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ADEQ disputes 86,000-gallon fuel spill estimate in Chino Valley — says soil impact only

By STAN BINDELL For the Review

Chris Marks, senior environmental scientist with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, told the Chino Valley Town Council that the Circle K fuel release about two years ago has not contaminated groundwater for right now.

remediate the site, which is threat to drinking water." at 1910 N. Highway 89.

Marks said ADEQ disagreed with Circle K on alent of eight to 10 tankits assessment that 86,000 gallons of fuel had been released, saying that it was much less although they could not pinpoint the exact amount.

Mark's comments were made during an hour-long the most in the country if update during the council's that had happened over regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 28 at Town Hall. He said Circle K has met

ADEO's requirements with extensive testing of four monitored wells, seven private wells and two soil surveys.

"Impacts have been limited to soil," he said. "There is no health threat right now. Investigations did not support that 86,000 gallons had been released. A lot more investigation is Marks emphasized "for needed. Groundwater has right now," as Circle K is not been impacted and continuing to monitor and at no time was there any

Marks said 86,000 gallons would be the equivers. He said that would be a leak that would have been of catastrophic proportions and would have also spilled out on the top, which it did not.

"That would have been

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Officials with Circle K report that there are no signs of contamination in nearby wells in Chino Valley. This photo shows the location when it closed and sealed a tank as officials worked to assess the extent of a gasoline release that happened between December 2023 and early January 2024. (Stan Bindell/For the Review, file)

LYNSEY YOUNG'S REMARKABLE JOURNEY

How TOPS helped her find health, sobriety and self-love

By STAN BINDELL For the Review

Lynsey Young, a Chino Valley resident, is the TOPS 2024 Arizona Queen as she has lost more than 130 pounds and overcome alcoholism.

Young said being named the Arizona Queen of TOPS was humbling. She was in TOPS two years when she went to a recognition gathering and was impressed with the crowning. In June, Young went to Mesa to be crowned and has since visited TOPS sites around the state to tell her story.

"I've been traveling to different chapters and it's an amazing group of people," she said. "I want to get the word out to younger people about TOPS."

Young said before TOPS she hated herself and had high blood pressure and diabetes.

"I was on my way to death," she said. "This is absolutely the happiest and healthiest I have ever been. I am more confident and I can accept a compliment when my husband gives me one."

Drinking a gallon of water a day while eating fruits, vegetables and salads were all part of her weight loss. Protein shakes were also good. For snacks, trail mix and cheese were at the top of the list.



Lynsey Young of Chino Valley, before and after. (Courtesy photos)

Dancing, walking and weightlifting were also import- was also essential," she said. "I

could call members to ask them

"But support from the group something or just to talk. Now, I

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Community partnerships strengthen school safety efforts across districts

Editor's Note — This is a portion of a Courier series about School Safety; to read the entire project, visit dCourier.com and search for "School Safety."

By ABIGAIL CELAYA AND **HAVA HERZOG** The Daily Courier

Prescott Valley Police Department Chief Bob Ticer has been in law enforcement for 36 years. He grew up in Prescott, following in his father's footsteps to join the police force.

Ticer said the relationship between the Police Department and the schools is bigger and stronger than it has ever been. He said it's not just the SROs that help with school safety, but the entire Police Department. There is always an officer able to respond to a school. He also meets with

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Pets of the Week

Marge is among the pets up for adoption

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Cooking in Chino Valley

Recipes for all occasions:

Grandma Pesek's **Date Cookies**

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