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Grant Coffey in his Corte Bella home displays a decorated ceremonial paddle presented to him by fellow Marines who served alongside his late son, Keaton, as a tribute to the young Marine they considered one of their own. The inset photo features Keaton and his military working-dog handler Denny, a Belgian Malinois. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)

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Peoria riding program helps people find their stride

Silver Lining Riding's fall festival will showcase a nonprofit where horses help children, veterans and others build confidence, connections

By Steve Stockmar
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A little boy with Down syndrome had never spoken a word. But one day, after riding a horse, he climbed down, looked at the people around him and said his name for the first time.

He was 7 or 8 years old. And he wanted another ride.

For Kelsey Spencer, now director of development and community engagement at Peoria's Silver Lining Riding, just southeast of Corte Bella, that moment about 15 years ago helped define her life's work.

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New route for 30th annual Phoenix Veterans Day parade

The Honoring America's Veterans, Phoenix Veterans Day Parade will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Wednesday, Nov. 11, with a new route through central Phoenix.

The parade steps off at 11 a.m. at McDowell Road and Third Street and travels north on Third Street to Indian School Road. Spectators should not go to the former route along Central Avenue, Camelback Road or Seventh Street.

"New Route. Same Mission. 30 Years of Honor," Paula Pedene, Honoring America's Veterans executive director, shared in a statement. "For three decades, Phoenix has come together to thank the men and women who served our nation. This year, we want every veteran, family and spectator to know that the celebration continues on Third Street."

The parade is expected to welcome more than 45,000 spectators and thousands of participants, including veterans representing multiple eras of service, military units, marching bands, community organizations, youth groups, sponsors and volunteers.

The 2026 theme, "250 Years of Freedom, 30 Years of Honor," connects America's 250th anniversary with three decades of public tribute in Phoenix.

Phoenix among best markets for small business expansion

Phoenix is one of the nation's stronger markets for small-business expansion according to a new study comparing 56 major U.S. metropolitan areas.

The ranking, published by Clarify Capital, a business financing platform, puts Phoenix at No. 13 nationally. Phoenix benefits from stronger employment growth, job creation and new business activity.

To develop its rankings, Clarify Capital examined five economic indicators: one-year employment change, 2023 business establishment entry and exit rates, 2023 net job creation, and preliminary unemployment figures from July 2026. Employment growth carried the greatest weight in the final rankings.



Renee Rodriguez, personal banker with Western State Bank, hands out giveaways to customers and others who stopped by the senior expo on Oct. 28. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

SCW residents visit with local businesses during senior expo

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.

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

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

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There are great people in Sun City West area

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
SUN CITY WEST

My town passed a data-center moratorium, and Arizona can, too

I'm the mayor of Lochbuie, Colorado, and my residents are worried about our water supply. So, we passed a five-year moratorium on AI data centers. Your town can, too. Like many other parts of the country, our state is facing a serious water-supply problem. Colorado's water supply depends heavily on mountain snowpack, and our Colorado River system has been overburdened for years. This problem is exacerbated by reduced reservoir levels, population growth, and irrigation-intensive agriculture.

At the same time, climate change has led to record heat and droughts.

A single large-scale data center, depending on location and available resources, can use as much water as our entire town uses. Meanwhile, data-center energy use makes climate change worse, further endangering our shared future. Data-center emissions are projected to skyrocket by 2035.

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Water is a finite resource and can't always replenish fast enough to meet growing demand. We don't want hyperscale data centers coming into our town and overburdening our already stressed water resources — and polluting our air and groundwater while they're at it.

Big data centers claim they bring jobs to communities. A closer look shows how flimsy these claims are. In reality, data centers create very few permanent jobs. Most data-center jobs are temporary construction jobs, and most of those don't go to local community members.

"I do want to see businesses in our community that create jobs, but I don't see how a data center does that when it takes up so much land and produces so few jobs," Shannon Donnelly, one of my constituents, told me. "We need a clear, evidence-based understanding of the costs and benefits before we make such big decisions that impact people's lives."

Shannon is not alone. I heard many comments like these at our town board meetings about water use, noise and other pollution from data centers.

So, I wrote up a proposal for a moratorium on AI data centers in Lochbuie. The ensuing public meeting drew more attendees than I had ever seen. They overwhelmingly supported the moratorium, and it passed easily.

What happened next reflects another troubling reality about how data centers are encroaching on unwilling communities: Brighton, which borders Lochbuie, announced a proposal for a data center there. A town boundary would not protect our water, air, animals or residents.

"We'll see the lights and hear the noise," constituent Desirae Zima told me. "We'll have to live with the traffic, the infrastructure demands, the industrial equipment and the potential impacts to water and electricity resources. We will be the neighbors dealing with the impacts to our quality of life."

Fortunately, opposition from Brighton residents was strong enough that the developer withdrew its application for the proposed data center and the city council voted to advance a one-year moratorium on any such construction. It awaits final approval.

Our small town reflects communities across the country. According to a recent Gallup poll, over 70% of Americans oppose data centers in their local areas. Nearly 500 cities, towns and counties nationwide have enacted or are considering moratoria on data centers

Congress and the federal government have so far refused to meaningfully regulate the data centers cropping up across the country.

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The love that remains

Corte Bella father to share son's life, loss and legacy

By Steve Stockmar
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

When Grant Coffey dreams about his son, Keaton, he seldom sees the Marine who went to war. He sees a little boy, often at their family home or his grandmother's house.

"He's in my dreams as a young kid, almost always," the Corte Bella resident said.

Keaton Coffey was 22 when he was killed by sniper fire May 24, 2012, in Afghanistan. Fourteen years later, his father is preparing to share not only the Marine's service but also the life that preceded it — and the grief that followed.

Coffey will speak at a Veterans Day-related World of Friends gathering from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Bella Stanza Social Hall in Corte Bella. Attendees must RSVP to Virginia Ellwanger at ginalster03@aol.com.

Keaton had attended George Fox University in Oregon on a scholarship, but after a year realized he needed to follow a different path. He had studied the Marines for years and wanted to enlist. Father and son visited recruiters from all four military branches. Other services offered signing bonuses; the Marines offered none.

"That's what he wanted," Grant recalled of Keaton, who wanted to serve his country — signing bonus or not.

During his service, Keaton became a military working-dog handler and deployed to Afghanistan. On his second deployment, he worked alongside a Marine special operations team in Helmand province.

Keaton was due home soon. He and his fiancée planned to marry about six weeks later. He hoped to become a firefighter, following his father, who spent nearly four decades in the profession.

Instead, while on a rooftop providing security, a sniper fatally shot Keaton during what his father said was his final mission.

Meanwhile, at home in Oregon, Grant was counting down the days until his son returned. Yet when uniformed Marines came to the front door of their home, he understood immediately and the sudden shock kept him from even opening the door at first. For a year and a half afterward, he could not bring himself to use that entrance, going through the garage instead.

The loss also strained his marriage. For years, even speaking publicly about Keaton could bring him to tears.

"There's never closure," Coffey said. Keaton remains his first thought each morning and his last at night.

In a 2012 Marine Corps tribute, Sgt. Alfred Nieto, who served with Keaton, remembered his influence: "He made me a better Marine, a better sergeant, a better person. He made a lasting impression that will last throughout the remainder of my time."

Gradually, Coffey found purpose in helping others. He led a charitable foundation supporting veterans and first responders, raising and distributing nearly $750,000 over a decade. He has remained close to Keaton's fellow Marines; more than a dozen, he said, call him "Dad," and a handful have even named their own children "Keaton" in his son's honor.

The pain has eased enough for Coffey to tell his son's story. It has not disappeared.

"I think about him, you know ...," Grant said, searching for words. "Every day I think of what can I do ... that he would be proud of."

IF YOU GO

What: "Grant Coffey: A Gold Star Father," a presentation about the life and military service of Cpl. Keaton Coffey and his family's experience with loss.

When: 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9

Where: Bella Stanza Social Hall, Corte Bella

Host: World of Friends.

RSVP: Required. Contact Virginia Ellwanger at ginalster03@aol.com.

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Kelsey Spencer and Bella will be on hand for the Silver Lining Riding Fall Festival in Peoria on Friday, Nov. 13. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)

IF YOU GO

What: Silver Lining Riding Fall Festival
When: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13
Where: Silver Lining Riding, 23445 N. 77th Ave., Peoria
Activities: Hayrides, pony rides, arena games, face painting, crafts, food trucks, a petting zoo and family activities.
About: A family-friendly fundraiser benefiting HorsePower, Silver Lining Riding's program serving veterans and first responders.
More Information: silverliningriding.org

HOW TO GET THERE

From Corte Bella's main entrance, head east on Deer Valley Road, then turn right onto 83rd Avenue and continue south toward Pinnacle Peak Road. Turn left onto Pinnacle Peak Road, then left onto 77th Avenue to reach Silver Lining Riding, 23445 N. 77th Ave. in Peoria.

Riding

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"This was why I got into what I do," Spencer recalled. "You can't even put into words what all the horses get to do for the people they encounter."

That connection between horses and people will be celebrated Friday, Nov. 13, when Silver Lining Riding hosts its fall festival from 4 to 9 p.m. at 23445 N. 77th Ave.

The family-friendly fundraiser will feature hayrides, pony rides, arena games, face painting, crafts, food trucks and other activities. A silent auction will help raise money for HorsePower, the nonprofit's program serving veterans and first responders.

Spencer said organizers moved the festival to the evening last year to escape the heat and create a more comfortable autumn gathering. Its proximity to Veterans Day also offers an opportunity to spotlight HorsePower.

Silver Lining Riding has served the community for approximately 16 years, spending the past two at its current location, a peaceful 70-acre property owned by the Campbell family.

> *"You can't even put into words what all the horses get to do for the people they encounter."*
>
> **Kelsey Spencer**
> **Director of Development and Community Engagement**

The nonprofit provides adaptive riding and horsemanship programs for people with disabilities, beginning at age 4 and continuing into adulthood. Participants include individuals with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other physical, developmental or emotional challenges.

Some riders spend time grooming and preparing their horses before entering the arena. Others receive assistance from volunteers walking alongside them.

About 50 volunteers support the program six days a week, working with 10 horses.

Spencer described one young participant whose twice-weekly visits help him settle down, concentrate and prepare for the days ahead.

"He's grooming the horse and he's focused and he's paying attention to what his horse is doing," she said.

Beyond adaptive riding, HorsePower brings veterans and first responders together for horse-centered activities designed to encourage teamwork and connection. The nonprofit also takes miniature horses and donkeys to senior living communities, including Orchard Pointe, to engage residents.

For Spencer, the horses themselves remain central to the mission.

"I often will say if I just can shut my mouth and step away, the horse will do the work," she said.



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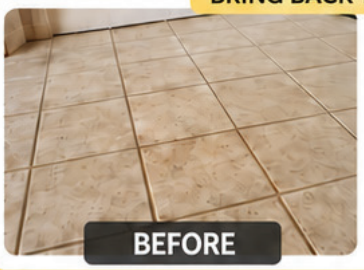
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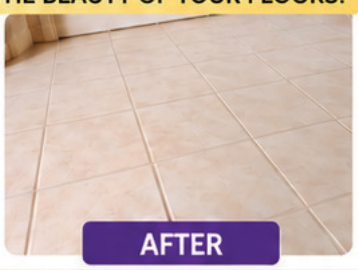
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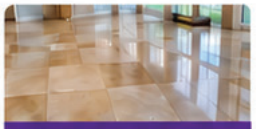


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Sun City West man survives life-threatening blood clots

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

When 74-year-old Jim Cerase began experiencing severe shortness of breath in late September, he and his wife, Barbara, knew he needed medical attention. What happened next demonstrates how a connected continuum of care can make a critical difference when a patient's condition is life-threatening.

The Sun City West couple went to Abrazo Peoria Emergency Center, 26900 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, in Peoria, where board-certified emergency medicine physician Dr. Brice Brookshire diagnosed Jim with bilateral pulmonary emboli or extensive blood clots blocking arteries in both of his lungs, a potentially fatal condition known as pulmonary embolism, which required more advanced and immediate treatment.

Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, a mere 10–12-minute drive, in Glendale, is a regional facility for emergency services equipped to provide the highest level of care for critically ill and injured patients, including a dedicated Pulmonary Embolism Response Team. It includes emergency medicine physicians, interventional cardiologists, critical care specialists, and other clinical experts who rapidly assess and treat patients with complex and potentially fatal pulmonary embolisms.

"Normally you are waiting for hours in an emergency room," Jim Cerase shared in a press release.



Jim and Barbara Cerase, seen walking their dog at their Sun City West home, credit Abrazo Health Facilities in Glendale and Peoria with saving Jim's life. (Submitted photo/Abrazo)

"Not at Abrazo Peoria Emergency Center. It was boom, boom, boom – they knew I was in trouble and immediately sent me to Abrazo Arrowhead where they were already waiting for me and ready to do what it took to save my life."

Jim was immediately transferred by ambulance to Abrazo Arrowhead Campus where further testing

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HomeSmart in Sun City West partners in box truck donation

Community Bridges truck donation in memory of former employee

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, 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 donated," Michaels said.

Community Bridges, Inc. received the box truck donation in late October 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, fiance and her two children.

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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)

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Donation

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Michaels said he connected the communities of Corte Bella, Sun City West, Sun City 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 community 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.

Health

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showed strain on the right side of his heart and a blood clot in his left leg. Invasive-Interventional Cardiologist Dr. Rahul Malhotra treated Jim with a minimally invasive thrombectomy procedure to remove the dangerous clots from his pulmonary arteries.

"Jim was facing a very serious medical emergency," Dr. Malhotra stated. "Large blood clots were blocking blood flow through his lungs and placing significant stress on his heart. Thanks to the rapid diagnosis at Abrazo Peoria Emergency Center and the seamless transfer to Arrowhead, we were able to quickly perform a minimally invasive procedure to remove the clots."

The Cerase family experience illustrates the importance of having access to emergency care close to home and the benefit of having a nearby hospital equipped to provide advanced treatment when needed, in the same healthcare system, to prevent any lapse or delay in treatment.

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Peoria trails affected by heavy storms

Following the weekend's heavy storms and flooding, several sections of the New River Trail remain underwater and impassable. Trail users are urged to use caution and follow all posted closures and safety advisories.

Official say the lower sections of the New River Trail beneath Thunderbird Road and at Grand Avenue are currently underwater and closed to public access. These sections will remain closed until water levels recede by at least another foot. Current projections indicate the affected areas may be ready to reopen by Friday, weather and water conditions permitting.



New River and Skunk Creek trails were closed due to heavy storms and flooding this week. (Submitted photo)

Several other sections of the New River Trail remain open and safe for public use. The upper terrace portions of the trail from Thunderbird Road north to Jomax Road remain accessible.

The Skunk Creek Trail is fully open for public use. However, the main trailhead at 83rd Avenue remains muddy and is expected to stay closed for at least another day, officials say.

Although water levels are beginning to fluctuate, trail users should remain alert to changing conditions and potential hazards left behind by the flooding.

Please observe the following precautions:

- **Watch for debris:** Rocks, mud and other debris may remain on portions of the trails until city crews can safely clear the affected areas.
- **Stay on the hard-surface trail:** Trail shoulders may remain soft, unstable and muddy. Avoid stepping or riding off the paved surface.
- **Stay away from the water:** The active flow channel remains easily accessible from portions of the trail. Do not approach the water's edge.
- **Respect all closures:** Do not enter flooded or barricaded trail sections, even if water levels appear to have receded.

City crews will reassess conditions and reopen the trailhead as soon as it is safe for public access.

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Hamadeh takes lead over Greene-Placentia in CD8



Bernadette Greene-Placentia and Abe Hamadeh.

By Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

After trailing Democrat candidate Bernadette Greene-Placentia in the initial updates that focused on early voting tallies, incumbent Republican Abe Hamadeh surged to the lead in Arizona's 8th Congressional District race.

The Wednesday morning update showed Hamadeh leading with 127,063 votes (compared to Surprise resident Greene-Placentia's 121,500) of the tabulated votes.

In an update nearly five hours earlier, Greene-Placentia led with 104,526 early tallies (50.91%) of the vote, while Hamadeh had 100,441 (48.92%).

Hamadeh leads largely because of 21,090 election day votes, compared to Greene-Placentia's 13,152. Maricopa County lists 185 of the district's 186 precincts as reporting.

Hamadeh was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2024.

So far 483 votes in the district are for an unofficial write-in candidate.

Congressional District 8 covers parts of Phoenix and Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, El Mirage and the Sun Cities, including Corte Bella.

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WEB: Blue Rooster Produce Stand on Facebook and Instagram

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 handmade 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

WHAM ANNIVERSARY GALA

ABOUT: 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at WHAM Community Art Center, 16560 N. Dysart Road, Surprise
INFO: WHAM (What's Happen'n Art Movement) celebrates 20 years of bringing art to the West Valley. Founded by Connie Whitlock, the nonprofit offers classes, workshops and exhibitions in painting, ceramics, glass art and other disciplines. The public may celebrate the anniversary and support WHAM's efforts to make art accessible to all ages and abilities. RSVP online.
WEB: wham-art.org/rsvp



The city of Surprise's Veterans Day Parade, seen in 2025, will return Wednesday, Nov. 11, along Bullard Avenue between Paradise and Tierra Buena lanes.

GOLD STAR FATHER'S 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

VETERANS DAY GALA

ABOUT: 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Corte Bella Social Hall, 22155 N. Mission Drive, Sun City West.
INFO: Corte Bella Veterans will host its annual Veterans Day Gala, an evening of remembrance and fundraising benefiting veterans and their families. The organization raises money to assist Arizona veterans facing financial hardship and to support veteran-focused charities. The gala is sold out.
WEB: cortebellavets.org

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

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.

YOUR EVENTS, PLEASE

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IN EVENTS

The Surprise Independent will host a senior expo 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 19, 2027 at The Colonnade, 19116 N. Colonnade Way, Surprise. Individuals wishing to participate may reach out to the sales team.
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FOSTERING HEARTS GOLF CLASSIC

ABOUT: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at Corte Bella Golf Club, 22129 N. Mission Drive, Sun City West. Check-in begins at 7 a.m.
INFO: Fostering Hearts in Our Community will host a charity golf tournament benefiting Arizona young adults transitioning out of foster care. The event includes golf, games, prizes and a post-tournament luncheon. Individual golfers and foursomes may register.
WEB: fosteringheartsoc.com



VISTANCIA FARMERS MARKET & CRAFT SHOW

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Village of Vistancia parking lot, 29701 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria
INFO: The Vistancia Farmers Market & Craft Show brings together local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade crafts and specialty goods. The market is held year-round on the third Sunday of each month and is open to the public.
WEB: Facebook—Smiths Local Farmers Markets



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.
WEB: oregonclubaz.weebly.com



CORTE BELLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

ABOUT: 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16 at Corte Bella Golf Club, 22129 N. Mission Drive.
INFO: The Central Arizona Golf District has scheduled a tournament at Corte Bella. Registration runs Oct. 21-Nov. 1. Entry costs $110 per person and includes a golf cart, range balls, prizes and a post-tournament luncheon. Open to all golfers.
WEB: cagdgolf.org



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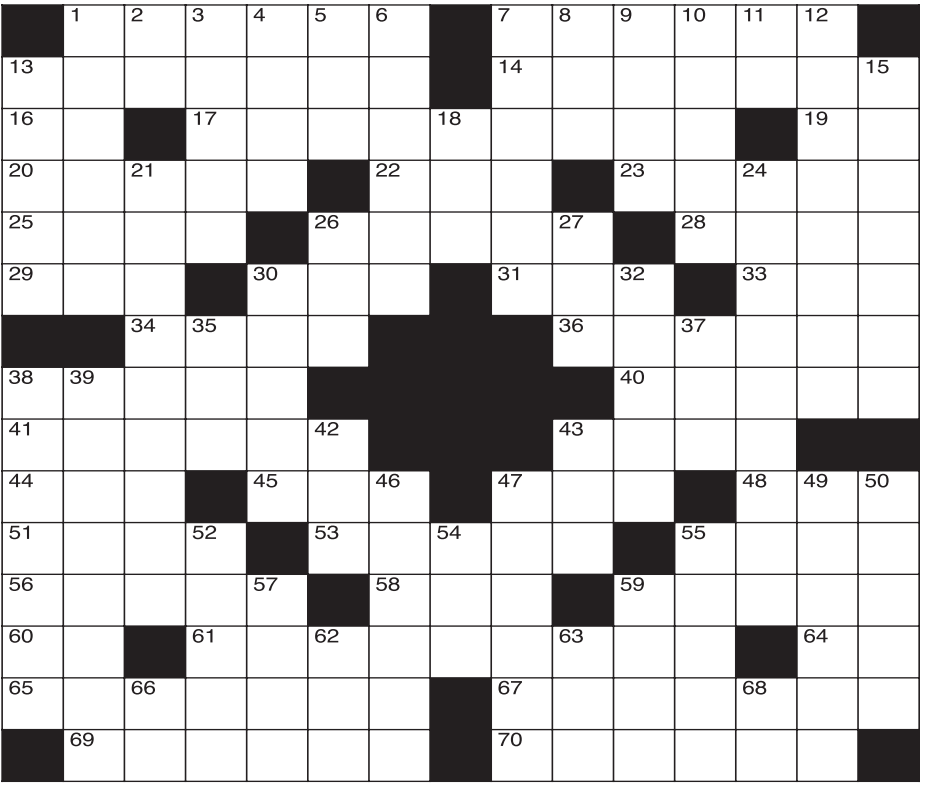
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13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
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17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
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

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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
68. Powerful government lawyer

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Outliving Your Teeth?

You have more options than you think.

Most of us expect our bodies to change as we age. We may need reading glasses, a knee replacement, or medication to help manage our health. What many people don't expect is that they may eventually outlive their teeth.

For decades, you've likely done everything right. You've had cavities filled, crowns placed, broken teeth repaired, and gum disease treated. Your dentist has worked hard to save your natural teeth, and you've worked hard to maintain them.
But there comes a point for some people when the cycle becomes exhausting.

A crown fails. Another tooth cracks. Gum disease returns. A bridge needs replacement. The repairs become more frequent, more complicated, and more expensive. At the same time, many people begin quietly changing their lifestyle. They avoid nuts, steak, apples, corn on the cob, or other foods they once enjoyed. They chew on one side of their mouth. They decline invitations to restaurants. They smile less.

This is what we call outliving your teeth.

The good news is that dentistry has changed dramatically over the last decade. Today's dental implants and advanced restorative materials allow us to do something that wasn't possible for previous generations: rebuild a smile with strength, beauty, and long-term predictability.
For many patients, a well-designed implant-supported restoration can provide greater comfort, improved chewing ability, and less ongoing maintenance than the constant cycle of repairing aging natural teeth. More importantly, it can restore confidence and freedom. Freedom to eat the foods you enjoy. Freedom to smile without hesitation. Freedom from constantly wondering which tooth will cause the next problem.



If you find yourself spending more time fixing dental problems than enjoying life, it may be time to ask a different question. Instead of wondering how to repair the next tooth, ask whether there is a better long-term solution.

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