

# October 27 PCFYI: American Battery Factory groundbreaking, lessons on road repairs and Health Lotería

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## American Battery Factory breaks ground on giant facility in Pima County

American Battery Factory, an emerging battery manufacturer leading the development of the first network of lithium iron phosphate battery cell gigafactories in the United States, broke ground this week on a 2 million-square-foot facility in Pima County. Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs joined Board of Supervisors Chair Adelita Grijalva; ABF's CEO Jim Ge and President John Kem; and a host of other dignitaries at an Oct. 26 groundbreaking ceremony focused on the region and state's clean-energy future.

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## 5-year study offers useful lessons about road repairs in Pima County



Five years ago, the Pima County Department of Transportation decided to test various pavement treatments to see which worked best. The study was launched concurrently with DOT's [Road Pavement Repair and Preservation Program](#), which aims to repair and preserve all currently failed and poor roads by the end of the decade. The test site was a 4.3-mile stretch of San Joaquin Road. A total of 14 treatments were tested on the road, with an eye toward finding the best treatments for roads in different situations. And the winning treatment was ...

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## Health Department recreates traditional Mexican game to promote well-being

A game of chance popular among Mexican families is helping inform the community about Pima County programs and services. The Pima County Health Department debuted the new Health Lotería game at the Sunnyside Foundation's Health & Wellness Fair in

September to rave reviews. Folks will be flipping cards again this Sunday, Oct. 29, at the [Southern Arizona Alliance for Bilingual Education's third annual Walk for the Fight Against Breast Cancer](#) at Rudy Garcia Park.

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## Pima County One-Stop helps airline mechanic's career take flight



Samantha Schmidtke had originally enrolled at the University of Arizona with hopes of becoming a physical therapy assistant. Those plans fell through, prompting her to take a step back and reassess her career goals. While researching programs at Pima Community College, one in particular caught her eye: the school's [Aviation Technology Program](#). And with the help of Pima County's [One-Stop](#), she was

able to get her tuition and exam fees covered.

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## Dr. Barbie offers advice for safe Halloween

Dr. Barbie (aka Theresa) Cullen, director of the Pima County Health Department, and Deputy Director Ken (Andrew) Rowe want all the beautiful people of Pima County to remain safe this Halloween. Stay up to date on your flu and COVID vaccinations and wash those manicured hands so you won't have to miss the next fabulous party.



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## Health Department receives \$2.5M grant to help prevent opioid overdoses



The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) last month awarded the [Pima County Health Department](#) a \$2.5 million grant under the [Overdose Data to Action \(OD2A\) program](#). The grant offers the opportunity to strengthen ongoing efforts in combatting the opioid crisis and reducing overdose-related harms. [U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva](#),

D-Ariz., helped secure the grant and has supported making overdose prevention a priority in Pima County and throughout Southern Arizona.

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## Fun events for the family around Pima County



Are you looking for something fun to do with the family this weekend? Take a look at the community events calendar near the bottom of the [main Pima County webpage](#). There you will find plenty of activities, including many free offerings. This weekend, why not head out to Cyclovia and enjoy the car-free streets of Southern Arizona? There will also be a fun pet-adoption event at Tucson Subaru.

As usual, you can also go meet some sweet senior dogs who are waiting at the Pima Animal Care Center to find their forever homes and families.



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