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Volunteers log more than 31,000 hours at hospitals

Boswell averages about 1,300 volunteer hours a month

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Banner Health Boswell and Del E. Webb Medical Center officials are focused on serving the community utilizing everyone who steps inside.

Chief Executive Officer Stan Holm said individuals enter the facility as a patient, visitor or employee and all play a pivotal role in the success of these two Banner Health locations.

The entire hospital is saturated with volunteers dedicating their time to giving back to the community. Year-to-date both Del E. Webb and Boswell have accumulated more than 31,000 volunteer hours in 2026.

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'Accessibility for all' prioritized for residents



Recreation Centers of Sun City West Facilities Maintenance Manager Russ Boston stands near an accessibility ramp and automatic door in Sun City West. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Residents create list to improve access and share with officials

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

"Accessibility for all" was prioritized at the end of the last fiscal year, but Recreation Centers of Sun City West officials have long been working on these challenges around the facilities.

During the Oct. 8 Properties Committee meeting, Sun City West resident Jim Jones raised concerns over automatic door openers and the fact those are not currently on every exterior door.

Specifically he was inquiring about automatic doors at several clubs, including Ping Pong, Zymurgy and Racquetball at lower R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

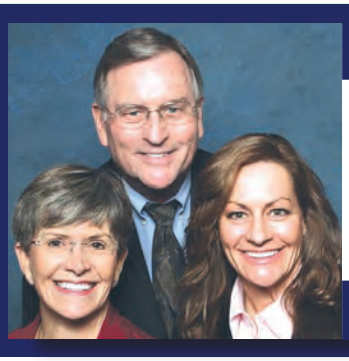
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EXPO

Sun City West Independent Senior Expo coming soon

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Sun City West Independent Senior Expo is 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Sun City West residents have the opportunity to explore a variety of products and services. Participants can access essential health screenings plus take advantage of free giveaways and door prizes.

The business sponsors include Agent Cruz 360, Arizona Broadway Theatre, Cardiac Solutions and SCAN Health Plan.

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Shelly Lemieur has been a member of Mac-Cro-Knit for about seven years and her love of crochet began when her grandmother taught her how to stitch. Lemieur said she thinks her grandmother was hoping it would keep her out of trouble. Her grandmother made beautiful things, inspiring Lemieur to enjoy the creativity and possibilities of working with yarn. One of Shelly's favorite projects is making baby blankets for the hospital here in Sun City West. She loves choosing from the many pretty yarn colors and patterns to create something special. Lemieur said it allows her to use her creative side while knowing that "someone will feel warm and loved." She contributes to the club in many ways beyond her own crocheting. She receives and sorts through yarn donations, helping ensure the yarn is ready for members to use in projects that are donated to various charities. She also puts together yarn baskets for club raffles and coordinates yarn sales, helping support the club and its activities. "Mac-Cro-Knit is such a fun club, and you can make lots of friends and exchange ideas and learn new things," said Lemieur. Mac-Cro-Knit meets 8-11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, at the Kuentz Recreation Center in the Pueblo Room, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Call president Connie Ottemann at 402-499-1681. (Submitted photo/Mac-Cro-Knit Club)



RIP 'N' SEW GIVES $1,000 TO COMMUNITY FUND

Rip 'N' Sew's membership voted to donate $1,000 to the Sun City West Community Fund. The charity's treasurer and secretary came to the club's October general meeting to accept the check. The community fund helps residents of Sun City West who have a financial hardship and have lived in the community long enough. Rip 'N' Sew Co-Presidents Angie Claudon and Eva Weisberg gave the club's $1,000 donation to Community Fund officers Secretary Dale Hornyan-Tofftoy and Treasurer Linda Kooyman. Members of the charity's 16-person board and others who help them are all volunteers. They take turns answering the phone, interviewing prospective recipients, verifying that an applicant has a financial hardship and helping to decide whether and how much the fund can help the applicant, said Mary Adler, one of the fund's directors. The fund may pay for rent, utilities, property taxes, medical bills, home repair or car repair, dental care or prescription drug needs, she said. The fund lacks a physical office, another way the fund keeps its expenses low. But before anyone receives assistance, that person must prove financial hardship, Adler said. She said the goal is to keep people in their home and safe. Visit suncitywestcommunityfund.org or to apply for help from the Sun City West Community Fund, call 623-546-1122. (Submitted photo/Gary Reynolds)

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Volunteers

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The total number of volunteers at Del E. Webb totals 200 who have contributed 20,140.25 hours, while Boswell has 131 volunteers who have donated 11,148,62 hours.

Banner Boswell Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Pringle said currently she has just over 115 total volunteers, 90 of which are active and in town. This also includes other campuses such as Sun Health Research Institute and the Banner Infusion Center.

"We have volunteers in every space inside the hospital. The second people walk in the front door they will be greeted by guest service guides to welcome you and walk in," said Pringle.

She said walking into the hospital can be overwhelming and people are not always in the greatest state of mind mentally, emotionally or physically and volunteers are always there to welcome everyone and get individuals where they need to go.

Pringle said there are a number of visitors and patients who do need assistance getting transported into the facility. She said support getting in and registered is always waiting. Lobby Latte is a place where volunteers assist, as well as the gift shop, which is supervised by a Banner Health employee and run completely by volunteers.

"We are super proud that Del E. Webb and Boswell have the top two gift shops in the Banner Health system and those are one of the spaces where we are looking for new volunteers. It is a big job and two volunteers are required on every shift, so we have gaps there," said Pringle.

Patient registration, golf cart transports and patient unit volunteers are areas of support. Pringle said it is the volunteer's job to support the staff in those units, ensuring support for patients, visitors and staff. This job includes restocking, making runs to different areas and giving support to family members.



Sid and Wendy Engel and service dog, Bailey, volunteer for Banner Health. (Submitted photo/ Banner Health)

Volunteer Arthur White started this journey after he was a patient at the hospital.

"I saw these folks going by my door in uniform and asked the nurse what those people did and she explained the volunteer program to me," he said.

That was all it took and now he logs two four shifts a week and has been for six years, with only one regret - he did not start volunteering sooner.

White said he enjoys helping people and has been blessed with good health and strength to help those who are struggling.

As a guest service guide, White said he takes patients all around and said he comes in contact with other volunteers in almost every department.

"There is a job for anyone. If you are mobile like me, you can do what I do or if you are less mobile you can be at a desk or walking in a smaller area," said White.

The group of volunteers are a great bunch of people, according to White. He said there are a lot of friendly interactions and everyone is there to serve and have fun and get enjoyment out of volunteering.

To volunteer, Pringle said with the surrounding community they do get a lot of volunteers with physical challenges and that does not stop them for giving back. She said they want a meaningful way to use their time and Banner Health offers sedentary positions as well.

"Some people work a four-hour shift and total more than 12,000 steps. That is one of the great things, they love telling me their step counts and what I have learned from them is never stop moving," said Pringle.

She said volunteering for most adds to their quality of life and volunteers are given jobs they feel comfortable with. Pringle said volunteers give the gift of their time to the facility and the goal is to make them feel as useful as possible.

Pringle said the process to become a volunteer is more extensive for Banner Health, including a background check, full orientation and training shifts.

"Either a six month commitment, 100 hours or whatever amount of time you can give. One hundred hours is the goal and it does not matter how long it takes you to get there," she said.

Pringle has a undeniable passion for the volunteer program ever since her first day encounter with an established volunteer.

She said the reason she wanted this position in the first place was because it is such a gift to walk in the building every time and see an army of people waiting to see how they can help make the experience better. The freedom Pringle said from Banner Health officials inside the building to serve the people walking through the front door and those working as well, is unmatched.

"Volunteers are such an integral part of the heart of Banner Health and are here for you and excited and blessed to be that for others," she added.



MODEL RAILROAD CLUB COLLECTS DONATIONS

Donations are being prepared for a swap meet Saturday, Oct. 31, at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park, 23280 N. 43rd Ave. The G Scale layout at the Beardsley Recreation Center is opening again. For the month of October, hours of operation are 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. In November hours will switch to afternoons. Trains do not run on the first Friday of each month 5-8 p.m. The area is open for anyone to visit. The 'HO' and 'N' scale trains run at the R. H. Johnson club room 9 a.m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Visitors are welcome and donations are accepted. The club provides supplies or residents can bring their own equipment. Dues are $30 a year to join and $20 a year thereafter. Call 623-544-6148. (Submitted photo/Ron Kehl)



CONSTRUCTING THE SET

Opening Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Stardust Theatre, "The Wild Women of Winedale." This show, directed by Bonnie Valero and Deb Neuroth, is a Jones, Hope, Wooten comedy. It unfolds in the cluttered, memory filled living room of Fanny Wild. After the directors finalized the set design, Paul Rogers from Washington, volunteered his expertise, along with help from his visiting brother-in- law Phil Gray, to construct the set. Rogers is a familiar face in the Sun City West wood shop and a local licensed Realtor, worked with Valero and brought the design to life. Tickets are $15 at suncitywest.com/tickets or the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. (Submitted photo/Phil Gray/Paul Rogers)

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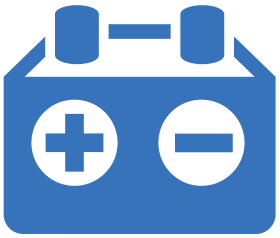

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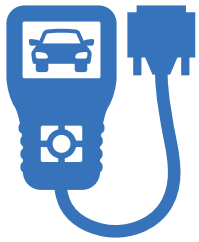

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We support the use of pen names. Too many people don't speak up because they fear intimidation or even danger to their families and/or careers. Pen names are an important part of our nation's history.

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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.

LETTERS

This is the last edition before Election Day that will include new election-related letters to allow candidates to respond to criticisms about their candidacy. New election-related letters will run online only at yourvalley.net through Oct. 27.

10 things I'm not thanking Rep. Hamadeh for right now

In response to the recent letter thanking Abe Hamadeh for his support of the One Big Beautiful Bill, I'm not thanking him for these 10 things:

1) Low-income seniors got a four-year tax break; the wealthy and corporations get much larger, permanent tax breaks.

2) $1 trillion cut from Medicaid and ACA marketplace premiums, resulting in decreased medical coverage and increased premium costs, and leaving many with no health insurance.

3) Deep Medicaid cuts that threaten the financial stability of hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, risking facility closures and fewer resources, especially in rural areas.

4) New SNAP program rules and cuts likely to result in an estimated 1 million fewer people receiving food assistance in times of higher food prices.

5) OBBB provisions are estimated to increase the national debt by $4 trillion.

6) Abe's support of Trump's tariffs and war in Iran have fueled inflation, raised interest rates, spiked energy and food costs, and pushed the national debt to $40 trillion and growing.

7) Abe's refusal to meet with constituents unless they are supporters, failing his responsibility to respect, respond to and represent all the people in his district.

8) He supports the Tate brothers fighting extradition to the UK where they face charges of rape, human trafficking and sexual assault. Let the UK courts deal with them.

9) Abe has made no public comment on the ICE detention center in Surprise despite vocal protests and opposition from many of his constituents who do not want it near schools and family neighborhoods.

10) Abe called people who disagree with him "communists" for exercising their right to peaceful assembly, free speech and the right to protest. Communists are those who try to silence people exercising their rights.

Molly Mandel
SUN CITY WEST

I'm voting again for Abe Hamadeh because he listens

I wanted to meet with Congressional District 8's Rep. Abe Hamadeh to form my own opinion and ask some questions which I felt were important before I could give this man my vote.

He had about 30 minutes as he was leaving one meeting and going to another. He met with about 15 senior women and we pretty much grilled him on why he was running for office.

We were pleasantly surprised at how down to earth he is, how he directly answered our questions. We did not hold back.

He totally answered why he felt the way he did and openly listened to us.

I am grateful for him and his love of this country. Congressman Hamadeh has done what he promised.

I am grateful for his desire to serve the USA. He was in the U.S. Army and is still willing to serve our veterans and seniors.

I voted for him before and because of his promises and commitment to veterans, I'll vote again for my congressman, Abe Hamadeh.

Dolores McCaslin
SUN CITY WEST

Why Democrats will not get our votes on Nov. 3

The Democratic Party is not the party that it once was. The Democratic Socialists of America has grown significantly and exerts a strong influence on the party's left, thus enabling progressive, democratic socialist or Muslim candidates.

Iran sent a 25-page letter to U.S. voters urging Americans to support Democrats. What does that tell you?

People are complaining about the high cost of gas and groceries. May I remind everyone during Bidens' administration inflation was at 9% and gasoline was around $5 a gallon? Could it be because they shut down the Keystone Pipeline, froze Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas leasing and halted new federal drilling permits?

We all remember how roughly 10 million to 11 million nationwide border encounters occurred from 2021 to late 2024, and due to overwhelmed detention capacity, a substantial number of migrants were released into the U.S. interior. These illegals have cost us taxpayers billions of dollars to house, feed, educate and provide medical services.

The Trump administration has closed the border, deported many criminals, passed the One Big Beautiful Bill saving tax dollars, no tax on tips and overtime and lowered the price of many drugs. The stock

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Letters

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market is at an all-time high.

He has provided Trump accounts for new babies and children, is attempting to stop the threat of a nuclear attack from Iran and many other accomplishments which have helped Americans.

Please, for the sake of the America that we love, vote for all Republican candidates to save this country.

God bless America!

Jean Goncalves
SUN CITY WEST

Unhappy with tariffs, war, rising prices? Vote for change

I have to admit I have failed to do my research and am suffering the consequences. It's time to stop voting along party lines without really knowing what candidates stand for.

I've noticed that both APS and now EPCOR are trying to raise the cost of electricity and water for us consumers. The proposed rate must be approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission whose members are voted on by us.

If commissioners will not fight for us to receive reasonable and affordable rates, they should be replaced.

The same with our statewide and county leaders who seem to vote without even caring how their votes affect the people they represent.

I miss Sen. John McCain. With an unpopular Iran war, rising gas prices and tariffs raising the price of everything for us consumers, something has gone terribly wrong.

It's time for change, and the power is in our votes.

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Don Roberts
SUN CITY WEST

This writer is using a pen name.

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Military widow: Rep. Hamadeh's office solved my problem

I'm not really into opinions. Facts and actions are what count. My experience as a 40-year military widow was mightily reaffirmed recently. I must share.

My VA compensation check has been deposited in a Washington credit union the last 38 years. That bank would not easily add either of my two competent adult children as co-signers, a pro-active measure I wanted to take for my future, so I opened another account to move the direct deposit.

After many unsuccessful calls to both VA and the 38-year credit union, I failed to match the account number buried in long-ago computer system hardware updates. At their direction, I created A VA.gov account. It was not functioning for direct deposit actions for several weeks, and "did not know when the system would function again," so I called their recommended phone number, and ended up at the same dead end.

Nearly in tears and plenty mad that every honest attempt to take action would not accomplish my goal, I walked into Abe Hamadeh's office on Bell Road. In 10 minutes, I was directed by Abe's district director to the VA Phoenix Regional Office. Once there, in 10 minutes the goal was accomplished. Done.

I've not bothered "the system" in 38 years, and needed to make one simple change. Only one walk into Rep. Hamadeh's office accomplished what I'd been working on for two years. I am grateful, and now protected. Abe has my vote.

Jeanette Johnson
SUN CITY WEST



'ROCK WONDERLAND' AT LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

Rockhound West Joy Woodward with her "Rock Wonderland" exhibit in the main entrance display cabinet at R.H. Johnson Library. Rockhounds West members Joy and Ed Woodward created a rock collection site exhibit with doll house miniature characters. See the exhibit at R.H. Johnson Library, 13801 W. Meeker Blvd., main entrance display cabinet Tuesday, Nov. 3- Tuesday, Nov. 27. Membership dues are $10 with no monitoring requirements. The club meets 2 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, at the R.H. Johnson Lecture Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Visit rockhounds.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/Barbara Cline)

CALLIGRAPHY CLASSES OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Members of the Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media John and Melanie Harrison. Melanie is a member of Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed and the Creative Stitchers club. John is the President of the Creative Stitchers Club. About a year ago, Melanie created a card that John liked so much he decided he wanted to reproduce it in needlepoint. He then sent the card to a company that creates painted canvases, and John recently completed the work. Coming up, there will be introduction to calligraphy classes 10 a.m.-noon Fridays, Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6. The cost is $40 payable only by check to instructor Char Cash. Pre-registration is required. Email djfradette@gmail.com. An open house for the club is 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Kuentz Recreation Center, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Visit artistichandlettering.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards and Mixed Media Club)



PATCHER CREATES 'OPTICAL ILLUSION'



"Optical Illusion" was created by Sharon Root. She saw this quilt on the internet, but was unable to find the designer or the name of the pattern. She drafted this pattern on her own and named it "Optical Illusion." Root pieced and quilted the quilt on her domestic sewing machine. She said she learned patience while making this quilt. She is keeping the quilt for herself and has been doing it for 40 years. She is a member of Palo Verde Patchers as well as being a co-leader of the group in the Patchers called "Mod Squad Rebels." The general meeting is 12:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. All other weeks general information meetings and Sew 'n Tell are held 10-11 a.m. in the club room at Kuentz Recreation Center, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Call Mary Roberts at 541-550-9932. (Submitted photo/Palo Verde Patchers)



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Briefs

Get papers ready for the shred event

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Daughters Court 2278 is preparing to host a shred event 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Our Lady of Lourdes, 19002 N. 128th Ave. Residents can bring up to four boxes. Call Rosemary Dougherty or email rosemaryd4@cox.net.

Karaoke Club offers themes throughout the year

The Karaoke Club of Sun City West is open to both singers and music lovers, featuring themed events and community performances throughout the year.

The club meets 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. Doors open at 5 p.m., at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Water, cups, and ice are provided. Residents can bring a favorite snack and drink.

Scaryoke Pizza Night is 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29. Costumes are welcome and guests are invited to attend. Non-members pay a fee for pizza. Club members will also have a chance to win prizes for best costume.

Visit karaoke.scwclubs.com.

Prep for winter with the Desert Garden Club

The Sun City West Desert Garden Club will host the upcoming Desert Garden winter prep presentation. Certified Arborist and owner of Design Tree Maintenance Ben McGonigle will discuss which plants need special care or replacement to ensure plants are well established before the summer months.

All Sun City West residents with a valid Recreation Card may attend.

The event is 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Beardsley Recreation Center Sagebrush Room, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

Visit garden.scwclubs.com.

Corrected hours for Sun City West Foundation

The Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd., is correcting hours listed online. The foundation is open 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Thursday.

The Sun City West Foundation Helping Hands, 14624 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd., is open 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday.

Visit scwfoundation.org.

Boomers change name to Primetime Club

In January, some of the Boomers Club members raised the question about their club taking a more active role to attract younger members.

Boomers President Sheldon Miller, the board and special committee came up with a plan to include "Gen X" and all new residents into the club. All current Boomers would be automatically enrolled, but, with the addition of Gen Xers, the club name would no longer fit the changing membership. The name was changed to Primetime Club.

The club will continue with social events including water volleyball, dances and more. Currently the club organizes and holds more than 20 different events and activities monthly.

The goal is to continue to offer a wide range of activities suited to everyone in the community and provide primetime fun for residents of all ages.

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Access

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Committee Member Suzanne Jones said those were on the list provided by Sun City West residents Ron and Lisa Capriotti, who volunteered and were asked by officials to locate the accessibility issues earlier in the year. Ron was key to getting the accessible ramp into the Broadcast Club and automatic door, along with former employee Karl Wilhelm. Committee Chairman Nick Turner said one change that has been taking place in these areas is adjusting the pull weight on those doors, which allows those doors to be opened with one finger.

Recreation Centers of Sun City West Facilities Maintenance Manager Russ Boston said there are currently more than 70 automatic door openers.

"This has been a learning curve for me, and I actually learned from state officials automatic door openers are not required on exterior doors," said Boston.

He said officials were encouraged by all that was already in place and more for Americans With Disabilities Act compliance.

With the high number already in place and the expense to maintain those, Boston said officials had to make changes.

According to Boston, these openers used to run about $2,100 apiece and now the cost is $3,500 and that does not include installation and maintenance.

Now, a mechanism to adjust the pull weight of the door is used, which is cheaper and are being replaced as work orders come in for doors with issues. The standard is a pull weight of 8-10 pounds, but Boston and his crew keep the weight at five pounds. He said this allows a pinky finger to be used to open the door.

"In one case we had an individual who is in a wheelchair at Beardsley Recreation Center, and he pointed out that we did not have an opener to let him into the spa, so we met him there and he wheeled over to the door, and he showed us how hard it was to open," said Boston.

An automatic door opener was installed.

Boston said if it is justified and approved, then they will do what they can to fix the issue.

Another example was a bump located underwater on the ramp out of the Kuentz pool and according to Boston the liner in that pool is due in the next few years and that note has been added to get that redone during that time to zero it out.

"I have been here for 35 years and never heard a complaint on the ramp and have no idea why it was it there, but it makes sense it should not be," he said.

It takes a couple hundred dollars to get the pull weight mechanism on and adjusted and for those doors with those already, the adjustment takes a few minutes.

Boston said the buildings are getting older and prices are going up on everything so he knows his job and that requires creativity to try to equalize those costs.

He encourages residents who are experiencing doors issues to let the monitor at that facility know and fill out a member comment form to address the issue, but that does not necessarily mean there will be an automatic door installed.

Jones said as the committee looks at these various facilities they need to keep in mind accessibility for all.

"This effects many people, not just one or two," she said.

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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JAZZY POMS CLASS COMING SOON

A DanceSensations Jazzy Poms class will take place 12-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. All performing classes, including tap, jazz, musical theater, jingle tap, hula and Jazzy Pom work together with guest singers and actors, are preparing for the annual Holiday Variety Show, "Christmas Cruise" at Stardust Theatre, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov.12, Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15. The show is 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. Tickets are on sale now at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, online at suncitywest.com/tickets or dancesensations.scwclubs.com. Email president@scwdancesensations.com or call 623-594-3408. (Submitted photo/Dance Sensations')

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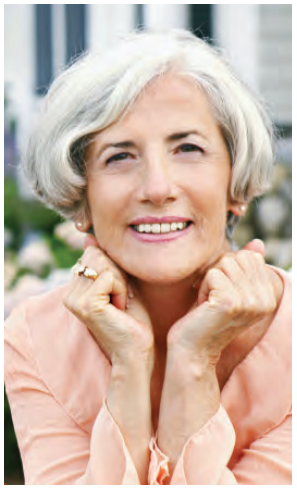
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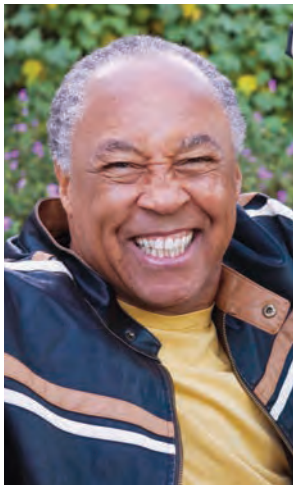
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Historical events from October 1926

The month of October has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in October 1926.

• Electrosurgery is performed for the first time on October 1 in Boston. Dr. Harvey Cushing performs the operation, during which he used an electrosurgical device to remove a mass from a patient's head.

• Pennsylvania's blue laws are invoked in Pittsburgh on October 6. The laws, which were initially adopted in 1794, ban all Sunday sports in the city.

• On October 6, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees becomes the first player to hit three homeruns in a World Series game. The feat would not be matched for 51 years, when another Yankee, Reggie Jackson, hits three homeruns against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

• Babe Ruth is caught trying to steal second base with two outs in the 10th inning of Game 7 of the World Series on October 10. Ruth's caught stealing occurs while Lou Gehrig is in the on-deck circle and is the final out of the Series, which is won by the St. Louis Cardinals.

• Thieves use ladders to scale the wall of the Condé Museum in Chantilly, Oise, France, on October 12. The thieves ultimately escape with the Condé Diamond, which once belonged to 17th century general Louis, Grand Condé.

• On October 13, the United States Supreme Court rules that government directives to change clocks for daylight saving time are constitutional.

• The A.A. Milne book Winnie-the-Pooh is published and released to the public in Great Britain and the United States on October 14.

• Charles Edward Anderson Berry is born into a middle-class family in St. Louis on October 18. Berry would eventually come to be known as "Chuck Berry" and become one of the pioneers of rock and roll.

• Architect Frank Lloyd Wright is arrested at a cottage in Wildhurst, Minnesota, on October 20. Wright, who was staying at the cottage with a Montenegrin woman, Olga Milanoff, who was not his wife, is arrested for adultery.

• On October 24, illusionist Harry Houdini performs for the final time. After the performance, which Houdini delivered in spite of a 104 F fever, Houdini collapsed in his dressing room and was subsequently taken to the hospital.

• Pope Pius XI carries out the consecration of six Chinese bishops on October 28. The consecration marks the first time since the 17th century that Chinese Roman Catholics are elevated to the bishopric by the Vatican.

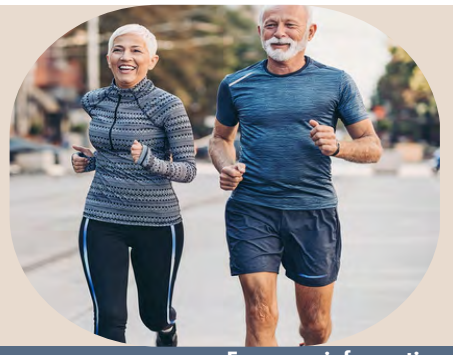
• Benito Mussolini survives the fourth attempt on his life in 12 months on October 31. Mussolini is shot at by 15-year-old anarchist Anteo Zamboni in Bologna, but the bullet fails to pierce his body. Police subsequently allow a mob to lynch Zamboni on the spot.

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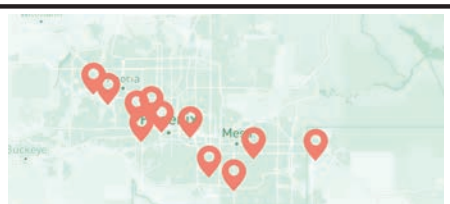
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COMMUNITY

Volunteer organizations connect with residents

Sun City West Foundation will host another volunteer event in January

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Residents looking for volunteer opportunities took part in the volunteer fair Sept. 24.

Several organizations looking for individuals who can give a few hours a month or more took part in the event hosted by Sun City West Foundation officials.

"We put out a survey about two years ago and one of the biggest things that came up was what can we offer to let people know where there are opportunities to volunteer," said Marketing Coordinator Teresa Brown.

Thirty-one residents registered for the event and small waves of residents stopped by throughout the two-hour event.

Brown said originally the plan was for each organization to talk to the residents, but as the event began, it turned into a open house program, and residents started visiting the organizations at the various tables.

While many winter visitors are yet to return, these agencies operate all year long and Brown said the goal is to reach those people who are looking for a place to volunteer in the three months they are here, as well as reach those full time residents.

Other groups are also interested in attending, which Brown said may alter the Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2027, event to include one side looking for membership and the other looking for volunteers.

"We heard from residents who thanked us for offering this because there was not another place doing this type of event," said Brown.

Property Owner and Residents Association Director Cindy Putman said she mostly educated residents during the event, but said this event is important because people who know what the organizations they are volunteering for are more likely to want to keep doing it.

Sun City West Posse volunteer Deborah Marsh said at the start of the event, five people already expressed interest in learning more about the organization. Volunteer Julie Brown said getting interested people to commit can be a challenge, but the organization takes the time to talk about the needs and interests of each potential volunteer to find the right place.

Benevilla Volunteer Services Manager Daphne Sietz took part in the event to educate residents on volunteer opportunities available.

"The Sun City West Foundation has always been a great supporter of Benevilla, and we like to help out in any way we can to connect with the Sun City West community," she said.

Sietz said there are many areas to volunteer at Benevilla, including the three senior day programs, preschool and childcare on campus and in-home helping with transportation, medical appointments, grocery shopping and visiting with seniors.

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LIONS

Meet the Lions behind 'Halloweenie' luncheon

Fundraiser money stays in the community

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Going back to 2016, the Sun City West Sunrise Lions have been hosting the "Halloweenie Luncheon," but in 2020 the event shut down and now the organization is bringing it back.

President Tammy Cole said the group decided to resurrect the event and started the process earlier this year, after putting a budget together.

"It was interesting because when I told a few people about this they remembered the fundraiser and said they loved the Halloweenie and were excited," she said.

The event is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Sun City West Foundation Grand Canyon Room, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Tickets are $10 and include a Nathan's jumbo hot dog, onions, Sauerkraut, condiments, chips, cookie and a drink.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Sunrise Lion member. Orders of six or more can be delivered within the Sun City West area.

"Laurie Bowen and I were down to 15 members and with an aging club, we are trying to put some things together," said Cole.

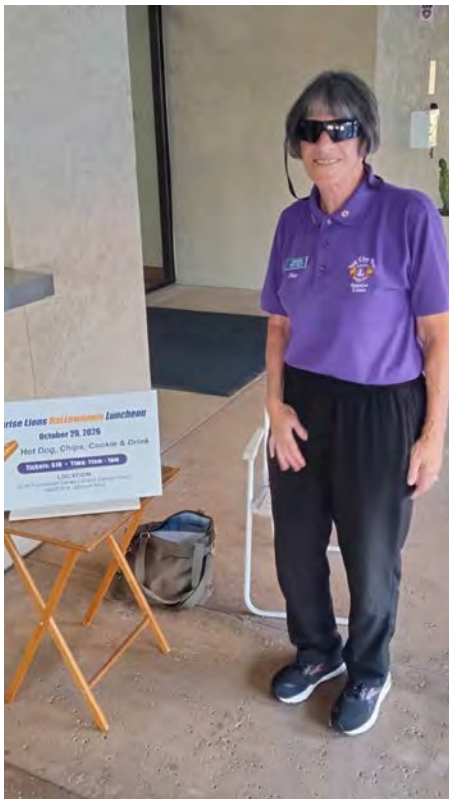
Cole said many churches have contacted them and ordered for bigger groups. She said she will continue to keep track of all the orders and hope more will come in to support the Sunrise Lions.

Call Cole 217-491-0162.

The Sunrise Lions meet 8:30 a.m. the first and third Thursday of the month, at PORA, 13815 Camino Del Sol.

The group also meets for social breakfast 7 a.m. every Thursday at the Hole 'n' One, 13573 W. Camino del Sol.

Additionally, the club has a collection boxes for unwanted eyeglasses. Visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/sunriseaz/projects.php.



Sun City West Sunrise Lion Laurie Bowden sells tickets to the 'Halloweenie' luncheon event. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

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A PLEASANT HIKE IN MORRISTOWN

Nine hikers enjoyed the day Oct. 8 at Lake Pleasant Regional Park in Morristown. The group hiked the Wild Burro Trail and Pipeline Trail and recorded seeing the most ever on their hike there. The out and back hike covered 4.5 miles with 192 feet of elevation change and 322 feet of total gain. The "total time" was two hours and 23 minutes and "move time" of two hours and four minutes for an average of 27.2 minutes per mile. John Mitchell, Mike Wegener, Kurt Weber, David Stringham, Jeani Paulson, Sandy Tiedeman, Joanne Honce, Brian Kimbell and Michael Weingarten took part. Mitchell was the photographer and is not pictured. Interested in joining the Sun City West Sportsman's Club's Hiking Group, visit sportsman.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/John Mitchell)

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Meet-and-greet part of Oct. 28 Senior Expo

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Residents are invited to chat with reporter Jennifer Jimenez, opinions coordinator Kelly O'Sullivan and editor Jeremy Carr.

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CERAMIC BUNNY GREETINGS

A "firebird" bunny is happy to see a "snowbird" bunny return from its summer absence. The Ceramics West club is equally thrilled to welcome back its snowbird friends. The Ceramics West club continues to offer familiar classes and many new classes. Paul Bennett shared this photo of a real bunny stealing a kiss from the ceramic bunny he painted for his yard. Bennett and his wife Cheryl both enjoy the Ceramics West club, which has added Saturday afternoons hours. Open hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, in the R.H. Johnson center. (Submitted photo/BK Pritchett)

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ARIZONA



COMMUNITY

Banner CEO promotes bringing together clergy

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Banner Health is connecting with clergy and religious leaders in the community focusing on overall care of the mind, body and spirit.

Boswell Medical Center and Del E. Webb Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Stan Holm will join chaplains at Boswell, 10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., for a clergy lunch.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church Pastor Ron Friesen said this networking event brings everyone together, because most of them do not know each other and that is good to connect.

"What this communicates to the clergy and religious leaders of the community is the Banner Health system itself is open to the spiritual care. They recognize we are physically, emotionally, relational and spiritual beings and the Banner system does that well," said Friesen.

He said it is also welcoming for he has a pastor to get together with the chaplains at the hospitals and is positive affirmation to know they are always there to administer to the parishioners as well.

Shepherd of the Hills Health Educator Julie Killebrew said taking part in this event helps to connect her with other organizations in the community to bring them out to the church.

"I find other people and groups to get the word out about their services that are beneficial to people in need," said Killebrew.

Other connections are made as well, including a church member calling to have someone to visit her mother in the hospital. Killebrew said Friesen was able to arrange for a chaplain to visit and that made a big difference for her and her daughter.



Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church Pastor Daniel Gómez, Julie Killebrew, MSN and Pastor Ron Friesen. (Submitted photo/Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church)

When Holm took the job three years ago as CEO, he brought this program of connecting clergy and spiritual leaders with Banner Health to ensure they felt welcomed. He said beyond the walls of the hospitals there is the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center and food pantry, which is just one of many spokes to connect and serve the community. As an organization, Banner Health provides more than $1 billion each year in community benefit.

He said in leadership at Banner Health ideas to connect with the community are embraced.

"So many people when in our environment are vulnerable and many times need to make connections with mind, body and spirit," said Holm.

He said the goals of this lunch is to let spiritual leaders know they are welcome and should feel comfortable when going to see individuals from a congregation and in a way that helps those patients. The second is to learn and connect with each other and strengthen those connections between Banner Health and those individuals.

Holm said anytime there is an opportunity for community partnerships, it strengthens many sides of care.

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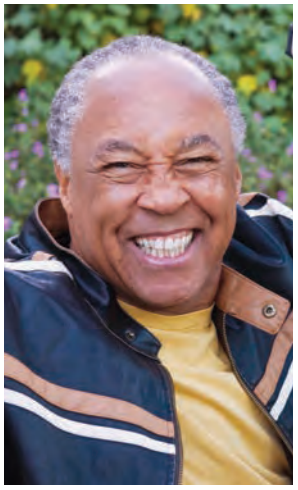

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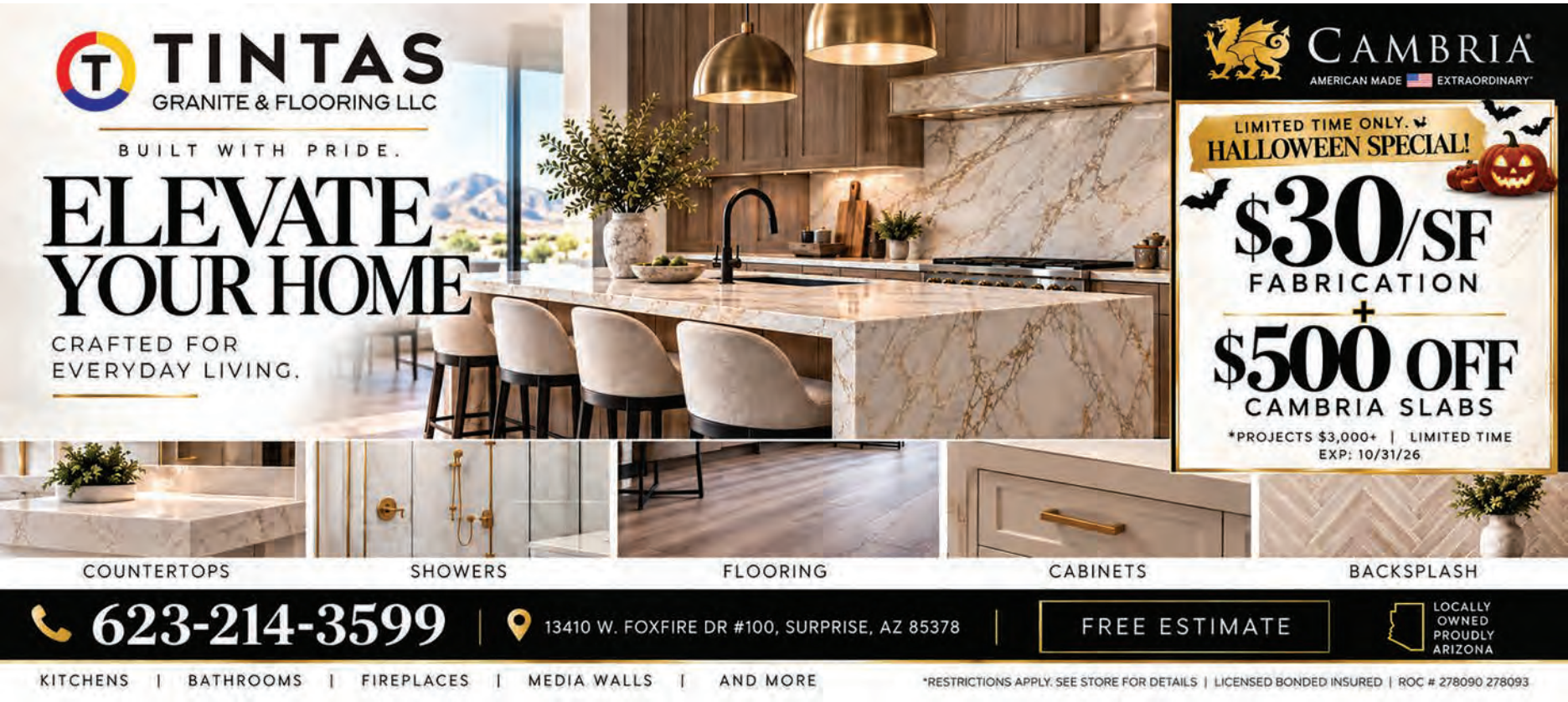
LEGACY CONTINUES TO THANK VETS

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Guild honors the memory of its former member, Mary Jane Frances McSparran OFS, by continuing Mary Jane's "Stars for Our Troops" project in Sun City West. Mary Jane died in May 2026 at age 93 and participated until a few weeks before her death. This project rescues stars from worn and torn American flags that can no longer fly. Guild members assemble the stars packets on the second Wednesday of each month. The packets include a star cut from a tattered flag and a card which recognizes the veteran's service. These stars packets are handed out to veterans and U.S. military members across the country. The assembly of the packets is supervised by Frances' son Daniel McSparran and her daughter-in-law Kelsie Hughes McSparran. (Submitted photo/Our Lady of Lourdes Womens Guild)



SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES DONATION

Greg Emery, pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, and Mary Jo Steger, office manager at the church, donated to the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center to help support its food programs and food pantry. From left are Jennifer Lawless, director Banner Olive Branch Senior Center, Emery and Steger. (Submitted photo/Jennifer Lawless)



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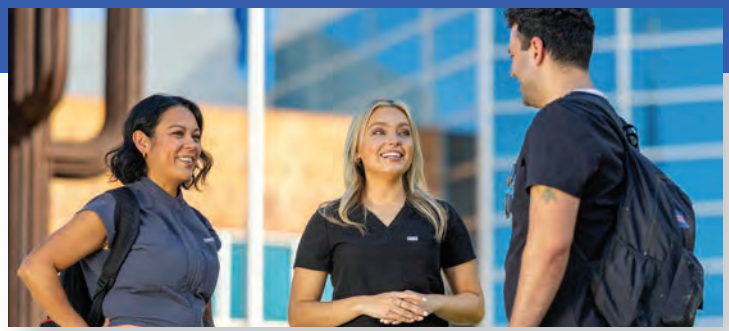
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ENCORE CLUB CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

As the holiday season begins, ENCORE Needle and Craft Club is already busy creating handmade gifts that will bring comfort, warmth and joy to those in need throughout the community. ENCORE members Nona Johnson and Judy Brooks volunteer with Hospice of the Valley with handmade lap blankets destined for Hospice of the Valley. Members knit, crochet and sew beautiful handmade items throughout the year to support the local charities the club serves. The lap blankets created by Johnson and donated to Hospice of the Valley are more than handmade treasures they are a heartfelt gift of comfort to someone who needs it most. Giving back is at the heart of ENCORE. Throughout the year, members create hats, scarves, blankets, slippers, chemo caps, baby items, dementia activity pads, walker bags, rice bags and other useful and comforting items for local charities. Experienced crafters or individuals looking to learn a new skill and meet new people are welcome. (Submitted photo/Nancy Jerosi)

'Miracle on 34th Street' brings holiday magic to Sun City West

This Thanksgiving weekend, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West presents "Miracle on 34th Street, The Play" at the Stardust Theatre."

This charity production brings together local performers to celebrate the holiday season while supporting a worthy cause. All profits will benefit local charitable organizations.

Performances are 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

Tickets are $10, with reserved seating and go on sale Oct. 12.

Tickets will be available at suncitywest.com/tickets or at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

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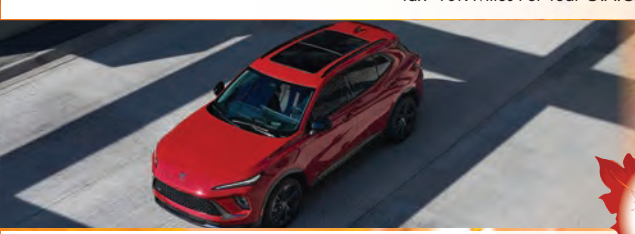


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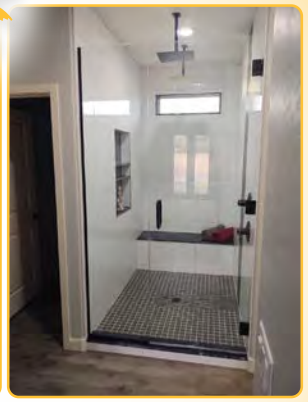
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Briefs

Women's Guild hosts meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Guild held a monthly general meeting Oct. 5, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 19028 N. 128th Ave.

The program featured Elisia Vallejo who presented "Where Hope Lives." The organization provides free medical, therapeutic, housing, education and recovery programs for trafficking survivors ages four to adult and has served over 7,088 survivors on the church's three campuses across the Valley since 2008.

The Women's Guild meets 9:30 a.m. the first Monday of the month. Vallejo will also present 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd. Hygiene products will be collected during the event. This event is free and open to the public.

What everyone should know about AI

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd., will host Justin Phillips to present "Artificial Intelligence: What everyone should know as part of the Wednesday Night Discoveries."

This free event is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. The presentation will help clarify what AI is, explore how it is already affecting our daily lives, and address common questions about its benefits, limitations and responsible use.

Register at shepherdumc.org or call 623-584-2280.

Theatre West presents new show

Head to the Stardust Theatre as Theatre West presents "The Wild Women of Winedale," a Jones, Hope, Wooten comedy directed by Deb Neuroth and Bonnie Valero. The show runs Wednesday, Oct. 21-Thursday, Oct. 29.

Fanny Wild's home is bursting at the seams with generations of family hand me downs, and her sisters are right there with her as they barrel headfirst into their 60s. Behind the scenes, Jim Roch and Susan Leverenz, stage managers, have been working together to ensure everything runs smoothly once the curtain rises.

Tickets: $15 residents and $15 plus tax for non-residents.

Visit suncitywest.com/tickets or the Recreation Centers of Sun City West box office, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.







OCTOBER ACES

Pebblebrook Ladies 18 Golf Club's October aces of the month are Cathi Eby (low gross 92), Barb Niemi (low net 77) and Jen Walsh (putter of the month, 30 putts). (Submitted photos/Gisela Roemer)

SCORES

GOLF

DT Winners at Stardust
Sept. 30 - game played: T or F (Count Holes 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
1st flight: (Handicaps 6-18)
Glenn Warrington, Jim Haaland and John Gable (Tied at 30)
Jim O'Neil and David Kuhlman (Tied at 31)
2nd flight: (Handicaps 19-27)
Everett Dorsey-28 Gary McGrath-30
Chuck Anderson and Dave Gearhart (Tied at 31)
Tom Flaherty, Rich McAndrews and John Plum (Tied at 32)
Oct. 7
1st Flight: (Handicaps 6-18)
Glenn Warrington (Low Gross) 68 Mike Bashaw-60 Jim Haaland-61
Rich VanVulkenburg-62 Steve Wolf and Mike Dmitriev (Tied at 63)
John Evans and Fred Preston (Tied at 63)
2nd Flight: (Handicaps 19-27)
Don Bols (Low Gross) 78 John Mollenkamp (Low Net) 59
Tom Flaherty and Joe Petrocelli (Tied at 62)
Steve Guthrie and Gary McGrath (Tied at 63)
Jim Meier-64
Randy Giedt and Dan Studley (Tied at 65)

Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club
Oct. 6
Low Gross/Low Net
Flt. 1 17 - 28 L.G. L.N
Sally Hamill 76
Carolyn Lopez 57
Vicki Frank 59
Flt. 2 29 - 40
Karen Huss 95
Berne Dybas 60
Eileen Fargher 61
Combo Tees
Judy Keller 95 69
Nine Holers
Joanne Honce 44
Charlotte Ewalt 25.5

Desert Trail Ladies Golf
Oct. 7
Flight 1 Low Gross K. Wallace 78 Low Net M. Train, L. Vandever 60
Flight 2 Low Gross L. Giebelhaus 82 Low Net L. Bunn, K. McDonald 59
Flight 3 Low Gross M. Doucette 91 Low Net J. Relyea 61
Flight 4 Low Gross M. Judd 100 Low Net D. Peck 61

Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club
Oct. 13 — Stardust Scramble
First Place Score
Linda Geyer 65.0
Sally Hamill
Mary Wenger
Second Place
Veda Barganier 66.0
Barbara Hoolehan
Barbara Martin
Jan Nesper
Nine Holers
Joanne Honce 40.0
Charlotte Ewalt 40.0 25.5
Jeanne Pribnow 40.0

Desert Trails Ladies Golf Scramble
Oct. 12
Low Gross P. Farrell, K. Kennelly, K. Backman D. Savage
Low Net J. Moore, D. Peck, H. Fix, M. Judd

GAMES

SCWCBC Tuesday Scores
Oct. 6
1 Larry Hughes 5400
2 Marion Hare 4610
3 Dennis Hemmer 3790
4 Marilyn Torgrimson 3300
Oct. 13
1 Don Bols 6910
2 Bonnie Mattraw 6200
3 Dixie Nothwang 4370
4 Bill Teeguarden 3750
Small Slams: Don Bols and Dixie Nothwang

Monday Night Bridge
Oct. 5
1st L Shirley Hughes and Mary Kiewel 5800
2nd Don Bols and Dixie Nothwang 4880
3rd Dianne Wuethrich and Mary Lou Hindal 4630
4th Gene Hopp and Karen Overson 3980
Small Slam: Bill Cooper and Barb Carl

One Partner Bridge
Oct. 12
1. Marilyn Dumond and Barb Sumner 5890
2 Barb Carl and Bill Cooper 4170
3. Dennis and Kathy Russler 4060
4. Steve Serb and John 3540
Small Slams: Marilyn Dumond and Barb Sumner



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Residents face an important decision

By Cindy Putman
PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR

Residents of Sun City and Sun City West will soon have an opportunity to learn more about a proposed change that could affect the way they pay for water.

Property Owners and Residents Association officials are bringing representatives from the Residential Utility Consumer Office and PIRG 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Oct. 26, at Palm Ridge Recreation Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Road.

EPCOR Utilities, Inc., in Arizona has asked the Arizona Corporation Commission to approve new water rates and to consolidate several of its water districts including Sun City and Sun City West, into a shared rate structure. The proposal is still under review, and the ACC has not made a final decision.

For Sun City West, EPCOR estimates that a typical residential customer using 7,000 gallons a month currently pays about $39.15 for water. Under the company's proposal, the estimated bill would be $65.97 if the district remains separate. Under the proposed consolidation, the estimated bill would begin at $47.60 and eventually reach $54.41. These are proposed figures, not final rates.

Residents will also hear about the Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanism and what this type of formula-based rate adjustment could mean for future utility bills. The ACC approved its first one for a regulated utility earlier this year.

The meeting is intended to give residents an opportunity to understand the choices before them and the rate case now before the ACC. There is still time for residents to participate in the process. Residents can submit comments and make their views known before a final decision is made.



ARTISTIC HAND LETTERING CLUB HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The annual open house event for the Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards and Mixed Media Club is 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Kuentz Recreation Center Pueblo Room, 14401 R. H. Johnson Blvd. Brenda Mauro is participating in water coloring. There will be a holiday card design to copy, club members to help and all the supplies to complete the card. The Cricut will be set up to create a second card. All supplies will be provided. Every Monday, 1-4 p.m., is a workshop on making cards and 1:30-4 p.m. Friday is a mixed media workshop. Gelli printing or water coloring workshops are 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. The club also has hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. Call Dottie Schmit 602-758-9854 or Kat McGinnis 480-806-8053 or visit artistichandlettering.scwclubs.com. Club membership is $10 a year. Pictured is Brenda Mauro water coloring. (Submitted photo/ Melanie Harrison)

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SEPT. 22

- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 1:06 p.m. in the 19100 block of North R.H. Johnson Boulevard.
- A strong arm robbery was reported 11:18 a.m. in the 13900 block of West Meeker Boulevard.
- Trespassing was reported 9:18 a.m. in the 11000 block of West Coggins Drive.
- Threats to commit an offense was reported 8:57 a.m. in the 14500 block of West Meeker Boulevard.

SEPT. 23

- A welfare check was reported 12:47 p.m. in the 10300 block of West Snead Drive.
- An assault was reported 3:59 p.m. in the 14000 block of West Aleppo Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 10:48 p.m. in the 14600 block of North Del Webb Boulevard.
- An abandoned vehicle was reported 10:22 a.m. at the intersection of North 112th Avenue and West Florida Avenue.

SEPT. 24

- A theft was reported 6:56 p.m. in the 14600 block of West Futura Drive.
- An animal problem was reported 3:54 p.m. in the 11500 block of West Harmony Lane.
- Theft from a vehicle was reported 3:56 p.m. in the 10200 block of West Palmer Drive.
- An abandoned vehicle was reported 12:22 p.m. in the 10900 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 11:03 a.m. in the 14500 block of West Granite Valley Drive.
- Trespassing was reported 7:17 a.m. in the 12600 block of North 107th Avenue.

SEPT. 25

- A fraud or con game was reported 3:37 p.m. in the 17200 block of West El Caminito Drive.
- Neighbor trouble was reported 10:52 a.m. in the 14100 block of West Pennystone Drive.
- An insurance loss was reported 8:51 a.m. in the 14500 block of West Meeker Blvd.
- A theft was reported 7:01 p.m. in the 10400 West Thunderbird Boulevard.
- An insurance loss was reported 6:40 a.m. in the 13500 block of West Ballad Drive.

SEPT. 26

- A fraud or con game was reported 3:58 p.m. in the 13200 block of West Maplewood Drive.
- Neighbor Trouble was reported 9:29 a.m. in the 14155 W. Pennystone Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 9:48 a.m. at the intersection of West Meeker Boulevard and North R.H. Johnson Boulevard.
- A theft was reported 5:26 a.m. in the 12500 block of West Brandywine Drive.
- A person was found 2:17 a.m. in the 10000 block of West Denham Drive.

SEPT. 27

- An assault was reported 11 p.m. in the 11100 block of West Kolina Lane.
- Criminal damage was reported 8:27 p.m. in the 13300 block of West Yearling Road.
- An assault was reported 3:29 p.m. in the 11100 block of Northwest US60 Grand Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 1:19 p.m. in the 18600 block of North Spanish Garden Drive.
- A vehicle crash with injuries was reported 11:59 a.m. at the intersection of North 107th Avenue and North Del Webb Boulevard.
- A stolen vehicle was reported 8:29 a.m. in the 11100 block of West Montana Avenue.
- A man down was reported 8:56 a.m. in the 11200 block of North 109th Avenue.

SEPT. 28

- Found property was reported 10:59 p.m. in the 11200 block of North 107th Avenue.
- Criminal damage was reported 8:50 p.m. in the 11400 block of North 114th Avenue.
- Trespassing was reported 8:19 p.m. in the 10900 block of West Coggins Drive.
- A stolen vehicle was reported 11:29 a.m. in the 12400 block of North 103rd Avenue.
- A fraud or con game was reported 3:28 p.m. in the 13000 block of West Bell Road.
- Threats to commit an offense was reported 11:38 p.m. in the 13000 block of West Butterfield Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 12:19 p.m. at the intersection of North 108th Avenue and West Oakmont Drive.
- A theft was reported 10:14 a.m. in the 18600 block of North Spanish Garden Drive.
- A stolen vehicle was reported 7:09 a.m. in the 11600 block of West Olive Avenue.
- A traffic violation was reported 7:15 a.m. at the intersection of West Bell Road and North R.H. Johnson Boulevard.



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Debbie Gedlinske originally hails from Louisiana and she loves the "Welcome Alligator" sign. She is a United State Air Force veteran who served for eight years. Since joining, Debbie shared that she found warm, welcoming and friendly faces in the Ceramics club. The Ceramics club meets 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-8 p.m. Thursday; and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon. The club room is located in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. (Submitted photo/BK Pritchett)

FITNESS CLUB OFFERS NEW CLASS

The Sun City West Fitness Club is offering a new cardio class. Michelle's Movement Mania is 9:45-10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. The class, taught by certified fitness instructor Michelle Nguyen, offers a five-minute warm-up progressing in to alternating body weight strength training and rhythmic movements. The class ends with a whole body stretch and cool down. No equipment is needed for this class. All Fitness Club classes are open to residents of Sun City West. Residents may try their first class free. Annual membership is $10. Classes are $5 for drop-in and $4 when purchased in multiples. Visit fitness.scwclubs.com



CREATIVE STITCHERS CREATE A CHRISTMAS THEME

Creative Stitchers' Donna Norton created a Christmas theme creation. There is always a helper for each craft including counted cross stitch, needlepoint, hardanger, embroidery, smocking, rug hooking, punch needle and more. Membership is $10 annually, for Sun City West residents. Creative Stitchers meets 8-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Kuentz Recreation Center Kiva Room, 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd. There always has to be two or more members to use room. The general meeting is the third Monday of the month. Visit stitchers.scwclubs.com/ or call John Harrison at 480-363-6392. (Submitted photo/Creative Stitchers)

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GOALS COMMITTEE GIVES MORE THAN $35,000

The Goals Committee meets and decides what organizations are most in need of help and recently gave more than $35,000 to local organizations. Community Fund Linda Kooyman, Sun City West Posse Commander Carolyn Patterson, Community Fund Mary Adler, Prides Bill Miller, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church Father Shea, St. Vincent dePaul, Our Lady of Lourdes Mary Ann Powers, St. Vincent de Paul Prince of Peace, Dee Roark, Catholic Daughters Regent Judy Penman and Valley View Food Bank Jessie Ramirez received funds from the group. (Submitted photo/Catholic Daughters)



INSTALLATION OF CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Vice Regent Karen Czaplewski, Treasurer Christine Chew, Financial Secretary Lynn Conner, Regent Judy Penman, Recording Secretary Rosemary Dougherty and District Deputy Joan Cosson took part in an installation program. Call Penman 661-755-2774. (Submitted photo/Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Daughters)

SOFTBALL

Softball super fan celebrates 100th birthday

Traveled with Sun City West Liberty Angels until 2025

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

This softball super fan was always in the stands to support her daughter Christie Nunes, and now Doris Waldron is being celebrated on her 100th birthday.

On Oct. 6 she reached the century mark and celebrated with family, friends and a party.

Every five years, for the past 10 years, Nunes said they have had a party for her.

"She was overwhelmed by the number of people that came to celebrate her and it was so special," said Nunes.

Friends Nunes had not seen in years attended the party.

Nunes has spent decades on the softball field and Waldron was her traveling companion. For more than 50 years she has watched games from the stands to both in and out of state tournaments. The last tournament Waldron traveled to was in 2025.

"It has been such a blessing to have her around at all these games. It is wonderful," she said.

Nunes' mom has always supported her, according to Bev Burger who manages and plays with the Sun City West Liberty Angels.

She has fond memories of taking trips to Desert Diamond Casino to hear the bands from Sun City West. Burger said Waldron loves life and being there with Christie.

Nunes and Burger have played several tournaments together and used to co-mingle with the Sun City and Sun City West teams to play more often, which since has stopped.

The pair is currently competing in the Huntsman Games and finished in first place in the 74 plus division.

The majority of the tournaments they play in are out of state. Burger is coming up next year on her 25th year competing in these games. She has been gifted a ring and watch as memorabilia to celebrate the accomplishment. After 25 years, the next gift is a sculpture.

"In the two years this team has been in existence we have taken first or second in every tournament, except two, which we took third in," said Burger.



Doris Waldron has supported the Sun City West Liberty Angels for many years and recently celebrated her 100th birthday, alongside her daughter and player Christie Nunes. (Submitted photo/Bev Burger)

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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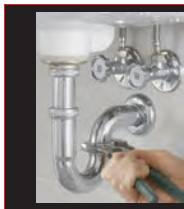
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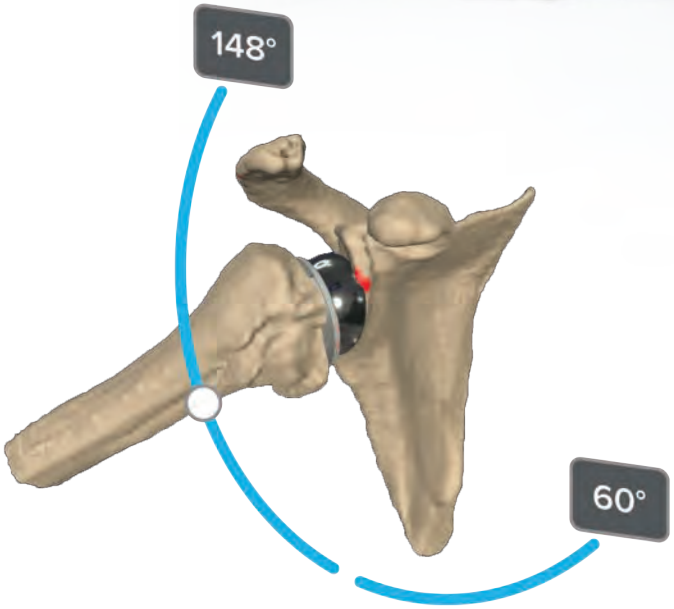
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