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Shoreline project promotes water program

Deer Valley Golf Course block wall is being installed

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The shoreline project at Deer Valley Golf Course is underway.

A similar project at Desert Trails Golf Course was completed using riprap around the shoreline, while this project is using a block wall, which is taking more time.

The Deer Valley project began June 29 and is expected to be completed in August.

"This is just all part of our water conservation program. It will slow or reduce the seepage in our lakes and also reclaim the original shoreline," said Todd Patty, Recreation Centers of Sun City West environmental services manager.

Detail work continued on the

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New pinsetters begin calculating bowling games as 14 lanes open



Fall leagues set to begin next month

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Johnson Lanes at the Sports Pavilion is a busy place year-round, but a new pinsetter project closed the lanes starting in April and lasting through July 22, when partial lanes opened for open bowling.

Now, 16 lanes are complete and 14 are open for play. Recreation Centers of Sun City West Sports Pavilion manager Gary Zarick said due to safety reasons it was important to attempt to block off any potential dust that could accumulate on the open lanes.

The remaining pinsetters arrived July 28 and crews continued

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Gary Zarick, Recreation Centers of Sun City West Sports Pavilion manager, looks over the newest pinsetters that were installed at the bowling lanes.
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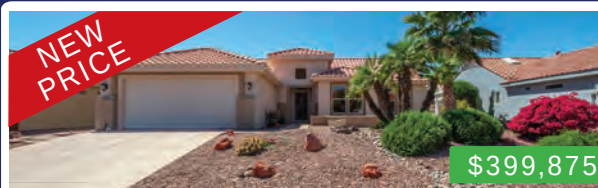
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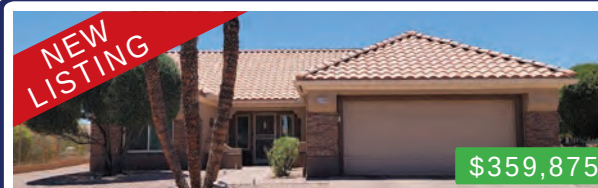
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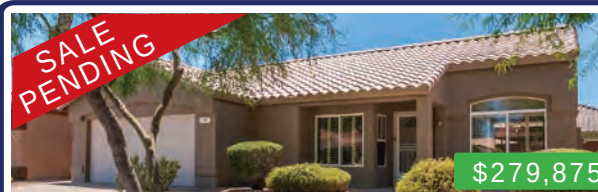


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News in Brief

AAUW will take part in PORA Bingo

The American Association of University Women will participate in PORA Bingo on Sunday, Sept. 13, and Sept. 27 as a fundraiser for scholarships for women and girls.

The event begins at 4 p.m. in the social hall at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

The regular American Association of University Women Northwest Valley meetings are at 9 a.m. the third Thursday of the month from September to April at the Sun City West Foundation, 14435 R. H. Johnson Blvd. Several special interest groups are available to join including bridge, food and wine groups, Euchre, book clubs, hiking club, travel club, women's history, Mah Jongg, great decisions, girlfriends, Arizona adventures and more. This year there are new STEM co-chairs.

A fashion show at Briarwood Country Club to benefit the scholarship program is featured every year.

Membership in AAUW is open

to anyone holding a degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Foundation hosts RideChoice application workshop

Sun City West Foundation's Find Your Ride program will host a free RideChoice application workshop from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 R. H. Johnson Blvd.

The workshop is designed to help eligible residents better understand the Valley Metro RideChoice program while providing step-by-step guidance throughout the application process. Many residents qualify for transportation assistance, but have questions about eligibility requirements, required documentation or the application process. At this workshop, individuals will receive personalized assistance.

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NEW OFFICERS FOR AAUW NORTHWEST VALLEY

The American Association of University Women Northwest Valley Branch held installation of new officer for 2026-2027: Nancy Wilson, records and membership; Janet Ricco, programs; Marge Haberman, newsletter and Webmaster; Dorothy Alexander, programs; Shelby Merwin, president; Karen Bunting, co-president elect; Kathy Long, public policy; Lynn Cepichan, public policy; Kathie Morgan, co-recording secretary; Elizabeth Chek, programs; Marge Whitman, finance vice president; and Lynn Brooks, co-president elect. Past presidents Rosemary Dougherty and Kate King also took part in the program. The regular American Association of University Women Northwest Valley meetings are at 9 a.m. the third Thursday of the month from September to April at the Sun City West Foundation, 14435 R. H. Johnson Blvd. (Submitted photo/AAUW)

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MUSIC

Church hosts free organ concert

Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave., will host a free afternoon of organ music and inspiration, featuring Eric Marsollier, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

Marsollier comes from a family of musicians, according to a media release, which added he is studying organ musicology. Dennis and Claudia Marsollier serve as the church's music directors; Dennis Marsollier since 2016, and Claudia Marsollier, the organist/handbell director, since 2009.

"An organ performance major, Eric brings his artistry and passion for the instrument to a program showcasing the beauty, power and versatility of the organ through classical masterpieces, beloved hymns, and inspired improvisations on familiar melodies," the release noted.

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Organist Eric Marsollier will perform 3 p.m. at Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave. in Sun City West. (Courtesy of Desert Garden United Church of Christ)

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Shoreline

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project Aug. 5 and when the block is finished, concrete will fill the cells, cap the top and waterproof the backside. Waterproofing was also completed on the dirt. Recreation Centers of Sun City West Senior Superintendent Dan Maurer said filling the cells is what gives the wall strength.

Patty said it may not seem like there is a big water savings, but with all of these types of projects, the savings add up, which is important when little rainfall is recorded.

The water in the existing lake was pumped out, but Patty said natural seep-

age and evaporation took the water line down as well.

"We have 42 lakes throughout all sets of golf courses to date and 16 have been through a shoreline repair," he said.

Earlier this year, Brian Whitlark, USGA Green Section regional director, visited Sun City West to conduct a report. When asked about the shoreline projects scheduled for the courses, he said these projects help with the overall health of the course and the issue of erosion.

Maurer said the block will be tapered down due to causing a safety issue if the grade is too steep, and it will also help with the playability.

Another part of this project includes

the side of the tee box, where officials had it scraped down to lower and level the tee. Landscaping on the bank between the lake and tee box will start in early October.

Fill dirt was needed to complete this project, and Maurer said the dirt removed from the shoreline was used to level the tee.

"Any projects we do, we do not haul anything out. We save what we can for other projects down the road," said Patty.

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Bowling

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working to get everything in place. Meanwhile, other things were completed such as foul lights, ball tracks, gutters, capping and theme boards above the lanes.

Mary E. Evans posted on the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Facebook page last month last month when the lanes opened stating, "Looks great love the new backboards. We had an excellent time. Good work all."

Zarick said some lights on the machines will get turned on, but not prepared and every new machine will run 500 cycles, which is about a nine-hour project that will run with no bowlers.

"Then I can start giving lanes out and throwing bowling balls down because it is different than the machine just going and running by itself," he explained.

In addition, the speed of the ball return is monitored and strategically set to ensure the safety of bowlers retrieving their ball.

The hope is for the entire project to be completed by Friday, Aug. 14.

Zarick said officials really thought they were going to be done in July, but unexpected shipping delays pushed the entirety of the project back.

The closure also included all summer leagues, which Zarick said impacts revenue, but said the lanes are always so busy and that is a blessing.

Other changes that have taken place in the Sports Pavilion include painting, removing old decor and re-felting of 20 pool tables in the billiards room. In that room, Zarick said carpet, ceiling tiles, ceiling fans, window treatments, a mural new furniture and pool cue racks have all been added in the shorts two years he has been the manager.

The pool table lights will be changed out as well, but the order still has to be filled with the remaining 10%. Zarick said there has been some outside people have shown interest in purchasing the old lights. Another company purchased the old pinsetters and the Recreation Centers of Sun City West was able to get \$66,000 for those older machines.

"Those machines had 60 million cycles on each one of them, which is very abnormal," said Zarick.

He said the Johnson Bowling lanes are some of the busiest in the country, with 30 leagues coming up this fall. The lanes are packed from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. just about every day.

Bowler Jim Wilson bowls there three times a week and said with the original

machines getting taken out that were over 20 years old, the challenges of mechanical issues and old decor are gone.

"Here you do not have the screaming music and flashing strobe lights as when you go to other places. Those are geared more towards families and kids," he explained.

Wilson said decorum remains in the Sports Pavilion and most are residents of Sun City West.

With the replacement of the pins from wood to synthetic, Wilson said everyone is trying to get used to it, explaining the same bounce from the pins off each other is not as good because the synthetic pins seem to be more absorbent.

Every two years, the old wood pins had to be replaced due to chipping, which was a \$17,000 investment. With the synthetic option for a pin, Brunswick officials believe these pins could last between three and four years. However, Zarick said with 300,000 games of bowling being played a month, he will have to wait and see. But so far those have held up great.

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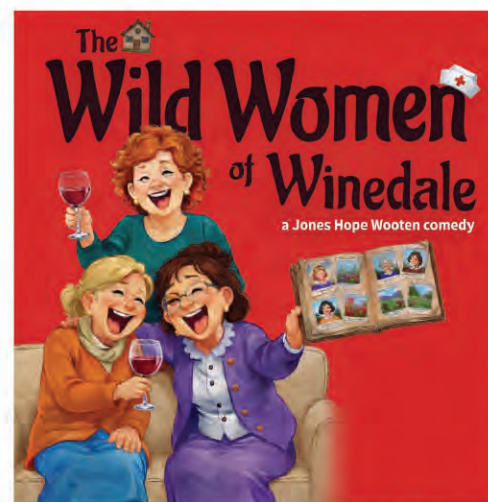
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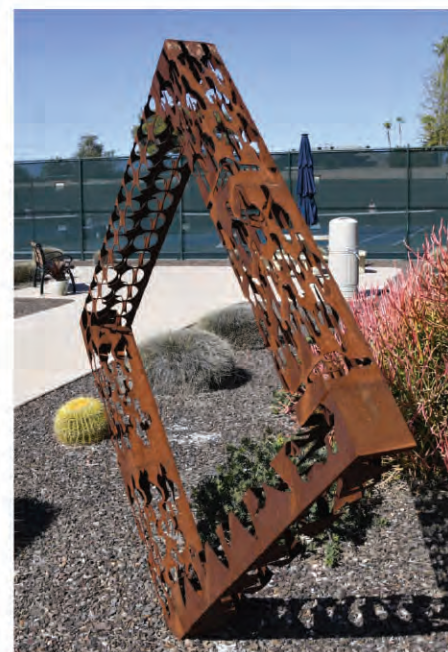
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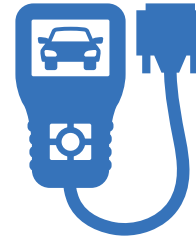
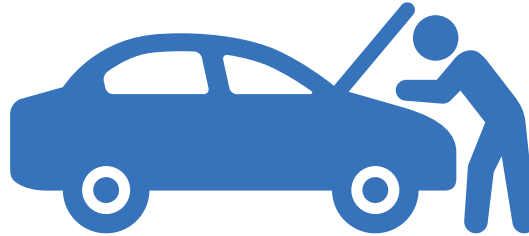
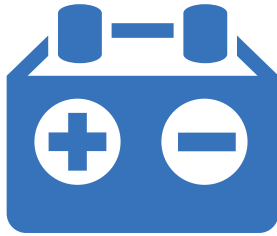
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The Sun City West R.H. Johnson tennis complex is not only a place to play tennis; it also has an art gallery. Former Tennis Club member Joe James was a member of the Sun City West Metal Club. Working with the Metal Club, Tennis Club and RCSCW, he designed and constructed all the metal sculptures at the courts. Over the years, these pieces of art have been utilized for backdrops of many photos. The natural weather elements and age have turned the pieces into an attractive Southwest patina. (Submitted photos/Joel Plaskowski)

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AUTHOR

Resident's writing journey began in elementary school

**Passion for writing continues
to grow**

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Since the second grade, Sun City West resident Rita Hanner-Ward has been writing.

While life continued, she knew she always wanted to be writer and back in the early 2000s is when her second husband, who was also a writer, encouraged her to nurture her talents.

Her journey started as a small published writer, but lacked the resources with agents or publishing houses. Eventually, life got in the way and according to Hanner-Ward, challenges pushed her writing to the side.

After the death of her husband who truly believed in her, she was prompted to resurrect her work and 30 years later it is a passion she professionally works at every day.

Hanner-Ward said she is an indie author who has produced two novels, written three screenplays and poetry.

"I had an amazing 2025 with creativity waiting to be unleashed and now I am on fire, and I live and breathe it. When I do not get to my writing I get grumpy," said Hanner-Ward.

Hanner-Ward said the relationships she has with her readers as an indie author keeps her going, as well as her dedication to keep learning and rolling up her sleeves to learn e-books, audio books and designs her own covers and jackets for her books. She has learned along the way to trust herself and voice.

In July, Hanner-Ward attended the International Impact Book Awards Event & Black Tie Gala in



Rita Hanner-Ward at the International Impact Book Black Tie Gala last month. (Submitted photo/Rita Hanner-Ward)

Phoenix. She received the Multicultural and Interracial Romance Award for "Red Flash" and "Tears of Iemanjá, Books I and II of the Gem Provenance Legacy."

"My writing is my day job and you have to be totally dedicated, not something you just do on occasion. Dedication is the primary tool and if you are not willing to sit down and do the hard work, you are not going to succeed," she explained.

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Brenda McDonald recently taught a group of Rip 'N' Sew members how to make a tote bag out of selvages cut from fabric. Selvage means a "self-finished" edge of fabric. The edge does not require additional finishing work, such as a hem or bias tape, to prevent fraying. In woven fabric, selvages run parallel to the warp, which are the threads that run the length of the fabric. Each student was told to bring 20 to 30 selvages, each 18 inches long and 1 inch to 1.5 inches wide. Students also needed fabric, a big button, a 12-inch zipper and a few other things. Modern selvages contain colorful dots, printed words and pinholes. The pins that create the holes are what holds the fabric steady while it is being made. McDonald's class had five students: Lynn Craig, left, Sharon Mason, Robyn Reynolds, Linnea Shulman, right, and Ann Wyatt. (Submitted photos/Brenda McDonald)



SUN CITY WEST CLUB COMPLETES MEMORIAL PROJECT

Members of the Palo Verde Patchers quilt club presented three quilts to grandfather Norman Sarette. Sarette asked the club to honor his late wife, Maria Sarette (1950-2026), by creating quilts from her clothing for their three grandchildren: Alexandra, Tyler and Julianna Sarette. A team of club members completed the quilts. Family members Tracy Vaughn, Sarette's daughter, and Claire Drolet, his sister, also attended the presentation. Some of the team members attended the presentation at the club's weekly meeting. To learn more about Palo Verde Patchers visit patchers.scwclubs.com or contact club president Mary Roberts at 541-550-9932. (Submitted photo/Patricia Casey)

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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

In the Aug. 5 issue of the Sun City West Independent, the article titled "Arizona Fire & Medical Authority lock box price nearly quadruples" should have stated the cost for AFMA officials to purchase a lockbox is \$175, and the current cost for the box is \$168 as of the last order.

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.

APS should pursue nominal rate hikes, not 14%

In response to Mel Meter's editorial comments supporting the proposed 14% rate increase in one year by for-profit monopoly, APS, I offer my comments and observations.

Meter suggests that the proposed massive increase is warranted due to operational and capital costs. I disagree! These costs have been well known for years and in some cases decades.

Given the long life of most capital assets, replacement can and should be funded with nominal increases in rates over time to capitalize a "sinking fund" reserved specifically for future spending on asset replacement.

A request for a 14% increase in rates demonstrates either corporate greed or extremely poor planning on the part of APS management; maybe both? In any case, ratepayers should not be required to shoulder such a massive increase in a single year.

In a competitive market, APS would not be able to do this as their customer base would decrease immediately. Perhaps the best thing that the Arizona Corporation Commission can do to protect consumers that have the bad fortune to be in the APS service area is to limit profitability to no more than 2% to 3% annually, including funding for future expenses in a sinking fund or something similar. This profitability would be guaranteed as there is no competition for the product and future expenses can be reasonably estimated and

planned in advance.

Monopolies are permitted in the USA by very few exceptions, utility companies being one such exception. As such profits should be limited to a minimum.

One final thought for Meter since he believes that this increase in rates is reasonable and warranted. I suggest that he begin sending an additional 14% more than his monthly bill to APS immediately as a gift. I am sure it would be gratefully accepted.

Tom Slade
SUN CITY

Lawmakers creating expensive 'legal hell' for HOAs

It appears our lawmakers want to take our rights to control pet ownership in our HOA communities. (Arizona lawmakers work to keep HOAs from dog discrimination, by Howard Fischer).

I feel Republicans and MAGA have betrayed us. The U.S. Constitution Article 1, Section 10 and the Arizona Constitution Article 11 Section 25 forbid laws that limit our right to freely contract with each other. HOA residents agree to live under their own pet rules; that is our right.

In my 50 years of legal experience, I found that lawmakers don't care about our pets; they care about real estate investors who want to take senior citizens' homes.

Big dogs frighten many older frail seniors, and lawmakers know it. One big dog could control senior voters in a whole building. A big dog jumping on a frail senior to give them a kiss can knock

down them down, breaking a hip, shoulder or wrist.

Lawmakers are creating an expensive, complicated legal hell for Arizona HOAs. In some states, HOAs avoid the pet controversy by banning all pets.

Legislators have no respect for reasonable people, in my opinion.

Finally, I share my years of pet foster care experience. My neighbors aid elderly and frail senior dog owners by walking their dogs and helping them. Many pets are surrendered by transients who lost their pet care network of friends and family when they moved to Arizona.

The cost of pet veterinary care and feeding is outrageous. Pet owners do not have the extra cash. Many adults are working longer hours and two jobs with no time for their pets.

I believe lawmakers are attacking HOAs when landlords are the big problem. One barking dog or pet owner who does not clean up dog poo can run off good tenants.

Our lawmakers must make responsible accusations based in fact against HOAs.

Scott Mitzner
SUN CITY WEST

Why I don't support ICE detention facilities

I have lived in Arizona for 72 years and in my 72 years, I have lived in neighborhoods and gone to school and church with Mexican Americans. I did not ask them if they came here legally or illegally because I didn't care. They were hard-working people trying to make a good living for

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their family.

Has the woman who told us how good the conditions are in ICE detention facilities been in one? Where is she getting her information? What I see and hear on bipartisan news media is not anywhere close to the truth.

Also, the gentleman who questioned the phrase of “concentration camps.” What would he call a place where hundreds of people are confined without a trial? Do we not remember what our government did to Japanese Americans during World War II?

History is repeating itself. We never learn how cruel it is to treat human beings this way?

The original purpose of deportation was to deport the worst, but that is not what is happening. I agreed at first when we were told only the worst of the worst were to be deported. But we are deporting people who are looking for a better life for their families. They do jobs many Americans feel are beneath them.

We might as well send the Statue of Liberty back to France because the words don’t appear to mean anything these days.

U.S. immigration laws make it hard for people to come in legally. Some are doing exactly what they are required to do but are being picked up outside their hearings for citizenship.

Everyone has the right to their

opinion, but praising ICE agents who have killed several Americans is morally wrong in my book.

Chris Lahaie
SUN CITY WEST

What’s happening with RCSCW’s annual golf card?

This next segment of Recreation Centers of Sun City West shell game budgeting is titled “fun with numbers.”

Until the end of the fiscal year that ended on 6/30/26, golfers who purchased an annual golf discount card paid \$3,900 up front, including a fee paid for the use of a credit card whether they used one or not. The fee is built into the cost of the card.

Assuming that fee was 3%, the RCSCW kept \$3,783 of the \$3,900, with the balance of \$117 going to the credit card processor.

With the new budget that started 7/1/26, the cost of the card was increased to \$4,050, a \$150 increase from the \$3,900. What didn’t happen, though, was an adjustment to the cost of the card to account for there no longer being any credit card fee included in the cost.

If golfers want to continue using a credit card to buy the card, they will now be charged a 3% fee on top of the \$4,050.

What should have happened is the \$150 should have been added to the \$3,783 base cost of the card, making the new amount \$3,933, not \$4,050 — if we had an honest bud-

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get. Instead, RCSCW keeps the full \$4,050, meaning not only was the card increased by \$150, there’s another \$117 buried in there since there wasn’t any adjustment for no longer having to cover that fee.

It’s just another example of the financial sleight of hand played by the people who are supposed to be working for us, not themselves. By the way, the budget for legal and professional fees increased 35.2% and is now just shy of a quarter of a million dollars.

Pray tell, does anyone have any clue why such a large increase was needed? I sure don’t.

Frank Bagnato
SUN CITY WEST

Happy that Surprise ICE facility is delayed

I was happy to learn recently that our Attorney General Kris Mayes was able to at least stall Department of Homeland Security’s plan to convert the industrial warehouse in Surprise into an ICE detention facility.

She managed to get a court-stipulated agreement between DHS and ICE. At this point they are legally prohibited from performing any construction, retrofitting or detention

of individuals at the site until a formal environmental assessment is finalized.

State officials estimate the mandatory environmental study will create at least a nine-month delay to the project.

The facility site is directly across the street from a Rinchem chemical storage warehouse that local leaders and the state AG argue pose severe safety hazards. The project faced protests, community opposition and scrutiny over its proximity to area schools, like Dysart High School. It is less than a half-mile from residential neighborhoods and would also cause a serious strain on local municipal and emergency services.

ICE purchased 11 such warehouses across the country for just over \$1 billion of taxpayers’ money! But since the purchase, the administration has had to scale back on its initial plan for the warehouses, and is now seeking to offload seven of those warehouses.

Unfortunately, the Surprise warehouse is not one of the seven about to be sold or given away.

I believe the agreement between DHS and Arizona is a major win for the people of Surprise.

“My office will keep fighting to ensure the law is followed,” Mayes said. That’s a comfort to me. It may not solve the problem forever, but I’m glad Attorney General Mayes is on the side of the people since our current administration seems to be against us.

Lorie Lux
SUN CITY WEST

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DONATION



Banner Olive Branch Senior Center team members Heike Newman, Angela Bertty, Jennifer Lawless and Sharon Christensen accepted the donation from St. Mary's Food Bank representative Yocelyn Ruiz. (Submitted photo/Banner Olive Branch Senior Center)

Senior Center receives donation from St. Mary's

**Grants, donations make up
52% of total funding**

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A recent donation to the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center will help to ensure food availability for those in need.

The senior center received a \$5,000 donation from St. Mary's to support pantry operations at the senior center. Banner Olive Branch Senior Center team members Heike Newman, Angela Bertty, Jennifer Lawless and Sharon Christensen accepted the donation from St. Mary's Food Bank representative Yocelyn Ruiz.

Senior center director Lawless said officials are grateful to have the support of Banner Health, however, only 48% of funding comes from this organization.

The remainder is covered by grants and donations.

"We are so fortunate to have support from the Banner Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Banner Health. Our largest grant comes from the Area Agency on Aging, and we have been funded

by them--through the Older Americans Act--for a very long time," said Lawless.

Lawless also seeks grants and opportunities online, as well as through grant platforms.

The \$5,000 donation will be used to buy shelf stable food to supplement the pantry on days when inventory is low.

Grocery donations received and redistributed in 2025 included 1,123,152 pounds of food.

"That equates to 1,347,782 meals and based on a standard valuation of donated food (\$1.73 per pound) that equates to \$1,943,053 in donated food," Lawless explained.

Lawless said from 2024-2025, she started seeing about 13% less food through July and that went down from 2024-2026. The random day program helps to get through the 500 patrons each day.

In 2025, there were 86,207 people visited the pantry and currently through June, 62,000 people have come through

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FOOD

Decreases in food as patron numbers increase pose a challenge

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A recent change to the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center food pantry is now in place, limiting accessibility for people outside the nearby area.

Now only Sun City West, Sun City, Youngtown, El Mirage and Surprise residents 18 and older are eligible to receive food from the pantry.

Director Jennifer Lawless said she is glad the food pantry has been able to help so many people who come through, but she has been tracking the pounds of food and number of people every month and operationally something needed to change.

"We have had a 15% decrease in food over the last two years and about a 10% increase in people and those numbers are causing us to run out of products more quickly," she said.

Ensuring there is enough food for everyone has been a struggle for Lawless and after speaking to her team, the decision was made to look at the original mission and service area, as well as food pantry options in the area.

Approximately one-third of the people coming through were from Glendale and Peoria. Other areas represented include Wittmann, Litchfield Park and Tucson.

Everyone who previously visited the pantry from outside of the area were mailed a letter with at least 20 food pantries nearby. Lawless wanted to make sure these personal letters provided a resource and outreach for those who were truly concerned with where their next meal would come from.

"We are working with those people who reached out through October to find pantries and get them what they need," she said.

Despite the pantry having limited

access, there is a free lunch available to anyone over 60, no matter where the individual lives.

Lawless said limited access is a common practice among food pantries.

She said from 2024-2025, she started seeing about 13% less food through July and that went down from 2024-2026.

The Banner Olive Branch Food Pantry is open 7-11 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Lawless said there are 500 patrons each day and there is a random draw program in place with colors and numbers.

"In 2025 we had 86,207 people come through and currently through June, 62,000 people have come through and we are almost to the number of all of last year," she said.

Currently there are 75 volunteers who are at Banner Olive Branch Senior Center, with the majority in the pantry or on the truck picking up food, but Lawless said they can always use more volunteers.

Volunteer Gloria Humble has been with the senior center for one year after recently moving to the area. She began by coming in for lunch and activities and after watching the volunteers, she wanted to join them.

Primarily she is focused on breakfast sign in and pantry check-in. Humble said she enjoys talking to people and loves the public volunteering.

"I see the same people and I can tell when they are having a good day or not and I know just smiling and letting them know I care really helps," she said.

Humble said she found a home at the senior center connecting with new friends and spending time in a place she loves.



MONITORS KEEP CLUB RUNNING SMOOTHLY

An important function at the Ceramic West Club is having monitors. They work with the officer of the day to keep the club open and running smoothly. The front desk monitor is responsible for sales, which includes greenware, brushes and glaze. The kiln room monitor is responsible for checking member's pieces in and out of the firing room. It is important to have two monitors working each four hour shift. Jeanne Driessen and Janet Fyles are trainers for new members. The benefit of being a monitor is free kiln firings. Every monitor is an integral part of the team at the club. Pictured are Stephanie Klein, Patti Holman and Judi Mecham. Ceramic West is located next to Member Services at the R.H. Johnson center. (Submitted photo/BK Pritchett)



PERFORMING ARTS WARDROBE SALE NEXT MONTH

A Stardust Theater wardrobe donation sale is Sept. 3-5 in the Back Forty Room, through the performers' entrance behind the Stardust Theatre corner of R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. The sale is by email invitation only for performing arts club members 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 3 and opens to the public 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 4 and 5. All items can be purchased by cash only. Browse items and an extensive costume collection used by performing arts clubs of Sun City West. The sale is for performers, collectors, crafters, Halloween planners and anyone who enjoys discovering a unique find. The Stardust Theater will host a large wardrobe, donation only, sale featuring decades of costumes, accessories, hats, vintage pieces, gowns, dance costumes and one-of-a-kind theater treasures and wigs. (Submitted photo/Marla Peters)



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND HIGHLIGHTS: More than 13 years of leadership experience in enterprise technology and high-growth B2B SaaS, leading product management and product marketing initiatives at Honeywell and multiple

fast-scaling B2B SaaS companies. I hold a BA in Spanish from Rutgers University, an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (now part of ASU) and am Six Sigma Green Belt certified.

WHAT I DO: I'm the owner of Seniors Helping Seniors Sun City — the seventh Seniors Helping Seniors location in Arizona. My husband Jerry serves as vice president of operations. We provide non-medical in-home care built on a peer-caregiver model, matching active older adults with seniors who need support. Services include companionship, meal preparation and shopping, light housekeeping, errands, medication reminders, long-distance check-ins, safety and fall prevention, respite care, light handyman work, yard work, pet care, memory/dementia/Alzheimer's care and personal care. We're also completing the process to offer veteran services.

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WHERE I WAS BEFORE I LEFT AND WHY I LEFT:

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HEALTH

West Valley health center joins HealthyU Clinics

The Surprise office of Arrowhead Health Centers is now part of HealthyU Clinics, which announced the acquisition of locations in Glendale and Scottsdale as well.

HealthyU Clinics completed the acquisition of the location at 17061 N. Avenue of the Arts, Suite 100 on July 28.

“We are excited for this opportunity to bring Arrowhead Health into the family,” said Varesh Chaurasia, chief executive officer of HealthyU Clinics. “The providers and staff are deeply dedicated to providing comprehensive and quality care in the Valley. Joining HealthyU Clinics makes it possible for their patients to access an even more extensive pool of resources to help them further maintain their health and well-being.

The other two Valley offices to make the switch over are at 16390 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, and 2629 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 101, Scottsdale.

Arrowhead Health Centers has



The Surprise office of Arrowhead Health Centers is now part of HealthyU Clinics, which announced the acquisition of locations in Glendale and Scottsdale as well. (Submitted Photo/HealthyU Clinics)

operated since 1997.

The care teams and staff at their three locations will remain the same.

“The acquisition by HealthyU Clinics helps current and future patients further personalize their care and take control of their health by providing seamless and connected access to a larger network of primary and specialty providers along with behavioral health services,” the company said in a release.

Visit healthyuclinics.com.

STITCHERS KEEP BUSY

Residents who like to be creative and learn new ways to stitch projects can join Creative Stitchers. There is a teacher for each craft, including counted cross stitch, needlepoint, hardanger, embroidery, smocking, rug hooking and punch needle. Membership is \$10 a year and is open to Sun City West residents. The group meets 8-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Kuentz Recreation Center Kiva room, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. To use the club room, two or more members are required. The general meeting takes place the third Monday of the month. Residents can stop by on Monday mornings to see what the club is all about. Visit stitchers.scwclubs.com or call John Harrison at 480-363-6392 for more information. Pictured, Cheryl Tyler stitched two travel pieces of San Francisco. (Submitted photo/Jeanette Hill)



SKIING



Valley of Sun Ski Club officers Jack Shoor; Sandy Tiedeman, Mike Wegener and Gini Baker. (Submitted photo/Dan Roth)

Ski group slates 2027 trips

As Arizona heats up, the Valley of the Sun Ski Group, which is part of the Sun City West Sportsman Club, is already looking ahead to cool mountain adventures in 2027.

Members and guests are invited to join two ski trips: Snowmass, CO., Jan. 24-29, 2027, and Mammoth Mountain, CA., Feb. 28-March 5, 2027.

Each trip includes five nights lodging, four days of skiing with prepaid lift tickets, roundtrip flights from Phoenix, a welcome reception and several added benefits. The club prides itself on being inclusive, ensur-

ing every participant has a ski buddy and feels part of the group.

A \$200 deposit per trip is now being accepted to reserve space on these well organized adventures. Deposits may be mailed to Valley of the Sun Ski Club, PO Box 5186, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

While the group is primarily 55-plus, family and friends are always welcome to join the fun and experience the thrill of skiing with a supportive community.

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PETS

Microchips one step of many when it comes to dog safety

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Almost every day there is a lost or found dog posted on various social media sites. According to a local dog expert, many owners think simply having a microchip will ensure the pet will be returned if found.

However, there are several challenges to be aware of when it comes to microchips, including understanding how to locate the chip, as well as registration, which is necessary after the chip is implanted.

Sun City West resident and owner of Balanced Canine of Arizona offers a free community safety seminar to help individuals understand how microchips work. Kristine Hayes-Nibler said after seeing all the posts coming up about lost

dogs, she thought it was time to help educate the community through an educational presentation.

The event is 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, in Sun City West, with the exact location to be provided after registration is complete.

The Sun City West Posse has a chip reader on site and is capable of scanning lost dogs. Member Nancy Jerosi said volunteers at the Posse know how to properly scan the entirety of the dog, to ensure a chip is not missed that may have moved around.

If a posse volunteers finds a dog, they are not supposed to transport the animal anywhere, but do have contact for who will take the dogs in.

"We will go out and patrol looking for lost dogs if we are notified,"

said Jerosi.

She said resident John Spain will help locate dogs. Residents can call him at 305-900-0922 or email jleb1969@yahoo.com.

Jerosi said lost dogs are found every week and one recent Saturday they found three. She has personally found puppies left outside of someone's home and posse volunteers were able to find them homes.

"Sometimes we do find the chip number and we search for the records to find the owner. Most of the time we cannot find anyone and we have to call animal control, but we do have a lot of people who will take in animals of residents who have passed," said Jerosi.

Hayes-Nibler said just chipping a dog is not enough. The chip has to be registered to the owner. She said

when a chip is scanned it provides a number, no owner information, but there is a website owners can go to. There are 60 different registries.

"People fail in two places including not registering the chip or fail to update the contact information with the registry," she explained.

Hayes-Nibler warns about companies that have a large registration fee and then are no longer around two years later.

The site AKCreunite.com is a reputable place she suggests to register the chip and it costs \$22.95 online for the life of the pet. This site also allows reporting a lost dog and looking for lost dogs that have been found. This notifies people within a specific ZIP code of the lost dog.

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Sun Cities church slates film screening



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WATER

EPCOR officials do not anticipate water shortages for customers

By Janet Perez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Arizona officials are awaiting final word from the federal government on an agreement that would reduce the state's allocation of Colorado River water by 760,000-acre feet for two years.

EPCOR Utilities, Inc., does not anticipate service interruptions or water shortages for customers as a result of the proposed reductions for customers in Sun City West and Sun City.

According to EPCOR officials Lori Denaro, EPCOR plans for long-term water reliability across all the communities they serve.

"While the proposed Colorado River reductions underscore the challenges facing the Southwest, water service for customers in Sun City, Sun City West and our other Arizona communities remains reliable. EPCOR maintains a diverse

water portfolio, including ground-water, Colorado River supplies, recycled water and local surface water resources, and we actively plan for shortages well in advance," Denaro stated in an email. The proposed reduction would primarily affect Central Arizona Project water users, and while seemingly daunting, many Valley cities and towns have been preparing for decades for just such an event.

"In a non-shortage year, CAP will convey roughly 1.5 million acre-feet, and a 760,000 acre-foot cut is around half of the water that would be conveyed in the CAP. It's significant, but the good news is that we haven't built out demand for all of the water in the CAP. So that cut doesn't necessarily translate into a cut for every city in the way that you might imagine," said Sarah Porter, director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy. "They've

all been working on being prepared for this for a long time."

The Kyl Center for Water Policy is part of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University. An acre-foot is enough water to cover one acre in one foot of water, or about 326,000 gallons. It was anticipated that the Bureau of Reclamation would issue a two-year plan of operations this week that would cement the details.

But Porter said that now seems unlikely and the feds will probably only release a final environmental impact statement at this time.

"It's going to say what the feds believe they have the authority to do over the next 10 years and it's going to be designed to maximize their authority to respond to conditions on the river," Porter said.

The proposed agreement first outlined in May would also reduce the river water allocation to Cal-

ifornia by 440,000-acre feet and Nevada by 84,000-acre feet. In addition, it would call on all three states to voluntarily conserve a total of 300,000-acre feet of river water.

"The expectation is most of that voluntary conservation will come from Arizona water users," Porter said.

The reduction would affect Valley municipalities that send their Colorado River water allotments to surface-water treatment plants for treatment and distribution to varying degrees.

The specter of a depleting Colorado River is not new, and many of the cities and towns that send river water to treatment plants have put plans in place to address future cuts.

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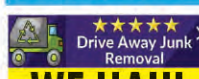
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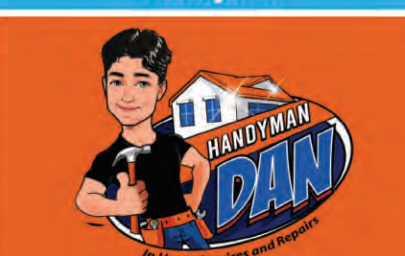
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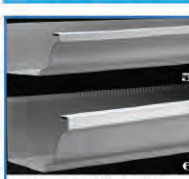
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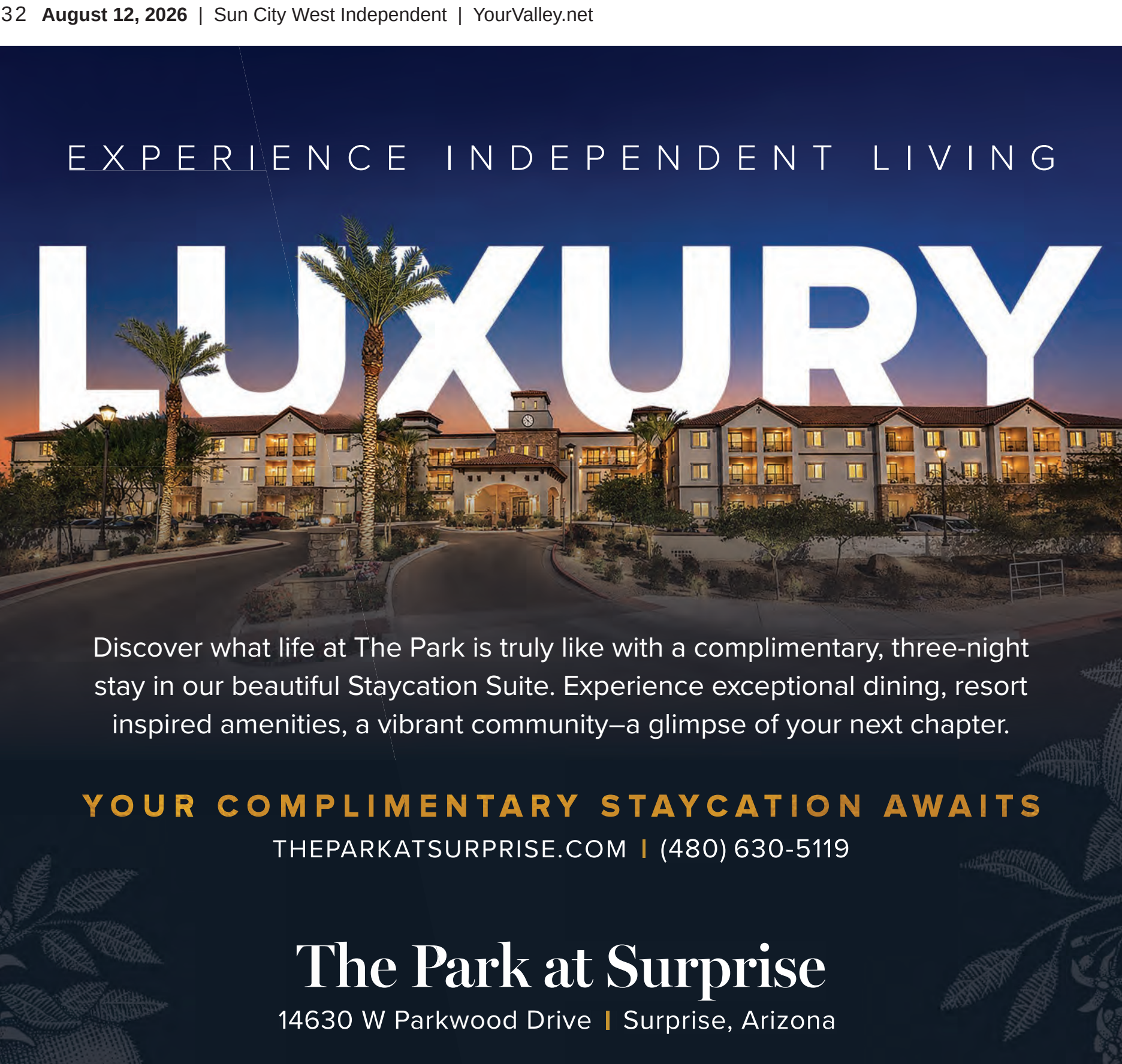
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