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# Bowling set for major improvement

**By Zev Black**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors unanimously passed a first reading of a recommendation from the bowling committee to enter the design phase for a Lakeview Lanes renovation. The project is set to include improving the front counter, locker room and offices.

RCSC Director Jana Mapes, who was the maker of the motion, said the project will benefit workflow for staff members.

"(It creates) a gathering place for members, bowlers and guests by providing an expanded beverage service to enhance the overall experience," she said. "The bathrooms next to this area will have a redesign for ease of access by becoming ADA compliant."

Sun City resident Lori Ellingson is in favor of the motion, saying Mike Dirmyer, director of operations, has done "an excellent job" with bowling. She also thanked Rebecca Hill, RCSC general manager, and Eddy Renio, director of golf.

"Every place that I have walked

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# Posse honors veterans




District 4 Supervisor Debbie Lesko next to the Sun City Posse veterans honor wall. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

**By Zev Black**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Sun City Posse recently unveiled its veterans honor wall to recognize members, past and current, who have served in the military.

The wall was Posse Cmdr. Arlene Kluizenaar's idea. She said she came up with it because there are many veterans who have been part of the Posse since its inception in 1973. The Posse gives ribbons to veterans in the group, but it doesn't signify which branch they were part of.

"I wanted something more because that uniform ribbon, well, after they leave us or God forbid they pass away, that ribbon goes with them and we have nothing here at headquarters to remember them, to me-

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

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## Elks assemble for community events

Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 held its annual Fire Law and Order event to honor the brave men and women who answered the call to do a dangerous job.

They were served a spaghetti dinner and were presented with certificates of appreciation.

Lodge members also participated in the annual Northwest Valley Family YMCA Trunk or Treat.

The event featured games, prizes, music, food and a bounce house.



Sun City Elks President Josh Morehart

The Elks Riders and Elks members gave out candy and drug awareness information.

The Lodge's Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Halloween party and approximately 150 members and guests showed up for the event.

There were witches and monsters of all kind attending the spaghetti dinner with dancing to the music of Tim Hope.

A costume contest recognized the best single costume, the best theme costume (the Tin Man and Dorothy), the best group costume (the Flintstones) and best costume overall (a black widow woman and skeleton man).

There was also an Elks "jail" where individuals could make a donation to have someone arrested and placed behind bars and another donation to bail them out.




## LEARNING ABOUT THE LIONS

**Immediate past president Louie Lyon and current Sun City Early Birds Lions president Scott Berger represented the club at the SCHOA Sun City Expo. Call 623-238-8455 for more information on the Lions Club. (Submitted photo/Louie Lyon)**

## Readers Ensemble looks back at October

October was another exciting month for the Sun City Players Readers Theater Ensemble with new scripts, a public performance and opportunities to bring theater to new audiences.

October kicked off with two sessions Oct. 3 and 17.

The group's readers explored two new scripts that brought laughter and opportunities for characterizations.

During the month, ensemble member Nancy Dearborn arranged a meeting with Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind. The meeting explored a potential partnership in which the Readers Theater Ensemble will record theatrical readings for distribution to visually impaired individuals throughout the Sun City community.

The group later presented "How to Be Happy Though Married" at Sundial Auditorium.

The performance, attended by more than 150 members of Sun City Players and Sun City's NextGen group, was part of a gathering that included a potluck dinner, socializing and a theatrical evening with a cast that included Mike Graham, Nancy Dearborn, Ann Davis, Greg Engstrom, Sandy Ryan and Ray Schiel.

Contact Ray Schiel at scpct.rte@gmail.com or 323-336-5437.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**Nov. 16, 1970:** Banner Boswell Medical Center officially opened in Sun City. 40 years later, more than 700 people attended an event celebrating its anniversary in 2010.

## Veterans

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morialize the fact that they were a United States military veteran," she said.

The wall was unveiled during the group's November general meeting, which Maricopa County Supervisor Debbie Lesko was in attendance for.

She said her father served on a destroyer during World War II, which was hit by a kamikaze plane. He survived the attack.

"So many people in Sun City have served in the military to defend our nation," Lesko said. "What a fitting honor to have this wall of veterans of not only current Sun City Posse members, but former Sun City Posse members who continue their service to our community. I so greatly appreciate you."

Kluizenaar was thankful Lesko was there.

"Supervisor Lesko has always been a champion for Sun City," she said. "We appreciate the fact that she understands what goes on in Sun City and the difficulties that our residents face."

After Lesko spoke, veterans in attendance were asked to move to the back of the room to stand in a line.

One of those veterans was former Posse Cmdr. Tina Anderson. She served in the Army reserve for 33 years before retiring in 2018.

She said she doesn't like public honors, but thought Kluizenaar did a great job at putting everything together.

"It's very personal," Anderson said. "I look on my time in services as serving our country. I felt obligated to do that and I was honored to be able to do it... haven't stood in a formation since I retired. I appreciated the honor that is being bestowed on all the veterans that have served the country."

The next general meeting is 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Posse headquarters, 10861 W. Sunland Drive.

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## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS INDEPENDENT LIVING PRESENTATION

Thoughtful Thursdays: Trusted Advisors on Timely Topics invites residents to a free community educational program, sponsored in part by Faith Presbyterian Church 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 12, at the church, 16000 N. Del Webb Blvd.

Barbara Moehling of Regal Transitions will help answer questions and will explain the differences between independent living, assisted living, residential group homes and memory care, including services provided, levels of care and costs.

The presentation and Q&A will be followed at 11 a.m. by Mix & Meet, with complimentary refreshments and opportunities to visit with community sponsors and neighbors.

Thoughtful Thursdays is also collecting men's clothing, shoes, new socks and underwear, and unopened alcohol-free toiletries for Deep Within, a Peoria organization helping men recover from homelessness and addiction.

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## UKULELE CLUB HOSTS HALLOWEEN OPEN MIC

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## Bowling

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into within the last year, the aesthetics have improved immensely," she said. "Little, tiny, small changes that don't cost a lot and the overall impression is excellent... Thank you for improving the total overall look of Sun City."

She added she hopes the quality of food and beverage will increase, saying it would be good for the long-term effects in Sun City.

"When new people come and they're thinking about buying here in Sun City, those small little changes make a huge difference," Ellingson said. "Hopefully, we'll get more people to move to Sun City because this in an excellent place to live."

RCSC Director Jim Rough has been the chair of the bowling committee since he first joined the RCSC board. He said he started talking about this recommendation in his early months as chair while echoing Ellingson's sentiment.

"Mike (Dirmyer) has been on this and on top of it and does a fantastic job with the bowling alley and everything connected to it," he said. "I really enjoyed working with him on it. Thanks Mike."

The Lakeview Lanes, 10502 W Thunderbird Blvd, is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sundays.

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## OCT. 14

• Illegal dumping was reported 5:48 a.m. in the 13800 block of North 186th Avenue.
• An assault was reported 3:22 a.m. in the 10400 block of West Thunderbird Boulevard.

## OCT. 15

• A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 9:17 p.m. at the intersection of North R.H. Johnson Boulevard and West Parkwood Drive.
• A person was found 9 p.m. at the intersection of North R.H. Johnson Boulevard and West Parkwood Drive.
• Identity theft was reported 7:09 p.m. in the 17000 block of West Las Palmaritas Drive.
• Identity theft was reported 4:19 p.m. in the 11300 block of West Alabama Avenue.
• Found property was reported 2:14 p.m. in the 14200 block of North Bolivar Drive.
• A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 3:59 p.m. at the intersection of North Crozier Road and West Quails Nest.
• A fraud or con game was reported 1:32 p.m. in the 17400 block of North Del Webb Boulevard.
• Threats to commit an offense were reported 1:49 p.m. in the 18000 block of North 136th Drive.
• Identity theft was reported 11:52 a.m. in the 11000 block of North 110th Drive.
• A vehicle crash with on injury was reported 12:33 p.m. at the intersection of North 107th Avenue and West Cumberland Drive.
• Neighbor trouble was reported 8:24 a.m. in the 10500 block of West Saratoga Circle.
• Trespassing was reported 1:21 a.m. in the 13800 block of North Thunderbird Boulevard.

## OCT. 16

• An assault was reported 9:46 p.m. in the 10300 block of West Monterosa Drive.
• Criminal damage was reported 10:33 p.m. in the 11800 block of North 113th Drive.
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• An assault was reported 5:07 p.m. in the 12100 block of West Villa Chula Court.
• Theft from a vehicle was reported 5:26 p.m. in the 10200 block of West El Dorado Drive.
• A theft was reported 3:27 p.m. in the 13500 block of West Camino Del Sol.
• A vehicle crash with injury was reported 2:09 p.m. at the intersection of North Del Webb Boulevard and West Thunderbird Boulevard.
• Criminal damage was reported 10:27 a.m. in the 16900 block of North Briarwood Drive.
• A citizen assist was reported 8:30 a.m. in the 11100 block of West Iowa Avenue.

## OCT. 17

• A fight was reported 11:47 p.m. in the 11400 block North of 113th Drive.
• Narcotics were reported 9:05 p.m. at the intersection of North 108th Avenue and West Coggins Drive.
• A missing person was reported 2:38 p.m. in the 11500 block of West Harmony Lane.

## OCT. 18

• A burglary was reported 9:33 p.m. in the 12800 block of West Desert Glen Drive.
• Narcotics was reported 8:08 p.m. at the intersection of West Coggins Drive and North 108th Avenue.

## OCT. 19

• A theft was reported 4:25 pm. in the 13500 block of West Camino Del Sol.
• An assault was reported 11:45 a.m. in the 13000 block of North 100th Drive.
• A vehicle crash with on injury was reported 12:31 p.m. at the intersection of North Del Webb Boulevard and West Talisman Road.
• A theft was reported 11:08 a.m. in the 14400 block of North 183rd Avenue.
• A burglary was reported 8:35 a.m. in the 12400 block of West Swallow Drive.


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## TIP TOP CELEBRATION

The Tip Top Dancers recently celebrated at their general meeting and Halloween luncheon. The club offers tap, jazz, lyrical, ballet and social dance. Contact Gladys Rohrer at tiptopdancesuncityaz@gmail.com for more information. (Submitted photo/Susan Vandenberg)



## CHURCH HOSTS POTLUCK DINNER

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sun City choir hosted their October all-church potluck and music night. After dishing up at a table full of potluck dishes, the crowd listened to the musical stylings of Red Rock Crossing. The trio played covers of Elvis, Johnny Cash and Peter, Paul and Mary. Call 623-974-3605 or visit firstpressuncity.org. (Submitted photo/Christina Huvelle)




## DAUGHTERS ATTEND GENEALOGICAL OPEN HOUSE

Four members from Sun City's National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Agua Fria chapter, attended and represented the DAR lineage organization at the annual West Valley Genealogical Society open house Oct. 25, at 12222 N. 111th Ave., Youngtown. Open house visitors were able to visit other lineage organizations and learn about the library through a guided tour. WVGS membership is open to anyone interested in researching their family genealogy. Members of WVGS can attend various classes and special interest groups and can use computers that have access to various membership required websites, digitized materials and books. Guests are also welcome to attend WVGS meetings 1-3 p.m. every second Monday of the month September-May at Sun City First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave. Visit azwvgs.org or call 623-933-4945 for more information about the West Valley Genealogical Society. Visit aguafria.arizonadar.org for more information on the Agua Fria chapter. Pictured are chapter registrar Cindy Miers, honorary chapter regent Shirley Staggs, vice regent Mary Hart and regent Kathie Mittlesteadt. (Submitted photo/Shirley Staggs)

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## My thoughts on Sun City COA closure

I'm writing about the article regarding the pending closure of the Condo Owners Association.

As a former director and treasurer who recently stepped down to care for my ailing husband, I was disappointed to read several statements attributed to COA President Sue Clark.

The article cited rising expenses and a lack of volunteers as reasons for COA's closure. While costs increased, membership remained strong. The past five years, COA enjoyed some of its highest membership in years.

It also suggested COA was no longer fulfilling its original purpose. My experience was quite different. We expanded educational programs, offered workshops, assisted associations with budgets, developed CC&R amendment templates and launched COA University, a four-week program for HOA board members.

Volunteer recruitment has become more challenging, but when I left, we had a strong, active board. I believe the primary issue was a lack of succession planning.

For more than 30 years, COA thrived because experienced leaders stepped forward as others left. Sam Estok, Jerry Walzyak and Sue Clark provided continuity and stability.

When Sue faced health issues and I resigned, there was no prepared successor. Other directors subsequently left, and the leadership structure needed to continue operations disappeared. There was no one left to assume the responsibilities that sustained COA for decades.

External changes also contributed. Management companies, HOA attorneys, online resources and artificial intelligence now provide many services once unique to COA.

I don't believe condominium communities will "run rampant" without it. Residents will continue to find education and support through other sources.

I am proud to have served COA for five years. Its legacy should be remembered not as a failure, but as an organization that successfully served Sun City for more than three decades before changing circumstances brought its remarkable run to a close.

**Penny Walker**
SUN CITY

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## If you are a Sun City resident, pay your fee

I would like to add my voice to that of others suggesting and supporting Recreation Centers of Sun City annual fees being assessed per resident rather than per household.

Rising prices is a trend none of us can ignore; that's the world we live in. There's another trend that I suggest Sun City acknowledge — that of two-income households.

This trend attracted notice in the 1960s and by 1970, both spouses in married couple families were employed in 40% of households. Since then, that number has risen and gained stability. Census data on both spouses working in married couple families:

1980 — 52%; 1990 — 59%; 2000 — 60%; 2010 — 54%; 2020 — 48%, 59% of co-habiting couples both working; and 2025 — 62%.

The bottom line: for almost 50 years, between 48% and 62% of households in the U.S. with two married/co-habiting adults have enjoyed two incomes. This reality should be reflected in RCSC fees.

I agree with Martha Amabile's Oct. 28 letter that couples in Sun City don't need a break on their RCSC fees and with LM Anderson's Oct. 21 letter that an unfair burden has been carried by single-member households for too many years.

If you are a resident of Sun City, pay your fee. Boom. With 38,138 residents, if we all just paid the current annual fee of $680, the result is $25,933,840 — well above the 2026 property assessments operating budget of $16,037,144.

I have relied heavily on Anderson's numbers and ask for correction of those by RCSC board if in error.

**Elle de Wilde**
SUN CITY

**This writer is using a pen name.**

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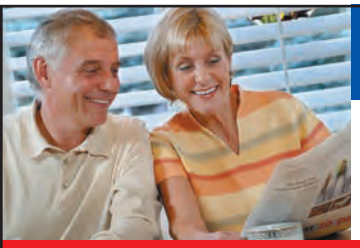
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see at Sun City Community Assistance Network — Sun City CAN — is a couple who retired on two Social Security checks and a pension check. When a spouse passes away, the household often loses the pension and one Social Security payment, leaving the surviving spouse financially vulnerable without enough income to live on.

Sun City CAN directs all of its resources to helping the 4,200-plus residents in need.

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**Tom DeVries**
SUN CITY

**The author is president of the Sun City CAN Board of Directors.**






## SUN CITY BANK DONATES MONEY FOR EMS FEE

Sun Canyon Bank is donating $500 to the Sun City Community Assistance Network following the creation of the new "TIP" program. This program will pay the $315.80 EMS fee when 911 is called to an emergency and the resident doesn't need transportation to the hospital. Pictured are Sun City CAN Executive Director Debbie Campacci and Aaron Core, Sun Canyon Bank associate branch manager. (Submitted photo/Aaron Core)



## DANCERS PERFORM AT BLOCK PARTY

The annual block party held by the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center Oct. 23 was filled with Halloween flair and community spirit, highlighted by performances from the Razzle Dazzle Dancers. Dressed in Halloween costumes, the local dance group took center stage to deliver a set featuring Broadway tunes and international choreography. The Razzle Dazzle Dancers offer ongoing free dance classes at the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center and perform regularly in the community. Email razzledazzledancersaz@gmail.com. (Submitted photo/Robert Hughes)

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Zenon Sokolowski and Alan Ruda use computers in one of the club's rooms. (Independent Newsmedia/Zev Black)

# Computer Club keeps seniors connected

**By Zev Black**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

With technology becoming such a big part of life in 2026, Sun City residents have the opportunity to learn how to best utilize it for $15 a year with the Computer Club of Sun City, meeting in the Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave.

"We have 80 year olds that fought this for 35, 40 years and now they want to upload," said Alan Ruda, the club's president. "The way the world turned, people have to use it now... They want to learn how to do this stuff."

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> **Alan Ruda**
> Club President

According to Ruda, some residents are "scared" to use new technology. That is why the club's members have the opportunity to attend workshops and classes led by the group's volunteers.

The club teaches classes on Apple, Android, Linux, Windows and more. It will soon begin teaching about Chat GPT.

Terry Boult, who taught computer science, innovation and entrepreneurship at Columbia University, Lehigh and University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, is one of those who teaches classes. He said he leads courses on AI, editing and wants to do cybersecurity.

"Some people don't have computer experience, so it's important they have an opportunity to learn in an environment where the instructors are aimed at that demographic," he said. "There's a lot of people who run into problems and they effectively need geek squad. They don't have much money, so we help them for free."

Members, who do not need to know anything about technology before joining, can also ask any question they might have.

"Whatever you need, you come in here," club member Zenon Sokolowski said. "We have one-on-ones for any discussion you want."

He added there is zero judgment from the club; no question is a dumb question. Volunteers can help with

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## Computers

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unlocking a computer, unsticking a stuck key or fixing broken technology.

Sokolowski went on to say this club is important for residents because basically everything people need for their daily lives can be found online.

"You want to go to the doctor? What do you gotta do," he questioned. "The appointment comes on the phone. You gotta check in? You do it on your phone. Social security? I go online."

He said the biggest challenge club members face with technology is that people "forget."

"When I came to Sun City, people didn't know anything because they never had a computer," he said. "Now, people are a little older and they have had a computer. They don't know how to use them all the way, but they know the basics."

Ruda said there are people in the club with 40 years of experience, adding "there's probably nothing we can't do here."

Go to azccsc.com/club.



## ELKTOBERFEST RAISES FUNDS FOR PROJECTS

**The Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 Elks Riders raised $8,000 at their annual Elktoberfest fundraiser event with proceeds going to benefit the Arizona Elks Major Projects. "Jack," the little yellow figure in the picture, is the namesake of the of the Jack Warter Jr. Youth Camp. He also went on the ride with Sun City Elks president Josh Morehart. There were 75 motorcycles showing up for the event, which also featured a 50/50 raffle, auction, High-Low Hand, food and the band Whiskey and Lace. (Submitted photo/Sun City Elks)**






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# Residents to honor veterans on day of reflection

**By Zev Black**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Veterans Day gives Americans a chance to reflect on and honor the brave men and women who serve and defend the United States of America. According to USAfacts.org, there were 2.81 million U.S. military members worldwide as of December 2025.

Phil Easley, Sun City resident and commander of the Northwest Valley Veterans Association, noted Veterans Day is to honor those who are still living while Memorial Day is to remember those who have passed away.

> *"To me, it's an honor to be part of Veterans Day to help honor those individuals."*
> **Phil Easley**

Easley, who was in the Army, has multiple family members who have served. His father was in World War II and the Korean War, both his grandfathers served in World War I and he has a couple cousins who served in Vietnam.

His association, in conjunction with Sunland Memorial Park Mortuary & Cremation Center, will host a Veterans Day ceremony 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the center, 15826 N. Del Webb Blvd.

The event will include music, a guest speaker who was a nurse in Vietnam during the war and colors posted by Peoria High School Air Force Junior ROTC cadets. Organizational flags, along with flags of different services, will also be on display.

A catered lunch will be available at the end of the ceremony.

Easley will be the master of ceremonies for the event. He said he's going to be thinking of his father.

"To me, it's an honor to be part of Veterans Day to help honor those individuals," he said. "Thank you for your service. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the United States and continue your service. It's something that means a lot to be able to do that."

Members of the Sun City Posse will be in attendance to help with parking. Cmdr. Arlene Kluizenaar said the group's Color Guard will be at other Veterans Day events, including at churches, nursing homes and a hospital.

"The color guard is going to be quite busy," she said.

"We have just enough people in the color guard that we can split them up and have one group go one place and another group in the other place... the Posse is very proud of our color guard. They do a lot of good work."

For more information, call Phil Easley 602-561-0353 or email p_easley@msn.com.

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The final scene involves the four Futrelle sisters in their mad romp through family, romance and the holiday season. The spur of the moment Christmas Eve wedding that occurs that night takes a turn.

Laurie Walsh, in her second Players' mainstage production, is cast as Rhonda Lynn Lampley, the oldest of the Futrelles. Walsh, a Montana native, relates to her character's down-to-earth attitude, since "being yourself is always the best thing you can be."

Michele Mennella was drawn to the role of Honey Raye, the second oldest of the Futrelle sisters, because of her full of life, all about me personality. Mennella has now appeared in two mainstage plays, in addition to having been in several Readers Theater Ensemble shows and other one act comedy and musical skits.

Joanne "Jo" Johnson, a veteran of more than five Players' comedy productions, portrays Twink Futrelle Buntner, the second youngest of the four sisters. Like her character, Johnson is energetic, vivacious and will stop at nothing to keep her family together and happy.



Michele Mennella, Doug Anderson, Carol Rupprecht, Jo Johnson and Laurie Walsh. (Submitted photo/Charlie Mannino)

Carol Rupprecht takes on the role of Frankie Futrelle Dubberly, the youngest and most responsible of the four siblings. Like Frankie, Rupprecht is sensible and has the voice of reason. The challenge to Carol in playing this part is that she is the only child in her family. This play marks her third Players' mainstage acting gig.

Doug Anderson performs as Raynerd Chisum, a friend of the Futrelle sisters and an angelic man, who likes to impart his joy of life to others.

Anderson has recently been seen by Sun City audiences in the last two Players' musicals.

Tickets are $15 and are available online at suncityplayers.org. They may also be purchased in person at the Farmers Market 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the east parking lot of the Bell Recreation Center, 16820 N. 99th Ave. The show runs Nov. 13–22, at Mountain View Recreation Center, 9749 N. 107th Ave.

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## POMS ON PARADE

**The Sun City Poms were recently featured in a televised segment performing "Celebration" at Paul's Car Wash in support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arizona. Alongside Arizona's anchor and community ambassador Paul Horton (pictured center), volunteers came together to wash hundreds of cars making a difference in the community. In addition, the group participated in the Billy Moore Parade, commemorating Avondale's 25th anniversary of the parade. This annual tradition drew a large crowd of spectators who cheered as the Poms performed "I'm From the Country," by Tracy Byrd. (Submitted photo/Jan Desmond)**

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## PA CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

**Twenty nine members of the Pennsylvania Club gathered for an afternoon of food, desserts and laughs during the 2026 annual membership meeting and elections. The lunch featured Jersey Mikes hoagies and members supplied sides and desserts. Elections were conducted by Al DeHope. Beverly Cathcart, treasurer, Toni Fitzgerald, vice president, and Tom Fitzgerald, president, were re-elected for another term. Suzan Giloni, former secretary, chose not to run again. Diana Warren is taking their place. The club welcomes anyone with a Pennsylvania affiliation. For more information, email Tom Fitzgerald at paclubaz@gmail.com. (Submitted photo/Toni Fitzgerald)**

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

## 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.
**CONTACT:** 623-977-4241, admin@ccscaz.org, visit ccscaz.org.

## 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.

## 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 ilita3@yahoo.com.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

**ABOUT:** Thursday, Nov. 26, at Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Smoot Hall.
**INFO:** Doors open 11 a.m. and serving will begin 11:30 a.m. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin casserole, green beans almondine, herb stuffing, rolls, salad bar, dessert and beverages (iced water, lemonade, iced tea, coffee). Deadline for purchasing tickets is noon Monday, Nov. 23.
**RESERVATIONS:** 623-974-5821.

## 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. Tickets are $20 per seat and must be reserved by Monday, Nov. 30.
**RESERVATIONS:** 623-974-3605.

## READERS THEATER

**ABOUT:** The Readers Theater Ensemble will give Dec. 6 holiday performances as part of the Sun City Players Community Theater holiday party and Dec. 10 at the Heroes Regional Park Library in Glendale. They will also perform Dec. 11 as part of the Lakeview Recreational Center holiday party.
**INFO:** Meets 10 a.m.-noon the first and third Saturday of the month at the Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave.
**CONTACT:** scpct.rte@gmail.com, 323-336-5437

## HAVE AN EVENT?

Have something happening in or near Sun City? 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.**

## IN 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**.

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## 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.



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## CELEBRATING AMERICA

**ABOUT:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd.

**INFO:** Sanctuary Choir and soloists are featured as the concert celebrates America's 250th anniversary with a musical journey through its states, cities, rivers and memorable places.

**CONTACT:** shepherdumc.org, 623-584-2280.



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## 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.

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



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## THANKSGIVING MEAL

**ABOUT:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at 14808 N. Boswell Blvd.

**INFO:** 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.

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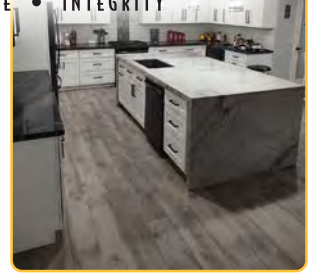


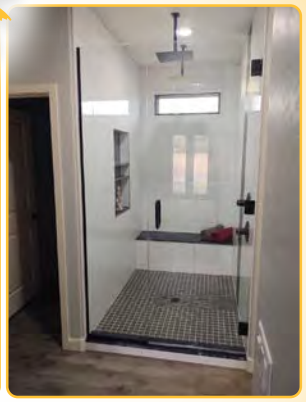
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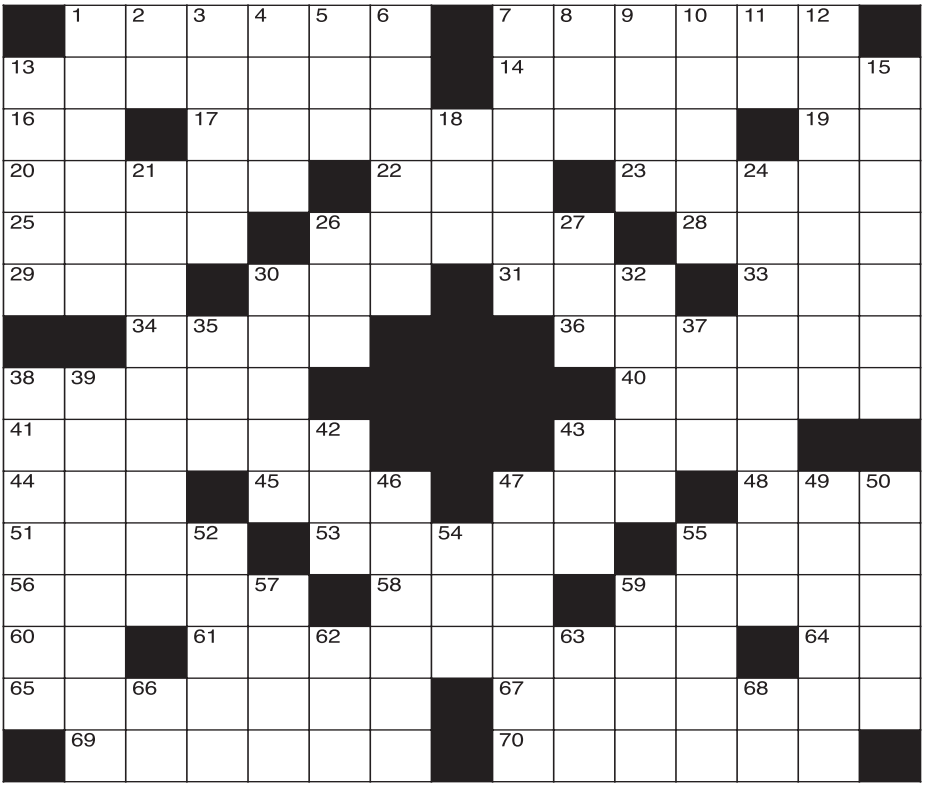
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17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

### CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
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
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
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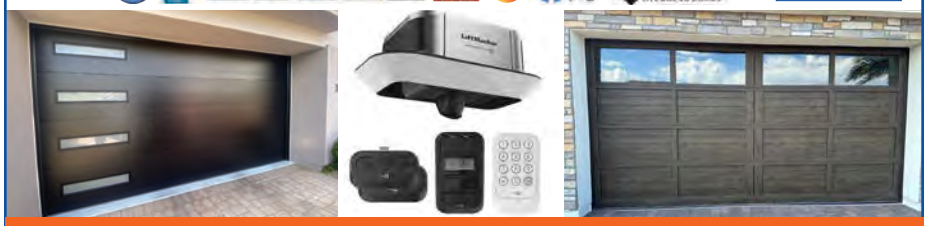
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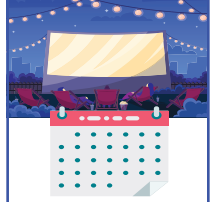
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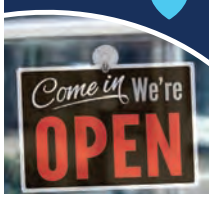
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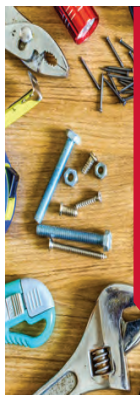


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