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Natural Grocers to open 2 Gilbert stores

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Evan Baltman, Tribune Staff Writer

Natural Grocers to open 2 Gilbert stores this week

Natural Grocers will open two new stores in Gilbert on Tuesday, at 8 a.m. The stores are at 1625 E. Williams Field Road and 2151 E. Baseline Road.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at both locations at 7:55 a.m., and then the first 50 customers in line will receive mystery gift cards. The cards will be in the amount of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Natural Grocers will employ approximately 60 people at its Gilbert locations.

Gilbert carpet-cleaning firm hires new marketing director

Zerorez of Phoenix, a Gilbert-based carpet-cleaning business, recently hired Kristin Boston as marketing director.

Boston will be responsible for overseeing advertising and marketing efforts as well as identifying and developing new ways to reach customers. She brings more than a decade of marketing and advertising experience to her position.

Prior to joining Zerorez of Phoenix, Boston worked in sponsorship sales for the Phoenix Suns as well as in advertising for iHeartMedia. She graduated from the University of Redlands in California with a bachelor's degree in English and creative writing.

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Whole Foods to be built in Tempe neighborhood

The Tempe City Council has given the go-ahead to a new development that includes a Whole Foods and new apartment complex at University Drive and Ash Avenue.

According to KTAR.com, Colorado-based Alberta Development Partners LLC paid \$6.1 million for the land, less than 2 vacant acres at the northwest corner of University Drive and Ash Avenue.

The construction will include a 41,000-square-foot, two-story grocery with a parking garage over the store and apartments higher up.

Western State Bank announces new supervisor

Amber Fuller was recently promoted to Personal Banker/Customer Service Representative Supervisor at Western State Bank. Her responsibilities include loans and deposits, and overseeing the customer service representatives.

Fuller joined Western in 2013 as a customer service representative. Before then, Fuller worked at Bank of America for seven years.

Originally from Mesa, Fuller now lives in Chandler where she is involved with Arizona Brain Food and the Chandler Service Club.

ICAN youth program group announces new CEO

ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth recently appointed Shelby Pedersen to CEO of the organization.

Pedersen is a native of Colorado, where she earned her bachelor's in marketing and international leadership at Johnson & Wales University and Sejong University in Seoul, South Korea. In 2006, she moved to Chandler, completing her master's degree in Public Administration at Arizona State University.

Since 2008, Shelby has worked with a variety of community leaders, individual donors, corporations and foundations to secure funding for ICAN's various programs.

Chandler dry cleaner collecting old clothing

Lapels Dry Cleaner, 1085 W. Queen Creek Road, Chandler, is collecting used clothing for the Big Brother and Big Sister Clubs' thrift stores.

"The continued generosity of our customers for this annual clothing drive to benefit Big Brother and Sister shows that concern is also there for people in the community," said owner Jeff Kline, who is part of a six-state drive to benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

"Our goal when we opened up four years ago was to become the neighborhood dry cleaner in the area," Kline added. "Part of being a good neighbor is having your neighbor's back."

Clothing can be dropped off at Lapels. Last year, the nationwide drive collected more than 13,000 pounds of clothing.

Inspire Business Concepts adds new marketing assistant



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Phoenix-based strategic marketing company Inspire Business Concepts announced that Sydney Madsen has joined its team as a Marketing Assistant.

Madsen attended Mesa Community College on Presidential and tennis scholarships, graduating with an associate's degree in business. She then transferred to Arizona State University and will be graduating with a B.A. in Business Law and a B.S. in Marketing next spring.



Chandler High 28, Centennial 24



Photos: Meet the Creature

Asian-American supermarket H Mart coming to Mesa

New Jersey-based H Mart, an upscale Asian-American supermarket chain, will open its first Arizona store at the southwest corner of Main Street and Dobson Road in West Mesa.

H Mart will invest more than \$7 million in renovations in its flagship Arizona store and will employ approximately 100 people. The new store will stock more than 40,000 items featuring a wide variety of Asian, Hispanic and American foods and related products. The store will also include a pharmacy, cosmetics store, gift shop and an Asian food court. H Mart will also host as many as seven restaurants and a Korean bakery.

Construction is expected to take approximately five months, with an anticipated opening in 11 to 12 months.

LGE Design Build completes office space for SixthDivision

LGE Design Build has completed construction on tenant improvements to the 6,000-square-foot Chandler office building for SixthDivision, a software and small business consultant.

SixthDivision moved into the new site at 2490 S. Gilbert Road, near Loop 202 and Gilbert Road, to accommodate its growth. The building features an open office with available desks, offices for coaches to work with clients, open meeting spaces and an expansive kitchen with a bank of cabinets, TVs and a tabletop bar.

SixthDivision helps clients implement Infusionsoft, a sales and marketing automation software.

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