



RCSC board approves 5.4% insurance increase

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Recreation Centers of Sun City board unanimously approved the 2026-27 insurance renewal proposal based on the Insurance Committee and the RCSC's insurance broker's recommendation during the June 25 board meeting.

RCSC Secretary Preston Kise said sourcing coverage has been a challenge, adding the RCSC's broker "sought coverage from numerous insurance companies."

He added that many of these companies did not offer competitive bids. Because of this, the RCSC had to offer a portfolio of risks, including property insurance, general liability and employee benefits.

The proposed increase of the portfolio's coverage was 8.5% annually while the premiums for general liability is up 17%, according to Kise.

"Our insurance broker has mentioned that in previous years, they

• See **RCSC** on page 5



Sun City Posse Officer Larry Beckett checks a door on his rounds doing vacation watch for the community in 2023. (Submitted Photo/Sun City Posse)

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Each summer, there is a mass exodus out of Sun City as snowbirds leave the Valley in pursuit of cooler weather.

Many of those residents use the Sun City Posse's free vacation watch program to ensure the security of their homes.

According to Posse Cmdr. Arlene

Kluizenaar, participation in the program has grown each year. In 2023, the group performed 19,961 checks. That number rose to 21,537 in 2024. In 2025, the Posse completed 22,261 vacation watches.

"Residents usually sign up for vacation watch because they are looking to increase the security of their property," she stated in a text message.

During the check, patrollers inspect all doors and windows to ensure they are closed. Additionally, if they have access to the backyard, they will walk around the entirety of the house and make note of anything that "looks suspicious or out of place," according to Kluizenaar.

Posse patrollers will check the resident's house on the first day they

• See **Posse** on page 5

**PRIORITY ROOFING**
— We make YOUR Priorities OURS —

WE ARE YOUR LOCAL ROOFERS.
We had rain, wind, and hail. If you have experienced any kind of damage on your roof, call us today for a **complimentary** visit!
602-761-6591

*****ECRWSSEDDM*****
Postal Customer
Phoenix, Arizona
Permit No. 1424
PAID
US POSTAGE
PRSR STD

Imagine your home, totally organized!

Custom Closets, Garage Cabinets,
Home Offices, Laundries, Pantries,
Wall Beds, Hobby Rooms and more!

40% off
Plus
Free Installation

PLUSTAKE AN EXTRA 15% off

Terms and Conditions: 40% off any order of \$1000 or more or 30% off any order of \$700-\$1000 on any complete unit order of custom closet, garage, or home office, and any other products. Take an additional 15% off on any complete unit order. Not valid with any other offer. Free installation with any unit order of \$850 or more. With incoming order, at time of purchase only. Offer not valid in all regions. Expires 7/31/26.

**SPECIAL FINANCING
FOR 18 MONTHS!**

With approved credit. Call or ask your Designer for details.
Not available in all areas.



Call for a free in home design consultation and estimate

480-764-2884 IN

[closetsbydesign.com](https://www.closetsbydesign.com)



Locally Owned and Operated. Licensed and Insured: ROC312904

 **ClosetsbyDesign®**

Pick Your Term and Watch Your Savings Grow

7-Month CD
4.03%
APY¹

17-Month CD
3.79%
APY¹

27-Month CD
3.75%
APY¹

Bell
Bank

Family and Employee Owned

No checking required. Switch to a higher rate today!

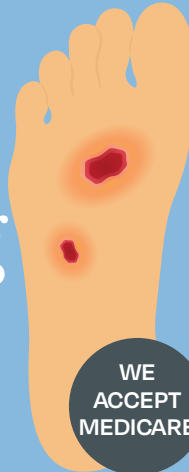
8349 W. Bell Rd. | Peoria | 623-246-3500

¹Annual percentage yield (APY) effective as of June 18, 2026. \$500 minimum balance required to earn the disclosed APY. Balances greater than \$99,999 will earn 4.08% APY on the 7-month CD, 3.84% APY on the 17-month CD and 3.80% APY on the 27-month CD. If compounding and crediting increases the balance to exceed \$99,999, the increased rate will take effect upon renewal. Interest on the 7-month CD will be compounded and credited at maturity. Interest on the 17-month CD will be compounded and credited semiannually and at maturity. Interest on the 27-month CD will be compounded and credited annually and at maturity. There may be a penalty for early withdrawal.

Member FDIC

MRK-10990

Diabetic Foot Wounds Can Be Life-Threatening



WE
ACCEPT
MEDICARE

Patients with diabetic foot wounds have up to a 70% mortality rate within 5 years—equal to many forms of cancer.

Call today to schedule an appointment.

**Foot & Ankle
Specialists of
Arizona**

A Sole Horizon Podiatry Partner

PHOENIX 926 E McDowell Road, Suite 121
Phoenix, AZ 85006

GLENDAL 18301 N 79th Ave. Bldg F #168
Glendale, AZ 85308

SUN CITY WEST 13907 W Camino Del Sol,
#101, Sun City West, AZ 85375

SUN CITY 10615 W Thunderbird Blvd. #C150
Sun City, AZ 85351

T: 623.544.9090 | footandanklearizona.com

BIG TIRES

**TREAD
WHITE
& BLUE
SALE**

NITTO
TOYO TIRES
COOPERTIRES



GET UP TO

\$200 OFF

**ON 4 SELECT, IN-STOCK TIRES
WITH INSTALLATION PURCHASE
VALID THRU 7/5/2026**

*\$100 instant savings on in-stock sets of four Nitto Nomad Grappler, Motivo 365, Recon Grappler A/T, Ridge Grappler or Terra Grappler G3 tires, Toyo tires, or Cooper tires. Installation charges extra; required on all four tires. Disposal fees and shop fees extra where permitted. See store for pricing. Eligibility may vary. Not valid with other offers. At participating locations. No cash value. Valid 6/15/2026 - 7/5/2026.

LOCAL SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM HOME



\$19⁹⁵

**SUPER SAVER
OIL CHANGE**

Up To 5 Quarts Semi-Synthetic Oil

OR

\$49⁹⁵

**FULL SYNTHETIC
OIL CHANGE**

Up To 5 Quarts Full Synthetic Oil

LUBE CHASSIS* • REPLACE FILTER • 22 POINT INSPECTION

Supply chain disruptions may affect availability and price points of some oil products • Valid at participating locations • Extra charge for trucks & larger SUV's
Valid at participating locations • Most cars and light trucks • Shop supplies additional • Plus up to \$6 disposal fee • Excludes Diesels • *Lube chassis where applicable
Not valid with other offers • No cash value • See store for details • Charge for additional service/parts, if needed • Expires 7-31-26 • SUN-626

BIG TIRES



BEAT THE HEAT!

\$19⁹⁵

Plus Freon,
Evac & Recharge

**A/C PERFORMANCE
CHECK**

We'll thoroughly inspect your compressor,
belts, hoses, pressure and temperature.

FREON, EVAC AND RECHARGE EXTRA • Most cars & light trucks
Shop supplies additional • With coupon • Not valid with any other offer
Charge for additional service/parts, if needed • Expires 7-31-26 • SUN-626

BIG TIRES

TOTAL AUTO CARE

**Engine & Electrical Diagnostic
(Eng Light On)
Brakes • Alignments
Suspension & Steering
Batteries • Faulty Windows
All Routine Maintenance**



**WE SELL
AND INSTALL
GOLF TIRES**

SUN CITY • 17039 BOSWELL BLVD • 623-974-5701

Tread designs may vary on all tires shown. Prices subject to change. State or local taxes or surcharges for environmental protection will be an extra charge.

FIRE

Fire District approves \$22.2 million budget

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Sun City Fire and Medical Department board unanimously approved a \$22,217,051 budget for fiscal year 2027, setting the agency's spending plan for the year ahead. This is a 2.7% rise from fiscal year 2026, when the total expense was \$21,633,829.

The operating tax rate remains the same at \$3.75, while property tax increases to 4.5%. The net assessed value is also up 7.4%.

In the newly approved budget, total personnel cost increases \$986,146 to \$18,914,415.

During the second reading of the proposed budget May 26, Fire Chief Rob Schmitz said pay in Sun City is near the bottom of the barrel com-

pared to other districts in the Valley. Because of this, the approved budget adds \$647,783 to staff salaries and wages.

"Knowing that all these other cities and towns are all getting raises this year," Schmitz said at the May meeting. "Unfortunately, next year, we'll probably be back towards the bottom again. But at least this gives us a fighting chance."

Another topic of conversation over the past year has been the introduction of the treatment-in-place fee. In mid-2025, the department instituted a \$315.80 treatment-in-place fee for medical calls that don't result in a transport to the hospital.

The new budget reflects this, projecting \$200,000 in revenue for non-transport medical fees, up from



Finance Director Gabe Buldra and Fire Chief Rob Schmitz speak about the proposed budget. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

\$83,115 the prior year.

"We do see some positive revenue coming in for that," Schmitz said. "We're going to run these calls no

matter if we bill or not for them. That was a reason why we brought this to the board."

Finance Director Gabe Buldra added there is no additional expense because it's something the department has to do regardless.

"We're simply charging for something that we're required to do as a fire district within Sun City," he said. "We now have a revenue source to recoup some of the cost we have incurred responding to 911 calls, which we are obligated to do."

The new budget takes effect July 1.

Reporter Zev Black can be reached at zblack@iniusa.org. Please submit comments at yourvalley.net/letters or email them to AzOpinions@iniusa.org. We are committed to publishing a wide variety of reader opinions, as long as they meet our Civility Guidelines.



Sun Health®

LET THE
Good Times
ROLL

Whether you're aiming for victory or just playing for laughs, every game at a Sun Health community is a chance to connect, stay active, and enjoy the great outdoors. From bocce ball to board games, there's always a seat at the table and a spot for you!

 (623) 400-7003
 SunHealthCommunities.org



- Freedom Plaza | Peoria
- Grandview Terrace | Sun City West
- La Loma Village | Litchfield Park
- The Colonnade | Surprise
- Sun Health At Home | Your Home

INDEPENDENT

Get In Touch by phone or email

17220 N. Boswell Blvd., Ste. 230, Sun City AZ 85373

623-972-6101

• SunCityAzIndependent
• YourValley.net

Advertising
azads@iniusa.org

Press releases
aznews@iniusa.org

Opinions with Civility
azopinions@iniusa.org

Staff

Jeremy Carr
Editor

Zev Black, Jennifer
Jimenez

Reporters

Ben Daniels, Frank
Dias, Greg Garcia, Ann
Kampmeyer, Debbie
Kelly, Lisa Norman,

Makenna Sinatra
Advertising Consultants

Patrick O'Grady
Editor-in-Chief

Erik Maurer, Mona Lisa
Navarrette, Erica Odello,
Chris Pitts, Chris Williams
Advertising Designers

Barb Wandling
VP of Advertising

Terri Rodgers
Director of Circulation

Natasha Beal
Marketing & Brand Manager
Charlene Bisson
President & CEO

YourValley.net

This publication is offered free of charge in an effort to keep our neighbors informed, as well as to support the local business owners who make up our community. Please support their business. Every effort is made to avoid errors, misspellings and omissions. If an error comes to your attention, please accept our sincere apologies and notify us.



This newspaper is recyclable, biodegradable and contains recycled materials. Copyright 2026. All rights reserved. No part of this publication can be printed or reproduced without the publication's permission. Independent Newsmedia Inc., USA, assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material.



Directors Jana Mapes and John Bressett voted to approve the insurance renewal. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

RCSC

• From page 1

classified the highest jury awards as nuclear events," he said. "However, due to the increase and size of awards, our insurance broker has now added a new category that they call thermonuclear awards. Premiums for general liability coverage and for excess liability coverage have been commensurably impacted."

On the plus side, Kise said the insurers have recognized improvements to the RCSC's workman's compensation claims.

He added the RCSC's experience modification rating, or EMOD, has dropped from 2.14 to 1.87. The industry standard EMOD is 1.0.

"So there is still progress to be made, but our EMOD is trending in the right direction," Kise said. "As a result, our workman's compensation premium has declined by just over 10%. Kudos to the safety and compliance department."

According to Kise, the RCSC's insurance premium went down by 2%. Overall, the total insurance premiums will increase by 5.4%, a strong improvement from a 20% increase in 2025-26.

"The board and management will continue to look for risk management improvements in order to continue to positively affect these costs going forward," Kise said.

This was the final board meeting through the summer. The next RCSC exchange meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in the Sundial Auditorium, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Posse

• From page 1

are gone and then every 10-14 days after, according to Kluizenaar. She added there is no limit to how often the house can be checked.

However, should the resident be gone for more than a year, or if they are back in Sun City for more than two weeks, a new form must be filled out. Kluizenaar stated the most common issues the Posse comes across is unlocked doors and open windows.

"These situations are usually handled by calling the key holder, but sometimes we need to call the home owner," she stated. "We usually find these types of situations after the homeowner has left for the season or after a workman or the keyholder has

forgotten to lock the door."

• Residents can sign up for the program in a variety of ways:

• Filling out a vacation watch request online.

• Stopping by the Posse headquarters, 10861 W. Sunland Drive.

• Calling the Posse headquarters and requesting a vacation watch card, 623-972-2555.

• Stopping a patrol officer and asking for a vacation watch card.

There are some eligibility requirements to qualify for the program:

• Must be a Sun City resident.

• Must be gone for at least seven days.

• House can't be listed "for sale."

For more information, go to suncityposse.org/posse/vacation-watch/ or call 623-972-2555.

Banner Olive Branch Senior Center offers meals, pantry service

Banner Olive Branch Senior Center, 13049 N. 103rd Ave., offers in dining, to-go meals and food pantry services.

The food pantry available at no cost 7-11 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The center staff recommends a suggested donation of \$5 (\$5 fee for under 60). Lunch is served at 11 a.m. at no cost for anyone over 60. Breakfast is served 6:30-8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Cost is \$5 for breakfast and is open to all.

To-go meals are now available daily for \$5/meal and are open to all. To-go meal distribution is 11 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday. The center also offers benefits reviews and information and referral services as well as

many activities. Call 623-465-6000.

Menu

• Wednesday, July 1 – Hot open face roast beef sandwich, mushrooms, peas, sweet potato tots, graham crackers, orange

• Thursday, July 2 – holiday meal – BBQ chicken, carrots, three bean salad, corn bread, apple pie

• Friday, July 3 – CLOSED – Independence Day observed

• Monday, July 6 – Beef lasagna, Normandy mix vegetables, brussel sprouts, brownie, peaches

• Tuesday, July 7 – Herb chicken breast, lemon couscous, asparagus, carrots, orange

Reliable Underground Water & Sewer Solutions Serving Our Community with Quality & Care

Need dependable installation, repair, or maintenance for your underground water or sewer lines?

We've got you covered!

New Installations - Residential & Commercial
Emergency Repairs - 24/7 Rapid Response
Upgrades & Replacements - Modern, Efficient Systems
Licensed, Bonded & Insured - Peace of Mind Guaranteed

Ryan Coppinger
602-980-4929
ryanc@rlcconstruction-llc.com



**Dr. Fox is back to doing full service dentistry.
Now offering cleanings with our hygienist!
We are open for all of your dental
emergencies during these trying times!**

**HAVE A
BROKEN
TOOTH OR
BEEN TOLD
YOU NEED
A CROWN?**



NOW WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS! **FREE CONSULTATION!**

\$699
PER UNIT

CROWN
ONE SIMPLE PRICE,
NO SURPRISE HIDDEN FEES!

Come see the experts for quality crowns at exceptional prices. We'll also replace missing teeth with bridges and provide cosmetic crowns to create the confident smile you deserve—all affordable, just \$699 per unit! Dr. Fox and the same staff that you have trusted to treat you for years in Sun City and Sun City West are now back together in surprise conveniently located on bell road.

**FULL TIME INSURANCE SPECIALIST TO
ASSIST YOU IN GETTING MAXIMUM
REIMBURSEMENT FROM YOUR INSURANCE.**

*If your insurance covers 50% of the cost of the crown, your insurance will reimburse you \$349.50.

In house financing available for larger treatment plans



Call Today!

623-229-6576

www.azcrowncenter.com • 15288 N. Brookside Ln., Suite 131 • Surprise, AZ 85374

POSSE

Posse sees dip in school supply donations

By Zev Black and Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

With donations lagging behind, the Sun City Posse is asking residents to contribute to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office school supply drive. The Posse is partnering to help reach more than 1,000 students in the Aguila school district.

Posse Cmdr. Arlene Kluizenaar stated in a text message the group has seen a "significant decrease" this year. She added she believes it can be attributed to two issues.

"First, everyone is stretched as far as their budget goes this year and that is creating some hardship for people who want to donate school supplies, but they just can't afford it," she stated. "The other problem that we have noticed is that Maricopa County sheriffs department needed to start the school supply drive early this year because the school systems that they help are starting the new school year much earlier."

Kluizenaar stated one store manager told her many of the supplies typically purchased for the drive have not yet been stocked on shelves, making it difficult for residents to find supplies to donate.

Even with supplies harder to find, Kluizenaar encouraged individuals to donate whatever items they can.

"Even if it is one box of pencils, that one thing is very helpful to those children that we are trying to help supply and those children really don't have anything," Kluizenaar stated.

MCSO Dep. Bill Cornwell said this year they are working to collect donations for 1,060 students. He said any donations residents can make



Sun City West Posse volunteer Nancy Jerosi with the donated supplies to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

will help.

"We are really slow right now on donations and we appreciate any help we can get," he said.

In previous years, residents have packed the Posse headquarters, often coming in with multiple backpacks filled with needed supplies.

MCSO officials will go through all the donations collected from the district and distribute them to the students.

Residents can drop off supplies at the Sun City Posse Headquarters, 10861 W. Sunland Drive, Monday-Friday. The drive ends Tuesday, July 7.

Reporter Zev Black can be reached at zblack@iniusa.org. Please submit comments at yourvalley.net/letters or email them to AzOpinions@iniusa.org. We are committed to publishing a wide variety of reader opinions, as long as they meet our Civility Guidelines.

Arrowhead Valley Retirement Community

RLC
RESORT LIFESTYLE
COMMUNITIES®

Arrowhead Valley
**Celebrate Your
Independence**

Retirement living that gives you the freedom to thrive!

Your independence deserves more than a holiday — it deserves a community thoughtfully designed to support it year round. That's why we handle the daily upkeep and maintenance, giving you the time and freedom to enjoy life to the fullest. And, with all-inclusive amenities like **Freedom Dining**, engaging social events, fitness classes, and more, every day is worth celebrating.

All-Inclusive Amenities

- ◆ Live-In Managers!
- ◆ Month-to-Month Rent
- ◆ Signature **Freedom Dining** Program
- ◆ 3 Fresh Chef-Prepared Meals Daily
- ◆ 24-Hour Concierge & Valet Services
- ◆ 24-Hour Emergency Alert System
- ◆ Weekly Housekeeping
- ◆ Robust Social Calendar
- ◆ And Many More!



Our spacious one, two, and three-bedroom floor plans include full-sized kitchens and in-unit laundry!



Call today to start a new
retirement chapter:

480-374-5396

"Advocates for **YOUR** Home Improvement"



PALMER'S
Kitchen, Bath & Beyond

CRAFTSMANSHIP • SERVICE • INTEGRITY

**SERVING
THE VALLEY
SINCE
1974!**






YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR HOME UPDATES INCLUDING:

- Kitchens • Counter Tops
- Bathrooms • Flooring
- Walk-in Showers • Painting
- Walk-in Tubs • Outdoor Living

— ALL PHASES OF REMODELING —

623-977-4458

**\$500 OFF ANY
PROJECT \$5000 OR MORE**

Must mention this offer at time of signing.

Call Today 623-977-4458

www.PalmersandBeyond.com




ROC 269037 | Licensed | Bonded | Insured



Western 

Bank • Invest • Insure

Your Hometown Bank

GROW WITH CONFIDENCE.

4-MONTH, 7-MONTH, OR 11-MONTH CD

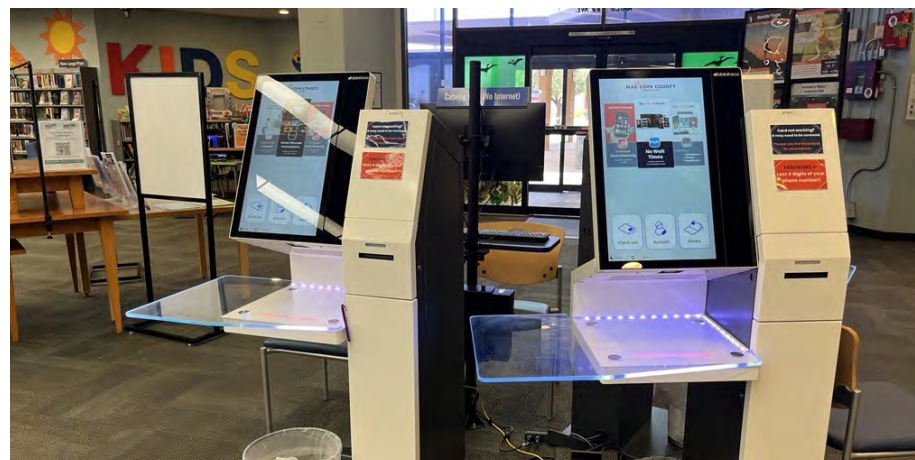
3.65%

APY

623-561-4800 • WESTERNBANKS.COM
10050 W Bell Rd, Suite 6 • Sun City

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 5/1/26. Personal and business accounts only. No municipalities or institutional funds. Minimum \$1,000 deposit required to open the account and obtain the advertised APY. Early withdrawal penalties may apply. Fees could reduce earnings on the account. **Member FDIC.**

LIBRARY



These kiosks can be used to see which culture passes the library is offering. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

Library program gives residents free admission to attractions

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Did you know you can visit the Desert Botanical Garden for free? Through the Maricopa County Library District Culture Pass program, library card holders can check out tickets to the garden along with other museums and organizations for the low price of \$0.00.

Individuals must have a valid library card to check out a pass. Two passes per month per household are available and only one can be checked out at a time.

Nande Marin, manager at the Sun City Library, said 10–15 passes are checked out each week, adding they are always in high demand.

"I think over the last couple years, people have found out about it," she said. "That's increased usage. We hear feedback from the customers [about] how expensive the tickets are, so they might not be able to afford to go if we didn't have this program."

She added if there's a specific pass an individual is eyeing they should get to the library when they open.

Both the Sun City Library and the Fairway Library open at 9 a.m. Monday–Friday.

Marin said programs like these, as well as having digital reading options, are important for libraries because they appeal to a broad range of people.

"Generations are all so different in what their preferences are," she said. "I think it's just appealing to a wide audience."

She encourages those interested to check out the kiosk at their local library to see what passes are available.

"Just go and see what's available because people are always surprised when they come to see the passes that we have," she said. "They're always in disbelief that we have this available for free."

Participating organizations can also be found online at mclldaz.org/en-US/subject/culture-pass/.

Reporter Zev Black can be reached at zblack@iniusa.org. Please submit comments at yourvalley.net/letters or email them to AZOpinions@iniusa.org. We are committed to publishing a wide variety of reader opinions, as long as they meet our Civility Guidelines.

FREE X-RAY & IMPLANT CONSULT

Call Now 623-214-7898



Implant Expert 30+ Years

- General & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Do You Want To Save Your Teeth? We Can Help
- Full Mouth Rehab
- Denture/Partial Repair And Reline While You Wait
- Lab On Site
- We will Meet or Beat Any Price in our area



We Will Meet or Beat Any Price in Our Area!

623-214-7898

13507 W Camino Del Sol, Suite B3, Sun City West, AZ 85375

www.azimplantdenturecenter.com




COMMISSIONS AS LOW AS \$999*



FREE HOME EVALUATION AND TITLE ALERT!*

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION*

602-803-9900

ALOHAALLAN@AOL.COM

UNITED STATES 250th BIRTHDAY

FAITH & FAMILY CONCERT *with* SOUNDS of the SOUTHWEST SINGERS



SUNDAY, JULY 5 at 6 PM



FREE ADMISSION

FREE ICE CREAM FOLLOWING THE CONCERT

★★★★★



9440 W. Hutton Drive
(Corner of Burns & Hutton)
Sun City, AZ 85351 • bhcsuncity.com

OPINION

Take the Civility Pledge

Yes, I will do my part to help my community become a safe place for people to engage in civil discourse about public issues. Visit iniusa.org/civility-pledge/ to take the pledge.

Your Opinion

Our opinions page is to provide an open forum for our readers. We hope to stimulate debate, not to dominate or control it. We reserve the right to edit our opinions, and we insist on civility. Please include your name and phone number, so we can contact you for clarification or confirmation. We welcome your photo. All opinions must be no more than 300 words.

Those that are judged as personal attacks or complaints about neighbors, businesses or other opinion writers will not be considered. No person may submit more than two opinions for publication during a calendar month. Two submissions in the same issue will not be published. The content of a submission is the responsibility of the person who submitted it.

Speak Up

We support the use of pen names. Too many people don't speak up because they fear intimidation or even danger to their families and/or careers. Pen names are an important part of our nation's history.

Corrections

The photo caption for an article in the June 17, 2026 Sun City Independent ("Resident marks 80th birthday by jumping out of a plane") incorrectly identified Rick Fusillo's daughter, June Lombardi.

We will promptly correct all factual errors. We offer a "right of reply" to the people about whom we write. Readers who disagree with a news story are welcome to respond with a letter.

Unhappy with proposed APS, EPCOR rate hikes

It does not matter in which state you reside, if you have a majority Republican corporation commission, I believe the corporations are going to win every rate hike.

I don't believe Republicans have ever met a corporation they did not love. Mitt Romney, former Republican presidential candidate, said in 2011: "corporations are people, my friend."

I saw this in Kansas, and again here in Arizona with the EPCOR consolidation and rate hike for sewer. I recently received a card from EPCOR stating they are going for a rate hike for water. After all, it worked perfectly on the sewer hike.

In my opinion, any raise the Arizona Corporation Commission grants APS above 4.2%, the current inflation rate, is obscene and undeserved. Raising costs for home solar owners is wrong. APS is getting power cheaper than they can make it.

Please vote in the next election, and remember if you vote the Republican ticket in July, you do not have to do so in November. The money you save will be your own.

Dan Hull
SUN CITY

Dog owner to RCSC: Divide Duffeeland

I have written before so here I am again, same song, second verse. I am requesting that for the sake of safety and enjoyment, the Recreation Centers of Sun City please give consideration to dividing Duffeeland Dog Park into two separate areas.

Both gates are already in place, the plat of ground is large enough

LETTERS

Please send your comments to
AzOpinions@iniusa.org.

We are committed to publishing a wide variety of reader opinions, as long as they meet our Civility Guidelines.

to divide and connect the already constructed block walls on the north and south with some type of less expensive wire fencing.

This task wouldn't take an engineering degree to lay out the plans, like the performing arts center, just a reputable fencing company!

The divide wouldn't have to be in the middle. Give the large dogs a larger linear space to run. The park is increasingly being overrun (pardon the pun) by the large, rambunctious dogs.

I have nothing against large dogs, but some of us, as we age, cannot contend with or afford the cost of a big dog. They need space, too, and us small-dog owners are willing to share but please let us share it within a space that our small dogs feel safe from being run over and we feel safe from being knocked down.

We would like to have as much enjoyment that those with large dogs have because they can let their dogs romp all over, catching balls that have been hurled through the air with ball launchers (of which myself and others have been hit) and lastly not having a fear of one or more large dogs, in their excitement, hitting us behind the knees and causing us to buckle forward to the ground. This has also happened in the past.

I am limited to the number of words, but I could go on and on with justification. Until we are

heard, I will be back.

Ima Doglover
SUN CITY

This writer is using a pen name.

EPCOR's rate hikes unacceptable

Water and wastewater rate adjustments to Sun City West are proposed by EPCOR Arizona Utilities and approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The last wastewater system adjustment, an increase of about 20% for Sun City West, was approved under a consolidation of systems procedure.

This was an excessive rate increase for Sun City West that gives us some of the highest wastewater rates in the state for medium-size utility service.

At the last hearing, commissioners Kevin Thompson and Nick Myers voted to approve the new wastewater rates. They are up for reinstatement this year. I, and hopefully others, will not be voting for them.

Under the system-consolidation procedure, some utility rates were lowered significantly. This indicates to me that we are paying for improvements to other water and/or wastewater systems that are not associated with Sun City West.

I do not like paying for other system improvements of no benefit to Sun City West.

Now, EPCOR has proposed a drinking-water system rate adjustment for Sun City West and others that may include additional consolidation.

The senior citizens in the Sun Cities need to be treated fairly.

Jim Scanlan
SUN CITY WEST

STARS, STRIPES
& STRONGER RATES

4.10%
APY¹
13-MONTH CD | RATE PROMO

MONEY MARKET

2.26%
APY²
\$2,500 DEPOSIT OR MORE



Stop by your local branch or visit us
online to earn this limited-time rate.

10736 W. Bell Rd. | Sun City | 480-808-2210
13503 Camino Del Sol | Sun City West | 480-559-8400



¹Advertised Annual Percentage Yield (APY) accurate as of June 23, 2026. Minimum \$5,000 deposit to open and earn stated CD APY. Penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Visit www.suncanyon.bank for more details. FDIC coverage is provided through Banterra Bank; see FDIC for more details. Limits apply and customer eligibility criteria may apply. ²Advertised Annual Percentage Yields (APY) accurate as of June 23, 2026. Tiers for Money Market include \$2,500-\$99,999 at 2.26% APY; \$100,000+ at 2.26% APY. Minimum \$2,500 deposit and minimum daily balance to open and earn corresponding tier APY. Money Market rates are subject to change, fees may reduce earnings. Withdrawal limitations may apply.

Suncanyon.bank | A Division Of Banterra Bank | MEMBER FDIC

HOME SOLAR
EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

APS 14% rate increase expected.



THURSDAY,
JULY 16TH,
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Located at the
Sun City West Foundation –
Palo Verde Room,
14465 W RH Johnson Blvd, SCW

The optimal time to acquire comprehensive knowledge about solar energy and batteries is not around your kitchen table, but rather in a structured educational setting such as a classroom.

► This class is strictly educational absolutely no selling of any kind. The same class that was presented in pora and the Maricopa Community College System.

► Existing solar system owners who have not yet integrated the Tesla Powerwall 3 whole home battery backup, attend this seminar to gain comprehensive knowledge about the system.

► Does the federal government cover the cost of installing solar panels on residential properties? Is free solar a viable option? Here are the facts presented objectively and honestly. Without the sales pitch.

TO RESERVE SEATS CALL 480-522-6278.

2026 Republican Primary Golden Ticket for Voters in LD28

✂️ Clip and save and take with to the polls. ✂️

FEDERAL

US SENATE

Abe Hamadeh ●

COUNTY

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Craig Wismer ●

CONSTABLE ARROWHEAD

Write-in Hunter Blake ●

STATE

GOVERNOR

Andy Biggs ●

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Warren Petersen ●

STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE

Alexander Kolodin ●

STATE MINE INSPECTOR

Les Presmyk ●

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Kimberly Yee ●

TREASURER

Elijah Norton ●

CORPORATION COMMISSION

Ralph Heap ●

ARIZONA STATE HOUSE - LD28

Heather Rooks ●



Voting early or in person on July 21
Your primary vote matters!

Paid by Barbara Schwisow Concerned Citizen. PLEASE: Vote your Values!





COFFEE AND DONUTS WITH VETERANS

*Plan For The Future -
For Yourself & Those You Love*

9:00 AM | THURSDAY, JULY 9
12420 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351
RSVP 623-979-6451

Learn about:
Military Burial Benefits | Preplanning & Benefits
Life Insurance & Financial Protection

Sponsored By:
Menke
FUNERAL & CREMATION CENTER

WWW.MENKEFUNERALHOME.COM



Benevilla

We Have Openings in our Life Enrichment Day Programs

Benevilla Life Enrichment Day Programs offer support and companionship to older adults needing daytime assistance. This gives caregivers peace of mind to work, handle personal matters, or unwind while their loved one receives quality care and spends time in a safe active environment.

WE SERVE: Individuals with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), beginning to moderate stages of dementia, stroke survivors, Parkinson's, and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Ad Sponsored by:
INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA
Celebrating & Connecting Our Communities
YourValley.net

THREE UNIQUE PROGRAMS IN THE NORTHWEST VALLEY
Surprise | Sun City | Peoria

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

For every person enrolled in a Benevilla program, two people get their lives back...the individual and the caregiver.

SCHEDULE A TOUR: 623-584-4999 | www.Benevilla.org

AMERICA@250

'Ring that Bell' celebration returns for 48th year

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

With July 4 right around the corner, so too is the 48th annual "Ring that Bell" celebration. Each year, residents gather at the Bell Recreation Center, 16820 N. 99th Ave., to celebrate America's birthday and ring the replica Liberty Bell with Uncle Sam.

According to Bret McKeand, former Del Webb Sun Cities Museum president, a group of Sun City residents met with officials from the Del Webb Development Company in 1976 to discuss a fun and inventive way the community could celebrate America's 200th birthday.

The group decided to create the replica bell made only from metal donated by Sun City residents. Over 7,000 pounds of metal, including military awards, bikes and wedding rings, were donated in the effort.

When the bell arrived in Sun City, 4,000 residents lined up to ring it, kicking off a tradition that has carried to today.

McKeand said this endeavor represented what the community was about.

"They were very, very patriotic," he said. "No question about it. It was kind of ambitious for 1976. The community was only 16 years old."

He added that, just like today, residents were very excited about the community.

"The people felt very proud of their community and very proud of their country," he said. "It was still a fairly small community but, if you look at the West Valley, there was nothing out here... That's why they were so proud. They knew they reigned supreme here."



Sun City's Liberty Bell. (Submitted photo/Bret McKeand)

That spirit of gratitude still resonates with residents today. Peter Yamasaki put it simply: "We are stupid levels of lucky to live in this country."

For Joan Lesinski, events like this one echo a tradition she grew up with: a Fourth of July parade in her small hometown that brought everyone together.

"It's all a sense of community," she said. "The community back in my little hometown of 2,000 people... it's a huge parade for everybody in the community."

The "Ring that Bell" ceremony starts at 9 a.m. with doors opening 30 minutes earlier. There will be video presentations and music along with the bell ringing. Residents are asked to wear red, white and blue.

HAPPY HOUR 3PM - 5PM

jai thai 

PRIVATE ROOM AVAILABLE, SEATS 35 PEOPLE

15% OFF
With Coupon. One Coupon Per Table.
(Not For Delivery)

MON - SAT 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

9803 W Bell Road, Sun City, AZ 85351
480-635-4801



AZ DENTAL CARE
Gentle Affordable Quality Care

Dr. Minal Mehta, D.D.S.
Graduate of University of the Pacific, San Francisco
Accept Most Insurances including Military & AHCCCS
United Healthcare Dual Complete, Mercy Care Advantage, Gold Kidney, Eternal, SCAN, Banner, Well Care
Retirees & Families Welcome • Emergencies Seen Same Day • Walk-Ins Welcome
Payment Plans Available

NOW ACCEPTING MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

623-974-5834
10659 NW Grand Ave.
Ste 4, Sun City
Located in Fry's Shopping Center

Offering Second Opinions and Dental Consultations
Time to use your insurance benefits

Offerings:
Dentures Repaired Same Day
Root Canal Treatment Done on Site

CATS

JUNE 12 THROUGH JULY 25, 2026

CATS is a mesmerizing, one-of-a-kind theatrical experience that transports audiences into the mysterious world of the Jellicle Cats. Through breathtaking dance, stunning visuals, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's unforgettable score - including the iconic ballad "Memory" - each cat shares their unique story. CATS is a spellbinding journey of rebirth, acceptance, and the magic of the feline world.

ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE

Get tickets now at azbroadway.org
623.776.8400

Special thanks to Dr. Keith and Kim Haar



Royal Cafe
"Just Great...Like Always"

BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY

Open Everyday
7 am - 7 pm

See our
ads and menu
on Facebook



Dine-In or Take-Out

MONDAY 7/6 Baked Fish with 3 sides \$8.99 (plus tax) Beef Tips over noodles with soup or salad \$10.00 (plus tax)		TUESDAY 7/7 Tacos \$9.99 (plus tax)	TUES 7/7 & WED 7/1 Spaghetti ONLY \$6.99 (plus tax)	WEDNESDAY 7/1 Chicken Fried Steak with 2 sides \$9.99 (plus tax)
THURSDAY 7/2 Cabbage Rolls with two sides \$9.99 (plus tax)	PANCAKE MANIA with 2 pancakes, 2 scrambled eggs, 2 bacon or 2 sausages \$2.50 (plus tax) Served 8-11am We will close at 7pm on Independence Day			



10793 WEST GRAND AVENUE • SUN CITY • 623-875-0676

AMERICA@250

Bicentennial Quilt on display at local museum

By Bret McKeand

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

An historic artifact originally created to celebrate the nation's bicentennial has found its way back home to the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and is now on display in time for the nation's 250th anniversary celebration.

The museum recently opened a new exhibit showcasing the Sun City "Bicentennial Quilt," created by Sun City residents in 1976 and rarely seen

in the past 50 years.

The quilt was initially donated in the 1980s to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society but turned over to the West Valley Art Museum for safekeeping. The art museum recently closed its doors and returned the quilt.

The idea for the Bicentennial Quilt came from the owner of a deli in Sun City who read about a similar bicentennial project in New York. She wrote a letter to the editor of the

local newspaper asking for volunteers to pursue the concept.

Seven women showed up for the initial meeting. One of those women – Vi Cody – eventually took charge of the project and became known as the "quilt coordinator."

A seamstress and weaver, Vi (also as the woman who named Sundial Recreation Center) came up with the idea of a two-sided quilt – one side featuring local landmarks and activities and the other side featuring red, white and blue national symbols.

"We used 300 square feet of Arizona cotton – white sateen and red and blue poplin," Vi was quoted as saying in the January 1976 edition of Sun City Here Magazine.

The finished size of the quilt is

112-by-94 inches. A total of 110 people worked a total of 3,684 hours in 10 weeks to stitch and embroider the 126 squares on the quilt. More than 3,000 yards of quilt thread were used in the project.

The actual cost of materials was \$400, but the quilt was insured for \$3,500.

After being dry-cleaned and treated with a stain retardant, the finished quilt was unveiled during a Sun City "American Heritage" program Jan. 14, 1976, at the Sun Bowl. The quilt was displayed at several locations throughout the year -- and even traveled to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. in 1976 -- but has been seldom seen since.

• See **Quilt** on page 16



Sun City residents created the community's Bicentennial Quilt in 1976 as a salute to the nation's 200th anniversary. The two-sided quilt features Sun City scenes on one side and a patriotic theme on the reverse side. The quilt is on full display as part of the museum's celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

AMERICA@250



Sounds of the Southwest Singers, Inc.
est. 2010

HAPPY 250TH AMERICA!

www.soundsofthesouthwestsingers.com

Homewatch CAREGIVERS®
Trusted. Compassionate. Dependable.

Celebrating America's 250th Birthday
Helping Seniors Live Independently Every Day

For 250 years, America has been built on independence, strength, and community. At Homewatch CareGivers®, we're **honored** to support seniors in living safely and independently at home—where they belong.

602-953-2872 | HomewatchCareGivers.com/Phoenix | Proudly Serving the Phoenix Metro Community



CHURCH PLANS CELEBRATORY EVENT



Church on the Green, 19051 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., will host a united prayer service celebrating America's 250th birthday 9-10 a.m. July 4. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. A color guard will display the flags of the United States armed forces, those attending can say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem and the choir will lead the audience in a variety of patriotic music. Lead pastor Jay Knoles, a U.S. Air Force veteran, will share a message, "Whom the Son Sets Free Is Free Indeed." The lobby will also feature a Fourth of July tree, a military and veteran tribute and other decorations honoring America's birthday. (Submitted photo/Doris Knoles)

Ascent
AUDIOLOGY & HEARING

Michèle Beyer
14814 N Del Webb Blvd,
Sun City, AZ 85351
m_beyer@hewsonhearing.com
480-593-7728

Happy Birthday America!

exp
REALTY

Kevin & Annette Wurgler
13940 W Meeker Blvd Suite 117 • SCW, AZ 85375
480-540-6572 • workwithwurglers.com

Quilt

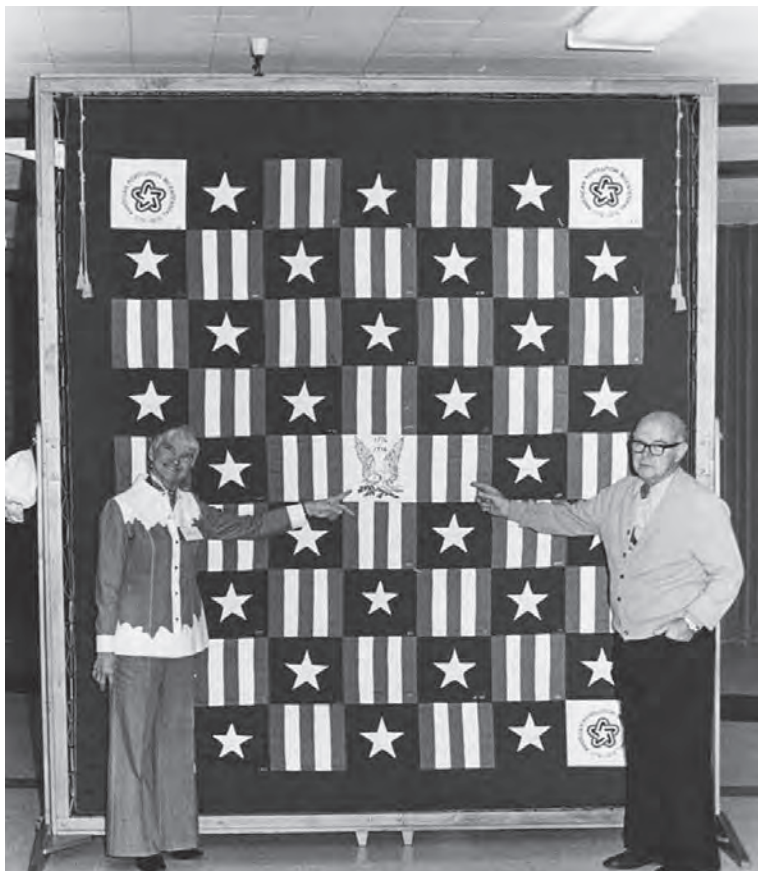
• From page 14

The display at the museum will be the quilt's first public display since the West Valley Art Museum displayed it in 2024 at Peoria City Hall.

The new exhibit showcases the "Sun City" side of the quilt. Display panels and a video explain the history of the quilt, as well as the stories of

the individual squares and the names of those involved in creating the quilt.

The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum is located at 10801 W. Oakmont Drive, Sun City, in one of the first of five model homes constructed in 1960 when the community first opened. The museum's summer hours are noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Visit www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org.



The Sun City Bicentennial Quilt was created in 1976. Vi Cody, left, served as the project's chair. Roy McLain of the Sun City Woodworking Club, right, was responsible for creating a special frame to display the massive quilt.





SLEDGE
Concrete Coatings
AND TILE

VETERAN OWNED & OPERATED

602-308-8656

WWW.SLEDGECONCRETECOATINGS.COM

ROC 266689 & ROC 286152

2311 W. NORTHERN AVE., PHOENIX, AZ 85021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



GRAND DENTAL

suncityazdentist.com • 623-972-2156

10615 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Suite B-500, Sun City, AZ 85351



Del Webb
Sun Cities
MUSEUM



623-974-2568
delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

Save the Date!

1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2026
Sundial Recreation Center

Join the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and the RCSC as we open the Time Capsule enclosed in the base of Sun City's Liberty Bell. Be with us as we uncover the treasures locked away 50 years ago in the capsule -- and replace it with a new capsule to be opened 50 years from now, in 2076!



◆ Free Admission!
◆ Food trucks!
◆ 1970's Music!



Happy Birthday America

To My Surprise
SHUTTLE SERVICES



QR CODES

To My Surprise Shuttle | 623-218-6035 | tomysurpriseshuttle.com

AMERICA@250

Artists celebrate America's 250th anniversary

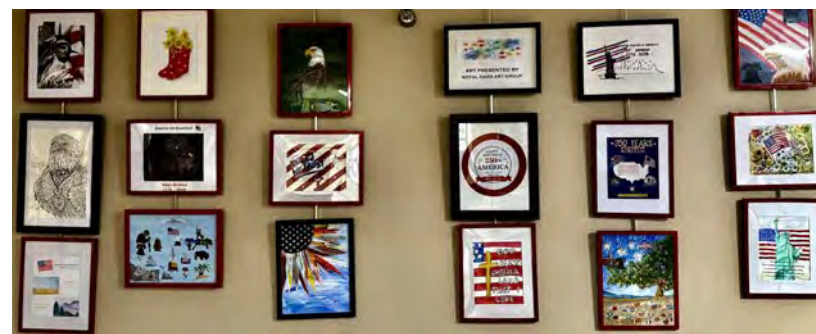


The Royal Oaks Monday Artists are presenting a special exhibition celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

This exhibition invited artists to explore themes of freedom, unity, harmony and hope, while reflecting on the values that have shaped the United States for generations.

Through a variety of artistic mediums, participants were encouraged to imagine what a unified, creative America can look like and to express the connections that inspire collective growth and understanding.

The artwork on display rep-



Submitted photos/Karen Bell

resents a range of interpretations — from literal and historical depictions to abstract, symbolic and conceptual expressions. Each piece offers a personal perspective on the American spirit and the enduring ideals that

continue to unite citizens.

Residents, guests and members of the community are invited to visit Royal Oaks, 10015 W. Royal Oak Road, and enjoy this display honoring America's past, present and future.

WHAM to celebrate America throughout July

Art house honoring country by bringing community together

WHAM Art Center will host a month-long series of free public events throughout July honoring America's 250th anniversary through art, performance and community engagement.

Rather than a single-day celebration, WHAM is offering an entire month of programming designed to bring together veterans, artists, families and West Valley residents through shared creative experiences.

At the center of the initiative is Vision 250, a multimedia exhibition and public program series exploring themes of service, freedom, healing and unity through artistic expression.

The exhibition features work by photographer and U.S. veteran Tari Fields, a photographic series examining American patriotism through the lived experiences of military veterans.

The work combines portraiture with layered imagery of prescription medications to explore the long-term impact of service.

Through portraits overlaid with pharmaceutical imagery, the series reflects on the complexities of veteran care and the challenges many veterans face after their military service ends.

"This is a moment of reflection to see the cost of service," Fields said.

The exhibition also includes photographer Heather Scarlett, who documented Fields as part of the creative process, adding another



er perspective to the project and expanding the conversation around interpretation and lived experience.

WHAM Art Center's broader Vision 250 celebration includes six free public events throughout July:

Free Kids and Adult Make-and-Take workshops will be held July 11 and 18, offering participants the opportunity to paint patriotic clay eagles in a hands-on, family-friendly setting.

On July 11, WHAM will host the Vision 250 artist reception, followed by Heroes in Harmony, a patriotic performance featuring veteran artists and performers sharing

music and storytelling centered on service and unity.

An open mic night on July 17 will provide a space for veterans and community members to share poetry, music and personal stories.

The celebration concludes July 25 with a grand celebration open house featuring live art, interactive activities and community programming.

WHAM Art Center continues to support military veterans through its free ongoing program, "Art: A Path to Healing," which provides creative expression opportunities for veterans in Surprise/Peoria and Goodyear.

Sessions are monthly, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on the second Mondays of the month at WHAM.

Visit wham-art.org/july-events.



**Rightway
Pharmacy**

GRATEFUL TO SERVE THE WEST
VALLEY THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY
AND ALWAYS.

*Happy Birthday
America*

14806 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351
623-266-0021 | Fax 623-266-0068

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



LARRY JONES
480-490-7895
eXp Realty Sun City West



ALBRECHT AND SON LLC
Painting and Bath and Kitchen Remodeling
- Since 1989 -

623-933-4312
www.ALBRECHTandSON.COM
11126 W. Wisconsin Ave, #5, Youngtown
Licensed/Bonded/Insured ROC#155822 KB02



PALADIN
MFG. CONSTRUCTION
REFRIGERATION, HEATING, A/C

**Happy
250th
America**

Air Conditioning and Heating
Darren Anglin
ROC# 322758 - Accredited BBB
602-405-7726

AMERICA@250

America's Sweethearts usher in big birthday

Singing trio will celebrate community, culture, country

America's Sweethearts will celebrate community, culture and country leading up to America's big birthday Friday, July 3 at The Vista Center for the Arts, 15660 N. Parkview Place.

Using the era of The Andrews Sisters as an inspiration, the New York City-based trio performs vintage favorites like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" with crystal-clear harmonies, colorful costumes and a style that gets audiences tapping their feet.

The show features classics from the Great American Songbook and Broadway, including "Lullaby of

Broadway," "Happy Days Are Here Again" and "The Shoop Shoop Song (It's in His Kiss)," delivered through a mix of trios, duets and solo moments that appeal to audiences of all ages.

Tickets are available for between \$21 and \$43 at SurpriseArts.com

As part of the evening, the performance includes a special tribute honoring veterans and active-duty service members.

By selecting the military and veteran appreciation add-on during ticket checkout, veterans, active-duty service members, Gold Star family members and their guests can receive a complimentary hot dog or popcorn from concessions.



UKULELE CLUB TO PRESENT PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Playing a range of patriotic songs from early Americana to soulful rock 'n' roll, the Northwest Valley Ukulele Club, directed by Sun City West resident, musician and Blue Star Mom Lauren Erickson, will perform a concert for residents of Fellowship Square Independent Living 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4. The residents will be presented with a reader's theater style drama concert that will include an introduction to each song, some history about the music and a sing-along with the club members. The club will be providing attendees with small American flags and a 250th celebration gift as well as a sweet treat. All attendees are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. For more information, or to join the club, contact Lauren Erickson at nwvuke@gmail.com or visit their facebook page: "Northwest Valley Ukulele Club." (Submitted photo/Lauren Erickson)

AMERICA@250

Take in the celebration at Lake Pleasant on third of July

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant will host its annual Celebrate America fireworks show on Friday, July 3. This event is home to the annual firework show, as well as food trucks, free kids' activities and live music.

Gates open at 5 p.m. with fireworks at 9 p.m. and activities running through 10:30 p.m. Presale parking admission is \$30 per vehicle and \$35 for vehicles with watercraft. The day of the event, admission for vehicles is \$35 and \$40 for vehicles with watercraft. Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome. Canopies are allowed until sunset, then must be taken down. Tickets can be purchased online at pleasantharbor.com or at the lake on the day of the event.

There are a limited number of dry camping sites available for the 3rd of July celebration weekend. Dry camping sites are \$45 per day with a 3-night minimum purchase. Sites can be booked by phone at 623-235-6140.

Pleasant Harbor is a full-service marina that features Dillon's Bayou restaurant and Pleasant Harbor Waterpark, a large inflatable playground. Pleasant Harbor is also home to an RV Resort with 254 full hook-up sites, 60 partial hook-ups and unlimited dry camping sites.

For more information about the Lake Pleasant fireworks show or Pleasant Harbor, visit pleasantharbor.com or call Pleasant Harbor events at 623-203-5173.

The entrance is located off Care-free Highway and 87th Ave., 8708 W. Harbor Boulevard.

City celebrates America 250 with Fourth of July festival

This Independence Day, the city of Peoria is turning the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave., into one of Arizona's biggest Fourth of July celebrations.

Enjoy live music, family attractions, VIP experiences and, the city is touting, one of the state's largest fireworks display at this year's All-American Festival on Saturday, July 4.

The free festival runs 5-9 p.m. with fireworks immediately following the evening concert lineup.

Festivalgoers can look forward to:

- Skydiver performance landing in the stadium;
- Live roller derby action;
- Roaming entertainers and interactive performances throughout the venue;

• Inflatable bounce houses and family fun zones;

• Giant yard games and activities for all ages;

• A variety of local food trucks;

• Two upgraded VIP experiences inside the stadium.

The event kicks off with In Color Band, delivering high-energy boot-stomping country music. They will be followed by an interactive dueling pianos show before nationally recognized rock band Cowboy Mouth takes the stage to headline the celebration.

The event will conclude with what organizers are calling the largest fireworks display in Arizona, a show choreographed to music that will light up the night sky in a patriotic finale.

VIP tickets, event information, and festival updates are available at peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.



Wooddale Village
SUN CITY

Happy Independence Day!

As America celebrates 250 years of independence, it's the perfect time to celebrate the freedom to live life your way. At Wooddale Village, every day is about choice, connection, and enjoying the moments that matter most. From engaging activities and new friendships to maintenance-free living and vibrant community events, this is where independence shines. Move in this summer and start your next great American adventure at Wooddale Village!

★ Freedom from home maintenance

★ Freedom to pursue your passions

★ Freedom to enjoy every day to the fullest

★ Freedom to belong

Schedule your personal tour today!

📞 623-933-1313

or email: info@wooddalevillage.com

18616 N. 99th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373 | www.wooddalevillage.com

SMILE CONFIDENTLY and EAT COMFORTABLY with GALINDO PROSTHODONTICS



If you are living with missing or damaged teeth, our team can change your life with dental implants **in just one day** using advanced technology that fits your needs.

Check out our Facebook! [f Galindo Prosthodontics](#)
Follow us on Instagram [galindoprostodontics](#)

FAMILY OWNED

Call to book an appointment at one of our locations!

Peoria Location: ☎ 623-236-9133
8877 West Union Hills Dr., Ste. 100

Daniel F. Galindo, D.D.S., F.A.C.P.
The ONLY board-certified
prosthodontist in the
West Valley.
Experience matters!



Scottsdale Location: ☎ 602-441-5529
5533 E. Bell Rd., Ste. 120
www.galindoprostodontics.com

AMERICA@250

Joan Lesinski, Andrew Rowe, Phil Easley, Lee Stewart, Gene Kirkpatrick, Kevin Hokerk-Robinson and Peter Yamasaki gathered to reflect on what patriotism means in America today.
(Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)



What does patriotism mean? Veterans weigh in

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

For decades they marched, deployed and served. Now, as another Fourth of July approaches, a group of veterans is reflecting on a question that has grown more complicated with time: what does it mean to love your country?

Joan Lesinski, who spent time in the Air Force, grew up in a small Iowa town. She said she always looked forward to the July 4 parade, as her dad and four brothers would march in it, adding it gave her a great sense of community.

Andrew Rowe was an Army reserve. He said he has a Revolutionary War family member, which he is extremely proud of because he stood for the principles of the revolution.

However, the America these vet-

erans see today is different from the one they remember so fondly.

Lee Stewart, who spent 28 years in the Army, said he attributes this to current politics, which he said are "garbage."

"I blame the politicians for that," he said. "It started at the highest level of government. It's tough to deal with because nobody wants to listen to anybody else."

Peter Yamasaki, who was an Army Reserve, said he remembers the day after 9/11 as a day "we were all Americans."

"Nobody cared what church you went to, what color your skin was," he said. "None of that mattered. We were all Americans. That's really one of the last times this felt like America... We, as a country, need to re-

• See **Veterans** on page 22

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
19280 N. 99TH Ave., Sun City, AZ 85373-1401
623-972-6414 • www.gbcsuncity.org



IN GOD WE TRUST ★ SUNDAY, JULY 5, 4:00 PM

Join our Grace Bible Church Worship Choir and Orchestra as we celebrate 250 years of the divine foundation upon which our country was built!

AMERICA@250

Big fireworks show expected for America 250

Surprise celebrating milestone day with festivities in City Center

This year's Surprise Independence Day event will feature a variety of food trucks and DJ music inside both Surprise Community and Mark Coronado parks, along with a fireworks show beginning at 8:45 p.m.

The following are sites of celebration:

- Surprise Community Park, 16089 N. Bullard Ave. Enjoy DJ music before the fireworks show. Food trucks will be along Bullard Avenue beginning at 6 p.m. Personal grills and alcohol are not permitted.

- Mark Coronado Park, 15960 N. Bullard Ave. Open to the public as a viewing area for fireworks. Guests can enjoy DJ music and food trucks available inside the park before the show.

- Surprise Aquatic Center, 15831



(Metro Creative Graphics)

N. Bullard Ave. The "Red, White and Pool Party" is for residents from 6-9 p.m. for games and swimming. Stay to enjoy a poolside view of the fireworks. Tickets are \$6 per person and registration is limited to the first 400 residents at surpriseaz.gov/SurpriseRec (click Aquatics).

Visit surpriseaz.gov/Independence or call 623-222-2000.



YOUR SUN CITY REAL ESTATE TEAM

Kurt N Lisa
Realty One Group



- 30 Plus Years of Real Estate Expertise
- We Offer Professional advise on staging, repairs & Pricing
- Targeted marketing, Photography & Video to ensure your listing stands out

- We are here to guide you through the selling or purchasing process ensuring smooth & successful transactions
- Find us on YouTube at **KurtNLisasOpenHouse**

Thank you for considering our services, together, we can achieve your real estate goals.

Live and work in Sun City Arizona 55+ Community Specialist.

Lisa Wade 602.541.8211

Kurt Kominski 602.541.4107

Realty One Arizona | Dove Realty Inc. Washington



REALTYONEGROUP



Midwestern University
Body Donation Program
Tomorrow's Healthcare Team



Your gift will help educate compassionate healthcare professionals for tomorrow.

For more information, call: **623-806-7990**

20195 North 57th Avenue | Glendale, Arizona 85308
azbodydonation@midwestern.edu | www.midwestern.edu/bodydonation

Your Hometown Dentist

Serving The Sun Cities for Over 30 years

Come Experience Our Honest, Professional And Gentle Approach To All Phases of Exceptional General Dentistry

- All Dental Services
- One Stop
- Sedation Dentistry

\$69 New Patient Special
includes X-rays & Exam
Not to be combined with insurance



We Accept Most Dental Insurances



in office discount plan for those without insurance

Dr. Ilian Barber, DMD
Midwestern University Doctor of Dental Medicine
Patrick A. Carr, DDS
Creighton University, Omaha Nebraska. Bachelor of Science - Doctorate of Dental Surgery



Sun City Dental Center

**10333 W. Coggins Dr.
Sun City AZ, 85351**

623-933-0078

www.SunCityDentalCenter.com



**Contemporary Worship
Saturday at 5pm**

**Traditional Worship
Sunday at 9am & 10:30am**

**Community Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10am**

**A Bible teaching church
Rob Boyd, Lead Pastor**

**Following Jesus | Loving God,
Loving His Church
& Loving His World**

9440 W. Hutton Drive, Sun City | 623-977-8308 | BHCSunCity.com

Did You Know?

America's Birthday



July 4, 1776, is an important date in American history that is widely considered the birthday of the United States of America. But some people argue that August 2 should actually be America's birthday, since that was when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The National Archives says that the Second Continental Congress adopted the United States Declaration of independence on July 4, 1776, formally severing ties with Britain. The approved Declaration was printed on July 5. On July 19, Congress ordered that the document be engrossed on parchment, which is a process of copying an official document in large hand. It is surmised that the engrosser was Timothy Matlock, an assistant to Charles Thomson, secretary to the Congress. It was nearly a month after the Declaration was adopted before the document began to be signed by delegates. The signing of the Declaration of Independence occurred primarily on August 2, 1776, at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, a building later renamed Independence Hall. John Hancock, who was the President of the Congress, was the first to sign the engrossed copy. Signatures were arranged by states from northernmost to southernmost. Fifty-six delegates eventually signed the document, although not all were present to sign on August 2. Some delegates never managed to sign the Declaration, including Robert R. Livingston of New York, who was a member of the Declaration's drafting committee.

Veterans

- From page 20

member we are the United States, not a bunch of provincial factions."

Rowe added that people have "God given rights" that are not ensured by politicians. These rights are ensured by the people of the United States.

"Patriotism is not just about military service, whether the service is to the community, the state, the military or whatever," Stewart said in agreement. "It's an identification with helping others."

Lesinski furthered that idea, saying patriotism looks like neighbors helping out neighbors, people picking up trash or putting up the flag. She said the flag represents freedom.

There was a common thread in

these veterans' thinking: patriotism is about togetherness.

"It's not one person," said Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, a former U.S. Navy Reserve. "There's some key players, but it's us working together."

"It's so important to keep our country free," Lesinski added. "In order to do that, people that are able need to be in the military to continue to protect our freedom so that we can vote and have a free country."

As fireworks light up the sky this Fourth of July, these veterans won't just be celebrating; they'll be remembering why it matters and hoping the rest of the country does too.

Reporter Zev Black can be reached at zblack@iniusa.org. Please submit comments at yourvalley.net/letters or email them to AzOpinions@iniusa.org. We are committed to publishing a wide variety of reader opinions, as long as they meet our Civility Guidelines.



Phoenix Children's

Step Up. Stop Cancer.



Allyson, 16



StepUpStopCancer.org




PROTECT WHAT YOU'VE BUILT. PLAN WHAT COMES NEXT.



Jared Gough JoAnn Regan

- Living Trusts & Wills
- Powers of Attorney & Health Care Directives
- Deeds & Beneficiary Deeds
- Retirement Income Planning
- Insurance & Annuities
- Roth Conversions

623-561-2323

CALL TODAY
for Your Free Consultation
99th Ave & Bell Road

BBB RATING A+ No legal advice given - Not a law firm

OVER 25 Years
Of Your Security,
Your Peace of Mind
LOCALLY OWNED. ARIZONA TRUSTED.



WELL-CONNECTED SENIOR EXPO

Your Link to Health, Wealth & Community

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH | 9AM-12PM

***Free to the Public with 40-Plus Vendors**
Special Demonstration and Samples From a Local Chef



Chef Michael
Chefs for Seniors

Connect with local experts, discover valuable resources, enjoy live demonstrations, and enter to win raffle prizes. Learn about services designed to help you thrive, from health and wellness to financial planning and community support. You'll find it all in one convenient location.

Brought to you by:



RADIANT
CHURCH

E: info@RadiantChurch.com | P: 623-975-2662 | Radiant Church | 10701 W Boswell Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85373



James Alfred Gnotta

Born in Minneapolis, MN, December 12, 1930, raised in Vallejo, CA. Four years Air Force. Graduated Cal Poly Tech CA with BS in Engineering. 36 years Civil Engineer for United States Defense Dept.

Knight of Columbus from 1954 to demise May 20, 2026.

Devout lifelong Roman Catholic.

Pre-deceased by Lillian Scott Gnotta wife of 42 years, siblings Alice Hall and John (Pat) Gnotta.

Survived by Antoinette (Toni) Gnotta wife of 13 years and sister Therese Ware of Napa, CA. Passed peacefully at home after a long illness. Mass tba at St Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Sun City, AZ.

"EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST!"

Wills and Living Trusts

POWERS OF ATTORNEY / BENEFICIARY DEEDS

Fast, affordable estate planning services.
Update, revise, or start from scratch.

(623) 444-5953

www.cldpaz.com • e-mail: Debbie@cldpaz.com
Thunderbird Office Park (just north of T-Bird)
14050 N. 83rd Ave., Suite 290, Peoria, AZ



Debbie Nystrom
Certified Legal Document Preparer
with over 30 Years Experience

Save the Dates

SENIOR EXPO THE PREMIER SENIOR
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA HEALTH & LIFESTYLE EXPOS



Fountain Hills • July 7, 2026 • Fountain Hills Community Center

Surprise • August 18, 2026 • The Colonnade

Sun City • September 23, 2026 • Sundial Recreation Center

Sun City West • October 28, 2026 • SCW Foundation Center

Mesa • November 13, 2026 • Mesa Marketplace Swap Meet

INTERESTED IN A SPONSORSHIP?

EMAIL AZADS@INIUSA.ORG OR CALL 623-972-6101

ROUNDTABLES

Condominium Owners Association offers board member roundtables

The Sun City Condominium Owners Association is offering monthly board member roundtables designed to bring condominium association leaders together for conversation, shared learning and collaborative problem-solving.

"Our goal is to create a space where board members can learn from each other's experiences, share innovation approaches, and work collectively toward a stronger community," said Leslie Schmalzried, director of marketing of SCCOA. "When leaders collaborate, everyone benefits."

Upcoming roundtables are:

- Monday, July 6, 2026 at 10 a.m.
 - Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 10 a.m.
 - Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6 p.m.
- Meetings are at 11132 W. California Ave., Suite E, Youngtown.

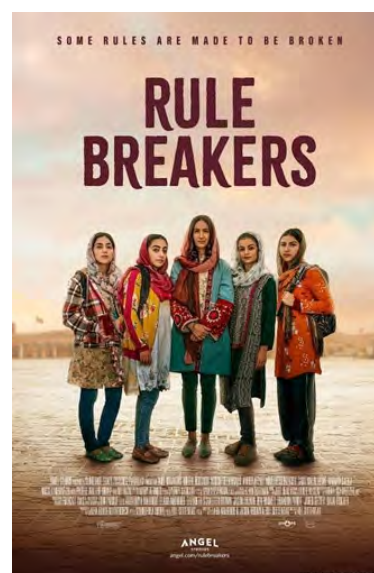
nia Ave., Suite E, Youngtown.

Call 623-974-9035 to register; the roundtables are limited to 20 attendees and are open to all current board members.

The Sun City Condominium Owners Association was founded in 1973 by a volunteer group of chairpersons of individual Associations with the purpose of providing guidance and assistance to individual board. There are 384 associations with over 9,600 units and approximately 16,000 residents who live in these associations.

Today, the Sun City Condominium Owners Association supports over 250 active member associations, providing resources, advocacy and education to strengthen community living in Sun City.

CHURCH SLATES FILM SCREENING



The 2025 film "Rule Breakers" will be shown 2 p.m. Monday, July 20, at Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave., in Fellowship Hall. This film is based on the MTV documentary "Afghan Dreamers," which depicts the journey of Afghanistan's first all-girls robotics team. It chronicles the efforts of Roya Mahboob, a trailblazing tech entrepreneur in Afghanistan who fought to teach girls STEM skills. Despite enormous cultural resistance and political hurdles, she formed the team to build robots and compete in international tournaments. When their innovation draws global attention, their success sparks hope — and opposition. As threats loom and sacrifices are made, their courage and unity ignite a movement that could forever transform the world. Challenges included customs holding their robot parts (giving them only weeks to work), being denied travel visas, and needing an appeal to the US press. Following Afghan Dreamers, Pale Blue Dot Films led evacuation efforts that saved the girl's families and over 400 other imperiled Afghans and established the Afghan Rescue Fund in partnership with Secular Rescue to assist with resettlement efforts. (Submitted photo/Rose Mohyla)

Faith & Values



 **The Community Church of Sun City**
FAITH • FAMILY • FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Coffee Fellowship After Service
Live Stream: www.ccscsz.org

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Brian Anderson
18401 N. 99th Ave., Sun City 623-977-4241
Just South of Union Hills Dr. on 99th Ave.

 **CROWN OF LIFE**
Lutheran Church

Join Us For Worship
Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 9:00am
Online at colchurch.com/services

Pastor Mark Logid
13131 Spanish Garden Dr., Sun City West, Az 85375
www.colchurch.com • 623-546-6228

Faith Presbyterian Church 

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 AM

 God's love is always in season.
Come worship with us!
Pastor Greg Emery

16000 N. Del Webb Blvd. Sun City 85351 623-974-3611
And Live-Streamed at www.scfaith.org

 **First Christian Church**
"Where God Is Made Real And Friends Are Forever"

The Magnificent Seven:
"I Am - Jesus is the Door (Part Two)"

Sunday Service: 9:00 am • Fellowship 10:00 am
14001 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City
623-972-8147 • Bobby Wingate, Pastor and wife Kae

Emmanuel  **Baptist Church**
"Where Preaching is still done by the Book."

Sunday
Worship—10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

12225 North 103rd Avenue
Sun City AZ 85351
(First Presbyterian Church-Back Chapel)
Pastor Dan Fosnight • 602-321-5629

www.ebcsuncity.com
Facebook—Emmanuel Baptist Church of Sun City AZ

Looking For A Church Home?

First United Methodist Church of Sun City
"The Friendliest Church on 105th Avenue"

Sunday Worship - 9:30 AM
Coffee & Fellowship Following the Service
Tuesday Bible Study - 10:30 AM
Tuesday Game Night - 6:00 PM

9849 N. 105th Ave - Sun City, AZ 85351
(South of Peoria & 105th Ave)



623-974-3631

 **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** Sun City West
God Bless America! Let Freedom Ring!

Weekly Balance/Flexibility Exercise Class—Begins July 16, 10am

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 20-22, 9am—Noon
Learn, Fellowship, and Have Fun! — see website for info

Sunday Bible Study, 9:00am / Sunday Worship, 10:30am
www.fbcscw.org 17419 N. Conquistador Dr. 623-584-5738



 **Lord of Life Lutheran Church**
Worship With Us

Weekend Worship
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

CONNECT WITH US
(623) 584-2000 | www.LOLaz.org | info@LOLaz.org
13724 W Meeker Boulevard, Sun City West, AZ
Corner of RH Johnson & W Meeker Boulevards

BUSINESS DIRECTORY & CLASSIFIED ADS

VISIT US @ iniusa.org/classifieds | EMAIL US: azads@iniusa.org

EMAILS

azads@iniusa.org
legals@iniusa.org

To place your ad call us at
623.972.6101

AUTOMOTIVE, GARAGE SALES & MERCHANDISE RATES

\$20 per market - 30 words
Your ad appears in the newspaper
of choice plus online
\$5⁰⁰ for color and each additional photo
25¢ extra per additional word

BUSINESS/SERVICE DIRECTORY RATES

Starting at **\$45**
for one column by three-inch advertisement
\$15⁰⁰ per inch after (maximum size 8.55 inches)
Logo and photos included
4-weeks minimum

EMPLOYMENT ADS

Starting at **\$45**
for one column by three-inch advertisement
\$15⁰⁰ per inch after (maximum size 8.55 inches)
Logo and photos included
No minimum commitment requirement

Announcement

NOTICE
Independent Newspapers will not knowingly accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is.

If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 877-291-6222 for previous complaints.

Announcement

A COURSE IN MIRACLES

Does Main Stream Religion Not Resonate With You?
Are you Spiritual but not Religious?
ACIM Book is a Self Study Guide to Your Inner Truth.
We Meet Weekly to Support One Another on this Journey!



Contact David
801-232-4499

Miscellaneous

I BUY ESTATE JEWELRY!

Coins, Jewelry, Antiques, Vintage Items & Collectibles.

FREE Evaluation
Call/Text and I'll Come to See You!

623-335-1775

Miscellaneous

BUY • SELL • APPRAISE

Coins, Currency & Sportcards
Top Prices Paid • Solid Reputation • 30 yrs exp.

CALL MIKE TODAY
623-570-3816
MVECHIO@YAHOO.COM

or visit our monthly show
**Northwest Valley Way
Coin & Card Show**

Doubletree By Hilton
10220 W. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix AZ
9:00am-2:00pm - Next Show Dates - 35 Tables
7/25/2026 and 8/22/2026

Estate Sales



**Trinity AZ
Estate Sales**

FREE
ESTIMATE

25 years of experience
Ranked top 10
Estate Sale company in AZ
for 15 years straight

(480) 604-9546

trinityaz@yahoo.com | TrinityAZ.net
Licensed/Bonded/Insured

Caregivers

IN-HOME CARE SERVICES

Personalized Care in the Comfort of Your Home

Our Services:

- Companionship
- Respite Care
- Meal Prep
- Transportation
- Personal Care
- 24/7 Care

CALL NOW

(602) 332-8199
seniorcareavondale.com
lillyhomecare22@gmail.com

\$50 OFF
4+ Hours Booked!

Caregivers

Board of Nursing
CNA Caregiver
Housekeeper
Fingerprint Card
Drug Test
Quad / Alzheimer's Experience
Great References Available
480-593-8473

Full Time

Engine Builder
for Muscle Cars, Custom Trucks, Chevy & Ford V8's
MUST HAVE
5+ Years Experience
W/ References
Mon-Fri 35 Hours
Email Resume to:
acct.phxengine@gmail.com
or
CALL:
602-866-8044

**Double
YOUR IMPACT**
with Print & Online
**CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISING!**
Call **623-972-6101**
iniusa.org/classifieds

Full Time

**Valley
Newspapers is
Hiring!**
Full-time delivery driver for busy print shop.
26-foot box truck with lift gate.
Must have clean driving record and pass physical.
Competitive wages with benefits
Contact Mike Jacobs at
mjacobs@iniusa.org

HIRING?
To Advertise Call
623-972-6101
INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA
Serving & Connecting Our Communities

Part Time

Auto Parts Counter Help, Part Time, for Auto Engine Shop. Chevy and Ford Performance. Must have Parts experience, computer knowledge, good customer service skills. Order and stock parts, greet walk-ins at counter, assist with phones and Tech calls, reliable.
Email resume to:
acct.phxengine@gmail.com or
Call Christine
602-866-8044.

Furniture

For sale: Queen bedroom set; 2 queen mattress & box; LG solid wood entertainment center; sm ent. center; 2 living room tables. Please call
6232191164

Guns/Supplies

BUYING & SELLING GOLD, GUNS, AMMO, & RELOADING SUPPLIES.
Will buy one gun or whole collection.
Licensed dealer.
Best prices around.
Allen
602-918-1999
623-875-4565

Miscellaneous

4 Piece Waterless Cookware.
Royal Prestige.
\$500. Paid \$1,500.
In Sun City.
623-377-2556

To advertise visit:
iniusa.org/classifieds

Sporting Good

FOR SALE
Portable
Playmate Tennis
Ball Machine
Brand NEW
\$300.00 Battery
Works Excellent!
GREAT SHAPE
Only 5 Yrs. Old!
ONLY \$900.00
(Over \$2,300 New!)
530-320-5544



Pets/Supplies

Mama Snow White is a beautiful 2-year-old girl with a gentle spirit and a heart full of love. Found as a pregnant stray, she safely raised her kittens and watched each of them find a forever home. Now it's her turn. This polydactyl girl comes with extra toe beans and extra charm. Mama Snow White enjoys spending her days perched on a cat tree by the window, soaking up the sunshine and quietly watching the world go by. While she can be shy in new situations and may retreat from loud noises or sudden activity, she blossoms with patience and kindness. Once she feels comfortable, Mama Snow White's affectionate side shines through. She is looking for a calm home with an experienced cat owner who understands that some cats need a little extra time to feel safe and secure.



If you're willing to let her set the pace, Mama Snow White will reward you with quiet companionship, gentle affection, and the joy of watching a once-shy cat truly come into her own. After raising her family, this devoted mama is ready to find a loving family of her very own. Meet her at the Peoria Shelter, 10807 N 96th Ave, Peoria AZ 85345 or call 623-773-2246. Other cats available at PetSmart, 13764 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 85374.



Apartments



**RENTAL MUST SEE!
TIDY**
1-Bedroom - 1-Bath
IN SUN CITY, GRASSY
COURTYARD FACING,
UPDATED KITCHEN,
INSIDE LAUNDRY, FULL
BATH, PRIVATE WALLED
REAR COURTYARD,
PRIVATE CARPORT AND
STORAGE.
NON SMOKING - NO PETS
\$1400.00 MO.
55+ Community
OWNER AGENT
602-413-0941



Get a quick response to
any item you may be selling
with a classified ad.
Email us at: azads@iniusa.org

Apartments



SUN CITY STUDIO APT.
55+ Community
700 SQ. FT. FULL
KITCHEN, FULL BATH
WITH TILED, LOW
THRESHOLD SHOWER
BRAND NEW
STACKABLE G.E.
WASHER DRYER
MURPHY BED WITH
MEMORY FOAM
MATTRESS. 5X6 WALK
IN CLOSET, BUILT IN
DESK WITH CABINETS.
PRIVATE COURTYARD
ENTRANCE, WIDE
PRIVATE CARPORT
NO SMOKING-NO PETS
OWNER AGENT
\$900.00 MO.
602-413-0941



Houses- Rent

**Home For RENT
Sun City West
55+ Community
2-Bed 2-Bath
2-Car Garage
1,500 Sq Feet
UPDATED**
Water/Trash Included
\$1,600 Per Month
Appliances Included
623-332-1742

Classifieds WORK
To advertise call 623-972-6101

Automobiles

WANTED older cars
1940's 50's 60's 70's
80's. Running or not.
Can tow non running car.
Please Call or Text me
what you have
480-375-8959 or email
oldcar@usa.com

Golf Cars

**\$CASH\$
\$CASH\$
\$\$ CASH \$\$**
For Your
Old Golf Cart
Running
or Not
602-576-5937

Golf Cars

Buying Running &
Non Running
Golf Carts.

We Pick Up
& PAY CASH!



602-348-8967

AC/Heating

COMFORTABLE LIVING
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
10050 W. Bell Rd., Suite #33
Sun City, AZ 85351

**A/C
Tune-up
Special
\$59**

**We NOW
offer Duct
Cleaning!**

Free Estimates!
**Does your air conditioning
system need to be replaced?**
We have a system for every budget!
Call us today for a free estimate.
Financing available O.A.C.

602.541.0862
comfortablelivingaz.com

YORK
AUTHORIZED DEALER

Family Owned & Operated
20 Plus Years Experience
Licensed-Bonded-Insured • ROC# 259846

Appliance

**APPLIANCE
REPAIR**
WE'RE OPEN
Ex-Sears Repairman
26+ Years' Experience

- Washers
- Dryers
- Coolers
- Refrigerators
- A/C - Heaters
- Ranges - Microwaves
- Disposals
- Water Heaters

**\$15
Service
Call**

COLWILL'S
623.492.9356

Beauty Salons

**HAIRCUTS
AT HOME**
Over 25 years experience
Don't Need
A Ride,
I Come to You!
Men & Women:
• Cut • Color • Style
Text or Call Carolyn
(623) 229-1582

Caregivers

**Your Time Is Precious
and Mine Is Affordable**

**• Senior Care
• Transportation
• Bathing
• Dressing
• Shopping
• Housekeeping
• Meals
• All Domestic Jobs**

Call
480-313-6543
For More Information

Cleaning

**ANNA'S
HOUSEKEEPING**

HOUSES • OFFICES • APARTMENTS
Monthly • Bi-Weekly • One Time
References Available

FREE ESTIMATES
623-261-6360

**CLASSIFIEDS
WORK**
call
623-972-6101

Cleaning

**Barb's
House
Cleaning**
41+ yrs in business
SCW Resident
Weekly
Bi-weekly
Monthly
Move In's/Out's
References
(623)521-4196
Bonded & Insured

Cleaning

**House
Cleaning**

♦ References ♦
Supplies Furnished
Detailed / Guaranteed
FREE BID

20+ Years Experience
Sun City, SCW & Peoria
Call DEBBIE
(623) 205-7920

Clean Windows

**BARB'S
WINDOW
Cleaning**
Includes
Tracks & Screens
41 Yrs. In Business
(623)521-4196
Bonded & Insured

**GET
OUT
THERE
NOW!**
To Advertise
CALL
623-972-6101
YourValley.net

AC/Heating

WARM TEMPS ARE HERE!
Schedule Your A/C Tune-up Today!
\$7500 Installation Special

Need a New System?
Mention this ad for a
5% DISCOUNT
ON NEW INSTALLATION
AND FOR ALL VETS

623-999-8226
LevelUpHVAC.com
Licensed • Bonded • Insured • ROC#328964

See What's New in the
Classifieds
Your unique local marketplace!

**Shop Cars, Vintage,
Furniture & More**

**INDEPENDENT
NEWSMEDIA**
Celebrating 40th Anniversary

623-972-6101 iniusa.org/classifieds

**Show & Sell
Your Home**

Advertise your home for
sale in our **Real Estate
Classifieds**, and reach
thousands of potential
buyers right here in our
area.

Call us
for more
information.

Call or go online to place your ad today!

Independent Newsmedia
Real Estate Classifieds

623.972.6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Clean Windows

Excellent Window Cleaning & SUNSCREENS
10% Off Sun Screens!
Interior/Exterior
Local/Reliable
Steve
623-341-8197

Let Us Help You With Your Business Advertising
Call us for details
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Computers


Computer Problems?
Need friendly, individualized, onsite assistance?
Call Kavons Tutoring and Technical Support, Ilc:
623-377-3440

Concrete

Superior Concrete Coatings
Our Specialty:
*Cool Deck
*Simulated Flag-Stone
*Garage Floor Epoxies &
*Fixing Old Coatings
Serving the Valley Since 1987
With No Complaints!
Senior Discounts
602-486-9598
ROC# 354469 Lic/Bond

Drywall

DRYWALL SPECIALIST
Rick's Drywall Repairs & Home Improvements
ALL PHASES OF DRYWALL:
• Water Damage
• Tape & Texture Repairs
• Hanging • Taping • Patches
• Hand Textures • Sprayed
• Popcorn Removal
• Drywall Handyman
35 Yrs. Exp. • ROC# 331196
Bonded and Insured.
Call Rick
623-810-9372

Post your Items for Sale **OPEN LATE** at
iniusa.org/classifieds

Electrical

ON TIME ELECTRIC
Free Estimates
• Troubleshooting
• Repairs
• Code Violations
• Fans & Lighting
• New Circuits
• Remodels
• Sub-Panels
• 220 Volt Lines
602-695-7302

Electrical

SUPERCHARGED ELECTRIC
FREE ESTIMATES
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
• Indoor/Outdoor Lighting
• Appliance Circuits
• Panel Upgrades
• Ceiling Fans
• Troubleshooting/
• Inspection Repairs
• Remodels/Additions
(623)546-7714
www.superchargedelectric.com
Family-Owned & Operated
LICENSED ROC# 181530 • BONDED • INSURED

Garage Doors

\$200 Off A NEW DOOR
APEX Garage Door & Repair
Garage Doors & Openers
SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION
Family Owned & Operated
623-925-2424
Licensed • Bonded • Insured • License #300097

Concrete

SLEDGE Concrete Coatings AND TILE
VETERAN OWNED & OPERATED
602-308-8656
WWW.SLEDGECONCRETECOATINGS.COM
ROC 266689 & ROC 286152
HAVE AN OLD COATING THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD ANYMORE? WE CAN REMOVE IT FOR YOU!


Floor Coverings

ESP Floor Covering LLC
• Tile
• Hardwood
• Laminates
• LVT & LVP
• Carpet
Sales ~ Installation
Re-stretches's
Serving ALL the Sun Cities
Also Valley Wide
40+Yrs Exp
HOA & PORA Listed
Call Eric S. Pelletier
623-972-5388
623-329-0995
Licensed ~ Bonded ~ Insured ROC# 275244

Floor Coverings

FLOORS AND MORE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LLC
FLOORING
Installation and Repairs
♦ Luxury Vinyl Plank
♦ Laminate ♦ Carpet
♦ Vinyl ♦ Baseboards
623-824-3472
John Brunetti
35 years' experience
Insured ~ Bonded
ROC 313488

Garage Doors

PHILLIPS OVERHEAD INC.
RESIDENTIAL GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS
Garage Door Springs Replaced
Licensed • Bonded • Insured
New Doors & Openers
• Service
• Installations • Repairs
(623)853-3311
ROC #336907

Garage Doors

INTEGRITY GARAGE DOORS LLC
ROC 359454
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED
Commercial/Residential
Installations & Repairs
Serving the Valley
Since 1999
FREE Estimates
623-780-2687


SHOP WITH CONFIDENCE
Search our classifieds for all your business & professional service needs! Tell our advertisers you saw their ad in the **INDEPENDENT!**
iniusa.org/classifieds

Garage Doors

PHILLIPS OVERHEAD INC.
RESIDENTIAL GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS
Garage Door Springs Replaced
Licensed • Bonded • Insured
New Doors & Openers
• Service
• Installations • Repairs
(623)853-3311
ROC #336907

Gutters

RAIN GUTTER EXPRESS
Quality Products & Service
• Seamless 5" & 6" Gutter Installation
• Custom Fabrication
• Cleaning, Restoring & Repair
FREE ESTIMATES!
www.RainGutterExpress.com
602-300-7472
LICENSED
BONDED • INSURED
ROC#347844

Handyman

AFFORDABLE HANDYMAN TEAM LLC
480-244-2907
For All Your Home Repairs & Upgrades
LOWEST PRICE GUARANTEED!
FREE ESTIMATES
Licensed, Bonded, Insured
ROC# 352003

GREAT RATES
Call Today and Get Results
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Gutters

THE GUTTER GUY LLC
5" & 6" SEAMLESS GUTTERS & LEAF FILTER SYSTEMS
Office: 602-675-0949
Doug: 480-363-3464
Cindy: 623-329-8980
FREE ESTIMATES
Licensed, Insured, Accredited


Handyman

DANA SCOTT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Handyman Services
Local Guy With Years of Experience!
FREE
Landscape & Irrigation Check-Ups
References Upon Request
602-327-6700

Handyman

Don't let your website go unnoticed.
Drive Our Readers to Your Website
Call
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/advertise

Handyman

Final Touch Painting, LLC
Home Upgrades
ROC #224907 ROC #323757
623-878-8427 Lic-Bonded
"Serving West Valley Since 1992"

And All Your Remodeling & Maintenance Needs.
Professional painting, general repairs, carpentry, drywall, texturing, counter tops, fans, laminate vinyl planks, bath vanities paint or replace. Sun City since 1993.
Free Estimates
623-878-8427
Local Contractor

Handyman


(623) 252-8422
PLUMBING | ELECTRICAL | FLOORING | HOME REPAIRS

Handyman

All Aspects of Home IMPROVEMENT

Kitchen & Bath Remodels
• LVP & Laminate Flooring Installation
• Plumbing & Electrical
• Custom Crown Molding & Baseboards
• Entertainment/Media Centers
Cell phone users please include the area code when dialing
623-466-3683
ROC 221600 • Licensed/Bonded

GET OUT THERE NOW!
To Advertise CALL
623-972-6101

Handyman



RELIABLE
Home Repair & Maintenance
Full Service Handyman
& Remodeling
40 Years' Experience
FREE Estimates
623-594-5177
Quality Work, Honest
Service, Great Value!
not a licensed contractor

Handyman

HANDYMAN SERVICES

- Replace Windows & Doors
- Drywall Repairs
- Kitchen/Bath Repairs
- Painting
- Mini Split A/C
- Electrical
- Remodels

High quality work
Same day response
Honest & Trustworthy
Sun City Specialist
(623)695-0961



IT PAYS
...TO ADVERTISE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Junk Removal

3R JUNK REMOVAL
Best Price Guarantee!
No Job Too Big or Small
Schedule Us
Call
623.698.1438
Or Online
3RJUNK.COM
AZ's Premier
Junk Removal Co

Health Care

The World's First Hearing Aids
With Touchscreen Controls.
No tiny buttons. No apps. No prescriptions.

Call **844-915-3543** to get your 45-day risk free trial.

- ✓ Revolutionary technology with touchscreen control.
- ✓ Hearing modes for any environment.
- ✓ Multiple models to choose from.
- ✓ Portable charging case.
- ✓ 48-hour battery life.
- ✓ UV cleaning.
- ✓ Background noise cancellation.
- ✓ 45-day risk free trial.

Audien Hearing



Junk Removal

JUNK, STUFF OR UNWANTED ITEMS?

TVs, Mattresses, Furniture, Appliances, Hot Tubs, Electronics, Garage Contents, from 1 Item to Whole Home

Call Randy now for an estimate & appointment

XPRESS JUNK REMOVAL
623-217-2115
or visit **xpressjunk.com**



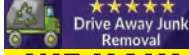
YOU WILL NEVER BE PUT ON HOLD.

Now you can go online to place your classified ad.

Plus, you can go online to view even more classified ads.
iniusa.org/classifieds

Easy & Quick... Just Type & Click - The Way to Sell!

Junk Removal



WE HAUL JUNK!
Or Unwanted Items

- FURNITURE
- APPLIANCES
- TRASH
- DEBRIS
- BOXES
- SINGLE ITEM
- FULL CLEANOUTS

Friendly! Reliable! Great Price!
Top Rated! 5 Stars! Free Estimates!
602-730-4067

Buy! Buy! Buy!
Sell! Sell! Sell!

iniusa.org/classifieds

Landscaping



FIRST OPTION LANDSCAPE
DESIGN/INSTALL
MAINTENANCE
IRRIGATION

Turf - Pavers - Tree Service
Weeds - Cleanups - Lighting
All Major Credit Cards Accepted
623-687-6312
firstoptionlandscaping.com
ROC#344771

Landscaping

LIBRA LANDSCAPING & HARDSCAPING LLC
MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY
Specializing in Trees
Palm Trimming
Pavers
Artificial Grass Installation,
Rock Scaping & More
FREE Estimates & Low Prices
602-762-4766 Juan
602-301-8194 Libra

Landscaping

NATURE'S BEST LANDSCAPE INC.
40 Years Experience

For all your Landscape needs.
Lic # K21-153033
15% OFF with ad
Jeff-
602.377.3755
naturesbestlandscape.com

Landscaping

THE REAL YARD GUY LLC
YARD MAKEOVERS

- ✦ Irrigation Repair
- ✦ Re-Rock All or Part of Your Yard.
- ✦ Yard Makeover Special!
- ✦ Tractor Services

Tim Gades For
FREE ESTIMATE
(602)418-8123
SCHOA
ROC# 244544

Join the many businesses that use our

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Call us to advertise
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Moving/Hauling



AI's IN or OUT MOVING
Haul Away Unwanted Clutter
Starting @ \$50
Call
623-221-7454
Referrals Available
Local Mover

Moving/Hauling

Off Duty Firefighters Will Move LLC
Full Service Moving Company
Local & Long Distance
Licensed Bonded Insured

Free Quotes
Meet Your Local Firefighters
623-206-2033
firefighterswillmove.com

Find us on Facebook

Moving/Hauling

SUN CITIES FIREFIGHTERS MOVING

(602)401-0886

- ✓ Operated by Local Firefighters
- ✓ Packing Service Available
- ✓ Free In-home Estimates
- ✓ Full Service Moving
- ✓ Serving the Valley for Over 30 Years

firefighteroversaz.com

Painting

JIMMY'S PAINTING
Interior & Exterior
1 Story Only
Block Fences

30+ Years Experience Residential

FREE Estimates
(623)206-1396

Plumbing

DON JONES PLUMBING
INSTALLATION • REPAIR

Replacement of
• Sewers • Toilets
• Faucets
• Water Heaters
• Garbage Disposals

623-670-8060
Licensed Bonded Insured • BBB Roc# 272507

Plumbing



RELIANT PLUMBING & ROOTER
High Quality Plumbing Svc & 24 Hr Emergency Service!
15% Discount for Seniors & Military

Pipe Leak Repair • Fixture Installs • Hydro Jetting • Roto Rooter • Camera Inspections
Trenchless Pipe Bursting • Sewer Lining

\$37 ANY DRAIN UNCLOG OR IT'S FREE!*

FREE ESTIMATES for **WATER LEAK REPAIR & REPIPES**

\$37 DRAIN Unclog Special!

Locally & Family Owned
602-888-7060
www.reliantplumbingandrooter.com

*TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY. OFFERS CANNOT BE COMBINED
LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED • ROC 353346

YOUR AD HERE

Contact us to advertise!

623-972-6101 iniusa.org/classifieds
Independent Newsmedia

Plumbing



480-828-6779

\$49
Any Drain Unclog
with Complementary
Camera Inspection

Up To
15% OFF
First Responders
Senior & Military

\$500 OFF
Any Sewer Replacement
over \$5,000

- Water Heater Repair/Replacements & MORE!
Estimates - & 2nd Opinions - 24 HR Emergency Plumber
Locally Owned & Operated

*Terms and conditions apply. * Offers cannot be combined ROC#355782

Roofing



We Do:
• Complete Re-Roof • Tile & Shingle
• Repairs • Coatings • Foam
• Metal • Free Estimates



602.358.8458

Lic #209598
Bonded & Insured

*Join the many
businesses that use our*
**BUSINESS
&
SERVICE
DIRECTORY**

Call us to advertise
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Roofing

**ROOFING
REPAIRS**



- Shingle & Tile Roofs
- Insurance Work
- Free Estimates

602-810-3355

Licensed - Bonded
Insured - ROC# 194699

Tree Removal

**BENNETT
TREE SERVICE**

**Professional
Arborist Tree
Care**

- *Trimming
- *Removals
- *Stump Grinding

Fully Insured
FREE Estimates
SENIOR
Discounts

623-204-1225

**MAKE
MONEY**

Advertise Now!

623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Powerwashing



**Barb's
Power
Washing**
• Home Exterior
• Patios
• Walk Ways
• Garages
41 Yrs. In Business
623-521-4196
Bonded & Insured

**Let Us Help
You With Your
Business
Advertising**

Call us for details
623-972-6101
iniusa.org/classifieds

Remodeling



www.ALBRECHTANDSON.COM

623-933-4312

**CUSTOM INTERIOR &
EXTERIOR PAINTING & FULL
HOME REMODELING**

- BATH • KITCHEN • PAINT • CABINETRY
- DRYWALL REPAIRS • WALLPAPER & POPCORN REMOVAL
- FLOORING • WINDOWS • DOORS • CROWN-MOLDING
- TRIM WORK • BASEBOARDS & MORE!

11126 W. Wisconsin Ave, #5 - Youngtown
Licensed/Bonded/Insured Limited Liability Corp • ROC #155822 KB02
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DISCOUNT COUPONS!



Remodeling

**TRU
Builders**
AZ ROC Licenses
275722 & 361072

**DESIGN,
BUILD,
REMODEL**



(623) 546-8681
trubuildersaz.com

Shop with Confidence!

Search our classifieds
for all your business
and professional service needs!
Tell our advertisers you saw their
ad in the **Independent!**

Roofing



We Make YOUR Priorities OURS

- Residential - Commercial
- Roof Replacement & Repair
- Shingle, Tile, Foam, Coating, Flat & TPO Roofing

**CALL TODAY FOR A
FREE ESTIMATE!**

Locations in Glendale and Sun City West

602-761-6591

ROC #324307



Roofing

YORK
ROOFING & PAINTING LLC
Specializing in Repairs & Replacements
 Roof Repairs • Roof Replacements • Flat Roofs Coatings • Tile • Shingles Foam Roofing • Mobile Home & Patio Roofs
 Turbine Repairs • House Painting • Water Proofing • Roof Tiles • Roof Shingles

Senior & Military Discounts

Serving Over 40 Years in Sun Cities!

John York - Owner/Operator

602-705-5209

Licensed • Bonded • Insured
 ROC #188602 #327991, #327992, #327993

FREE ESTIMATES

Roofing

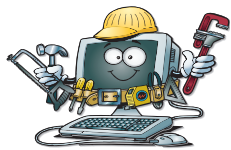
Weatherproof LLC
 (800) 230-5341 (480) 823-1138

Senior Discounts Family Owned & Operated
 Free Evaluation

★ New Roofs-Roofing Repair
 Shingle, Tile, Flat & Foam Roofs
 ★ Turbine Vent Replacement
 ★ Exterior House Painting

We Fix Roof Leaks!

ROC #317976 ROC #317977



Put your computer to work.

Now you can go online
 to place your classified ad.

Plus, you can go online to view
 even more classified ads.

iniusa.org/classifieds

Easy & Quick... Just Type & Click - The Way to Sell!

Spa Services

Absolutely Chic Skin Care Inc.

**Assisted Stretching
 ON SALE NOW**

Performed by a certified
 stretching and flexibility coach
 Move better • Feel better
 Release tension & improve mobility

30 MINUTE STRETCH SESSION
 on sale now for **\$35**
 choose upper body or lower body

50 MINUTE STRETCH SESSION
 on sale now for **\$49**
 upper plus lower body together

Call or Text Merette to book:
1-503-884-7403

Also check out our other spa specials at
www.absolutelychicskincare.com

Be a Civility Advocate!



Civility Checklist

*How to engage in respectful, honest
 & civil dialogue about public issues*

- ☐ **Take the high road.** Respond to the topic — not the person. Refrain from demonizing others for their opinions. Assume those you disagree with are, like you, genuinely interested in improving the community.
- ☐ **Be respectful.** Bullying, public humiliation, insults, name-calling, harassment, and threats directed at another person — or that person's race, gender, religion, ethnicity, etc. — have no place in civil discussions. Find ways to respectfully disagree without questioning someone's character or motives.
- ☐ **Be truthful.** Base your opinions/arguments on facts. Value honesty. Make only accurate statements when making your point and avoid exaggeration and stereotypes. When appropriate, cite your sources of information that others may question.
- ☐ **Don't misrepresent.** Always identify your opinions as opinions (not stating opinions as facts). Never misrepresent the views of others or falsely claim your opinions represent someone else. If quoting the words of others, identify and credit the source.
- ☐ **Listen & learn.** It's both polite and respectful to listen to those we disagree with (as well as those we support) and be genuine in our attempts to understand their point of view. Expand your mind by thoughtfully seeking out views that don't agree with your own.
- ☐ **Look for common ground.** When disagreeing with others, look for even small areas of agreement — which can be the gateway to working together for the greater good.
- ☐ **Respect privacy.** Keep private things private — whether it involves your own information or those with whom you disagree. Revealing private information about someone else is rude, unethical, potentially harmful and, in many cases, illegal.
- ☐ **Set a good example.** Practice civil behavior online as well as in public and in your interaction with others. Encourage others to practice these civil behaviors. And it's OK to challenge disrespectful behavior — but be courteous, respectful and helpful in your approach.



Now that you've read the checklist, take
 the Civility Pledge at [yourvalley.net/
 civility-pledge](http://yourvalley.net/civility-pledge).

**Advertise in our Business
 and Service directory and
 connect with thousands
 of potential customers!**

Call **623-972-6101** for details today.
iniusa.org/classifieds



High Quality Plumbing Svc & 24 Hr Emergency Service!

Pipe Leak Repair • Fixture Installs • Hydro Jetting • Roto Rooter
Camera Inspections • Trenchless Pipe Bursting • Sewer Lining

\$37 ANY DRAIN
UNCLOG
OR IT'S **FREE!***

UP TO
15% SENIOR &
MILITARY
DISCOUNT*

FREE
2ND OPINION/ESTIMATE*

FREE ESTIMATES
for
WATER LEAK REPAIR & REPIPPES

Locally & Family Owned

602-888-7060
www.reliantplumbingandrooter.com

**\$37 DRAIN
UNCLOG
SPECIAL!**

*TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY. OFFERS CANNOT BE COMBINED • LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED • ROC 353346