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Mohave County Supervisor Don Martin addresses a special use permit for the construction of a girl's foster home in Havasu Heights.

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# Supes OK permit for girls home in Havasu Heights

By BRANDON MESSICK  
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

After an hour of debate Monday, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors approved a permit for a group shelter home in Havasu Heights. The project, led by local nonprofit Impact 928, will serve as a foster home for up to 12 teenage girls from

the Mohave County area. Impact 928 representative Maggie Aldridge described the project Monday, noting it had received letters of support and nearly 400 signatures in favor. Former Supervisor Hildy Angius said the group home would help fill a gap in available foster care resources for girls in the

community. "I see this as a community issue," Aldridge said. "If we don't take care of our youth, who's going to take care of us? I see it as a personal responsibility to make sure these kids get what they need, so you can count on me to help this program as much as possible. It's needed in our community. A lot

of these kids are having to be relocated, and it's their support system that they're losing. They aren't coming from other communities — they are in our community. I take pride in the community that I come from, and that we take care of each other." Project member  
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In this 2022 photo, Lake Havasu City Firefighters Association President Tyler Zink (right) demonstrates how to use a Halligan tool on the forcible entry training prop as high school students enrolled in the fire service CTE program look on.

# Havasu fire chief: New CTE program may help bring locals into medical field

By TAYLOR  
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TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Lake Havasu High School will be adding a new Career and Technical Education class to its roster, allowing students to get a jump start on a career within the emergency medical services field. On Tuesday, the Lake Havasu City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Lake Havasu Unified School

District for the program. Under the MOU, the district will pay the city \$12K per semester to help subsidize the program's expenses. The funding will be allocated to cover essential costs, including training materials, equipment, and instructor resources. The course is designed to introduce students to emergency medical services and allow them to earn two certifications — the National Registry EMR and the

American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider CPR. The class will be offered starting on the first day of school, July 31, and the agreement will last for two years. Lake Havasu City Fire Chief Peter Pilafas said 11 individuals are already enrolled in the class. "It's good to know that we will have quality individuals to take care of us as we grow older in Lake Havasu City," said Marsha Becker, the school's CTE coordinator.

Becker addressed the City Council on Tuesday, thanking them for their continued partnership with the high school. Currently, the district and city collaborate on another CTE course, the fire services program. Pilafas said that three years in, it has been very successful. Now, the goal is expansion through offering the EMS course. "It's just exciting that we're

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SCHOOLS

# LHUSD cell phone policy sparks debate

By DYLAN WICKMAN  
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Lake Havasu Unified School District (LHUSD) School Board held its monthly public meeting Thursday night. Many items were discussed, such as the new Jamaica elementary principal, Community Eligibility Provisions for three Title I schools and state testing results, but the biggest topic of discussion was the proposed change in cell phone policy presented by the school board. About 30 members of the community gathered in the superintendent's office for the meeting, with all of the school board in attendance except Matt Houston. One action on the agenda that a resident immediately brought up during the call to the public was the proposed change in the school code of conduct and a policy to discourage cell phone use among students. In April, the Arizona House of Representatives passed House Bill 2484, which requires school districts to develop policies and procedures to establish restrictions on students' usage of cell phones during the school day. The bill discourages the use of cell phones for social media usage and holds that procedures must permit use only of parent-student communication, emergencies, medical needs and educational purposes. The board agreed to update the school code of conduct to reflect this change, reading that students may not use cellular devices during "the school day (including meals, passing periods and recess) except as expressly permitted by the District." However, the policy to enforce this change left the room divided. Charles Keller, the new Director of Student Services at the district, presented the solution of using Yondr lock-up phone bags for students in grades 7-12. Under this protocol, students would place their phones in a pouch that locks when the school day begins and can't be opened again until they leave school by using an unlocking base. Students would need expressed permission from a teacher to use their phone to

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PEOPLE OF HAVASU

# Kate Dukette spreads the word on invasive species

By BRANDON MESSICK  
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For almost 12 years, one New York native has worked with multiple wildlife agencies to control and mitigate the spread of quagga mussels in Arizona's waterways. Now she's leading those efforts as the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator. Kate Dukette manages all activities in Havasu related to aquatic invasive species — including public outreach, education, and providing boat inspections. She has also played a key role in Arizona's "Clean, Drain and Dry"

“INVASIVE SPECIES ARE SOMETHING THAT HAVE ALWAYS INTERESTED ME. IT'S NOT A VERY COMMON OPPORTUNITY OUT HERE, SO I APPLIED FOR THE JOB AND FELL IN LOVE WITH IT ...”

— KATE DUKETTE

program, educating boaters about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (namely, quagga and zebra mussels) from Lake Havasu to other regional waterways. Dukette first arrived in Lake Havasu City about 19 years ago, starting her

career with Arizona State Parks and Trails. "It was about a year after I graduated from college, and I was looking for opportunities outside of New York," Dukette said. "I was coming to

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Arizona Game and Fish Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Kate Dukette.

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