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Sun City Elks Lodge builds future with renovation

By Zev Black
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After two decades, Sun City Elks Lodge No. 2559, 10760 W. Union Hills Drive, is getting a long-awaited update.

The project began Aug. 9 and is expected to go until Sunday, Aug. 23, according to head of the renovation committee Debbie Glenn.

"They want to be in the lounge," Glenn said. "A lot of people go there. They have lunch. They have dinners on Wednesdays and Fridays. Breakfast on Sundays. It's really their second home for a lot of these people."

She added the reaction to the renovation has been positive.

"They love the floors and they

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EPCOR officials do not anticipate water shortages for customers

By Zev Black, Jennifer Jimenez and 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 official Lori Denaro, EPCOR plans for long-term water reliability across all the communities they serve.

"While the proposed Colorado River reductions underscore the chal-

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An aerial view of a lake showing a sharply receded shoreline and exposed lakebed, illustrating the extent of recent water-level decline. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

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Sun City Woodworking Club welcomes residents

The Fairway Woodworking Club, 10600 W Peoria Ave, wrapped up its Christmas in July sale, showcasing a wide variety of member-made items.

The club continues to grow and evolve. It recently expanded its ca-

pabilities with the addition of a laser engraver, complementing its existing CNC machine. These new tools provide more opportunities for creativity, precision work and innovative projects.

The club welcomes woodworkers of all experience levels, from beginners to advanced craftsmen.

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Water

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allenges facing the Southwest, water service for customers in Sun City, Sun City West and our other Arizona communities remains reliable,” Denaro stated in an email. “EPCOR maintains a diverse water portfolio, including groundwater, Colorado River supplies, recycled water and local surface water resources, and we actively plan for shortages well in advance.”

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,” Sarah Porter, director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy, said. “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. 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.

With it running low, conserving water can be crucial.

“With unprecedented drought and forthcoming reductions to surface water supplies, any water that is conserved is water that doesn’t need to be treated and delivered, creating a more resilient water supply for Arizona,” Tom Harrell, water resource analyst at EPCOR, said.

He stated there are many “simple things” residents can do to save water.

These include:

• Check for leaks. According to Harrell, leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water per month.

• Limit showers to five minutes. Harrell stated that reducing shower time by five minutes per shower can save approximately 5,000 gallons of water per person each year.

• Save water that would otherwise go down the drain and use it for different applications.

• Landscape your yard in a more suitable way for the Southwest. Desert landscaping requires less water because it is used to the heat and lower maintenance.

• Change how much water your plants get in the winter versus the summer. According to Harrell, plants and trees need less water in the winter.

He added that conservation kits are available for free at EPCOR.com. The kits include tools, resources and items to help residents use less water, including a shower timer, faucet aerators and landscape watering guides.

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 California 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 dis-

tribution to varying degrees.

Harrell stated that government policies and technological advances have improved water conservation in Arizona.

“Despite significant population growth, Arizona residents use less water today than they did 50 years ago,” He stated. “Personal habits contribute to water conservation, but so do water-efficient toilets, washing machines and dishwashers, low-flow showerheads, desert-adapted landscaping, and smart irrigation systems.”

Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale, Goodyear, Glendale, Gilbert and Avondale are the largest cities in the Valley that convey the river water to treatment plants. Smaller municipalities such as Cave Creek, Carefree and Apache Junction, as well as water provider EPCOR in Fountain Hills and the West Valley, also treat Colorado River water.

Porter said such cities and towns will likely weather the proposed Colorado River water reduction, but they need to keep searching for new water sources if drought conditions worsen.

“Those are the cities that are at risk of a disruption if there are very deep shortages of Colorado River water,” Porter said. “But the disruption for them is that the infrastructure they’ve been relying on for years and years to take Colorado River water and treat it and send it out to taps, that infrastructure won’t have that stock of Colorado River water. So, they are at different stages of being ready to turn to alternative supplies in the case of very deep shortages.”

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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The program is intended for veterans, spouses of veterans, surviving spouses, family members, caregivers, and anyone helping a veteran navigate long-term care decisions.

Attendees will learn about eligibility requirements, including wartime service qualifications, financial guidelines and the types of care that may be covered.

This free event is open to the public.

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A Sun City resident captured this photo while on their morning walk Aug. 7. A family of owls live in the area and at least one is seen about five days a week.
(Submitted photo/Jordan C.)



WORSHIP



Russ Robbins blows the shofar with Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Cantor Baruch Koritan at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley. (Submitted Photo/Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley)

Temple invites non-members to High Holy Days services

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is welcoming non-members to participate in its High Holy Days services in September.

Rosh Hashanah starts Friday, Sept. 11, and commemorates the creation of the world. It marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates on Monday, Sept. 21, in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement.

The High Holy Days services will be conducted by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Cantor Baruch Koritan at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, 12202 N. 101st Ave.

"Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur remind us that change is possible," Kaplan said. "We cannot rewrite yesterday, but we can choose how we will live tomorrow. The High Holy Days

challenge us to become more compassionate, more honest and more fully human."

The Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood is hosting a Break the Fast meal 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, following Yom Kippur services. Call the Temple office at 623-977-3240 to make reservations by Monday, Sept. 14. The cost is \$25 per person with no charge for children 12 and younger.

The cost to attend all services is \$250 per person, and tickets are required for all events. Tickets will not be sold at the door and partial tickets are not available. Reservations can be made by contacting the Temple office at 623-977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Sun City sculptor finds Southwest inspiration

By Zev Black

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Sun City resident David Knorr said he's been a "maker" his entire life. He remembers being as young as five years old making sculptures in his dad's shop while he sketched and built houses. Now, after work got in the way of doing what he loves, he's been fully dedicated to making art.

"It's just fun," Knorr said. "I enjoy the heck out of it. I'll make a piece and as it's going through the process, I'm sketching more and coming up with new ideas. I'm always thinking, always planning, always doing something to escalate my next sculpture I'm going to build."

He likes making sculptures out of both clay and wood, adding the Southwest has really sparked his creativity.

"The geology of the Southwest inspires me," he said. "Especially when you're seeing a large expanse in the mountains; Sedona, Flagstaff, Chiricahua National Monument, all these places here in Arizona. You'll see layer after layer of different rock, different colors, different minerals that are in those layers."

His art has layers of depth inspired by the wind and water ero-

sion that created the mountains and valleys the Southwest is known for. He loves including positive and negative shapes to showcase different shapes within the landscape.

He's got his creative process down to a science.

As he moves through different landscapes, Knorr makes sketches to use as inspiration. When he decides to commit to making a piece, he gets very serious about it and locks in on what he needs to do to execute the sculpture.

"What I try to pride myself in is that I make the sculpture that is very close to what I sketched," Knorr said. "So scale wise, likewise, motion, movement. All the visual stimulants that I had in my head I start to put it into that sculpture."

Once he gets into the studio, he wants to make sure that what he's creating is lining up with the sketch. However, the clay or wood is the most important thing at this stage.

"At that point, the sculpture is now starting to talk to me as well," he said. "As I'm turning it, looking at it from the sides, the back, I flip it around, it's starting to show me where maybe the idea needs a little embellishment. Some things need a little tweaking."

He added that as he's building it,



3-D artist David Knorr will exhibit his contemporary ceramic and wood sculptures during the Aug. 21 "Art Affaire" show at the Finer Arts Gallery in Cave Creek. (Submitted photo/David Knorr)

he's spending more time thinking about making sure it's going to be a successful piece. He doesn't like to deviate from the overall theme of the sketch but said the sculpture "gets enhanced to the point where people get the chance to delve into the pieces and enjoy all the different views."

Knorr became a member of the Finer Arts Gallery, 6137 E. Cave Creek Road, about seven months ago because it gives artists the op-

portunity to display their work. He said he has 12 pieces on display.

The gallery is hosting the Art Affaire gallery show Friday, Aug. 21, and Knorr is the featured artist, which he said he's excited about.

"The art fair is a celebration of new art that's coming in," Knorr said. "Giving people an opportunity to come into the gallery, talk to the artist, look at the new work."

Pat Isaacson, co-owner of the Finer Arts Gallery, said the gallery highlights an artist during the "Art Affaire" event each month.

"Our jurying process is to not only consider the quality of the work, but to make sure it is unique from anything else we show," she said. "David's sculpture fits both requirements. We also review the artists to make sure they will work well with our other artists, because that is an important part of making the gallery work. David is multi-talented, good with gallery guests and helpful to the other artists. He is a wonderful addition to our gallery."

For more information about Knorr, go to davidknorr.com.

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 MEDICARE AUTHORITY,
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For most of Medicare's sixty-year history, one thing stayed firmly off the table: coverage for weight-loss medication. By law, those drugs simply weren't part of the deal. This Summer, that changed. On July 1, 2026, Medicare launched a first-of-its-kind program called the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge, and for the right person, it can be a real game-changer. For anyone who has watched these medications from the sidelines, wishing they were within reach, this is welcome news indeed.

Here is how it came about. The GLP-1 medications you have seen in the headlines, the pens, pills, and injections that help people lose weight, have been costly and largely out of reach for

older Americans. After years of debate, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services created the Bridge as a temporary program to open that door. It runs nationwide, in every state and territory, from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, offering these medications for a flat \$50 a month vs. prior costs of \$250 to \$300 and higher monthly costs.

That \$50 stays the same every month, even as your dose goes up, which is a rare bit of predictability in the world of prescriptions. One honest note: this \$50 does not count toward your Part D deductible or your yearly out-of-pocket limit, and the Extra Help program cannot lower it. This program is unilateral to your Medicare Part D plan either as a stand-alone PDP or incorporated within your MAPD plan. Insurance guidelines and benefits are absent here.

Who does it benefit? To qualify, you first need Medicare drug coverage, meaning Part D, either on its own or built into a Medicare Advantage plan. From there, you must be 18 or older and meet one of these health guidelines: a body mass index, or BMI, of 35 or higher; a BMI of 30 to 34.9 along with a condition such as heart failure, high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, prediabetes, or a past heart attack or stroke; or a BMI of 27 to 29.9 with prediabetes, a past heart attack or stroke, or peripheral artery disease. In plain terms, it is aimed at folks whose weight is affecting, or threatening, their health.

Just as important is who is not eligible. You cannot use the Bridge if you already receive a GLP-1 drug through your Part D plan. And if you have type 2 diabetes, moderate-to-severe sleep apnea, or fatty liver disease, you are

steered elsewhere, though the good news is your regular Part D plan may already cover a GLP-1 for those conditions. When in doubt, it is worth a conversation to sort out which path is yours.

If you think you qualify, here are the steps to get started.

First, talk with your doctor. If a covered medication is right for you, your doctor sends the prescription to your pharmacy and, when asked, completes a short approval form called a prior authorization. Your doctor also confirms that you are pairing the medication with healthy eating and exercise.

Second, pick it up. Your pharmacy may ask for your Medicare number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. You will pay your \$50 and receive your medication.

Third, watch your mailbox. Medicare will send a letter confirming your coverage under the Bridge, and your approval lasts through December 31, 2027. Questions along the way? You can call me, 480-296-3900, or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) any time, day or night.

The three specific medications covered under the program are **Foundayo**, a tablet you take by mouth; **Wegovy**, available as an injection or a tablet; and **Zepbound**, the KwikPen version only, as the single-dose vials and pens are not covered.

A word of encouragement to close. Medicare can feel like a maze, and a brand-new program like this only adds to the questions. Please do not let that stop you from finding out whether it could help you or someone you love. If you are unsure about your eligibility, your coverage, or your next step, reach

out to someone you trust to walk you through it. You do not have to figure it out alone. After a lifetime of hard work, you deserve clear answers, honest guidance, and the genuine peace of mind that comes with knowing someone has your back.

Next Month's Article:

Come September, we will cover the 2027 Annual Enrollment Period, (AEP) which starts October 1st for reviews & discussion of your current coverage and what the Market Offerings are for 2027, and October 15th thru December 7th for plan change applications if appealing. A gentle tap on your shoulder; there most definitely will be considerable movement come the new year. That is not to say that you would need to change or experience any unwarranted stress! A trusted professional should be on your side with honest evaluation predicated on your review and current wants and needs conversations. Don't let anyone ever talk to you just about those "shiny add-ons". A health plan should stand on its own as a health plan and perform as expected when called upon. Extra's are nice, however what is nicer are no surprises, disruptions, peace of mind, and of course an Advocate on your side and always available throughout the year and the years to come. A longer paragraph than I set out to inform Thrust- take it from this seasoned professional, that is how important this period is.

About the Author:

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We deserve to know the truth about Medicare Advantage

It has come to my attention that some of the largest Medicare Advantage plans have been identified by Health and Human Services and Office of Inspector General as having engaged in questionable denials of some Medicare benefits.

This information was disclosed in HHS OIG report dated June 8, 2026 (OEI-09-24-00330).

Under a Medicare Advantage plan, Medicare Part B dollars are managed by a for-profit insurance company that determines necessary care. According to the OIG report, decision-making for certain types of covered care may not coincide with Medicare rules which Medicare Advantage is required to follow.

On appeal, initial denials were frequently determined to meet Medicare coverage and billing rules and were overturned in favor of the Medicare enrollee.

Frequent denials include:

- Inpatient rehabilitation facilities and long-term acute-care hospitals — the three largest Medicare Advantage organizations denied prior authorization requests for inpatient rehabilitation facilities admission more often than most peers. Many of these initial denials were overturned on appeal, according to the June report.

- Skilled nursing facilities — Medicare enrollees and providers appealed 18% of skilled nursing facilities denials. When appealed, the denials were overturned 95% of the time, according to the report. The OIG report concluded that the extremely high overturn rate indicates that some enrollees were initially

denied medically necessary care and "raises concerns about denials that were not appealed."

Information disclosed in this report is appalling and represents nothing less than elder abuse, in my opinion. To deny necessary Medicare Advantage coverage that should have been approved as submitted for any reason is unacceptable.

This should be immediately investigated by Congress. If Medicare Advantage companies are found guilty of purposefully and wrongly denying Medicare benefits due to any failing of the Medicare Advantage company, there should be substantial fines collected and jail time for CEOs.

Tom Slade
SUN CITY

Will seniors pay more for prescriptions in 2027?

Congressman Abe Hamadeh has closely aligned himself with President Trump and his administration. That's why I think Congressional District 8 voters should pay attention to the administration's latest Medicare decision — and what it could mean for Arizona seniors.

The Trump administration has announced it will end the Medicare Part D premium stabilization program after 2026. That program helped keep Medicare prescription drug plan premiums from rising sharply.

Without it, many Medicare beneficiaries are expected to pay higher monthly premiums for their prescription drug coverage beginning in 2027. Administration officials estimate that about 45% of Part D enrollees will see premium increases, many in the range of \$11 to \$20 per month, unless they switch plans.

For seniors living on fixed incomes, every dollar matters. Higher Medicare prescription drug coverage costs come on top of rising housing, grocery, and utility bills. Many retirees in Arizona's 8th Congressional District already struggle to make ends meet. Telling seniors to shop for a new plan every year is not a real solution.

Congressman Hamadeh has consistently supported President Trump and his policies. If he supports ending this program, he should explain why Arizona seniors should pay more for the Medicare prescription drug coverage they rely on. If he does not, he should say so publicly and work to protect Medicare beneficiaries.

Healthcare affordability should not be a partisan issue. Seniors paid into Medicare throughout their working lives and deserve stable, affordable prescription drug coverage.

In CD 8, voters should remember this: a vote for Abe Hamadeh is a vote for the Trump administration's Medicare policies—including ending the Part D premium stabilization program, which is expected to leave many seniors paying more for their prescription drug coverage.

Anne Whitmore
SUN CITY WEST

This writer is using a pen name.

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Two individuals from Encore Flooring work on the Elks Lodge floor. (Submitted photo/Elks Lodge No. 2559)

Elks

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can't wait to see the dining room," she said. "Everybody seems to be happy."

Many Elks members said they go to other lodges, which look nicer than No. 2559. This was part of the reason the renovation happened. Glenn said the lounge is just old, which was the biggest reason.

"We just wanted to put in new floors, a new dance floor," she said.

"Make it a safer, nicer atmosphere for our new members to come into."

It will also help the lodge gain new members, which is very important to the group as that is a major way the Elks get funding.

"We wanted to honor our past, celebrate our present and build our future by making it a safe, wonderful and beautiful place to go to," Glenn said.

For more information about the Elks Lodge No. 2559, go to tinyurl.com/bjudxskw.

Letters

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Fixing Social Security is not that difficult

There is talk about again increasing the age to collect full Social Security benefits to age 70. Congress has already increased the full retirement age from 65 to 67 a few years ago. It's time to take a different approach.

I propose a three-step approach to increasing the minimum age to collect Social Security, currently age 62, to age 65 over a three-year period.

Step One. Effective Jan. 1, 2028, increase the age to collect early Social Security benefits to age 63 with benefits payable the month the recipient reaches age 63.

Step Two. Effective Jan. 1, 2029, increase the age to collect early Social Security benefits to age 64

with benefits payable the month the recipient reaches age 64.

Step Three. Effective Jan. 1, 2030, increase the age to collect early Social Security benefits to age 65 with benefits payable the month the recipient reaches age 65.

Over this same three-year period, increase employer/employee Social Security withholding tax by 0.25% annually so at the end of the third year both the employer and employer will be paying a total of 1.5% more. (0.75% each).

Eliminate the cap on income subject to Social Security tax, currently about \$187,000, to actual earnings up to \$5 million, from all sources, adjusted annually for inflation.

Pass a law stating that anyone whose income, from all sources, exceeds \$10 million in any given year, adjusted annually for inflation, shall be ineligible to receive social security payments the following year.

Paul Bocconcelli
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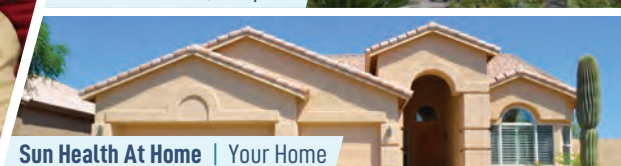
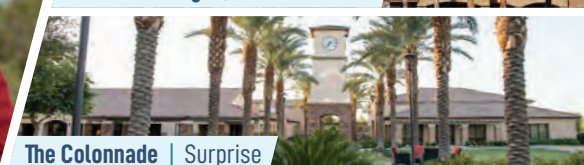
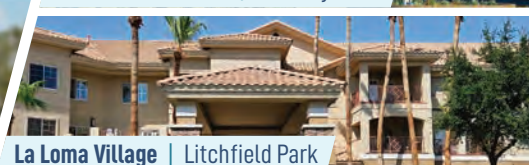
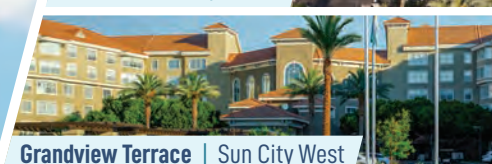
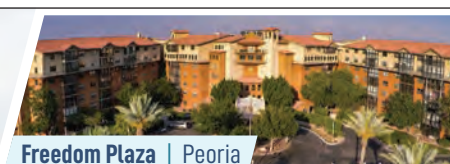
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FOOD

Resident proposes food co-op as safeguard against financial crisis

By Noah Flug
INDEPENDENT NEWS MEDIA

Sun City resident Wayne Lusvardi is looking for neighbors interested in exploring a community food cooperative, an idea he says could give residents another way to obtain food if a severe financial crisis disrupts conventional grocery and delivery systems.

Lusvardi wants to gauge residents' interest in forming a committee to study whether Sun City needs a food co-op or buyers' club. He said his proposal stems from his belief that the country is approaching a banking crisis that could leave people without access to their money and interrupt food distribution.

"Nobody's doing anything, and this could be imminent," Lusvardi said.

Lusvardi said he is particularly concerned about food security for older and vulnerable residents if access to banks, transportation or retailers is interrupted.

"What do we do with the vulnerable people, who, you know, are living on the edge already?" he said.

The idea is still in its earliest stages. Lusvardi does not have a specific operating model and said his first goal is to determine whether residents believe the co-op is needed.

If there is enough interest, Lusvardi envisions bringing together people with experience in food distribution and related industries to consider how a food co-op in Sun City could work. One possibility, he said, would be a membership-based

buyers' club. Another would be soliciting proposals from an existing food cooperative or distributor.

"The thing that I would have to do to be successful in facilitating this is keeping the focus on the affordability of a food co-op," Lusvardi said.

While Lusvardi believes a major financial disruption is approaching, Arizona State University professor Jeffrey Timmermans, who has studied and reported on economics for more than two decades, said such a scenario is highly unlikely.

"I think Mr. Lusvardi's fears are a bit hyperbolic, in the manner of a Hollywood thriller," said Timmermans.

"While the global importance of the U.S. dollar has declined over the past few years in terms of trade settlement and foreign reserves holdings, there is vanishingly little chance that the dollar would be 'unusable' or that the entire U.S. financial system would collapse."

Regardless of the economic premise behind Lusvardi's proposal, a community-based food purchasing program could work, according to Jesse Hoover of Farmbox Arizona, which connects customers with produce and other food from local farms and producers.

"It is absolutely feasible, particularly in a community like Sun City where there is a concentrated population and an opportunity to aggregate demand," Hoover said.

"The biggest question is less

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- Friday, Aug. 21 — Beef tips over brown rice, broccoli, carrots, mandarin oranges
- Monday, Aug. 24 — Tuna salad plate on romaine lettuce, baby carrots, cucumber, hard-boiled egg, flatbread, whole-grain Sun Chips, apple slices
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 — Four-bean beef chili, sweet potato, peas and carrots, cornbread, Fig Newton, pineapple chunks

Food

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whether residents would support the concept and more how the operational side would be structured.”

Hoover said coordinating producers, maintaining refrigerated storage, managing inventory, meeting food-safety requirements and distributing perishable goods are among the challenges involved in running such a program.

Rather than creating a new operation from scratch, Hoover said Sun City residents could potentially partner with an existing distributor.

“We would welcome the opportunity to be part of those conversations with Sun City residents and community leaders,” Hoover said.

Finding a location for the co-op would be another challenge.

Lusvardi said one possibility would be to seek space in a vacant commercial building that he believed was owned by the Sun City Home Owners Association. He suggested such a property could poten-

tially serve as a distribution site if the co-op moved forward.

But SCHOA Marketing Manager Beth Lucas said the association does not own the vacant commercial property Lusvardi referenced, or any retail or community space.

“If this is going to be on a business property then it would not involve us,” Lucas said.

For now, Lusvardi said he is prepared for skepticism from residents who do not share his view of the economy. He said the point of an initial meeting would be to determine whether enough people see value in exploring the concept.

“I’m sure there’ll be some people saying, ‘We don’t need this, and you’re a conspiracy theorist,’” Lusvardi said.

If residents conclude existing services can adequately provide food during a disruption, Lusvardi said he is willing to drop the proposal.

“If we decide, well, we don’t need to set up a co-op, there are organizations and programs in place, then fine,” he said. “But what happens on D-Day.”

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WRITING

Senior center to host creative writing workshops

Doing Grief Community Healing Project will offer two creative writing workshops inviting people to play with words, explore creativity and express stories and experiences that matter to them.

"Word Play to Bring Joy, Connection, and Healing" will be noon–2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, and Thursday, Sept. 24, at Banner Olive Branch Senior Center, 13049 N. 103rd Ave. Led by author, poet and songwriter Shea Darian, the workshops are open to everyone from experienced writers to those who have never written more than a letter or grocery list.

The workshops will explore prose, memoir, poetry, song and other creative forms, inviting participants to discover how words can

bring their stories and contemplations to life.

"I'd like to inspire people with the joy and healing writing can bring," she said. "Writing can be a form of prayer or meditation. It can help us process grief, remember someone we love, tell our stories, gain perspective and heal."

Darian's relationship with words began early. Although she was one of the slowest children in her first-grade class to learn the alphabet, she was captivated by language and the way others could make words come alive from a page.

At age 9, she wrote her first poem, inspired by the changing seasons and December snow in Iowa, where she grew up. Her teacher accused her of plagiarism.

"I was devastated," Darian said. "I had just experienced the joy of creating with words for the first time, and suddenly I was being told it wasn't mine."

The misunderstanding was eventually cleared up, and her teacher apologized.

But the experience stayed with Darian, who now seeks to create an encouraging and caring space where others can discover their own written voices. At age 12, when her parents gave her a guitar, she began writing songs.

During the workshops, participants will write and may share their work, although sharing is optional. No experience is necessary. Supplies will be provided, or participants may bring a favorite notebook

and pen.

"You don't have to think of yourself as a writer to discover what writing might open up for you," Darian said.

Darian is the author of "Doing Grief in Real Life: A Soulful Guide to Navigate Loss, Death & Change." She is director of Doing Grief, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and a spiritual care provider offering Healing Circles, family support and one-to-one grief support on a sliding scale.

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CLUBS

Technology brings new possibilities to woodworking club

By Zev Black
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Technological advances are changing all aspects of life for many in the world. On a smaller scale, the same can be said for the Fairway Woodworking Club, located at 10600 W. Peoria Ave.

The nonprofit club with around 260 members has a range of people participating, according to club President Randy Hutton.

“Mostly just people who like to tinker and build stuff,” Hutton said. “Some of them really don’t even do woodworking. Some of them just like to take care of the equipment. They enjoy doing that and they’ll tinker with a little bit of woodworking every now and then.”

Club treasurer Diane Kindler added that some people come to the club just to socialize with Hutton saying the members are “pretty laid back.”

While the club has many standard tools like a buzz saw and drills, it also has two pieces of technology; a Computer Numerical Control machine and a laser engraver. Hutton said the adaptation of technology has been the club’s biggest change in recent years, but it’s been a bit of a struggle for older members to learn.

“Everybody wants to learn how to do the CNC and laser, but it takes certain computer savviness,” he said. “We’re getting a lot of people wanting to learn it, but it intimidates a lot.”

Both devices are computer controlled. The biggest difference is the laser engraver uses a non-contact light beam to burn or discolor the surface of wood or cut thin sheets of wood by vaporizing it while the CNC machine uses a spinning part to phys-



Club president Randy Hutton and treasurer Diane Kindler stand with the CNC machine. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

ically cut out pieces of wood.

“I see it opening up a lot more possibilities,” Hutton said. “But, at the same time, it’s never going to replace the handmade laid stuff and the handmade cut stuff.”

He added that it is almost too perfect and doesn’t sell for as much.

“People pay more for that because they want that handmade look,” he said. “We can go out and buy a wooden bowl off of Amazon for a lot cheaper than here. But the quality is not quite there.”

Kindler said she prefers the laser engraver because it’s easier to use while Hutton prefers the CNC machine because it allows for a wider variety of projects.

The club buys wood and charges members the amount they bought the wood for if they want to use it for their own personal use. However, should a member make a piece that will go back into the shop, they can use club-bought wood for free.

Hutton said the club typically buys woods like oak, maple and walnut, among other types.

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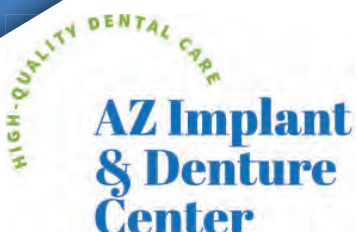
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1st flight: (Handicaps 3-17)

Jim Haaland and Scott Klein (Tied at 22) Mike Griffith-23

Mike Bashaw, Steve Wolf, Doug Kooyman and Rob Pape (Tied at 24)

2nd flight: (Handicaps 18-27)

Joe Petrocelli-20 Don Giese-22

John Mitchell and Wayne Hendrickson (Tied at 23) James Dunn, Jim Deminsky and Tom Flaherty (Tied at 24)

At Echo Mesa Aug. 5

1st flight: (Handicaps 5-16)

Jim Haaland and Ed Lewton (Low Gross Tie) 65

Scott Klein and Wayne Hendrickson (Tied at 59)

Doug Kooyman-62

2nd flight: (Handicaps 17-27)

John Mitchell (Low Gross) 76 Dave Gearhart (Low Net) 61

Dan Weber-62 Tom Flaherty and Doug Smith (Tied at 63)

John Plum-64

Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club

Aug. 4

Low Gross/Low Net

Ft. 1 20 - 37 Low Gross Low Net

Low Gross

Carolyn Lopez 77.0

ReNae Keuck 83.0

Low Net

Janet Eriksson 48

Eileen Fargher 54

Nine Holers

Joanne Honce 42

Jeanne Pribnow 27

Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club

Aug. 11

Even Holes

Ft. 1 24 - 38 Game Score

Carolyn Lopez 24

Ginger Emerson 24

Barb Hoolehan 25

Peggy Stowell 25

Teri Follin 25

Colleen Zarate 25

Nine Holers

Joanne Honce 46

Jeanne Pribnow 47

Desert Trails Ladies Golf

Aug. 11

Flight 1 Low Gross K. Wallace 75 Low Net L. Van-dever 56

Flight 2 Low Gross K. McDonald 82 Low Net J. Heydt 53

Flight 3 Low Gross C. Wendling 95 Low Net D. Peck,



THIRD ACE

Barbara Davies recently hit her third hole in one. It was on hole 7 at the Quail Run Golf Course. Davies, age 82, is a members of the Willowcreek 18-hole Ladies League. (Submitted photo/ Cheryl Claggett)

J. Martin 58

GAMES

SCWCBC Scores

Aug. 4

1 Bonnie Mattraw 4690

2 Rita Hughes 4090

3 Dennis Hemmer 4010

4 Chris Lee 3710

Small Slam(s): Bonnie Mattraw and Rita Hughes

Pass-4 Pinochle Tournament Winners

1. Bob Kuhn - 1250

2. Charlie Smith - 1183

3. Ron Moose - 1148

No-Pass Pinochle Tournament

1. Fred Tomlin - 795

2. Ron Moose - 766

3. Kathy Holm - 748

Monday Bridge

Aug. 10

1st - Bill Hoening and Tim Archer 5060

2nd- Susan and Roger Anderson 3960

3rd - Larry and Rita Hughes 3860

4th - Chris Lee and Mary Vraney 3410

Small Slam

Susan and Roger Anderson



WEST VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES LUNCHTIME THEATER SEASON

The West Valley Arts Council will present Lunchtime Theater performances noon-1 p.m. one Thursday a month, October through April, at the Arts HQ Gallery, 16126 N. Civic Center Plaza. From season tickets to single tickets, reserve space for upcoming shows are listed at [eventbrite.com/o/31034282871](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/31034282871), or call the gallery at 623-584-2626 during open hours, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Seats are limited, but a season pass gets admission to all Lunchtime Theater shows. Visit tinyurl.com/ybe3r236. Learn about West Valley Arts Council and Lunchtime Theater at westvalleyarts.org. (Submitted Photo/City of Surprise)



SUN CITY CHURCH COLLECTS DONATIONS

Willowbrook United Methodist Church, 19390 N. 99th Ave., held its annual "Undie Sunday" Aug. 9. Thanks to the generosity of church members, 961 pairs of socks, underwear and t-shirts were received, in addition to two boxes of diapers and \$100 in cash donations. The donated items are being given to Justa Center, Wesley Community & Health Centers, UMOM's New Day Center and The Salvation Army in Surprise. Pictured are Judy Arkwright and Liz Peck with some of the items collected. (Submitted photo/Linda Borton)



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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.

Visit ritahanner-ward.com.

SKI



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.

For more information, contact club president Mike Wegener at mrwege1@gmail.com or 503-502-2973.

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CHURCH OFFERS GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church invites anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one to participate in one of two free grief support programs designed to provide hope, healing and compassionate companionship. From 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, GriefShare returns with a new 13-week session meeting in the Fellowship Hall, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd. Rooted in Biblical principles, GriefShare combines engaging video lessons, a participant workbook, and supportive group discussions to help individuals understand the grieving process and discover practical tools for healing after the loss of a loved one. All course materials are free. A more flexible option includes the church's Grief Support Group that meets 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse or significant other, parent, sibling, friend or those experiencing anticipatory grief. These free groups are open to the entire community, regardless of faith tradition. Call 623-584-2280 or visit shepherdumc.org. (Submitted Photo/Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church)



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)



SUN CITY GROUPS DONATE EYEGLASSES

Sun City Homeowners Association general manager Lisa Gray accepted 94 pairs of glasses to be given to the Sun City Early Birds Lions. Honorary chapter regent Shirley Staggs, from Sun City's National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Agua Fria chapter, donated the eyeglasses, which were collected from the Agua Fria Daughters who are members of the nonprofit NSDAR chapter service organization. Visit aguafria.arizonadar.org for more information. Pictured are Gray and Staggs. (Submitted photo/John Staggs)



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DONATION

Blankets donated by local church benefit Benevilla

Donations meet the needs of the organization

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Members of a Sun City West church donated more than 24 quilts to Benevilla to benefit various programs.

Advent Episcopal Church, 13150 W. Spanish Garden Drive, has a small group of people who love to sew and serve others and began sewing quilts.

Member Jill Kratzer said after retiring from a 30-year professional career, she began serving as a hostess at Birt's Bistro at Benevilla, then moved to delivering hot meals, taking people on grocery store runs and doctor visits.

Janet Lennon and Kratzer have been primarily working on these blankets, with help from other members from time to time.

"We meet together from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at my home, but if more people wanted to join us, we could look for a larger place," said Kratzer.

To join the pair, call Kratzer at 602-670-2290.

Making these quilts and giving them to Benevilla is something important to Kratzer, who said she was raised by her grandparents and loves to support the organization that helps seniors.

"Benevilla is so grateful for the handmade gifts and other items community members provide to all of our programs and locations which meet a need and bring a smile to our members," said Sara Villanueva, Benevil-



Benevilla Donor Relations Manager Daphne Vincent and Advent Episcopal Church members Jill Kratzer and Janet Lennon hold up a blanket donation. (Submitted photo/Benevilla)

la vice president of donor relations.

She said local residents and corporate partners have also donated art supplies and new hygiene supplies for use in Benevilla's Life Enrichment Adult Day programs, Intergenerational programs and at Wirtzie's Preschool and Childcare Center.

In addition, Benevilla often holds holiday donation drives for requested gift items for members of The Benevilla Bridges program. The Bridges program provides housebound adults who are on a limited income volunteer assisted grocery shopping and transportation to medical appointments. This helps older adults and adults with disabilities with more independence and the ability to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

For more information, call Benevilla at 623-584-4999.

Reporter Jennifer Jimenez can be reached at jjimenez@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.

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Surprise - January 19, 2027 - The Colonnade

Litchfield/Goodyear - February 17, 2027 - Tuscany Falls Clubhouse(Pebble Creek)

Chandler - February 23, 2027 - Sun Lakes Country Club

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POLICE REPORTS

Editor's Note: The following information is obtained from Maricopa County Sheriff's Office District 3. This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons listed here who are later found not guilty are welcome to inform the Independent by calling 623-972-6101.

July 16

- A fraud or con game was reported 5:01 p.m. in the 10400 block of West Thunderbird Boulevard.
- Found property was reported at 12:32 p.m. in the 11000 block of North 111th Avenue.
- A fraud or con game was reported at 1:06 p.m. in the 10900 block of West Cherry Hills Drive.
- A burglary was reported 6:58 a.m. in the 14800 block of North 103rd Avenue.

July 17

- A felony pursuit was reported at 8:26 p.m. at the intersection of North 105th Avenue and West Alabama Avenue.
- A fraud or con game was reported at 12:07 p.m. in the 10800 block of West Kelso Drive.
- A fraud or con game was reported at 2:04 p.m. in the 12000 block of West Desert Sun Lane.



Mildred Christine Buche

What a beautiful life! Born to Mary (Slipsager) & Raymond Domino in Clyde, Kansas. She moved to Manhattan, Kansas as a young girl & graduated

from Manhattan High as Homecoming Queen.

She married Ollie Dowling November 25, 1948 until he passed March 11, 1978. They had 3 children Bill, Diane (Dee Dee) & Mary. The Holiday Inn hospitality industry moved them from Manhattan in 1962 to Sioux City, IA & on to Rapid City, SD in 1968 where they called home in the Black Hills of SD. This is where she met and eventually married Bob Buche. They spent an amazing 32 years together. This brought her so much joy with 9 additional stepchildren. Donna, Robert, Laurel, Mark, Greg, Jeff, Mary, Jane, & Brad along with many special grandchildren. She & Bob spent

from Manhattan High as

- A theft was reported at 12:21 p.m. in the 13000 block of North 100th Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported at 1:26 a.m. in the 13600 block of West Remuda Drive.

July 18

- A fraud or con game was reported 6:41 p.m. in the 10300 block of Northwest US60 Grand Avenue.
- A follow up was reported at 5:02 p.m. in the 10800 block of West Cameo Drive.
- Trespassing was reported at 6:03 p.m. in the 11000 block of North Coggins Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injuries was reported 11:47 a.m. in the 12600 block of West Seneca Drive.
- Criminal damage was reported 10:24 a.m. in the 11100 block of West California Avenue.
- Criminal damage was reported at 6:28 a.m. in the 15600 block of North Bowling Green Drive.

July 19

- An assault was reported at 10:25 p.m. in the 11100 block of West Kansas Avenue.

their winters in AZ until making it their permanent home in 1987. Spending their time golfing & enjoying their friends at the Sun City Country Club where she was a member for 39 years.

She is very proud of her grandchildren Tonya (Scott), Danny (Adrienne), Robbie (Brittany) Jarrod (Vivian) 10 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren, 1 great great great grand. She was preceded in death by both husbands, her daughter Mary, son Bill & grandson Scott. She had 3 sisters & 1 brother who passed before her.

To her many dear friends she was the Queen! A celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church invites anyone whose life has been touched by cancer to attend the Cancer Support Group that returns after a summer break. The class is at 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. The first class is Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Shepherd of the Hills, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd. The Cancer Support Group provides a safe environment where participants can share their experiences, ask questions, and receive support from others who understand the unique challenges of living with cancer. The group is led by Health Educator Julie Killebrew, whose extensive background includes 15 years of nursing education and 30 years of oncology nursing experience. The Cancer Support Group is offered free and open to the entire community. Call Killebrew at 623-584-2280. (Submitted photo/Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church)

- Criminal damage was reported at 9:48 p.m. in the 10000 block of West Sandstone Drive.
- Threats to commit an offense were reported at 8:02 p.m. in the 11100 block of West Arizona Avenue.
- Criminal damage was reported at 7:48 p.m. in the 14200 block of West Dusty Trail Boulevard.
- Criminal damage was reported at 5:19 p.m. in the 15800 block of North Bowling Green Drive.
- A fraud or con game was reported at 8:06 a.m. in the 13600 block of North Teakwood Drive.

July 20

- A fraud or con game was reported at 7:31 p.m. in the 10700 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- An assault was reported at 5:17 p.m. in the 16100 block of West Heritage Drive
- An assault was reported at 11:15 p.m. in the 12400 block of North Cherry Hill Drive.
- A burglary from a vehicle was reported at 10:05 a.m. in the 19300 block of North New Tradition.
- Illegal dumping was reported at 8:24 p.m. in

the 13800 block of West Sky Hawk Drive.

- A fraud or a con game was reported at 6:10 a.m. in the 10300 block of West Floriade Drive.

July 21

- A missing person was reported at 3:45 p.m. in the 14100 block of West Horizon Drive.
- Criminal damage was reported at 4:19 p.m. in the 10700 block of West Bell Road.
- An assault was reported at 9:40 a.m. in the 11300 block of West Kansas Avenue.

July 22

- An insurance loss report was reported at 2:06 p.m. in the 16400 block of North Desert Holly Drive.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported at 12:55 p.m. in the 13600 block of North Newcastle Drive.
- An assault was reported at 1:25 p.m. in the 13600 block of North 99th Avenue.
- A burglary was reported at 8:17 a.m. in the 10800 block of Northwest US60 Grand Avenue.



Barbara H. Daniels

Barbara H. Daniels of Sun City passed away on 8-11-26. She is survived by her son Brent Daniels and wife and 2 sons Brendan and Nicklas of Goodyear; son Brian Daniels and 2 sons Cam and Cole of Michigan; one brother Billy Parson of Michigan; and an unofficial daughter Lorianne

Adams and husband Nate Poole of Sun City.

She loved bingo, bowling, going to the movies and going to see Elvis (Rick Lenzi). She loved her cats and dog.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Tom, and mom Vivian and dad James.

She will be greatly missed. A celebration of life will be on August 29, 2026 at Fairway Center, Room 3 on Peoria Ave. in Sun City from Noon-4pm.

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