.

Those attending will have an opportunity to interact and mingle directly with the various activity groups, ask questions and learn about the variety of programs.

Those helping sponsor the expo are SeniorNet, Fountain View Village, Senior Taco, El Encanto, Redendo's and Phil's Filling Station Grill.



David Andrews



Ken Buchanan

New manager selected, but not final yet

Town Council authorizes negotiations

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

The Town Council took a vital step in selecting a new town manager last week when it voted unanimously to direct Town Attorney Andrew McGuire to begin negotiations with one of the candidates.

However, as of Monday, no one at Town Hall is divulging who that candidate is. The two finalists for the position are David Andrews with the Town of Paradise Valley and Ken Buchanan, currently working for Pinal County.

On Thursday, following a closed executive session in which the candidates were discussed, the council voted to direct staff to negotiate in accordance with what was discussed in executive session.

On Monday, McGuire confirmed discussions for an employment agreement had begun, however, he also declined to say who the town is talking to.

"Hopefully we will have something to present to the council for them to act on as

soon as possible," McGuire said.

He added that he is not authorized to name the candidate they are talking with.

"In the event the negotiations don't prove fruitful, we don't want to foreclose on the opportunity to negotiate with the second candidate," McGuire said.

Andrews has a master's degree in public administration and spent 18 years with the Town of Oro Valley near Tucson.

During that time Andrews served as town manager, assistant town manager and finance director. He is a credentialed member of the ICMA, and has worked with the Town of Paradise Valley since March 2010.

Buchanan also holds a master's of public administration degree and has worked in local government for 36 years during which he served as town manager for Payson and Florence and city manager for Casa Grande.

He also holds a certificate

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Theater seeks waivers; P&Z hearing set on Thursday

The Planning and Zoning Commission will get a look at the latest proposal to build a movie theater downtown.

When the commission meets Thursday, Jan. 26, it will consider a concept plan for the project proposed on the south side of Avenue of the Fountains and west of Verde River Drive.

The proposal is for a 155,000-square-foot project on approximately five acres between the Community Center and Verde River Drive.

A portion of the development would face Avenue of the Fountains.

The proposal includes two three-story buildings facing the Avenue and one large theater building facing Verde River Drive. The theater building would also include two smaller retail/restaurant spaces.

This proposal also in-

cludes construction of a parking facility on the adjacent town-owned property.

The project is being proposed as "The Avenue" and is a portion of the overall "Town Square" project that was approved by the council in 2008. This plan does not include the portion of proposed development along The Avenue between Verde River Drive and Saguaro Boulevard.

As before, the developer is asking for waivers for the maximum building height to go to 45 feet for the theater and 42 feet for two other buildings.

George Kasnoff continues to lead the development of this project.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Pickups were popular

SunRidge Canyon seasonal resident Jerry Minor, left behind the vehicle above on the auction block, sold eight vehicles and two motorcycles at Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auctions at WestWorld, Scottsdale. The two-tone green 1953 Chevrolet pickup went for \$44,000. Sales from his collection included a rare 1946 Studebaker coupe express pickup for \$37,500 and a 1936 Ford flatbed truck at \$36,300. Collecting, restoring and reselling vehicles are a hobby and business for Minor of Elk River, Minnesota. Barrett-Jackson reported a surge in pickup trucks consignments and sales. More than 150 pickups were auctioned, accounting for more than 10 percent of \$92 million-plus in gross sales during the Jan. 15-22 event. See additional photos on Page 12A.

Times photo by Barb Charzuk

Business Person of the Year Sherry Sledge gets honor

A massage therapist who created a business to ease pain for suffering clients is the 2011 Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

Sherry Sledge owns BodyWorks Center for Perfect Health. Her selection for the annual award came during the Jan. 21 dinner at Eagle Mountain Golf Club.

"I was shocked," Sledge said two days after receiving the award. "I never expected it. I thought someone else was going to win."

The honor "gives me something good to talk about," said Sledge. "I think people appreciate working with people who are involved in the community. I like what I do and I do what I like."

Other nominees were Beverly Belury of John Hersey International; Rose Sampieri, Pal's Inn Pet Resort; and Phil Rodakis, Phil's Filling Station Grill.

Sledge turned a personal chronic health situation into a healing business after injuries in a boating and two automobile accidents.

Therapeutic massage treatments provided relief from her pain. Sledge walked away from a 24-year career in real estate to study holistic massage therapy.

Sledge graduated from California College of Physical Arts in Huntington Beach, Calif., and Tsuko Japanese School of Physical Arts in Seal Beach, Calif.

She trained in India to practice the Ayurveda system, the oldest written healthcare system in the world at over 5,000 years old, which is a whole rejuvenation/detoxification program with massage, steam, oil and herbs. She also has been a certified educator for Dr. Deepak Chopra since 1994.

She moved to Fountain



Sherry Sledge, left, accepts the Chamber Business Person of the Year award from Teresa Russo-Cox.

Hills in 1998 from California. She previously lived in Florida. She served on the Chamber board of directors from 2006-09.

Sledge consistently donates gift certificates for Chamber raffles and charity fundraisers. She estimated that she has contributed "hundreds" of certificates for a free massage over the years.

By donating the certificates, Sledge said she

often introduces Chamber members to the first-time benefits of a massage.

"They found out that a massage can help them with whatever their pain is," said Sledge.

Along with relieving pain, Sledge said she educates her clients and teaches them to do things differently "and that makes me feel good."

BodyWorks Center for Perfect Health is located at 16751 Parkview Ave., suite 1. Sledge has a staff of six, including her daughter Sharla Shore.

"I am humbled by the award. I'm certainly glad I live in Fountain Hills," said Sledge.



Sherry Sledge gets a big hug from her daughter, Sharla Shore, after accepting the award.

Times photos by Mike Scharnow

Town Council candidates Q&A

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