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Chamber likes bed tax hike

Increase will be on November ballot

By **TONY WAGGONER**
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A 1-percent bed tax increase in Lake Havasu City has drawn support from the city's Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber announced on Friday its support of the increase, which is set to go before voters in November.

"Ultimately, the goal of the chamber is to

strengthen our community," said Lisa Krueger, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. "It is a better way for our tourism leaders to promote our community, and it trickles down and affects everybody in the community."

If approved, the Lake Havasu City Transient Occupancy Tax, or bed tax, would increase from

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Let's get physicals



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Physicians and volunteers conduct sports physicals for athletes at the Lake Havasu High School gymnasium Saturday. The doctors donated their time and the \$25 fee to the Lake Havasu High School Athletic Booster Club, which will use the \$4,300 raised to help all of the school's sports programs cover travel and other expenses.

Doctors donate time, money

Proceeds given to school's Booster Club

By **DAVID BELL**
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Required medical clearance for Lake Havasu High School athletes to play sports resulted in an extra benefit for all of the sports programs.

A pair of local physicians, Dr. Randall Troyer and Dr. Elizabeth Smith-Tryon, along with Medical Assistant Malina Gresham and Nurse Practitioner Stacy Martin donated their time performing sports physicals at Lake Havasu High School on Saturday, donating back the full cost of the exams to the Lake Havasu High School Athletic Booster Club.

"We were hoping for 150 (ath-

letes) and we saw 172," said Mike Vetter, Booster Club president. "Our goal is to get the word out for this and keep it snowballing. It's one complete clearing house for the paperwork for the kids and parents at the start of the year."

At \$25 per physical, the result was a collection of \$4,300, which was donated to the Booster Club. Vetter said the money will be placed in the club's general fund to help all of the school's sports programs cover travel and other expenses.

The sports physicals fundraiser is in its fourth year and is spearheaded by Nurse Julie Sasseen, who also was able to get all equipment and sup-

plies donated as well.

The sports physical consists of an eye exam, a check of heartbeat, blood pressure, pulse, height and weight along with the physical itself, which consisted of a full medical and musculoskeletal exam. There were about 20 volunteers from the Booster Club and local medical offices including Troyer Urgent Care, Lake Havasu Family Eye Care and Smith-Tryon Family Health on hand to conduct the non-medical portions of the exam.

In addition to the high school athletes, a few Pop Warner Football players took advantage of the low cost physicals to be in compliance for the season that gets under way this week.

District implements new school bus rule

STAFF REPORTS

A reminder to parents and students at Thunderbolt and Daytona middle schools: The Lake Havasu Unified School District will no longer provide transportation to students who live outside each of the school's respective attendance area.

This means any student who attends Daytona Middle School but does not live in the immediate service area will not be serviced. Students are still allowed to attend schools outside of their school's atten-

dance area, but parents would now have to arrange for other means of travel for their kids.

The district has said the decision would help save expenses of three buses and increase ridership on the remaining buses.

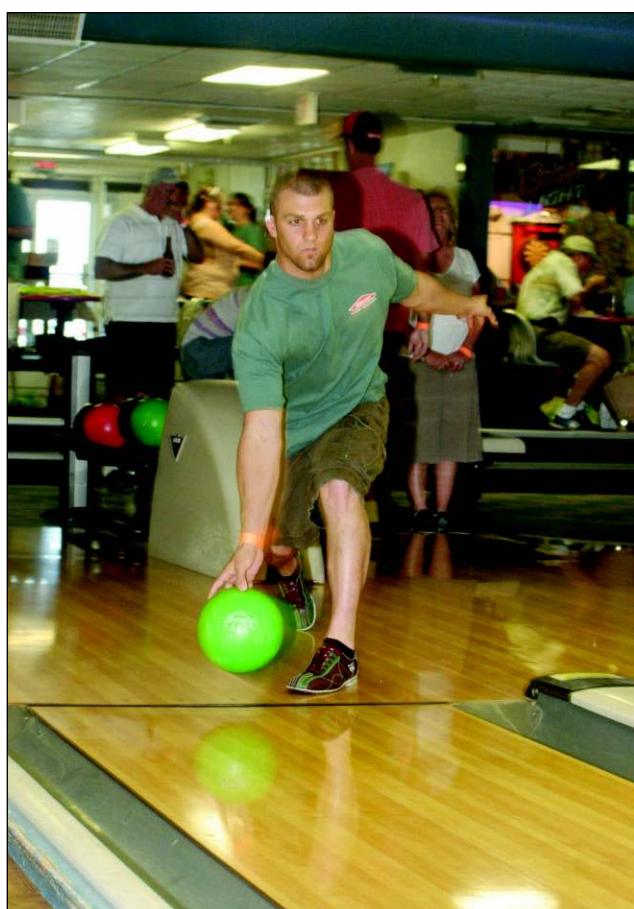
The LHUSD provides bus services for approximately 1,350 of its 6,100 students.

School starts Monday, and bus routes have not been set. In the past, each year's routes were set once all students were enrolled and registered for bus service.

Bowling for charity

Kerry Tilaro with the Servepro team bowls in the first frame of the Maddhatter Bowling Colorado River Building Industry Association's annual Charity Bowling Tournament at Havasu Lanes on Saturday. Fourteen four-person teams participated in the event, with proceeds to benefit the Cancer Association of Havasu. In addition to CRBIA and Maddhatters, sponsors included Havasu Pest Control, Western Arizona Humane Society and SCF Arizona.

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City seeks judgment in windmill case

By **TONY WAGGONER**
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The windmill keeps on turning. Lake Havasu City Attorney Paul Lenkowsky filed a motion Friday for a summary judgment to the Mohave County Superior Court in the case of Walter and Hilary Sosey.

At the heart of the case is the Sosey's backyard windmill and whether it is an accessory structure or landscape art.

In June 2008, the Sosey's were cited for having an impermissible accessory structure outside their home. The windmill, which stands in excess of 30 feet, did not adhere to the city code, which stipulates no accessory structure can be higher than 15 feet in single-family residential districts.

The Soseys argued the city's definition for an accessory structure, which means any structure that is physically detached

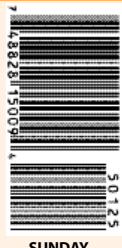
from, secondary or incidental to and commonly associated with the primary structure, did not service the couple's home in any way. It was for scenic value only and non-operational.

The city's Planning & Zoning Commission also ruled the windmill was not an accessory structure, Hilary Sosey said.

The city code also states that an accessory structure cannot be within five feet of a side or rear residential property line. The Sosey's lawyer Ken Gregory said the city never measured to actually determine if the windmill violated the setback.

The Soseys lost their appeal to the Lake Havasu City Board of Adjustment with a 3-1 vote in February. The board ruled the windmill needed to be taken down, moved closer to the home or reduced in height.

An additional hearing on the matter
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