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Banner Health using AI for heart patients

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Banner Imaging is using Artificial Intelligence analysis on high-risk patients to check blood flow and plaque measurements to asses an individual's risk for a future cardiac event.

According to Banner Health officials, high-risk patients who have already undergone a type of non-invasive CT scan that discovers blood clots, artery plaque, blocked vessels and other issues may now receive additional diagnostic analysis at a provider's recommendation. The analysis provides a 3D model of the heart's coronary arteries.

Beth Allen, director of clinical operations at Banner Imaging said this AI analysis tells so much more about what is actually going on in the coronary arteries. She

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del Sol Gallery volunteer Jack Cutler Brown, resident Toy Rolston and volunteer Candace Hodson look at items inside the gallery. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

PORA looks back on six months of progress

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Property Owners and Residents Association delivered a six-month update to Sun City West residents during the October general membership meeting.

Recently the PORA Foundation was created as a new 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The goal with this change is to expand community programs, support local initiatives, create volunteer opportunities and open doors to grants, charitable donations and new resources.

Board Treasurer Mike McInnes reported numbers from the fourth quarter listed the total revenue at $137,799 with a $16,900 net operating result. The revenue expansion was $49,409.

Looking at quarter one from July-September of this year, the total revenue was up 38.1% at $187,208 with a $54,261 net operating result and a $71,161 net operational swing.

The quarter one breakdown total was $190,312 with events and trips 204% over budget with $41,046. Di-

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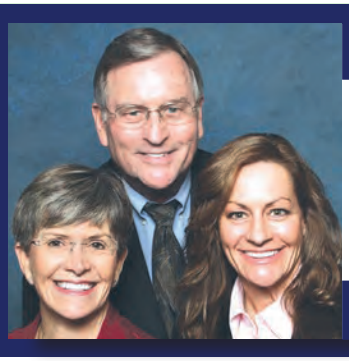


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Popular Rio Verde model (expended). This 1612sq. ft. home has 2 Bdrms (split), 2 baths plus an added den/office/craft studio. Both bathrooms updated including walk in/roll in showers (2023). Paid off solar lease. Quick close of escrow is possible. No neighborhood HOA fee. This one is one you'll want to see! Call today to view!



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Highly desired Prescott model is located on the 7th fairway of Desert Trails GC. This 1856 sq. ft. home has 2 Bdrms (split), 2 baths plus a den. New roof underlayment 2022, HVAC in 2020 & kitchen appliances 2019. Quick close of escrow is possible. Home has been well maintained. This one is one you'll want to see! Call today to view!



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CERAMICS WEST OFFERS FREE ORNAMENT DECORATING PARTY

Ceramics West's club members Jeanne Driessen and Janet Fyles creating new art. The annual ornament decorating party and membership drive will be noon Monday, Nov. 23, at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center ceramics room, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Residents can create up to six free custom ornaments. Choose from more than 1,000 pieces of bisque ready to be decorated with your choice of paints, glitter and metallic colors. Jeanne Driessen and Janet Fyles showcase their work inside the club. Sign up at the club by presenting a valid rec card. Registration is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Seating is limited. Call 623-546-0975. (Submitted photo/Debbie Placher)

PORA

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rectory and facility rentals are reported as consistently strong with $36,150. Vendor membership was 107% over budget at $31,109 and resident membership was 71% over budget at $25,630.

Looking at the del Sol Gallery, the total was $35,015, which was 94.6% of the $37,000 plan.

Consignor costs were a 70% payout of $24,510.33 with a 30% retained consignment margin of $10,504.44. Minus the staff wages of $17,827 and supplies and events $842.52, the net direct gallery contribution was negative $8,165.08.

McInnes said the gallery is doing okay and the board does not believe it is the "black hole" it was once described as. They showed a loss for the three summer months, but McInnes said residents leave the area and there is not as much traffic.

"Other than that, it seems to break even or even make a little money," he added.

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McInnes said PORA is financially sound, but the work continues to try to build steady streams of income that officials know will always be there and those take time.

With the non-profit and bingo, funds are starting to build for the community, but McInnes said vendor sales or trips funds go to operations at PORA.

Board Director Holly McCurdy said people think PORA started bingo to sustain the organization, however, that is not the case.

"When Jim Scott asked the community if they wanted to bring bingo back, it was not to put into the operating budget of PORA. It was for the community," she explained.

According to McInnes, Scott described PORA as a patient who has undergone surgery and now is physical therapy. PORA is not yet stable, but it is close, according to McInnes.

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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)

Ladies can join Pebblebrook golf league

The Pebblebrook Lady Niners welcome all golfers of all levels. This is the only 9-hole league at a regulation golf course in Sun City West.

There are morning and afternoon tee times available. Residents can play from red, green, or a combination tees. Dues are $20 annually.

Visit pbladies.scwclubs.com or call Karn McComb 303-520-0479.

Sun City West writer earns another award

Sun City West author and screenwriter Rita Hanner-Ward has received the "Best LGBTI Screenplay" award and is a finalist at the Berlin International Screenwriting Festival for her feature screenplay, "Being Joanna." This is a psychological suspense drama about identity, envy and the consequences of misplaced trust.

In 2026, "Being Joanna" earned placements and selections from screenplay competitions and film festivals across the United States, Europe and Australia.

Hanner-Ward has six screenplays on the festival circuit, including the award-winning shorts "The Pillar," winner of Best Short Script in the Wiki Screenplay Contest, and "Six Degrees of Ted," winner of Best Comedy Screenplay at the Oregon Short Film Festival.

In addition to screenwriting, Hanner-Ward writes poetry about love, loss and grief under her given name and fiction under her Kiva Wolfe brand.

Her award-winning novels "Red Flash" and "Tears of Iemanjá," the first two installments of The Gem Provenance Legacy, are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble and the Del Sol Gallery, 13823 W. Camino del Sol, and WHAM Art Center, 16560 N. Dysart Road, which receives all the proceeds from local sales.

Visit ritahanner-ward.com.

Church hosts fundraiser

Over the past year, the St Vincent de Paul conference at St Elizabeth Seton provided $205,515 for rent, utilities, food and other essentials for neighbors in need.

The summer left its bank account with a negative balance. So, the group's treasurer proposed a fundraiser tied to her neighborhood's annual garage sale and invited all members to donate items. The two-day sale drew a steady stream of visitors.

Several members donated items and volunteered their time to oversee the sale, contributing 130 volunteer hours. The sale raised $2,324.00 which will help cover a couple of rent payments or utility bills for neighbors in need.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY
November 2011:
RCSCW officials launch a blog, courtesy of a new item in the panel's high-tech toolbox. Blogging was becoming a way to communicate during this time and board members used it to reach residents on a variety of topics.

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said doctors have had the ability to perform an CT scan of the arteries that supply blood flow to the heart muscle which has been incredible.

"Prior to that, to see those vessels, patients had to go through heart catheters, and a CT scan is a lot easier than that and many more people are able to have it as well," said Allen.

Through this process, doctors can see narrowing of those arteries that diminish the amount of blood flow that can get to the heart muscle.

Allen said by knowing the type of plaque, the dynamics of the plaque can tell doctors what kind of intervention is needed.

She said doctors can determine whether medical, diet changes or something more aggressive needs to be done based on the amount of plaque in the arteries.

"This is a CT scan that takes about 30 minutes, and we use a contrast that gets injected and we can pre-medicate depending on the patient's heart rate and see detailed images of the coronary artery," said Allen.

This changes how patients are managed, and Allen said the hope is to prevent people form having a heart attack.

Allen said not everyone meets the criteria for this extra analysis if there is no narrowing.

Dr. Kevin Klassen, Banner Health cardiologist, said plaque is inevitable as individuals age and the question is whether or not it is there, rather how much. Prevention is key and Klassen said individuals need to understand what is modifiable and what is not, such as the passage of time. Blood pressure, diet and exercise can and should be managed, he added.

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When blood flow to the coronaries is impaired that can cause chest discomfort or fatigue and in some cases cardiac arrest or death.

"One third to one-half of us are going to be crippled or die by a vascular event and telegraphed symptoms non-specific are a month or two ahead," said Klassen.

Actively following primary care can help to get all that information out and it is the doctor's job to order testing they deem fit.

Klassen said everyone is healthy until they are not and acute heart attacks in patients often have no history of cardiac disease. Going to see a doctor helps to make it much less likely to have an acute event, he added.

Banner Health has adopted Heart Flow, which Klassen said really ratchets up the ability to be more accurate with blockage.

He said this advances care, and Klassen added they can do a better job for the people in the community.

"Our system has made a huge investment and the best non-invasive investments we can to help our patients," he said.

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Sunland slates Veterans Day ceremony

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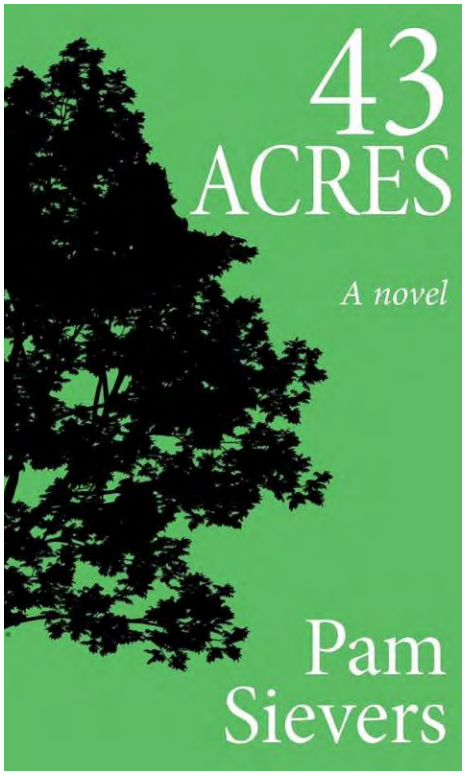
The pre-ceremony music provided by Robert Prado starts 8:30 a.m.

The approximately 90-minute program will honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, recognizing their service, sacrifice and contributions to the United States.

The ceremony will feature guest speaker Winnie Fritz, U.S. Army nurse and Vietnam veteran, a military flyover, and the presentation of colors by the Peoria High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard. Members of Mary Ellen Piotrowski American Legion Post 94 Sun City West, will provide the traditional three-round rifle salute and the sounding of Taps. Following the ceremony, Dignity Memorial will provide a complimentary lunch for attendees.

This organization brings together veterans organizations and those supporting veterans throughout the Northwest Valley to promote patriotic observances, honor veterans and serve the community.

Call Phil Easley 602-561-0353 or email p_easley@msn.com.



LOCAL AUTHOR RELEASES THIRD NOVEL

Sun City West author Pam Sievers recently released her third novel, "43 Acres." This is a story of a woman living in Chicago who inherits land from her father. The property is located in southwest Wisconsin, in Wisconsin's Driftless region. Sievers will host an author talk and book signing 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Bella Donna Salon, 13576 W. Camino del Sol. "I grew up in the area and I always wanted to write a novel set there. This book celebrates the land with its hills and valleys. The story and characters are fiction, but the locations mentioned and the beauty of the area are real," said Sievers. She has been writing for 20 years and is a previous Erma Bombeck Humor Writer of the Month. She has also authored the novels "The Lone Jackass" and "Carrie's Quest." Books are available on Amazon. (Submitted photo/Pam Sievers)

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Tell us about Fostering Hearts in Our Community: Fostering Hearts in Our Community is an Arizona nonprofit dedicated to supporting foster youth, with a special focus on young people preparing to transition out of the foster care system. We also assist youth who are currently in foster care when needs arise. Our goal is to provide practical help, encouragement and a reminder that these young people have a community that cares about them and their future.

Submitted photos/Lory Tone

How and why was FHOC founded?: FHOC was founded by Vonnie Bayard from a personal desire to support foster youth as they transition into adulthood. What began as a desire to help meet practical needs has grown into a community effort to provide these young people with essential items, encouragement and support.

What does FHOC do?: One of FHOC's primary programs provides essential care kits containing items such as bedding, blankets, towels, hygiene products and other everyday necessities for foster youth preparing to live independently. FHOC also responds to other needs of youth in foster care when we have the opportunity and resources to help.

What impact is FHOC having in Arizona?: In 2025 and 2026, FHOC provided 882 essential care kits to Arizona foster youth. FHOC is a volunteer-powered organization, and our work is made possible by individuals, businesses and community organizations that generously contribute their time, resources and financial support.

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There are great people here in Sun City West

I'd like to extend a big thank you to the gentleman who recently found and delivered my cell phone.

We must have passed each other on Meeker Boulevard as I returned to the restaurant to look for it. Lucky for me I put an address sticker on the back of my phone; thanks again to him for taking the time to drop it off.

Great people are here in Sun City West.

Susan Penner
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West Valley Symphony board thanks supporters

The West Valley Symphony would like to thank residents for their continued support, for attending our concerts and for their commitment to live orchestral music, which helps sustain an important part of our community's cultural life.

The Phoenix Symphony's season has been suspended. This is a profound cultural loss for the Valley. Our hearts go out to its musicians, staff and audiences, and to everyone affected by the absence of these performances.

We hope its music will soon return to the stage.

We also recognize that this news may raise questions about the health of other arts organizations. We want to reassure everyone that the West Valley Symphony is financially sound.

We have no debt, and we maintain adequate cash reserves and investments to support our financial health for the foreseeable future. Careful stewardship and responsible planning remain central to our work.

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Continued community support by ticket holders, donors and advocates helps make that stability possible. It allows us to bring exceptional musicians and inspiring performances to the West Valley while planning confidently for the years ahead.

We thank everyone for the trust they place in us and for making live symphonic music part of their lives.

We look forward to welcoming patrons to our next concert and to sharing the joy of music together.

Kevin Perry
SURPRISE

The author is president of the West Valley Symphony. He wrote this on behalf of its Board of Trustees.

Reminder to pedestrians: Stay on the sidewalk

Arizona's glorious weather has finally returned, after a long, blazing summer. And with this nice weather, many of our seasonal guests have returned, too.

As a result, we've seen many, many people walking around getting their health steps in, walking their animals, getting fresh air but it's where some are walking that is disturbing.

Sun City West has spent millions of dollars on making sure our sidewalks are free of cracks and chips, and I'm sure they pride themselves of that, as they should.

In fact, in 2025, they spent even more money redoing the corners, installing what's called "detectable dome warning tiles" or "truncated domes" to warn people of corners.

But many people are not using those nice sidewalks, opting to walk in the street instead. Why on Earth would anyone take the risk of getting hit by a golf cart or automobile by walking in the street?

We've lived here 21/2 years now and have seen it every year.

Please folks, this is a safety issue. Please use the sidewalks when you walk around our fine neighborhoods and not take the risk of getting hit by walking in the street.

Bruce Arnold
SUN CITY WEST

Honor Arizona heroes along Interstate 17

Arizona has a long and proud history of answering the nation's call, and few stories embody that sacrifice more than those of Kayla Jean Mueller and Navy SEAL Charles H. Keating IV.

Recently, Congressman Abe Hamadeh introduced HR 10091, the Mueller-Keating Memorial Highway Act, to designate a 26-mile stretch of Interstate 17 between Phoenix and Prescott in their honor.

This recognition — which includes memorialization of the Sunset Point Rest Area, a great place to stop on a scenic drive — is a fitting and deeply deserving tribute to two remarkable Arizonans who gave everything in defense of freedom and humanity.

Mueller, a Prescott native, devoted her life to humanitarian aid before being taken hostage and killed by ISIS in Syria in 2015. Keating IV,

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a Phoenix native, laid down his life in 2016 during intense combat with ISIS in Iraq while attempting to rescue fellow servicemen.

Naming this portion of I-17 after Kayla and Charles ensures that millions of drivers traveling from Phoenix to Northern Arizona will be reminded daily of their bravery, selflessness and sacrifice.

Congressman Hamadeh deserves credit for championing this legislation and bringing our community together behind a common purpose.

I urge our congressional delegation and local leadership to give HR 10091 their full support and help immortalize the legacy of these two Arizona heroes.

Jason Begalke
PHOENIX



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Why is this work important?: Young people transitioning out of foster care may begin adulthood without many of the basic necessities and support systems others can take for granted. Something as simple as having bedding, towels and personal-care items can make a meaningful difference when setting up a first home. Beyond the items themselves, we want foster youth to know that their community sees them, supports them and cares about their future.

Why is FHOC becoming involved with the Sun City West Alliance of Business and Community Organization?: FHOC believes strongly in community partnerships. Becoming involved with ABC gives us an opportunity to build relationships with local businesses and organizations, increase awareness of the needs of foster youth and find meaningful ways to work together. We also look forward to learning more about the businesses and organizations serving our community and supporting one another's efforts.

How can local businesses partner with FHOC?: Businesses can support FHOC in a variety of ways, including sponsorships, financial and in-kind donations, collection drives, volunteer participation and helping introduce our mission to others in the community. We welcome the opportunity to develop partnerships that are meaningful for both the business and the foster youth we serve.

How can individuals become involved?: FHOC is powered by volunteers and community support. Individuals can volunteer their time and talents, donate needed items or funds, participate in FHOC activities and help spread awareness of our mission. There are many ways to help, and every contribution plays a part in allowing us to continue supporting foster youth.

What is FHOC excited about?: We are excited to see more people and businesses learning about the needs of foster youth and discovering tangible ways they can help. We have seen what can happen when a community comes together around a common purpose, and we look forward to continuing to build those relationships.

Who currently represents FHOC at ABC?: Cheryl-Ann Jones represents Fostering Hearts in Our Community at ABC and serves as FHOC's fundraising chair.

Why did Cheryl-Ann become involved with FHOC?: After retiring and moving to Arizona, Cheryl-Ann wanted to become more involved in her community. After learning about FHOC and its work with foster youth, she was inspired to become involved and currently volunteers as FHOC's fundraising chair.

What would FHOC most like the community to know?: Making a difference doesn't always require a large commitment. Our work is possible because many people contribute in different ways — through their time, talents, resources, connections and financial support. When a community comes together, those individual acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference in the lives of foster youth.

Resident transitions from judge to author

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

After spending 10 years practicing law and 22 years serving as a circuit court judge in South Dakota, Sun City West resident Eugene Martin completed his latest book, "Jesus Christ, This is Your Life."

His inspiration came after watching in his professional career, what he refers to as "human behavior at its worst" and beyond the court room watching how the world operates.

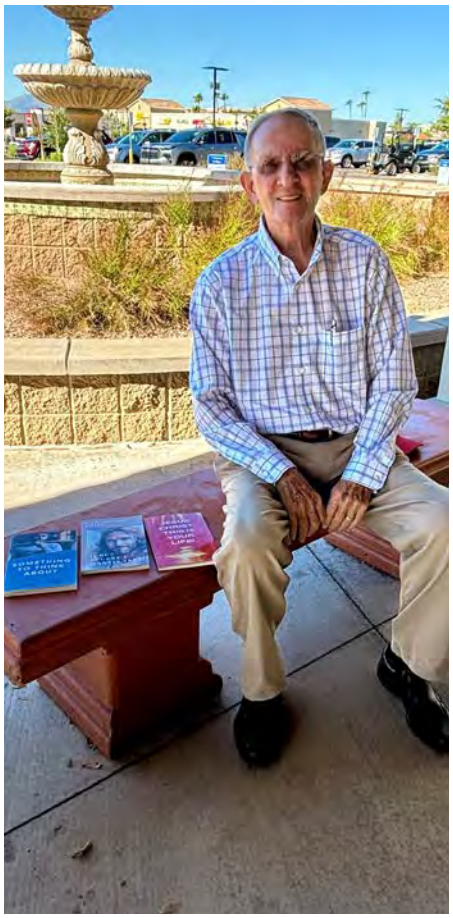
"You reach a point where you say what can I do to improve it? What can do to prevent all these juveniles coming in with their mindset and that have no future?" asked Martin.

Throughout his pre-sentencing investigations he often heard the background of individuals and most had no connection with a church, which he said is always a tremendous missing element. However, he could not say any of that from the bench, but after he felt the need to try to show people their way of thinking has to change and Martin said the best way to do that was to "connect yourself to God."

Martin said his wife Sandra Martin really got him reading the Bible, and although he is not trained in theology, he said through his judiciary training he learned how to interpret and think. If something is still unclear, he seeks the help of a pastor.

Martin said it was quite frustrating to see people go through things and be forever lost, and writing this book and others was the best way he could do something.

"If I am given the opportunity to speak to these people who have indulged in that way of life, I can talk to them about the tragedies of going through the court system to help guide them," said Martin.



Sun City West resident Eugene Martin started writing books after thinking about a way he could help others. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Martin's book are on Amazon.

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Eligible low-income residents can get confidential help

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Community Fund of Sun City West is non-profit organization on a mission to provide confidential financial assistance to low-income residents in the community.

This volunteer organization is an Arizona-qualifying charitable organization.

The Community Fund of Sun City West has paid out over $600,000 in financial assistance over the last three years.

Arlene Peterson has served as a board director since 2015 and was also a past president.

"I want to encourage everyone to continue to support our mission. You and your neighbors have made it possible for us to rescue residents from financial disaster," she said.

Peterson said qualified residents in need have received help to pay their utilities, unexpected medical and dental bills, mortgage payments and other bills. She said she is proud to be a part of the community that cares for its neighbors.

A recent fundraiser letter went out by mail with information about the organization and ways to help and donate.

Current President Chuck Homer said the organization needs to reach more residents.

"When you look at the census we have a high number of people in Sun City West who fall in the poverty line and we are not reaching nearly enough of those people," said Homer.

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Residents in need may call the hotline 623-546-1122 and leave a name and contact information. All information will remain confidential.

Homer said with no paid staff or an actual building, many residents are unaware of the important role the Community Fund plays in Sun City West.

Any Sun City West resident in need can call the 24-hour hotline and a volunteer will call to set up an interview. Homer said there are strict financial requirements, which is good because they are reaching residents who are really in need and the organization is fair.

There are two tiers of assistance. The first is for those in less than 150% of the federal poverty level, and the second tier is for residents making no more than 200% of the federal poverty income level.

"There are not many things we cannot help with, but the primary needs we see are rent and mortgage payments, utility bills and air conditioning units," said Homer.

The Community Fund of Sun City West will pay the bill direct through the company invoice and there is a limited amount of support residents can receive each year.

Homer said many residents are aware the organization has a 100% rating from Charity Navigator, which provides information on how the donated money is being used.

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Sun City West Basketeers Connie Masterson and Penny Plass attended the recent newcomers event. They spoke with those interested in the club and displayed their own baskets. The Sun City West Basketeers meet 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Kuentz center, Mesa Room. (Submitted photo/Jill Zine)

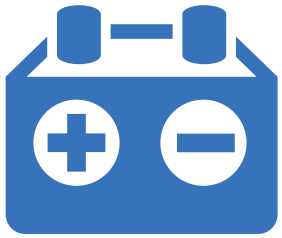


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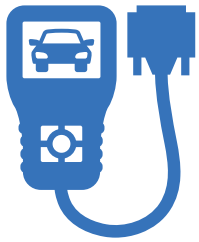
Creative Stitchers Club member Sharon Jepson showcases a pulled thread project as Sue Lacy stitched a rooster. Lu Johnson entered three of her smocking clothes at Wallowa County in Oregon and won first place. The club is adding a second day to stitch 5-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 7, at Kuentz Recreation Center Kiva Room, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Several types of crafts are taught by a teacher. Membership is $10 a year and open to Sun City West residents. Creative Stitchers meets 8-11:30 a.m. Mondays. Two members have to be there to use the room. Visit stitchers.scwclubs.com/ or call John Harrison 480-363-6392. (Submitted photo/Jeanette Hill)

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Over 50 costumes adorned the R.H. Johnson Social Hall to celebrate Halloween. Prizes were awarded in various categories, including most original that went to Mary and Steve Mullen as "man in oven," best couple were Tom Garven and Ruthann Peirona and best disguised went to Gale Rogers. The group had pizza, salad and dessert. The club meets 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R. H. Johnson Blvd. Doors open 5 p.m. Residents do not have to sign in to join the club. Visit karaoke.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/Marcine Coburn)



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John Evans and Don Mellen (Low Net Tied) 54

Joe Connors-56 Don Giese-57

Fred Preston, Steve Guthrie, and Jamie Tighe (Tied at 58)

3rd flight: (Handicaps 22-27)

Tom Flaherty (Low Gross) 76 John Mollenkamp (Low Net) 53

Dave Gearhart-56 Michael Anastasio-57

Dan Weber, Gary McGrath and Joe Petrocelli (Tied at 59)

Terry Ogle and Steve Taylor (Tied at 59)

Desert Trails Ladies - Nov. 3

Flight 1 Low Gross D. Craig 75 Low Net B. Lacrosse 57

Flight 2 Low Gross L. Vandever 78 Low Net M., Train P. Farrell 58

Flight 3 Low Gross J. Hollenbeck 81 Low Net L. Bunn 55

Flight 4 Low Gross C. Asche 87 Low Net S. Light 61

Flight 5 Low Gross J. Heydt 87 Low Net H. Fix61

Flight 6 Low Gross E. Scheneberger , S. Anderson 94, Low Net J. Anderson 60

Flight 7 Low Gross M. Doucette 103 Low Net J. Crane 68

Flight 8 Low Gross J. Reynen 96 Low Net T. Hanarhan 57

GAMES

Pinochle Tournaments

October- No-Pass Pinochle Tournament

1. Phyllis Dulski - 812
2. Ann Owen - 806
3. Darrell Stachler - 790

October - Double Deck Tournament

1. Deb Ross - 1679
2. Karen Bonar - 1629
3. Robert Piekow - 1570

SCWCBC Tuesday Scores

Nov. 3

1 Jack Michels 7780

2 Dennis Hemmer 6110

3 Sharon Holmes 5410

4 Rosemary Dougherty 4180

5 Dave Novotny 4020

Small Slam(s)

Jack Michels and Dennis Hemmer

Jack Michels and Dennis Hemmer

Jack Michels and Dennis Hemmer

Rosemary Dougherty and Jack Michels

Grand Slams(s)

Sharon Nedza and Sharon Holmes

One Partner Bridge - Nov. 2

1. Barb Carl and Bill Cooper 4850
2. Carol and Maurice Chesney 4610
3. Dennis and Kathy Russler 4250
4. Steve Serb and Dick Chapin 4180
5. Shirley Hughs and Mary Kiewel 4080
6. Allan Niemi and Barbara Niemi 3890
7. Glenn Doering and Don Jones 3750

Small Slams

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Community supports legion fundraiser

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Mary Ellen Piotrowski Legion Post 94 poured hundred of pancakes during the Nov. 3 fundraiser at the Sun City West Foundation.

Cmdr. Jim Andrews said members started preparing the room at 5 a.m.

The grills were fired up around 6:45 a.m. and residents starting filling their plates with all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage starting at 7 a.m.. Andres said 90 minutes into the event, it was estimated 200 people had gone through with more than two hours remaining. Final numbers will be calculated and monies raised at a later date.

Member Rod Martinson greeted residents as they stood in line for pancakes and said the organization relies on the support from the community to raise funds during the two pancake breakfast events.

This was Andrews' first pancake fundraiser as the president, and he said the event went well.

"My job today is to mingle and talk with people and then help out wherever I can," he said.

Looking back on the first few months of his duties as president, Andrews said getting more people to volunteer for certain positions within the Legion is really important. Those areas continue to be covered with members doubling up on their duties.

People from Sun City West and other surrounding communities, such as Sun City, Surprise and Glendale supported the fundraising event. Andrews said people invite their friends, and they return each year.

This year the organization was overwhelmed with donations from



Legion Post 94 member Brian Novinger makes pancakes for the fundraiser Nov. 3. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

people for the raffle, according to Andrews.

Members also included the community in their efforts to create Christmas cards to send overseas to those military personnel who are deployed. Andrews said this is a contest among several legions. The cards were placed on the table for individuals to write a sentiment and sign the card.

Visit azlegion94.org.

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.





CHURCH TO HOST PIANO TRIO PERFORMANCE

The Iridescence Piano Trio, with violinist Ramses Cid, cellist Xuehui (Michelle) Yu and pianist Moyi Liu, will perform 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Sun City, 12225 N. 103rd Ave. Formed in July 2025 at Arizona State University following years of artistic collaboration, the ensemble is dedicated to exploring a spectrum of musical colors, emotions and expressions through chamber music. Since their formation, the trio has performed at Mirabella at ASU and Steinway & Sons Scottsdale. A free-will donation will be accepted, as well as non-perishable items for the Valley View Food Bank. (Submitted photos/Stewart Porter)



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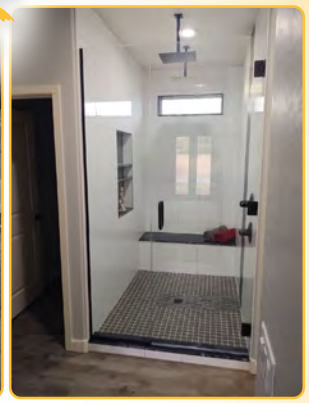
Rose Waldon, left, and Melissa VanDyken represented Rip 'N' Sew at Sun City West's recent Newcomers Open House at the Palm Ridge center. Waldon and VanDyken greeted new community members, telling them what the sewing club offers and about the charitable projects the club supports. Newcomers also were invited to tour the club. Rip 'N' Sew's table displayed items made by club members. (Submitted photo/Gary Reynolds)

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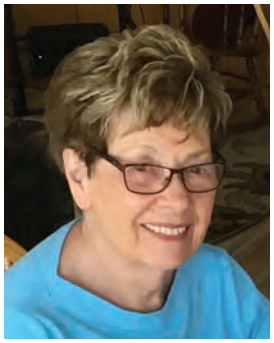
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June L Fredericksen

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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POLICE REPORTS

Editor's Note: The following information is obtained from Maricopa County Sheriff's Office District 3. This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons listed here who are later found not guilty are welcome to inform the Independent by calling 888-665-3848

OCT. 15

• 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 p.m. 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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'CREATION' - DESIGNED BY LISA COULOMBE

"Creation" was designed by Lisa Coulombe in a class on Dresden Plate variations. This quilt was quilted by Pat Ferguson and is a contemporary interpretation of the traditional "Dresden Plate" quilt block. Once the concept emerged, the quilt came together quickly. Coulombe arranged the partial Dresden Plate units on her black design wall, moving them until a pleasing composition developed. After photographing the layout, she transferred the design to a solid black background and top stitched each element into place. The entire process was completed in a single weekend. Coulombe has been quilting since 1989 and has belonged to quilting groups throughout the country and is a member of the Palo Verde Patchers. She said "Creation" demonstrates how traditional quilting elements can be reimagined in a modern context. Visit patchers.scwclubs.com. (Submitted photo/Patricia Casey)

OHOA seminar on new statutes

The Organization of Homeowners Associations is hosting an upcoming annual meeting and seminar.

The meeting is 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center Summit Hall, 13800 W. Deer Valley Road and includes OHOA annual elections, followed by the seminar 10-11:30 a.m.

Attorney Charles Sellers, partner with Maxwell & Morgan Law firm, will discuss the seven new state statues that are now in effect. These laws affect both planned communities and condos. These state statutes affect all HOAs.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The newest members of the Glass Fusing club are Dale Menard, Delores Selby, Susan Manser and Ted Husted, pictured with instructor Meg Bakke. Located in the Beardsley center, the club is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Call 623-544-6532 or 702-278-0955. (Submitted photo/Deb Daly)

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO-DO LIST

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.

MUSIC BINGO

ABOUT: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Sun City West Foundation, 14465 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd.
INFO: 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.
CONTACT:623-584-6851, scwfoundation.org/events.

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



PARKINSON'S EXERCISE CLASS MEETS WEEKLY

PWR Moves, a Parkinson's wellness recovery group exercise class, meets 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Beardsley center yoga studio. Participants can work on strength, balance, agility, aerobics and flexibility. Exercises are designed to improve fitness, counteract Parkinson's symptoms and increase daily activity. Residents (non-yoga club members) may attend one free class, then may try up to four drop-in classes before joining the club; a pre-trial membership card is available for $24. Annual membership for the calendar year is $10, non-prorated. Only personal checks are accepted; no cash payment for class fees or membership. Visit scwyoga.com. (Submitted photo/Mary Casselman)

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.

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.
WEB: surprisepubliclibrary.gov.

BINGO

ABOUT: 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.
INFO: Property Owners and Residents Association is hosting bingo one more time this month. All proceeds go back to into the Sun City West community.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

ABOUT: Thursday, Nov. 26, at Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Smoot Hall.
INFO: Doors open at 11 a.m. and serving will begin at 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.

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.

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.
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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.



(Submitted photo/Wendy Whitlock)

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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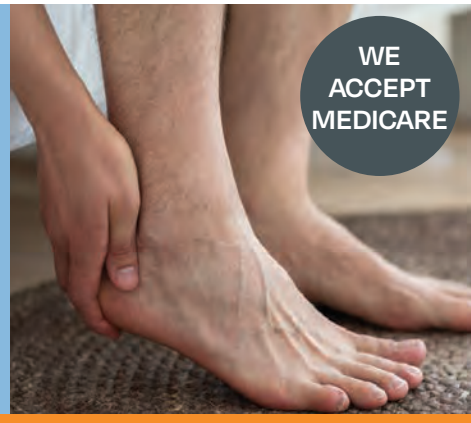


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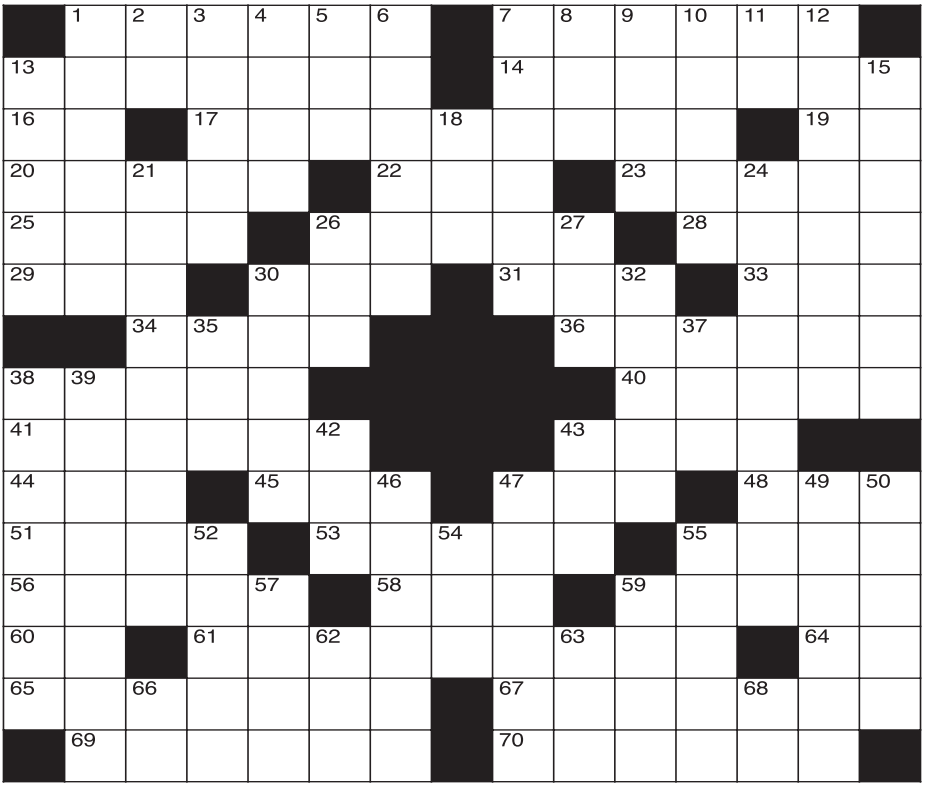
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18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
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50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
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57. Central Japan city
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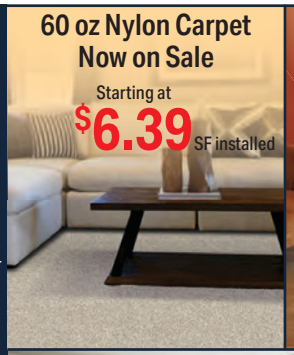




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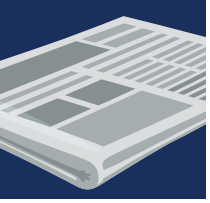
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How to engage in respectful, honest & civil dialogue about public issues

☐ **Take the high road.** Respond to the topic — not the person. Refrain from demonizing others for their opinions. Assume those you disagree with are, like you, genuinely interested in improving the community.

☐ **Be respectful.** Bullying, public humiliation, insults, name-calling, harassment, and threats directed at another person — or that person's race, gender, religion, ethnicity, etc. — have no place in civil discussions. Find ways to respectfully disagree without questioning someone's character or motives.

☐ **Be truthful.** Base your opinions/arguments on facts. Value honesty. Make only accurate statements when making your point and avoid exaggeration and stereotypes. When appropriate, cite your sources of information that others may question.

☐ **Don't misrepresent.** Always identify your opinions as opinions (not stating opinions as facts). Never misrepresent the views of others or falsely claim your opinions represent someone else. If quoting the words of others, identify and credit the source.

☐ **Listen & learn.** It's both polite and respectful to listen to those we disagree with (as well as those we support) and be genuine in our attempts to understand their point of view. Expand your mind by thoughtfully seeking out views that don't agree with your own.

☐ **Look for common ground.** When disagreeing with others, look for even small areas of agreement — which can be the gateway to working together for the greater good.

☐ **Respect privacy.** Keep private things private — whether it involves your own information or those with whom you disagree. Revealing private information about someone else is rude, unethical, potentially harmful and, in many cases, illegal.

☐ **Set a good example.** Practice civil behavior online as well as in public and in your interaction with others. Encourage others to practice these civil behaviors. And it's OK to challenge disrespectful behavior — but be courteous, respectful and helpful in your approach.

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