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The Arizona City Fire District last held its traditional Trunk or Treat event on Halloween in 2019.

Arizona City to host 'Trunk or Treat' again

By FRANK MCLAUGHLIN
Contributing Writer

ARIZONA CITY — The Arizona City Fire District and Fire Association will host the sixth annual "Trunk or Treat" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 at the Arizona City Fire District. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated "Trunk" that evening.

Over the past couple of years, and with what our children and families have had to deal with, the district and association plan to give the community a place to spend the evening having a safe family fun night.

Over the years, roughly 1,600 children and families have attended the event which continues to grow in popularity. Attendees will be spaced appropriately with "trunks" open, decorated and distributing as much candy as they can supply in addition to the more than 1,400 pounds of candy provided by the district.

In addition, well over 100 pounds of candy was donated before that night in the past from generous local residents and businesses.

CDC mandates will be strictly enforced with rules and regulations implemented by the district as well as the state and county recommendations. Distancing between "trunks," games and children in line will be closely monitored.

This is a perfect opportunity to showcase your business with a chance to distribute candy to children while giving back to the community.

Last year's "Trunk or Treat" was treated as a 'candy and smile' drive thru. This year we will be able to have the evenings as in the past by handing out over 55 gallons of lemonade and over 55 pounds of popcorn, a DJ playing all our Halloween favorites along with many give-a-ways.

The district and association are inviting local friends and businesses to make a sponsorship donation to help with the program cost and or a "Trunk." Additionally, all of you are invited to display your corporate or business advertising and sponsorship with your own proprietary graphics.

For more information, contact Frank McLaughlin at the Arizona City Fire District at 520-466-5542 or frank.mclaughlin@azcityfire.com.

Arizona City man allegedly violated court order again

Was told to stay away from woman Aug. 31; arrested Sept. 9, 13, 19, 23

Staff Reports

ARIZONA CITY — An Arizona City man is facing charges after he was arrested at least three times for refusing to follow a court order instructing him to stay away from a woman's home.

According to Pinal County Superior Court records, Ezedien O. Eisa, 35, is charged with domestic violence aggravated harassment.

Pinal County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call at 12:22 p.m. on Sept. 23 to an apartment in the 10500 block of North Carousel Drive. A woman at the apartment told deputies that Eisa was sitting on a mattress on the back porch talking with her child through the window. The woman told deputies that Eisa does not live at the apartment but keeps coming over and sneaking into the apartment to sleep in her laundry room. She said she did not want him at the apartment.

She also told deputies that Eisa had allegedly threatened to take the child back to Africa with him and that her landlord had threatened to kick her out of the apartment because of Eisa. She said she was afraid to do laundry or leave the home to go to work because of Eisa.

When asked, Eisa allegedly admitted to being told by a deputy in August that he was not allowed at the apartment. He said he came over to the home to get an over-the-counter pain pill for a headache.

Deputies found that Eisa had allegedly been served with an order of protection from a court on Aug. 31 directing him to stay away from the apartment. They also found that Eisa had allegedly been arrested on Sept. 9, 13 and 19 for violating the order. He was arrested and booked into the county jail.



Eisa

Sign Junkie has arrived

Grand opening for new Arizona City store is Saturday

By DAVID CHURCH
Staff Writer

ARIZONA CITY — Arizona City has a new and fun family owned business making its grand opening in Arizona City.

Sign Junkie, located in the old Tumbleweed Market on Sunland Gin Road, is brand new to the area, with custom made signs for home decor that matches anyone's taste.

Started by her daughter Kelsie, Nicki Wyble and her husband took over the day-to-day operations and have planted roots in Arizona City. Wyble says while it is always scary to start a new business, she is excited for the people of the area to see what the store has to offer.

"So far, it has been pretty good," Wyble said. "We were hoping to provide something for the community that really is not out here. A place where they can come in and find gifts for anybody. We wanted to bring something here so people don't have to go all the way to the valley."

The store opened Oct. 2 for their soft

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Sign Junkie, located in the old Tumbleweed Market on Sunland Gin Road, offers custom made signs for home decor that matches anyone's taste.



Courtesy of Nicki Wyble

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There will be many sights to behold during the two-week United States Parachute Association National Championships at Skydive Arizona in Eloy.

Skydive Arizona to host national championships

By DAVID CHURCH
Staff Writer

ELOY — Skydive Arizona is one of the top skydiving locations in the country, and the United States Parachute Association has taken notice of this, naming it as the host for their National Championships event.

The event will be on Friday, Oct. 15, through Saturday, Oct. 30. Like most large gatherings, last year's championships were forced to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, organizers felt as though now is the right time to get back in the air and competitors from around the country, as well as the world, will come together to compete for the top prizes.

USPA Executive Director and skydiver Albert Berchtold has been focusing on getting the competitors back in the air this year. He says that it is great to be back and can't wait for people to see the talent on display at the event.

"Being able to have a nationals again is a great thing," Berchtold said. "I think ... everybody else who competes in the sport is really excited about the opportunity to come together and compete and see all of our friends again."

Berchtold will be both taking on his responsibilities as executive director and focusing on his preparations as a competitor. Berchtold is a 22-year skydiving veteran who



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Skydive Arizona, one of the top skydiving locations in the USA, will be the site of the United States Parachute Association's National Championships from Friday until Oct. 30.

has competed in the national championships for the past 16 years. Although he said it is a big undertaking for himself, he is ready to take on the challenge.

"I've been competing for a long time, I really love it, and don't want to ever stop," Berchtold said. "Now with my executive director role, in the more recent years, I have to work both of those in. But the nice thing is I have a really great staff at USPA that helps

make it all happen, and I am able to balance those responsibilities and make sure that we run a great national championships, and also still manage to get a jump in myself."

The national championships will also have an international feel, with Romanian skydiver Cornelia Mihai competing in the canopy piloting events. Mihai has been skydiving for 19 years and has

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