



Pool deck resurfaced, work still continues around pool

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The work schedule on the R.H. Johnson Pool is on track and looking good, according to Recreation Centers of Sun City West officials.

General Services Officer Katy O'Grady said crews are still working on putting flex material between the joints at the drain and the coping around the pool. Once that work is done, a sealer-top-coat will be placed on the deck.

Demolition began Oct. 5 and it took about two weeks of surface preparation, with the completion scheduled for the end of this month.

Capital Projects Manager Herschel Workman said the same surface preparation did not happen in previous deck projects. Crews this time ground down the existing pool deck and concrete and placed waterproof sealer near drains, coping and other areas.

"They re-sloped the concrete

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Erin Ford Faulhaber, Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office deputy director, answered questions from individuals from the Sun Cities. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Utility rate cases may increase bills

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Sun Cities residents have a chance to have their voices heard through various utility rate cases through the Arizona Corporation Commission.

It's one of three rate cases local residents are being asked to weigh in on that combined could raise rates hundreds of dollars annually.

She said APS, the state's largest electric utility, is looking at about a \$600 million increase over its entire rate base of customers. The average customer bill would rise \$20 a month of \$240 a year and an in-

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crease in the service charge to \$15 if their request is left unchanged and approved.

Brown said if all three rates cases go through as proposed by the companies, from a rate perspective, the cost will go up \$500 or more on utility bills for those residents who have at least two of these companies, Southwest Gas, APS and EPCOR Utilities, Inc. To provide public comment to the

Southwest Gas rate case, residents can call in and use the provided passcode and then wait to be called upon to share a three-minute opinion on the case.

Kelly McGowen, executive director of Wildfire Arizona, leads a statewide organization advocating for policy change and energy affordability. The Southwest Gas rate case has not gone through the full hearing yet, McGowen said.

"They are requesting \$101 million in annual revenue, and from a bill perspective it is about \$60 a year or \$5 a month," she explained.

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The club meets 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, at the Beardsley Recreation Center, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.

Nebraska Club of the Sun Cities is meeting again

The Nebraska Club of the Sun Cities held a welcome back event Oct. 20.

Many members won prizes during the raffle and past president Jim Bish showcased a slideshow of famous Nebraska people, places and things. The next event is an Almost Thanksgiving dinner 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Foundation Building in the Grand Canyon Room, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Visit nebraskaclubsuncities.org.

Weekly breakfast outings include 7 a.m. Saturdays, at the Grove, 12555 W. Bell Road, and the men meet 6 a.m. Tuesdays, at Hole 'N' One, 13573 W. Camino Del Sol.

Music Bingo returns to the Foundation

Music Bingo returns 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Sun City West

Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Residents are invited to put their song recognition skills to the test.

Individual admission is free, with donations encouraged. Groups may reserve a full table of eight with a requested \$80 donation. Provide all eight guests' names at the time of registration to reserve a table.

Seating is limited. If the event is fully reserved, call Sun City West Foundation officials at 623-584-6851, 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Thursday, to join the waitlist. Guests who register but can no longer attend are asked to notify the Foundation as soon as possible so their seats can be offered to others.

November's Music Bingo is sponsored by Eileen Freyberg of HomeSmart Realty.

Visit scwfoundation.org/events/music-bingo-november-12-2026.

Catholic Daughters host shred event

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Daughters Court 2278 Charities is hosting an upcoming shred event.

Individuals can bring up to four boxes 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, to Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot, 19002 N. 128th Ave. Donations are accepted. Email rosemaryd4@cox.net or call 623-760-8479.

AAUW hosts meeting

The American Association of University Women Northwest Valley branch will meet 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Yasaan Tabrizi, director of outreach at The Foster Alliance, will be the guest speaker. Email rosemaryd4@cox.net

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Church slates holiday gift drive

Lakeview United Methodist
Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd.,
is collecting new toys and stuffed
animals for the children of the fam-
ilies served through the Valley View
Food Bank.

The holiday gift drive will begin
Sunday, Nov. 15, and end Sunday,
Dec. 13.

Items can be for children of any
age: toys, games, sports equipment,
puzzles, dolls, arts and craft sup-
plies are some of the suggestions.
The Missions and Outreach Commit-
tee is sponsoring the drive and will
give the toys to the Valley View Food
Bank for distribution there.

The toys can be dropped off 9
a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday in
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COLONIAL DAMES INSTALL TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Sonora Chapter of Colonial Dames installed two new members Oct. 21 at Grand-
view Terrace in Sun City West. From left are new members Jo-Ann Tanzosh and Joyce
Monsanto with Jean Hacker, chapter registrar, and Judith Hageman, chapter chaplain.
Colonial Dames 17th Century is a charitable and lineage society dedicated to promot-
ing public education, preserving historic sites and records, and commemorating the
patriotic deeds of colonial ancestors that led to the independence of the American
Colonies and the foundation of the United States. Any woman over the age of 18 years
is eligible for membership if she can prove she is a lineal descendant of an ancestor
who lived prior to 1701 in one of the original 13 colonies. Contact Pamela Miller at pa-
miller48@gmail.com for more information. (Submitted photo/Pamela Miller)

- West Valley Peoria Adult Day
Life Enrichment, 8133 W. Cactus
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AFMA honors Abrazo health leaders

Arizona Fire & Medical Authori-
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leaders for strengthening collabora-
tion between emergency respond-
ers and hospital teams and helping
improve patient care and emergen-
cy response coordination across the
West Valley.

AFMA Fire Chief Mark Burdick
presented distinguished service
awards to Stephen Garner, CEO of
Abrazo Arrowhead Campus in Glen-
dale, and Brian Elisco, Group CEO
of Abrazo Health Arizona, during

separate events last month.

AFMA recognized Garner and
Elisco for fostering collaboration
between hospital teams and first
responders and helping strengthen
the continuum of care from the mo-
ment a patient requires emergency
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ery and follow-up care.



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City West began a software
upgrade Nov. 4, 2010. The
new system upgrades
included membership and
golf. The third component
verified membership at
monitor stations for residents.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The West Valley Genealogical Society held its open house Oct. 25, providing visitors with an opportunity to learn about the tools and resources available to research their ancestry and discover their family histories. The Del Webb Sun Cities Museum welcomes visitors interested in learning more about the community's history and exhibits. It is open noon-3 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Visit delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org. Pictured are Mike Blachut, portraying George Washington, Linda Borton, of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, and Pamela Miller, representing the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. (Submitted photo/Linda Borton)



LADY OF LOURDES WOMEN'S GUILD HOSTS SALE

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Guild will host a bake, estate, jewelry and card sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 19028 N. 128th Ave. Members Estelle Murawski, Rosemary Dougherty, Marilyn Zenz, Diana Smith, Melinda Kelling, Liz Baker, Julianne Rubley and Dorothy Alexander will assist with the event. (Submitted photo/Rosemary Dougherty)



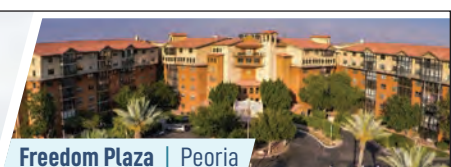
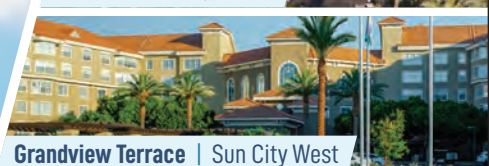
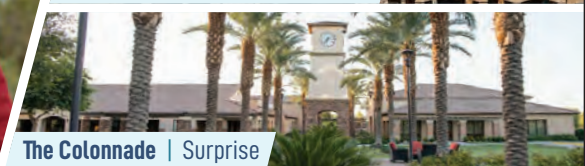
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The Sun City West Tennis Club kicked off its 2026-27 season with a social event. Members are returning, West Valley league teams have formed, red ball is growing and the grand opening of the newly refurbished platform tennis courts is set for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Members of the Trilogy Tennis Club came Oct. 25 to enjoy a day of tennis and red ball tennis. They played two eight-game sets of each and three games of "Volleyball Tennis" — with 12 people on a tennis court at one time. Players were encouraged to wear their favorite football team jerseys for the "Fall Classic." Club vice president Dave Parrish's pulled pork was the main course with other club members bringing a variety of dishes. The club has a social activity schedule along with the four sports of tennis, table tennis, platform tennis and red ball tennis. Visit tennis.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/Vinnie Taibbi)



PATCHERS CREATE FOR TINY HOMES PROJECT

Over the summer, 13 Palo Verde Patchers worked to create twin-size quilts for Glendale's Tiny Homes Project for homeless veterans. Between June and September, a total of 16 patriotic-themed quilts were made and quilted. The quilts were given to the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley. Quilt Creators included Mary Roberts, Gayle LeGrand, Bridget Crivello, Karen Clarke, Kathy Zeman and Pam Boley. Other participants not pictured were Julie DuBois, Mary Larman, Janine Morrell, Linda Bardell, Debbie Walsh, Lariane Pfirmann and Linda Gagnon. Palo Verde Patchers is a 501c3 club that gives back to the community and larger causes, such as Tiny Homes, the Navajo Connection, Casa, Hope Women's Center and its Honor Quilt Program. Visit patchers.scwclubs.com or stop by the club room located at the Kuentz Recreation Center. (Submitted photo/Patricia Casey)



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That is 10.25% on equity and funding for their shareholders.

Southwest Gas is promising to not increase its basic service charge, but increase rates involved with use, McGowan added.

“For Southwest Gas, the most recent increase was March 2025, which was approved by the Commission, and that was \$80.2 million and about \$3.60 added to your bill,” she said.

Wildfire is working on behalf of low-income consumers and intervening in this rate case on their behalf, McGowan said, adding increases in rates on all utilities challenges affordability for consumers. McGowan said the Southwest Gas Commission staff is citing a much different figure. Staff recommended 9.7% compared with the 10.25% the company is requesting.

Diane Brown, Arizona Public Interest Research Group executive director, said in addition to Southwest Gas, Arizona Public Service Co. is on the trail end of its rate increase process and there will be another public opportunity for comment and a vote to happen in December.

“We are waiting for a judge to issue a recommended opinion, and it gives us a chance to dig in and we can say what we think is good and what needs to change,” said Brown.

EPCOR Utilities Inc. is seeking \$42 million or a 30% increase in revenue and consolidation of its water systems that would include those serving Sun City and Sun City West, according to Cynthia Zwick, Residential Utility Consumer Office director.

“As every other company coming in for a rate increase, they are also seeking formula rate pricing,” she said.

Erin Ford Faulhaber, deputy direc-



Diane Brown, Arizona PIRG executive director, updates Sun Cities residents on the latest utility rate cases. (Independnet Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

tor of the Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office, said looking back at the last EPCOR Utilities rate case in 2019 about \$15 million was spent in Sun City West with 955 attributable repairs and improvements to this service territory, and another \$44 million was spent in Sun City. With this, Sun City and Sun City West would be part of a consolidation together.

“The reason they are asking for consolidation in this case is the size of the customer that would be spread across this investment. The rates would go up and they are asking for consolidation to bring that total down,” she said.

Ford Faulhaber said RUCO is looking to ensure residential customers are not paying for large industrial growth.

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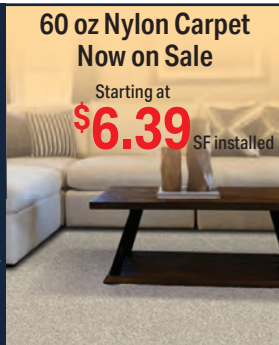
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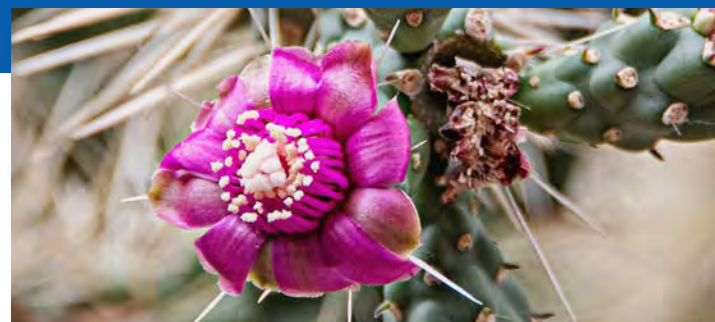


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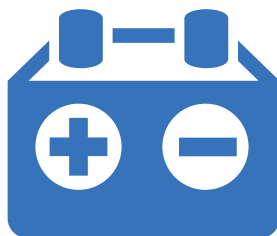
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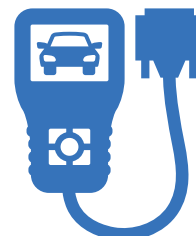
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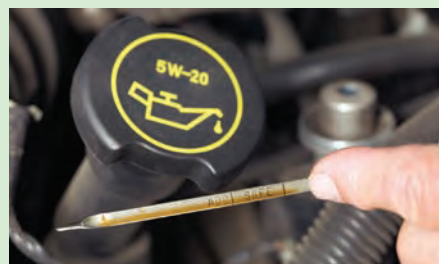
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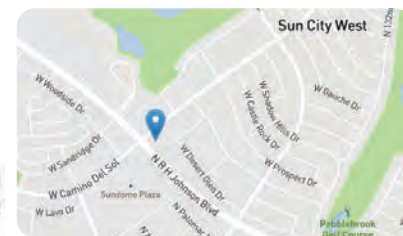
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Accessibility isn't a luxury in Sun City West

At RCSCW's Oct. 8 facilities meeting, I asked whether the doors to Ping Pong, Zymurgy and Racquetball at lower R.H. Johnson were included in ADA survey recommendations. Unlike other clubs I've visited, these have no automatic door openers.

Committee member Suzanne Jones said they're on the list. Facilities head Russ Boston said openers cost \$3,500 each plus maintenance, aren't required by ADA law and that most people use them when their hands are full.

I explained that these devices are essential for people using wheelchairs, walkers or canes, those with spinal injuries, and people like me who sometimes experience pain when raising an arm and pulling a door open.

Russ cited a 5-pound opening-force requirement and suggested finding a monitor or someone nearby to help. Is asking disabled residents to depend on someone else really Sun City West's standard for accessibility?

If \$3,500 is too much to invest in residents' independence, what price is acceptable — \$2,500, \$2,000? How many automatic openers could the money spent putting "Library" on the clock tower have purchased? Which investment provides greater value to residents: a cosmetic change or helping people access facilities they want to use?

What evidence supports the claim that most users need openers only when their hands are full? Even if true, why should convenience for some diminish essential assistance for others?

I left feeling insulted, demeaned and disregarded. It brought back the very attitudes accessibility laws were

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intended to address: that people with disabilities should simply ask for help.

I challenge Facilities leadership to spend a few days navigating these buildings using a wheelchair, walker or cane. Experience what it means when an ordinary door becomes an obstacle to independence.

Accessibility isn't a luxury. Independence shouldn't depend on whether someone is standing nearby. This is a retirement community. Accessibility should be a priority, not an inconvenience.

Jim Jones
SUN CITY WEST

What a coyote might say to its neighbors

If a coyote could have a cordial conversation with its neighbors in The Grand, I imagine that this is what it might say:

My name is Wyly, and I would like you to know that I have as much right to be here as any of you, perhaps more. My greatest pleasure, as I stroll through the streets and backyards of the Grand neighborhoods in search of food for me and my family, is to find a rodent, rabbit, pigeon or anything else that will sustain us until our next meal.

There are times when I, or one of my friends, may be confronted by one of you humans, but my position is not to be in your business as long as you stay out of mine.

Just as many of you, if confronted

by what may be considered threatening, I may respond in kind. On the other hand, in most circumstances, I'll probably run the other way.

After all, when you're on your morning stroll and you're approached and threatened by someone else, what would your reaction be?

Answer that, and you might understand my position. I may not have the same level of intelligence as you, but my instincts are to protect myself from any threat, just as you might.

If you feel you can get close enough to me to see my scars, you're too close. So maybe back off and just realize that we can coexist without conflict

Joe Pasta
SURPRISE

This writer is using a pen name.

Peoria road work may affect Sun Cities drivers

The El Mirage Road extension north from Loop 303 to Jomax Road has been a top priority to ease traffic congestion in north Peoria.

Certainly, the Happy Valley Parkway and Vistancia Boulevard intersection is in need of change to accommodate rush-hour traffic. To do this with minimal inconvenience and added traffic elsewhere it seems to me the original plan to extend El Mirage Road made a great deal of sense.

If the El Mirage extension were completed first, the intersection at Happy Valley could be completely closed with minimal disruption. In addition, the construction work could be done in a more efficient and safer manner with traffic completely closed.

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Maybe the extension could be completed in two phases. First from Loop 303 to Happy Valley and then the section from Happy Valley to Jo-max.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Oct. 21 public meeting on the project, so I don't know if any of this has been discussed.

I have been very happy with the planning that has been done in north Peoria over the years, excluding the Amkor plan for Vistancia. It seems the city was planning for growth appropriately. Lately, I'm not sure that same diligence has been used.

I hope we don't use haphazard planning and end up with a traffic situation like the one at U.S. 60 and Loop 303.

Arwin Roe
PEORIA

Help available for those with healthcare questions

A visit to the doctor may get you a diagnosis. A trip to the pharmacist fills the needed prescription. Your health plan has all sorts of information about benefits.

Healthcare. Straightforward and easy to understand, right? Eye roll. Laugh stifled. Not so fast.

Healthcare can be among the hardest things to understand, let alone navigate, in one's life. All too often, the person receiving that information cannot understand it, access it or determine what to do next.

There is an often-overlooked barrier to better health: the ability to find, understand and use information to make informed medical decisions, as well as how to advocate for yourself or family members.

Health literacy is not about listening to an expert or reading directions. It means understanding test results,

managing medications, scheduling appointments, navigating referrals and knowing when and where to seek care.

Even highly educated individuals can struggle when faced with an unfamiliar diagnosis, complicated terminology or an overwhelming healthcare system.

The consequences can be significant. Misunderstood medication instructions, missed appointments and delayed treatment can turn manageable health concerns into serious medical problems.

Fortunately, organizations throughout Arizona are finding ways to address these challenges by meeting people where they are.

For individuals struggling to navigate healthcare coverage and services, education and personalized assistance can be equally important. Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health is developing a Community Health Worker Resource & Navigation Hub to help individuals with Medicaid coverage understand available services, complete recommended care and connect with resources.

Hospice of the Valley is expanding dementia education and caregiver support, while the Alzheimer's Association helps families navigate communication challenges, behavioral changes and the emotional demands of caregiving.

Other organizations working on programs for children and adults include The Haven, Phoenix Children's Hospital, State of Black Arizona, and the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Christie MacMurray
MESA

The author is director of the adult system of care at Phoenix-based nonprofit healthcare provider Mercy Care. This opinion has been edited for length and can be read in full online at tinyurl.com/mwr38t9d.

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Senior center officials bring in fraud expert to educate seniors

By **Jennifer Jimenez**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Everyday unrecognizable incoming calls, texts and emails come in to seniors in the Sun Cities.

Chase Bank Community Manager Antonio Lara suggests allowing the caller to leave a message, call the institution directly or let a trusted individual know about the communication received and what the person on the other end is requesting.

Banner Olive Branch Senior Center Director Jennifer Lawless said educational seminars are one of the many things offered to seniors. Two fraud presentations were given in October, and Lawless said the feedback from participants was positive and people left with something to better understand how scams and fraud works.

"This is not to scare you but make you more aware of what is going on out there and how to prevent fraud from happening to you," said Lara.

There are many common scams, and Lara said people need to know what to do if they are impacted, as well as how to be proactive.

Seniors Dennis Gillitzer and Rita Gillitzer attended the first presentation and decided to see what the second would offer.

"I learned more about things I already knew were happening and how to better protect myself," said Dennis.

Rita said she is thankful for Chase Bank and staff who always help her when she has any questions or challenges.

Dennis said he does a lot of various tasks on his device at home and



Banner Olive Branch Senior Center Director Jennifer Lawless and Chase Bank Community Manager Antonio Lara presented information on fraud to individuals at the senior center. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

he was curious about virus protection and how that can impact his safety. Lara explained those products are based on personal preference, but if someone feels their home system has been compromised and are concerned about banking information, to call their financial institution.

"We were scammed about a year and one half ago and we had to change our credit cards and everything, and we caught it in time before we lost out," said Dennis.

Lara said for anyone who has been scammed, do not be ashamed. These people are professionals and know how to speak to people and put the pressure on vulnerable people, especially seniors.

Lara suggests making sure you are going through personal documents and policies once a year. For banking accounts, Lara said check it once or twice a week. He said for those customers who regularly visit the branch, banking officials will notice a change in behavior and will ask questions. It is not to pry, rather than help protect the individual.

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Residents visit with local businesses during senior expo

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Residents and businesses connected during the Sun City West Independent Senior Expo Oct. 28 at the Sun City West Foundation.

Individuals had the chance to explore a variety of products and services. Attendees had a chance to access essential health screenings plus take advantage of free giveaways and door prizes.



Renee Rodriguez, personal banker with Western State Bank, hands out giveaways to customers and others who stopped by the senior expo. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Business sponsors included Agent Cruz 360, Arizona Broadway Theatre, Cardiac Solutions and SCAN Health Plan.

Walgreens was giving flu, COVID and other immunizations during this event.

Renee Rodriguez, personal banker with Western State Bank, 19440 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., spoke with a client from the bank who stopped by the expo.

"We are a 'hometown' feeling bank and we love welcoming all our customers and calling them by name and building a strong relationship with all customers," she said.

Attending the expo gives Rodriguez a chance to meet new people. Creating relationships with individuals helps to create a connection, and Rodriguez said she tells her customers when something does not feel right in their gut, not to do it and call her.

"They can come see me or talk to me on the phone, and they have my direct line so I can help them if there



Raquelle Schommer with Cardiac Solutions greeted residents as they visited the Sun City West Independent Senior Expo. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

is any doubt and it is someone they trust," she said.

Many times customers will reference a check that came by mail or a request for payment and Rodriguez said she will ask to see it and verify where it came from to help support individual money safety.

Eileen Carter, Desert Winds sales director, and Kelly Wormann, Chap-

arral Winds Assisted Living sales director, are newer employees to the company and previously visited the senior expo. This year, their focus was to educate individuals who stopped by and remove the fear of assisted living from people's minds.

"These events are great because we can give people a quick synopsis about what we do, including independent, assisted living and memory care," said Carter.

She said when this type of living is explained properly and people get the chance to see it for themselves, they are surprised to see it is nothing like they thought it was going to be.

April Cornejo from Midwestern University said the Glendale school has participated for the past 10 years in the expo and that many Sun Cities residents are aware of the body donation program from visiting clinics and learning these donations give back to students.

Residents who visited said there was a variety of businesses to speak to and easy to get around.

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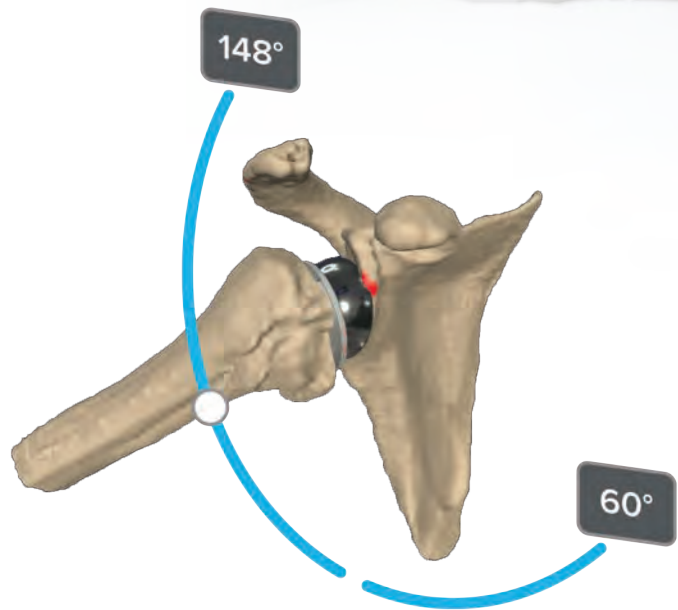
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Gary McGrath-58 Jim Jarvis-60
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Oct. 20 - Mutt and Jeff

Flight 1 17 - 30 Game
Veda Barganier 26.5
Val Carter 28.5
Sue Anderson 28.5
Flight 2 31 - 44
Eileen Fargher 23.0
Lori Whitley 27.0
Combo Tees
Judy Keller 27.5
Nine Holers
Joanne Honce 47.0
Charlotte Ewalt 55.0

Desert Trails Ladies Golf

Oct. 21

Flight 1 Low Gross B. Lacrosse 73 Low Net K. Seiler, M. Trane 58
Flight 2 Low Gross C. Ellis, L. Vandever 79 Low Net P. Ferrell 60
Flight 3 Low Gross S. White 80 Low Net K. McDonald 56
Flight 4 Low Gross C. Dorney 87 Low Net D. Bytwork 58
Flight 5 Low Gross E. Sheneberger 89 Low Net S. Anderson 61
Flight 6 Low Gross M. Niemeier 92 Low Net J. Payne 58
Flight 7 Low Gross M. Judd 99 Low Net J. Reynen 54

Echo Mesa Women's Golf Club

NOSE - Oct. 27

Flight 1 17 - 29 Game
Sally Hamill 25.5
Sheri Gingerich 25.5
Linda Geyer 28.0
Carolyn Lopez 28.5
Flight 2 30 - 44
Teri Follin 24.5
Barb Smith 26.0
Peggy Stowell 26.5
Berne Dybas 27.0

Eileen Fargher 27.0
Combo Tees
Judy Keller 32.0
Mary Meyer 32.0
Nine Holers
Joanne Honce 45.0
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Desert Trails Ladies

Oct. 27

Flight 1 Low Gross B. Lacrosse 74 Low Net K. Davis 58
Flight 2 Low Gross C. Ellis, K. Wallace 74 Low Net K. Seiler 57
Flight 3 Low Gross M. Osborne 79 Low Net S. Kenevan 58
Flight 4 Low Gross S. White 79 Low Net K. McDonald, C. Asche 58
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1 Barb Carl 4310
2 Steve Srb 4300
3 Sharron Riebe 4240
4 Marie Robertson 4060
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Oct. 27

1 Steve Srb 4780
2 Jack Michels 4140
3 Dave Novotny 4030
4 Dennis Hemmer 4020
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Oct. 19

1. Barb Carl and Bill Cooper 5930
2. Ray and Carolyn Murphy 5870
3. Glen Doering and Don Jones 5180
4. Gene Hopp and Karen Oveson 4330
5. Rosemary Dougherty and Fran Kumar 3720
6. Allan Niemi and Barbara Niemi 3150
7. Maurice and Carol Chesney 2980

Oct. 26

1st - John Baga and Rick Ranaldi 5300
2nd - Dianne Wuethrich and MaryLou Hindal 5260
3rd - Carol and Maurice Chesney 4970
4th - Dennis and Kathy Russler 4530
5th - Steve Srb and Dick Chaplin 4050
6th - Glen Doering and Don Jones 3960
7th - Susan Smith and Bruce Garfield 3730



ECHO MESA ACES

The October aces for Echo Mesa Women's Golf are Sally Hamill, gross 76, and Barb Smith, net 49. (Submitted photos/RoseAnn Wishner)



WORK CONTINUES FOR HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOW

Kokomo Jingle Tappers Patty Rosebery, Beverly Cathcart, Kathy Appleton, Joann Claiborne, Jan Capperauld and Roselyn Woodward continue to prepare for the upcoming Holiday variety show. Two free workshops coming up including Jazzy Poms with instructor Carol Dana, noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Palm Ridge Recreation Center dance room, 13800 W. Deer Valley Road and punch card fitness class "Stretch & Breathe" with instructor Michaela Hassett-Romero. All performing classes continue preparations for the club's Holiday variety show, "Christmas Cruise." The show is 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12; Saturday, Nov. 14; and Sunday, Nov. 15, as well as 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Stardust Theatre, Stardust Theatre, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Tickets are \$15 at the R.H. Johnson Box Office, suncitywest.com/tickets or dancesensations.scwclubs.com. Call 623-594-3408. (Submitted photo/Jan Capperauld)



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Pool

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and ground down along the drains to have a nice smooth finish into the drains," said Workman.

All control joints are installed, and sand and flexible sealant has been added, Workman said. All cracks of the concrete have been repaired with fiber mesh tape and sealant, he added.

Crews began putting down some decking and coping and earlier in October and added sealer in areas when the rain was in the forecast.

The final construction includes pool cleaning. Officials are looking at reopening the pool either the first or second week of November.

Other capital improvement projects include the Liberty Field fence installation.

Recreation Centers of Sun City West Governing Board Member director Ron Petrin said he was approached by a resident regarding a concern over the new fence.

"His concern is there is an area along the track where the fence does not go down to the ground," he said.

Workman said the fencing never goes all the way down to the ground.

However, during construction a substantial amount of dirt was removed. Workman said after the fence is installed they will go back and grade the dirt.



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The deck is resurfaced at R.H. Johnson Pool and work continues in various areas around the pool. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

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Fraud

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"Right now spoofing is big and hackers have the ability to change the caller identification on the phone. So you may get a call from Chase Bank, but in fact it is not the bank," said Lara.

Other times scammers call pretending to be the Internal Revenue Service, Medicare or even a local government agency. Individuals can call directly and figure out if there is an outstanding issue.

To protect money in the bank, a password can be added to prevent people from accessing your account.

The grandparent scam is something used on seniors where the grandchild's voice and name is picked from social media and the voice is used to say they are in danger and need money to help them get out of the predicament they are in.

Lara said the person will sound just like a grandchild, but it is not. He said hang up the phone and call your grandchild yourself and confirm it is them.

"Scammers will inject fear into us by making us believe we have to do something right away, and if we do

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not comply something bad will happen," said Lara.

He said slow down and take time to think about what is happening and call the person back. Lara said paying anything with a gift card is not real, and no government agency, utility or company will ever require that.

Lara said as the holidays roll around, it is a good time to set up a trust passcode with family or trusted friends and in the event they need something from someone in that group, they can recite the family passcode.

Individuals need to understand a bank institution does not need you to provide your account number or social security number over the phone because they have that at their disposal.

When in doubt, Lara said to swing by a local branch and ask for assistance.

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PRIDES host county supervisor Lesko

By Jennifer Jimenez

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

During the summer Sun City West PRIDES volunteers saw an opportunity to get county officials in the community and went for it.

PRIDES President Bill Miller said he realized Maricopa County Supervisor Debbie Lesko visited places in other communities and put in the request last June to have her visit the Sun City West organization.

"I know we had to get her here to Sun City West and show her all we do," said Miller.

The group gathered Oct. 17 for a monthly meeting and Miller took the opportunity to present a video showcasing all that goes into PRIDES, the volunteers and how the group manages 17 sections that cover 26 miles in Sun City West.

Lesko was there to listen to the meeting and hear more about all the time and work the volunteers put in to keep Sun City West beautiful.

She also shared information with volunteers about her role with the county and Miller said she seems surprised to hear how much money the county saved, thanks to this organization.

"It was interesting having Debbie Lesko relate to us her journey to where she is today and what she had done to represent her communities," said PRIDES Volunteer Mary-alyce Skree.

She has been volunteering with the organization for the past 14 years and some of the best parts she said is knowing how much residents appreciate the work. Skree said residents thank the volunteers while driving by with a honk and

wave.

The group beautifies the areas and is run by volunteers who dedicate a few hours a month on Saturday mornings to maintain various areas.

"We explained to her all the miles we cover inside the walls of Sun City West and how we save the county \$1 million a year," said Miller.

Miller said through his professional background serving on boards and handling many government agencies, the transition to lead the group was smooth.

He said many of the deals with PRIDES were done on a handshake, but he knew coming in everything would need to be handled and documented.

Miller has been volunteering the group for four years and he was first asked to take part on the board, but after a vacancy and vote, Miller was

now the president.

"I was serving on the board for three months because I became president after an amendment was made," he said.

One of the first things Miller put in place was the signage of a liability card for those member driving a personal vehicle to do the work for the group, so PRIDES was not held liable.

In the November election four people are running for three board position and Miller said the will delegate positions afterwards.

Miller said one of the biggest challenges for PRIDES is trying to figure out how to get the younger residents involved.

"Many people who live in Sun City West have no idea what we do and we want to know how to reach those people," said Miller

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OCT. 8

- Disorderly conduct was reported 9:16 a.m. in the 13000 block of North Del Webb Boulevard.
- Harassment was reported 9:36 a.m. in the 11400 block of North 114th Avenue.
- Threats to commit an offense was reported 5:37 a.m. at the intersection of North 163rd Avenue and West White Wing Road.
- A fire was reported 2:03 a.m. in the 11400 block of North 110th Drive.

OCT. 9

- Child abuse was reported 6:42 p.m. in the 13000 block of North 112th Avenue.
- Criminal damage was reported 7:19 p.m. in the 11300 block of North 113th Drive.
- A vehicle crash with injuries was reported 7:08 p.m. at the intersection of North 107th Avenue and West Olive Avenue.
- A theft was reported 4:05 p.m. in the 14600 block of West Windcrest Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 5:44 p.m. at the intersection of North Boswell Boulevard and West Bell Road.
- A vehicle crash with injuries was reported 5:31 p.m. at the intersection of North 135th Avenue and West Stardust Boulevard.
- A stolen vehicle was reported 12:13 p.m. in the 12800 block of North 113th Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 11:19 a.m. at the North 111th Avenue and West Coggins Drive.
- A citizen assist was reported 10:17 a.m. in the 15100 block of West White Horse Drive.
- Trespassing was reported 3:29 a.m. in the 10200 block of North 179th Drive.
- An assault on a deputy was reported 3:02 a.m. in the 13000 block of West Blue Sky Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 2:08 a.m. at the intersection of North 103rd Avenue and West Santa Fe Drive.
- Narcotics were reported 1:24 a.m. at the intersection of 107th Avenue and Oakmont Road.

OCT. 10

- A burglary was reported 9:27 p.m. in the 11600 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 6:46 p.m. at the intersection of North 105th Avenue and West Alabama Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 3:43 p.m. in the 14500 block of West Meeker Boulevard.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 4:34 p.m. in the 12600 block of North 103rd Avenue.
- A theft was reported 9:45 a.m. in the 16000 block of West Cheryl Court.
- Found property was reported 10:56 a.m. in the 17400 block of North Conquistador Drive.
- Trespassing was reported 9:32 a.m. in the 13500 block of West Camino Del Sol.
- Theft from a vehicle was reported 4:54 a.m. in the 10000 block of West Audrey Drive.

OCT. 11

- A fight was reported 11:24 p.m. in the 12600 block of North 113th Avenue.
- A citizen assist was reported 7:53 p.m. in the 11500 block of West Carol Avenue.
- An assault was reported 2:46 p.m. in the 11100 block of West Iowa Avenue.
- Criminal damage was reported 11:27 a.m. in the 11100 block of Northwest Grand Avenue.
- Theft was reported 10:56 a.m. in the 11600 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 9:17 a.m. at the intersection of North 107th Avenue and West Clair Drive.

OCT. 12

- An assault was reported 11:17 p.m. in the 12500 block of West Brandywine Drive.
- An assault was reported 7:25 p.m. in the 17000 block of West Evergreen Road.
- A vehicle crash with injuries was reported 5:35 p.m. at the intersection of West Hut-ton Drive and North Burns Drive.
- Property was found 8:51 a.m. in the 18800 block of North Palomar Drive.
- A burglary from a vehicle was reported 4:55 a.m. in the 10200 block of North 105th Avenue.
- A burglary from a vehicle was reported 7:11 a.m. in the 13600 block of West Paso Trail.



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The Surprise Eagles Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4534 Past President Ray Wilkins and his wife, Pat, invite any "senior" residents in neighboring communities, including Sun City, Sun City West, Corte Bella and The Grand to the two-day tour. (Submitted photo/ Ray Wilkins)

New Eagles Club opens to neighboring communities

Residents from Sun City, Sun City West, Corte Bella, The Grand and any "senior" residents of nearby communities are invited to a two-day open house at the newest Eagles club in the West Valley.

The Surprise Eagles and the Osborne Eagles partnered to create the newest Fraternal Order of Eagles Club in the West Valley.

A "Senior Tour" of the new club is Saturday, Nov. 14, and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 10050 W. Bell Road, Suite 49, Sun City, near the Arby's on Bell Road.

Surprise Eagles Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4534 Past President Ray Wilkins and his wife Pat said the club is all-inclusive for the neighboring communities.

"We are a nonprofit, all volunteer charitable organization that donates to other local, state and national nonprofit organizations," they stated.

Attendees are required to bring a Sun City recreation card or val-

id identification to verify age of at least 55 years old.

Some of the events and offerings at the new club include:

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HomeSmart partners in box truck donation

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Four years ago, a local real estate office partnered with a community organization to raise money to purchase a box truck. Jerry Pickles, HomeSmart associate broker and real estate agent, and Mary Ann Michaels, HomeSmart real estate agent, donated \$1,000 to kick off this community project, along with Jeannette Hochstatter, another HomeSmart real estate agent.

Elks Lodge 335 and 2846, Scottsdale Lions Club, American Legion Post 62, as well as other community donors also contributed to this cause.

"We had anonymous donor that took us over the finish line because it was not just buying the truck; insurance, registration and maintenance all had to be included before it was



Mary Ann Michaels, HomeSmart real estate agent, and Director of Community Bridges' Supportive Services for Veteran Families Bill Boyer dedicated the new box truck. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

donated," said Michaels.

Community Bridges, Inc. received the box truck donation Oct. 27 and it was dedicated by Michaels, in loving memory of Jace Hochstetler, a valued member of the Community Bridges team who lost his life in a car accident in 2022 by a drunk driver, alongside his daughter, fiancée and her two children.

Michaels said he connected the

communities of Sun City West, Sun City, Corte Bella and The Grand to the organization and helped turn donations into furnished homes for veterans and non-veterans to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Anne-Marie Johnston, Community Bridge, Inc. senior director of housing, said after the accident and the old box truck broke down, she and Michaels went to work, with commu-

nity support.

The organization, which offers social services to veterans and non-veterans in need, finds the individuals, gets them treatment, into a shelter and helps them get a job or a voucher, which Johnston said are things individuals need to get into an apartment.

Director of Community Bridges' Supportive Services for Veteran Families Bill Boyer said the organization is dedicated to coming out to the West Valley and picking up donations. Furniture, household items and linen donation pick-ups can be scheduled by email, wboyer@cbridges.com. Individuals should include photos of the items, the pick-up address and contact phone number of who will be there to meet the team member. No clothes donations are accepted.

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New MCSO deputy selected for patrols

By Jennifer Jimenez

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

There is a new Maricopa County Sheriff's Office deputy assigned to traffic patrols in Sun City West.

According to Sun City West Posse Cmdr. Carolyn Patterson, Deputy Antonio Sanz will be monitoring drivers through traffic enforcement in the community, and she thinks he is going to be good.

Patterson updated Posse members during the Oct. 20 meeting about the new patrols as well as several other things that will be happening before the end of the year.

Recently, the organization was given a large monetary donation that was not designated and could be directed to help fund the new automatic doors that are set to be installed at the entry of the building.

Patterson said community support is high. The donation amount was not disclosed.

"We talk to a lot of people and a they come in and just want to visit. So, I'll bring them in and just talk with them, find out what they do and the first thing they say is they really appreciate what the Posse does," said Patterson.

Fran McElroy retired from the dispatch office after 15 years as the lead.

Volunteer Ralph Ritter was recently acknowledged for work he has been part of at Posse headquarters, and volunteer Deborah Marsh was recognized for assisting with training with the GJ 27 policy changes, which halted the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City West cars for a short time.

The stop on rolling out Sheriff's

Posse of Sun City West cars started soon after the April 7 rules change to this policy that came out, according to Patterson.

She said the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City West worked closest with MCSO officials including District Three Cpt. Jesus "Chuy" Jerez, to come up with ways to work without jeopardizing what they can do for the community and also MCSO without getting into any problems.

Patterson said the executive boards have been working through and policies and procedures.

During the October general meeting, nominations were accepted for the 2027 commander and Patterson was voted in by acclimation. She will serve another year as commander.

"The bylaws allow a person to run for commander as long as they

are nominated and can run for a maximum of four years," said Patterson.

Sun City West Foundation Marketing Coordinator Teresa Brown spoke to Posse volunteers during the October general meeting. Speakers are often brought in to educate Posse volunteers. She shared information about what the organization does and how it supports the Posse. She said the Foundation regularly supports the organization, which aids in supporting the overall community.

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.



Joyce Zoske

On Monday, October 12, 2026, Joyce Zoske, beautiful wife of George Zoske, mother of two sons, and loving grandmother, passed away at age 91.

Joyce was born on December 20, 1934, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Albert and Margaret Wiemann. Joyce grew up in Sheboygan and attended Sheboygan Central High School. Joyce earned a B.S. Degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she met George.

Joyce and George were married in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on June 13, 1959. They settled in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin and raised two sons, Mark and Paul, and lived there until 1996. In her youth Joyce was active in the Girl Scouts and achieved the highest award, the Gold

Award. Joyce and her husband George were a major part of the Song of Norway production in Mount Horeb for many years. Joyce worked as a tour guide at the Cave of the Mounds for several years and had an interest in caves and visited many caves including spelunking in wild caves. Joyce spent many memorable summers at the family cabin on Lake Redstone and was even known to be seen on skis, both on water and snow. Joyce enjoyed baking, especially Christmas cookies for her family and friends. Making use of her Degree in Music, Joyce taught elementary and middle school music

in Madison, WI and taught private piano lessons for many years. Joyce was also a member of the Waunakee Concert Band, playing her bassoon.

In 1996, Joyce and George moved to Sun City West, Arizona. Wherever Joyce lived, music was a central part of her life. She loved playing her Bassoon and was 1st Bassoonist in the Sun City Concert Band and the Sun City Chamber Orchestra and she loved hearing the harp play with the orchestra. She also was a member of the Christo Handbell Choir at American Lutheran Church. Joyce loved to travel and

took trips to Germany, Norway, England, and Ireland. She also took many memorable family camping trips to the US National Parks summers. Joyce was a loving grandmother and cherished spending time with her family and grandchildren every summer in Wisconsin. She loved dogs, especially the Daschund. She loved to watch the Green Bay Packers and the Phoenix Suns. Joyce had a sincere and deep faith and was an avid reader and loved to read books on faith. Joyce was a very loving person with a very kind heart and a beautiful smile.

Joyce was preceded

in death by her father, Albert and her mother, Margaret, and her brother, James. She is survived by her husband George, and her two sons, Mark and Paul, and 4 grandchildren, Dane, Luke, Thana, and Greta. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Friday, October 30th at the American Lutheran Church in Sun City, Arizona at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014, or American Lutheran Church 17200 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85373

Church continues Thanksgiving dinner

Since 1997, The Church of the Palms in Sun City has embraced a tradition of offering a free, home-cooked Thanksgiving meal to anyone in the community who wishes to share the holiday with others.

What began nearly three decades ago as a gesture of hospitality has grown into a gathering filled with friendship, food and connection.

This year's dinner will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at 14808 N. Boswell Blvd.

"Every year, it's deeply gratifying to come together and serve our friends and neighbors," shared Wendy Whitlock, the leader of the Thanksgiving dinner at The Church of the Palms. "You might expect that preparing a Thanksgiving meal for so many people would feel like hard work or drudgery, but the opposite is true. More often than not, both volunteers and diners walk away with a sense of joy and genuine community. When we begin prepar-



The Church of the Palms in Sun City will offer a free, home-cooked Thanksgiving meal 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at 14808 N. Boswell Blvd. (Submitted photo/Wendy Whitlock)

ing in mid-October, it's always a delight to see everyone's enthusiasm — people rolling up their sleeves with laughter, energy, and a shared purpose. This tradition fills our hearts as much as it fills the plates."

Guests can enjoy a traditional feast featuring turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas and a slice of pie. Takeout meals are available for those who prefer to celebrate at home or share with a neighbor.

To reserve a meal, community members are encouraged to call the reservation line at 623-748-3574. Those interested in volunteering — whether by serving food, greeting guests or helping with setup and clean up — may contact the church office at 623-977-8359.

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June L Fredericksen

June L. Fredericksen, 92, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026, at her home in Sun City West, AZ. June was born in Crookston, MN. She was a graduate of North Dakota State University and the University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point obtaining her master's degree. June worked in several different areas at North Central

Technical College and was the Director of Marketing and Public Relations when she retired.

A memorial service will be held November 12, 2026 at 10:00am at Lord of Life Lutheran Church with burial at the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bob & June Fredericksen Scholarship Fund at North Central Technical College, 1000 W Campus Dr, Wausau, WI 54402-1899.

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HOLIDAZE CRAFT FAIRE

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7, at Willowbrook United Methodist Church, 19390 N. 99th Ave., Sun City **INFO:** Get an early start on holiday shopping featuring 75+ local artisans and vendors offering hand-made crafts, artwork and gifts. Shoppers can browse booths inside Wilson Hall, on the covered patio and outdoors in tents. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

WEB: willowbrookumc.org

GOLD STAR STORY

ABOUT: 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Bella Stanza Social Hall, Corte Bella, 22129 N. Mission Drive, Sun City West

INFO: In recognition of Veterans Day, Gold Star father Grant Coffey will share his family's story and experiences following the death of his son, Keaton Grant Coffey, who was killed by sniper fire after Sept. 11, 2001. The presentation is part of Corte Bella's World of Learning programming.

WEB: cortebellavets.org

WISCONSIN CLUB

ABOUT: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at The Grove (formerly Tivoli Gardens), 12555 W. Bell Road, Surprise

INFO: Sun City West Wisconsin club breakfast gathering. Register at wiscwclub.wordpress.com the Friday before that date or call Mikey at 623-628-3624. No text. Wear a Wisco badge to enter a drawing of \$15 towards breakfast. Anyone in The Grand, Sun City West, Sun City or Corta Bella is invited to join this social club.



WESTERNAIRES REHEARSING FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Sun City West Westernaires are preparing for their upcoming Christmas concert, "Resounding Wonder," at the Stardust Theatre. Show dates are Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12. This 75-plus choir and bell choir, under the direction of Kaitlyn Hudson, has been rehearsing weekly since September. Tickets, \$15 each, are available at westernaires.club or the R.H. Johnson box office. (Submitted photo/Hope Ernst)

CONTACT: 218-252-2357 or 602-330-8055.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

ABOUT: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, along Bullard Avenue between Paradise and Tierra Buena lanes, Surprise

INFO: Surprise honors military veterans with its annual Veterans Day parade. Residents can line Bullard Avenue to watch participating organizations, community groups and other parade entrants recognize those who have served in the armed forces.

WEB: surpriseaz.gov/VeteransDay

OREGON CLUB

ABOUT: Sunday, Nov. 15, at R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 N Johnson Blvd. Check-in at noon, followed by lunch, bingo and prizes.

INFO: Cost for the welcome back party is \$10 per person, with \$5 for lunch and \$5 for 2026-27 membership. Reservations and payment

must be received by Monday, Nov. 9.

CONTACT: oregonclubaz.weebly.com, oregonsocialclub@gmail.com, 503-261-1475.

STORIES OF AMERICA

ABOUT: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Surprise Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave., Surprise

INFO: "Reflecting America: A Semiquincentennial Living History" explores personal stories, struggles and achievements that helped shape the nation. The program is part of activities marking America's 250th anniversary.

WEB: surprisepubliclibrary.gov/Programs

FARMERS MARKET

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West

INFO: The outdoor community market features more than 70 vendors offering produce, farm-fresh eggs,

HAVE AN EVENT?

Have something happening in or near Sun City West? We welcome submissions from clubs and groups, as well as nearby nonprofits, churches and community organizations. Include the event name, date, time, location, a brief description and contact information.

Email: jcarr@iniusa.org.



EVENTS

The Mesa Independent will host a senior expo

9 a.m.-noon Nov. 13 at the Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, Building #4, 10550 E. Baseline Road. Interested in being a vendor at the event? Email: azads@iniusa.org.

grass-fed beef, prepared foods and other products, along with craft vendors. Admission and parking are free, and the market is open to the public.

WEB: Facebook—Sun City West Farmers Market & Craft Show

TEA PARTY

ABOUT: 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, First Presbyterian Church of Sun City, 12225 N. 103rd Ave.

INFO: Traditional holiday tea for women in Swain Hall. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity, Valley View Food Bank and Eve's Place. Holiday cookies will be served after the live entertainment program that follows homemade scones, savory sandwiches and black tea. Tickets are \$20 per seat and must be reserved by Monday, Nov. 30. To reserve your seats, call the church at 623-974-3605.

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WISCONSIN CLUB

ABOUT: Noon Thursday, Nov. 19, at Olive Garden

INFO: Sun City West Wisconsin welcome back luncheon. Fill out the form at wiscwclub.wordpress.com and send it to Sue, listed on the form. Anyone in The Grand, Sun City West, Sun City or Corta Bella is invited to join this social club.

CONTACT: 623-476-6856.



(Submitted photos/Art Goes)

REPUBLICAN CLUB

ABOUT: Saturday, Nov. 7, at Church on the Green, 19051 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Doors open at 8 a.m., social time at 8:30 a.m., meeting starts 9 a.m.

INFO: Featured speakers include Jay Beeber, from the National Motorists Association, who will speak about FLOCK cameras, and John Riches, vice president for litigation at the Goldwater Institute, who will speak on what the institute is doing about water rights for home builders and other topics of interest.

WEB: scwrepublicans.com



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CRAFT FAIR

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday and Saturday Dec. 4-5 at Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City.

INFO: There will be hand-crafted items, jewelry and home decor from local artisans and Lakeview members. Holiday baked goods will also be available. Breakfast and lunch items will be sold with proceeds to benefit Lakeview Men's Group.

CONTACT: Cyndee LaFontaine at 480-242-2782 or azcyne@msn.com or Ila Lewis at 609-706-0377 or ilata3@yahoo.com.



Geneva Harrison (Submitted photo/Jessie Hempel)

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Community Church of Sun City, 18401 N. 99th Ave.

INFO: The fair will feature over 70 vendors offering handcrafted items as well as a bake sale. Patrons can also visit the snack bar for coffee, donuts and lunch with outdoor seating. Raffle tickets will be on sale after church services Nov. 8.

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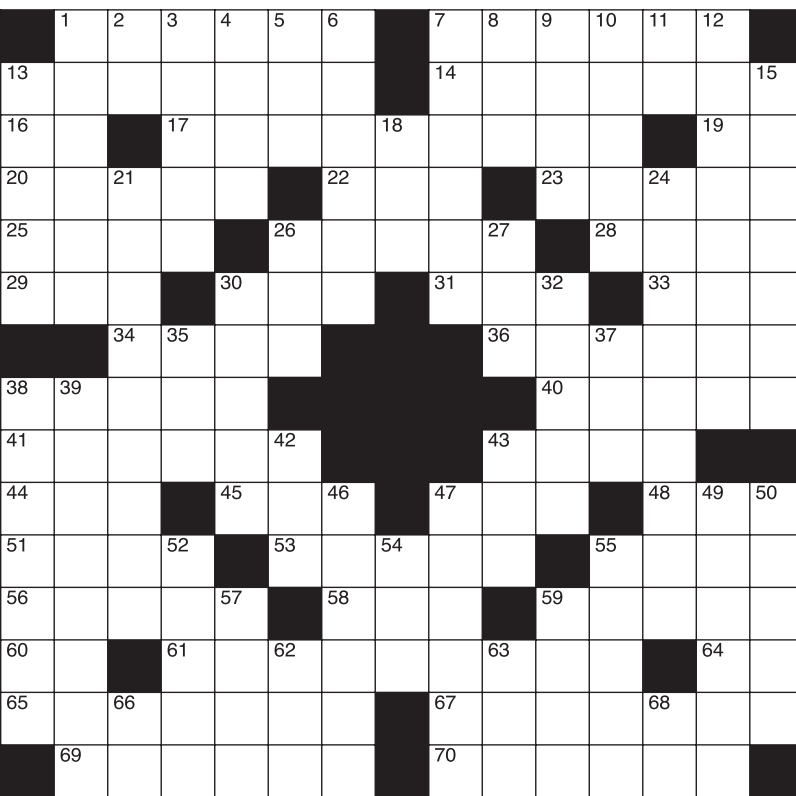
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11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased

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15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
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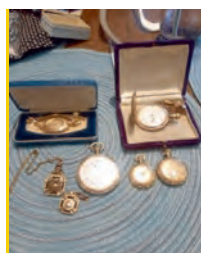
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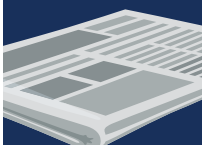
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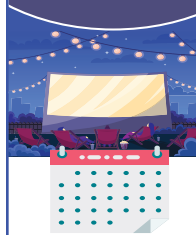
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