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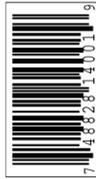
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WEATHER

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Tomorrow's high: 84;
Tomorrow's low: 49.
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DUSD discusses school closure

BY BRUCE WHETTEN
DOUGLAS DISPATCH

The Douglas school board held a special meeting Wednesday night to discuss the possibilities of closing a school for budgetary reasons and to also hold a work study session to discuss the

financial status of the district as well as the tax rate.

When the district held its budget meeting several months ago there was some talk of possibly closing a school in order to reduce costs.

Sarah Marley, which has

250 students, and Faras in Pirtleville, which has 180 students, were the two schools discussed.

When closing a school, the teachers and instructional assistants are not affected, but the district would no longer be paying the principal,

custodians, nurses, secretaries and utilities and some positions would be transferred to other schools, the board said.

Douglas School Superintendent Sheila Rogers said there is a bill that is before the legislature that states

if a school is closed it must be sold to a charter school if they want to buy it.

"The school that we had talked about the most at this point was Sarah Marley," Rogers said, adding it was her understanding there was a

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Council finalizes cemetery fees

Discount for veterans

BY AALIYAH MONTOYA
DOUGLAS DISPATCH

The Mayor and Council met for a special meeting, held March 24, at City Hall. Five items on the agenda made for a short discussion and decision on topics relating to cemetery fees, the new golfing community, and a report from Mayor Danny Ortega Jr. on the Commercial Port of Entry project.

Representatives from Cochise Regional Hospital made an informal presentation during the call to the public. According to Christopher Alise, Vice President of Finance, the hospital off of Hwy. 80 has gone under massive work in the last year. Alise shared his optimism on the progress that has been made in the last five months.

"On a daily basis, we focus on improving the operations," Alise said. "We are continuing to re-invest all of the hard work and resources back into the expansion of clinical services."

President Seth Guterman, MD, and Chief Medical Officer Luciano Forchesatto, M.D., have



AALIYAH MONTOYA/DOUGLAS DISPATCH
Cochise Regional Hospital, Vice President of Finance, Christopher Alise made a brief presentation on hospital upgrades and improvements, during the special Mayor and Council meeting, held March 24.

spearheaded this project.

"They have innovated on a variety of levels to the benefit of the patients and the citizens here in Douglas," Alise continued. "We're very excited to unveil a series of new services, procedures, and diagnostic tests that will be available to locals and the people of Cochise County."

Reinvestments have been made into new equipment, upgrading facilities, and expanding

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AALIYAH MONTOYA/DOUGLAS DISPATCH
Larry Dye stands with a Model 185 airplane at Cochise College, which was flown by his father Paul Dye, who escaped from Colombian captors in the 1980s.

Cochise Aviation

Celebrating 50 years

BY AALIYAH MONTOYA
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Cochise College, Douglas, is celebrating 50 years of operation by highlighting some of their leading programs, aviation being one of them.

On March 27, the Cochise Aviation Department held an open house, introducing its new Red Hawk fleet. Hundreds of visitors participated in the event, including several alumni from as far back as the Class of 1972. Cochise President J.D. Rottweiler showed enthusiasm and excitement when describing the program's status.

"We're recognizing an

area of massive growth," said Rottweiler. "We're putting us out there to address the current pilot shortage, by providing stat-of-the-art training at an affordable cost that will allow students from Cochise County and all around the world to help offset that pilot shortage."

According to Rottweiler, the governing board of the school approved the investment of the Red Hawk and six new aircrafts specifically designed for flight schools. With these new aircrafts, the program will be able to reduce their fleet from the current 15, down to nine, due to the flex-

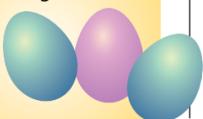
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Dispatch Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

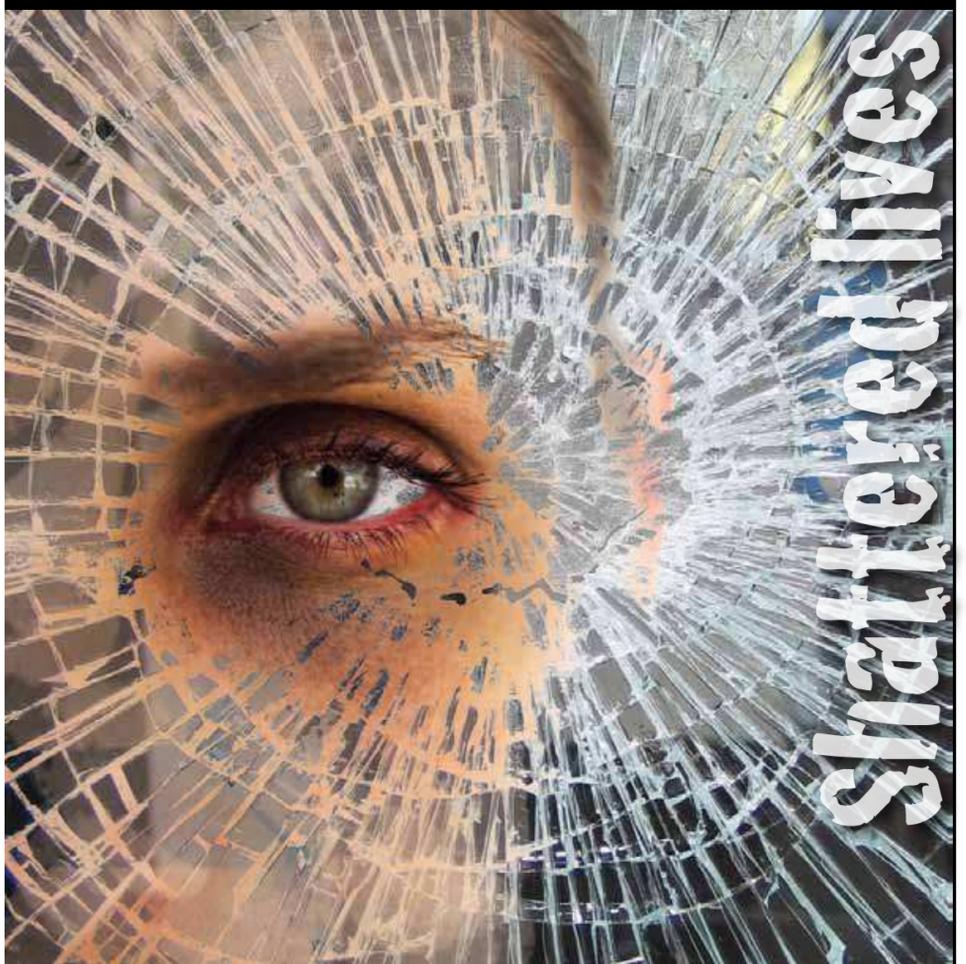
The Douglas Dispatch's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the DHS football field.

The event will be open to kids up to 8 years of age.

It is being sponsored by the Douglas Dispatch, the Douglas Unified School District and various participating downtown merchants.



LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT



Shattered lives

Raising awareness Kaity's Way

BY AALIYAH MONTOYA
DOUGLAS DISPATCH

A year-round effort is made to prevent domestic violence, and promote healthy relationships, by Co-Founder and Executive Director, Bobbi Sudberry of Kaity's Way.

On March 26 and 27, Sudberry, a Phoenix resident, paid a visit to Douglas for her third time, presenting to four local schools. Sudberry is the mother of the late Kaitlyn Marie Sudberry, who was born July 5, 1990 in Tucson. After a violent and possessive relationship, Kaitlyn was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 2008 at the age of 17.

Students at C.A.S., PPEP Tec, Douglas High School,

and Paul Huber Middle School, learned about Kaity's story, and were given information on how one can prevent unhealthy relationships.

Kaity's Way is a Non Profit 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Corporation located in Arizona.

Sudberry made her first presentation at the Arizona State University West, in April of 2008. Since, she has visited at least 150 different agencies, state-wide and nationally, a good portion of those schools.

The purpose of Kaity's Way is to bring awareness to teens and children, educating them on this topic. It also provides assistance to those who are being subjected to violent relationships.



AALIYAH MONTOYA/DOUGLAS DISPATCH
Bobbi Sudberry of Kaity's Way, presented her lecture series on teen dating violence, to C.A.S. School at Ministerios Tierra De Bendicion, on March 26.

"I hope that they understand how much better life can be having a healthy relationship," said Sudberry. "So if they're ever involved in a

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RED FLAGS

- Does the other person?
 - Call or text constantly when you are not with them
 - Wants or Needs to be with you all the time
 - Tries to tell you what to do,

- how to dress, who you can and cannot speak to
 - Yell at you
 - Say mean and rude things to you
 - Call you names

- Humiliate you in front of others
- Speak ill of your loved ones
- Blame you whenever something does not go right

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City Hall to get facelift

BY BRUCE WHETTEN
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Local residents will start to see a different look to City Hall.

As part of the capital improvement projects, City Hall will soon undergo a new paint and landscaping job.

The pine and palm trees in front of City Hall will be removed and city crews have already begun removing the 110 rose bushes and relocating them to various spots around town.

Douglas' City Manager Carlos De La Torre said some of the rose bushes

are being relocated to the 10th Street Park, the Douglas Williams House and some of the local churches.

"We're giving them the shock treatment and vitamins to make sure they survive," he said. "Some of the rose bushes that we have transplanted earlier in the week are taking off."

De La Torre said the large roots from the pine trees outside of City Hall have been affecting the grass and the rose bushes as well as the side walks.

The mayor and council

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BRUCE WHETTEN/DOUGLAS DISPATCH
Roger Ramirez pulls out some rose bushes from in front of City Hall as part of the landscaping project currently underway.