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PRIDES beautify the community but needs volunteers

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A Sun City West resident was looking for a place to volunteer and a friend nudged him to the Sun City West PRIDES.

Bill Matejka attended his orientation with Bill Miller, who is the president of the PRIDES to learn more about what his hours of volunteering will look like.

"I have been involved in other things and with clubs, but I did not want to do that anymore, so I came to PRIDES," said Matejka.

Being handy is something Matejka says his neighbors call him, but he admits he cannot do everything. He said many people know more than him, but he said PRIDES has chainsaws and tools, and he knows his way around repairs and golf

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TURKEY DONATIONS FEED COMMUNITY
Knight of Columbus 11809 Jim Michel, Tito Carpio, Chris Waller and Joe Kowalkowski collected turkey, non-perishable food items and monetary donations during the turkey drive. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

New application looks to save $31,000

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Recreation Centers of Sun City West officials look to move to a new technology platform to save $31,000.

Currently, the association pays $38,000 for the application already installed, however, in 2027 that total is set to rise to $52,000.

GoGov is an option for $21,000, which is significantly less than officials pay now and with more functionality, according to Information Technology Director Kyle Hockman.

"We are looking to move to this platform for member requests, code compliance and architect review," he said.

The new application has three modules in one.

Citizen requests will replace online member comment forms, which can be tracked and replied to on the correct app. This platform tracks history and category of member comment forms.

Also, the new platform can provide resources for members to contact the correct agency or organization, when the jurisdiction does not fall under the association.

General Manager Stephen

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Upcoming Thanksgiving RCSCW closures

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West will close several services Thursday, Nov. 26. This includes the administrative offices, member services, R.H. Johnson Library, Sports Pavilion, Lizard Acres Pub and the Golf Operations Office.

Deer Valley, Grandview, Pebblebrook and Stardust Golf Courses will remain open Thursday, Nov. 26. Desert Trails, Echo Mesa and Trail Ridge Golf Courses will be closed.

Administrative officers, golf operations, R.H. Johnson Library and members services will be closed Friday, Nov. 27.

The Sports Pavilion will open 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Lizard Acres Pub will be open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and all recreation centers will operate regular hours, including all Sun City West Golf Courses.

Pickleball club completes tournament

The Sun City West Pickleball Club completed the Fall Classic Tournament for the fifth year, wrapping Nov. 5.

Eileen Freydberg of HomeSmart Realty sponsored the event.

There were 108 teams that participated over the three days with 31 women's, 47 mixed and 30 men's teams. A total of 168 members participated in the tournament.



Linda Pitsch and Hope Ernst were all smiles as they show off their cooling towels following the ladies double competition. (Submitted photos/ Leal Maloney/ Don Ernst)

All players had an opportunity to play at least three games with most playing four or five. Both new members and seasoned players participated, with six brand new players, five who are 80 plus and one player who was 90 plus.

Club member Teresa Gasaway designed the cooling towels given to every participant. Member Susan Moy took photos of all the top three teams. Tournament director Larry Haas was assisted by 15 volunteers.

The club is also offering a free, two-hour clinic. Residents do not need to be a member to participate and all equipment is provided, except for court shoes.

Register by Dec. 3 to participate in the Dec. 7 session. There are also clinics Jan. 11 and Feb. 8.

Visit scwpickleballclub.com.

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Delta Kappa Gamma wraps gifts for school

Delta Kappa Gamma's Alpha Xi Chapter is looking for working or retired female educators to join the group for its meeting 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church, 9502 W Hutton Drive.

The group is holding its holiday gathering, assembling Christmas gifts for our Alta Loma Elementary School family.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization whose purpose is to promote professional and personal growth of female educators and excellence in education. It is made up of instructional assistants, classroom teachers, librarians, art teachers, tutors, music teachers, school administrators and more. Alpha Xi chapter provides educational scholarships, donates school supplies and snacks to Alta Loma Elementary School students and adopts a family at Christmas, providing gifts and boxes of food.

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Miller said when volunteers come in they find out where they live and try to give them one of the 17 sections closest to their home. However, he said there are gaps they have to fill because they do not have the same number of volunteers they once did.

Right now, volunteers move into those sections as they have more time. Miller said shifting volunteers around helps and those individuals are always eager to help.

"With an hour to 90 minutes of work on a Saturday morning, it is not a lot of time," said Miller.

With the recent storms in the area, PRIDES volunteers pick up fallen debris and bag it to be picked up by Maricopa County. Miller said at a recent pick up, there were 16 bags of branches, leaves and other debris left behind.

> *"Anyone who wants to volunteer and can give just an hour on a Saturday, we can use them"*
>
> **Bill Miller**
> **PRIDES president**

Miller said the organization works closely with Maricopa County officials and said a recent meeting went well. There is an area that is too dangerous for PRIDES volunteers to work on and Miller said the goal is to get Maricopa County to cement that median over.

Maricopa County Supervisor Debbie Lesko visited the organization and now someone from her office will attend the monthly meetings.

Most of what volunteers pick up is related to weather, but Miller said as snowbirds return, a lot of clean up includes cigarette butts.

Right now there are 220 volunteers in the organization, but Miller explained efforts are in place to get the younger residents to take part and volunteer in the organization.



Sun City West PRIDES new volunteer Bill Matejka with President Bill Miller. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

"Anyone who wants to volunteer and can give just an hour on a Saturday, we can use them," said Miller.

He said there is no attendance taken and if there are some days that do not work out, residents can still make it work.

Visit scwprides.com.

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Erno reminded the governing board during the Nov. 2 General Managers Operations meeting member comment forms were part of the strategic priorities the board had.

"Some of these things and the actual work flow we are still working through and is very new, but things are moving quickly," said Erno.

President Alan Schlemmer inquired about paper form options for member comments, to ensure that is still an option for residents. He said he assumes that will remain an option. Erno said the electronic version will be encouraged and will include the option to take photos with drop down menus to describe the issue. Erno ensured the ability to use paper forms and automating the whole system so those will also get entered.

"This is another big leap forward," said Erno.

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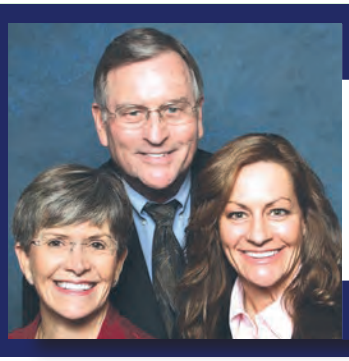
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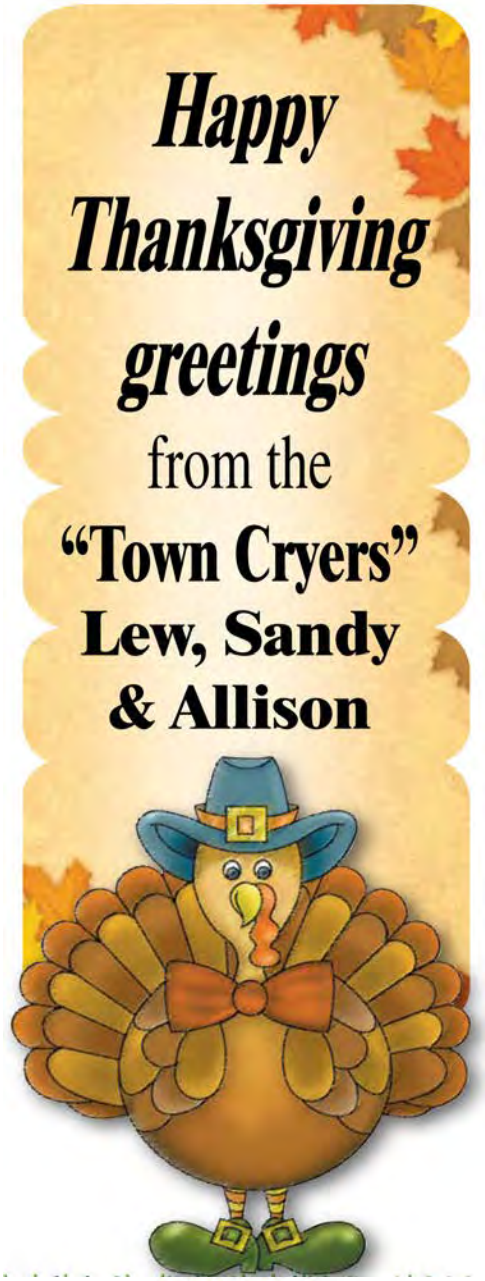
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MINNESOTA CLUB WELCOMES MEMBERS

The Minnesota Club met Nov. 12 for a welcome back breakfast at Heritage Tradition. The next gathering is 5 p.m. Jan. 13, 2027 at in the R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Call 651-238-9881 to become a member. Annual dues are $10 per person. (Submitted/Cheryl Jensen)



CLUB MEMBER SHARES CREATIVITY

Bonnie Marshall, a member of the Ceramics West club, has been an active member for about 18 years. Marshall also serves as "Officer of the Day" and teaches a yarn ceramic class. She is always willing to assist fellow members with tips and lend samples of her personal paint collection. An example of other past projects include designing totem poles comprised of at least five different distinct ceramic pieces. Upcoming ceramic classes include Hand Build a Snowman, Grinch Plate, Cascade class and more. Call 623-546-0975 or visit ceramics.scwclubs.com. (Submitted/B.K. Pritchett)



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Why are off-duty officers at construction sites?

Why are there off-duty law enforcement officers working at construction sites in the Valley?

I have only seen one officer controlling an intersection's traffic signals. I have seen officers in their cars either reading or on their phones. Ten years or so ago they were getting $35 an hour for this duty. That's thousands of dollars added to road construction sites throughout the state.

If they are not directing traffic, what is their duty? With cell phones everywhere it's not to report accidents, and I don't believe they run radar to stop speeding in work zones.

I am curious to know what the reasoning is to have them present and how much this adds onto the price of road construction yearly. There may well be a valid reason, but I can't think what it might be.

James Peer
SUN CITY WEST

Is it giving season or requesting season?

Everyone talks about "giving" but few talk about "responsible giving," or good stewardship as we used to call it.

For years, I gave two prominent Valley charities $20 each at Thanksgiving. I got one letter in the mail each year and sent one donation.

I never thought to question them, or ask to see a financial report. One year I made extra money, so I sent them $100 each. I entered donor hell — almost weekly letters asking for more money.

It was easy to see their letters looked alike. I felt that my entire donation was being spent for junk mail.

The old saying, "charity begins at home," rang true to me. I try to be a generous tipper when my groceries are delivered, think of my postal carrier, offer to support a local club at church and try to make my life like a character from a Charles Dickens novel, "A Christmas Carol" or "Oliver Twist."

Scott Mitzner
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Walking in the street a common sight here

Regarding Bruce Arnold's letter about Sun City West residents walking on streets, it is a common sight.

I have written about this situation at least twice in the past, but it continues.

Arizona law states that if there is a sidewalk present, pedestrians must use it. If you walk on the street, you are putting yourself at risk if you do not hear a car coming.

Another person wrote in the past that if you are walking on the street, and a bicyclist is coming, that person has nowhere to go if a car approaches.

There are sidewalks all over Sun City West. Why not use them?

David Webster
SUN CITY WEST

Replacing plants this fall? Go native

Fall is the time of year when homeowners and HOAs consider replacing plants that were damaged by storms. It's also a good time for the reminder that not all plants are created equal.

Those adding plants should consider adding native shrubs like brittlebush, chuparosa or creosote, or flowers like desert globe mallow, desert marigold, desert milkweed and blackfoot daisy.

Native plants are better than non-native plants because they provide a whole ecosystem and they are adapted to the seasonal water that nature provides.

The ecosystem around native plants means that the native insects have evolved alongside these plants and use them as perfect places to lay their eggs. Then native birds who also evolved here eat the eggs or the caterpillars or feed them to their young. We all want to see more birds, and that means we need to help them feed their young.

Native plants can serve many functions. Buffelgrass, on the other hand, provides no benefits to the ecosystem.

Native plants are not easy to find, but many family-owned nurseries will have them, and if those looking for them ask other places, they will start to feel a demand for native plants and figure out how to stock them.

Some of the Maricopa County libraries have native plant seeds available in their seed libraries. To learn more, visit libguides.maricopa.edu/seed.

I recommend planting some

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seeds to see what will grow. Libraries have resources to help.

Joette Conger
SUN CITY

Plastic won't protect ICE detainees from chemicals

Department of Homeland Security wants to imprison 1,500 people in the danger zone of a Surprise chemical facility, and ICE's answer to a toxic release appears to be plastic and a roll of duct tape.

Detainees would sit directly across the street from Rinchem's chemical storage facility in Surprise. If Rinchem has a chemical release, ICE's national detention standard tells staff to direct detainees to seal themselves inside a large interior room with plastic sheeting and duct tape.

That seems to be the only plan DHS has. Based on the draft environmental assessment from GardaWorld Federal Services, the company paid to run the facility, we have no reason to expect more than that in Surprise. The draft, released Nov. 9, never evaluates a chemical release from Rinchem.

Rinchem's federal Risk Management Plan details eight foreseeable chemical release scenarios. One estimates that a release of 20,000 pounds of anhydrous hydrogen chloride could reach 2.7 miles and over 73,000 people. The detention facility sits deep inside that zone. Hydrogen chloride is heavier than air and a severe inhalation hazard. Plastic sheeting and duct tape would not provide adequate shelter.

At the Oct. 20 City Council work session, City Manager Andrea Davis confirmed Surprise has received no emergency planning from DHS or GardaWorld. Vice Mayor Earle Greenberg said he expected an evacuation to look like staff running for their cars while leaving detainees locked inside.

This review exists because Attorney General Kris Mayes sued DHS over the facility, citing Northwest Valley Indivisible's research on Rinchem. It was supposed to address the danger that put DHS in court, but it ignored it.

DHS and GardaWorld must complete a full Environmental Impact Statement that accounts for Rinchem's release scenarios. Public comments close Dec. 9. I urge every area resident and local official to email icesustainability@ice.dhs.gov and demand one

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Meet Mac-Cro-Knitter Reggie Knight

Reggie Knight has been a member of Mac-Cro-Knit Club for 14 years, but her love of knitting began much earlier.

At just five years old, she was taught to knit by an elderly British woman who knitted wool socks for the British Army.

Although she didn't pick up knitting again until retirement, it became an important part of her life. Today, Knight enjoys both needle knitting and loom knitting. Her introduction to loom knitting came through a quick five-minute lesson from a photography club member who was leaving Sun City West the very next day.

One of Knight's most treasured projects is a needle-knitted chemo blanket, approximately six feet by three feet, made with soft, lightweight bulky yarn. She made it to keep warm during the long days spent in a cold therapy room. As Knight explains, "I have special feelings about it, it is my security blanket."

Giving back through her knitting is second nature to Knight.

She estimates that 95% of her projects are donated to charity, a tradition she enjoyed even before joining Mac-Cro-Knit. When she's relaxing and watching football or golf on television, you'll likely find her loom knitting at the same time.

Knight discovered the club through the Sun City West monthly newsletter and has found much more than a place to share her love of yarn. What makes Mac-Cro-Knit special to her is the variety of women who come from all parts of the country, sharing their stories, talents, recipes and cultures. She especially enjoys "show and tell," where members display their creations made with yarn, needles, hooks and looms.



(Submitted/Lisa Capriotti)

Knight has also passed along her loom-knitting skills to many others, who have gone on to teach even more people. One of her favorite success stories involves her cousin's granddaughter, whom she taught to loom knit when she was about 13.

The young girl shared her new skill with friends, and that Christmas they donated many hats to charity. For her senior-year project, she took on an even bigger challenge, donating 100 hats to charity. Her project, along with her excellent grades, helped earn her a full college scholarship.

Knight's story is a example of how a simple skill can grow into something much bigger, bringing warmth, generosity and creativity to others.

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For the second year, the Sun City West Scrapbooking, Papercrafts & More Club presented 500 hand-crafted Christmas and holiday cards to the Military Order of the Purple Heart to use in conjunction with the Angel Giving Tree Tags Program. The project was coordinated by SPAM member Lisa Barnes and began in summer with the goal of making 500 cards by November. Lisa Barnes, the club's project coordinator presented to Jim Starkman, Military Order of the Purple Heart coordinator and Lauren Erickson, Angel Giving Tree program liaison, along with some of the SPAM members. Erickson has a daughter and son-in-law serving in the military and she's a member of the Blue Star Moms AZ-4 Chapter. "The veterans understand they're loved, not forgotten, that their service is appreciated and that's what your club has done here," said Starkman. Christmas trees located throughout the Sun City West Sun Dome Plaza are decorated with tags denoting a veteran's gift wish. Residents in the community are invited to purchase a gift, and a handmade holiday card will be included with it. SPAM meets 4-9 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, at Beardsley Recreation Center's Agave Room, 12755 W. Beardsley Road. Call president Sandy Cryer 623-640-9387 or email scrapbook@scw.com. (Submitted/ Christina Hecht-Hubbard)

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Photography Club beginner members Robert Marinara, Janis Weiler, Laurie Lingnau, Patricia Sievwright, Jeff Skocelas, Diana Smierciak, Frank Cupero and Candy Worley. (Submitted/Linda Victor)

Photography West competition wraps

The results are in for the Photography West Projected Image Competition. There were 278 entries in three classes including beginner, advanced and master. Visit photography.scwclubs.com.

Open

Class B–Jeff Skocelas – 1st place; Diana Smierciak- 2nd place; Laurie Lingnau - 3rd place; Sherry Clark, Candy Worley - honorable mention

Class A– Sally Hilding -1st place; Chuck Clark - 2nd place; Cheryl Gross – 3rd place; Liz Mitofsky - honorable mention

Master– Tony Gross -1st place; Doug Allan - 2nd place; Richard Garneau - 3rd place; Kelly Asmussen, Eileen Arps, Mark McKinney - honorable mention

Monochromatic

Class B– Diana Smierciak - 1st place; Robert Mariana – 2nd place; Sherry Clark - 3rd place and honorable mention

Class A– Sally Hilding - 1st place & HM; Chuck Clark - 2nd place; Bob Smierciak - 3rd place

Master– Tom Richardson - 1st place; Tony Gross- 2nd place; Kelly Asmussen - 3rd place and honorable mention; Mykee Cornelison, Donna Morell - honorable mention

Rotating Subject-Silhouette

Class B– Jeff Skocelas - 1st place; Laurie Lingnau - 2nd place; Robert Mariana – 3rd place; Janis Weiler - honorable mention

Class A– Gene Mitofsky - 1st place; Bob Smierciak – 2nd place; Cheryl Gross – 3rd place; Liz Mitofsky - honorable mention

Master– Tony Gross - 1st place; Richard Garneau - 2nd and 3rd place; Donna Morell, Kelly Asmussen-2 - honorable mention

Creative Expression

Class B– Robert Mariana -1st & 3rd place; Patricia Sievwright -2nd place; Candy Worley - honorable mention- Class A– Gene Mitofsky - 1st and 2nd place; Bob Smierciak- 3rd place; Chuck Clark – Honorable Mention

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TENNIS CLUB HOLDS TEAM EVENT

The Sun City West Tennis Club held its first "Team Tennis" event Nov. 14 at the R.H. Johnson Tennis Complex. This club competition is held three times throughout the year. Pictured are Gary O'Keefe, Lynn Watt, Rich Jacobs, Pete Kosky, Sue Earp, Janet Kosanda, Bev Jenkins, Sandy Johnson, Stacey Hoenig, Butch Lynd and Dave Kerszykowski. Club members play in their rating category. The winning team is based upon the number of games each team has won throughout the day. Team captains included Dave Parrish (white team), Stacey Hoenig (red team), Mike Hoepfner (green team) and Mikal Haaheim (blue team). The defending champion team captain was Frank Mervyn. The red team won the event and Hoenig Stacey will display the "chicken" until the next team tennis event Saturday, Jan. 16. Visit tennis.scwclubs.com (Submitted/Joel Piaskowski)

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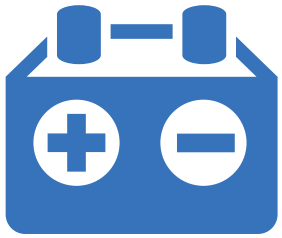
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DT Winners - Nov. 4
Middle 9 (Holes 5-13 Counted)
1st flight: (Handicaps 7-17)
Mike Bashaw-28 Burton Murra-29 Glenn Warrington and Doug Miller (Tied at 30)
Steve Wolf and Jim O'Neil (Tied at 31)
2nd flight: (Handicaps 18-19)
Kevin St. John-26 John Gable, Don Mellen and Dave Letsche (Tied at 29)
Doug Kooyman-30 Ron Stallbaum and Ky Slickers (Tied at 31)
3rd flight: (Handicaps 20-23)
Dan Weber-28 Gary McGrath-31
Wayne Amore and Joe Holbrook (Tied at 32)
Don Giese and Chuck Anderson (Tied at 33)
4th flight: (Handicaps 24-27)
Joe Petrocelli-28 Tom McNally-29
Randy Geidt and Tom Flaherty (Tied at 30)
Michael Anastasio and John Mollenkamp (Tied at 31) Steve Taylor-32
Nov. 11
First flight: (Handicaps 7-14)
Steve Wolf (Low Gross) 65 Glenn Warrington (Low Net) 60
John Diedrich-61
Rich VanVulkenburg, Mike Anenen and Doug Miller (Tied at 62)
Mike Dmitriev and John Domasky (Tied at 63)
Second flight: (Handicaps 15-18)
David Kuhlman (Low Gross) 68 Doug Kooyman (Low Net) 56
Don Mellen-58 Burton Murray and John Gable (Tied at 59)
Jim O'Neil-60 Rob Sebo, Rob Pape and Kevin St. John (Tied at 61)
Third flight: (Handicaps 19-21)
Steve Guthrie (Low Gross) 74 Everett Dorsey (Low Net) 56
Jamie Tighe-57 Mike Byers-58
Joe Connors, Bill Dulski and Alan Rittman (Tied at 61)
Fourth flight: (Handicaps 22-27)
Joe Petrocelli (Low Gross) 78 Steve Taylor (Low Net) 53
Jim Jarvis-54 Randy Geidt-55
Tom McNally and Jim Turner (Tied at 56) Tom Flaherty-58
2-Man Tournament Winners
Front 9 (Best Ball) and Back 9 (Alternating Shot)
1st flight: (Handicaps 8-17)
Steve Wolf and Mike Bashaw-1st (67)
Mike Dmitriev and Mike Anenen-2nd (72)
Ed Lewton and Scott Kline-Tied For 3rd (73)
Glenn Warrington and Rich VanValkenburg-Tied For 3rd (73)
John Evans and Jim Haaland-5th (74)
2nd flight: (Handicaps 18-21)
Gary Billiet and Scotty Johnson-1st (68)
Don Giese and Wayne Amore-Tied For 2nd (75)
Ron Stallbaum and John Vignati-Tied For 2nd (75)
Hank Tropea and Bill DesJardin-4th (76)
3rd flight: (Handicaps 22-27)
John Gable and Greg Martin-1st (76)
Bill Dulski and Mike Anastasio-Tied For 2nd (79)
Dave Gearhart and Joe Petrocelli-Tied For 2nd (79)
Gary McGrath and Jim Jarvis-4th (81)
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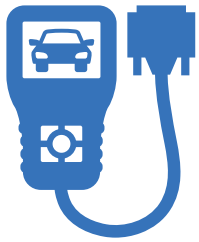
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Nov. 10
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Flight 2 Low Gross C. Ellis, S. Fiebiger, K. Seiler, 77 Low Gross J. Hollenbeck 56
Flight 3 Low Gross L.Saelen, L. Bunn 85 Low Net S. Light 56
Flight 4 Low Gross G. Horne J. Heydt , K.Kennnely, J. Rittman 91 Low Net K. Flaherty,S. McNally 59
Flight 5 Low Gross E. Sheneberger 86 Low Net J. Frey 50
Flight 6 Low Gross M. Judd 88 Low Net T. Hanrahan 48

Echo Mesa Women's
Nov. 10
Low Gross
Flight 1 17 - 29 Game
Sally Hamill 74.0
Julie Hoegh 74.0
Veda Barganier 75.0
Carolyn Lopez 75.0
Vicki Frank 80.0
Flight 2 30 - 44
Karen Brown 85.0
ReNae Keuck 85.0
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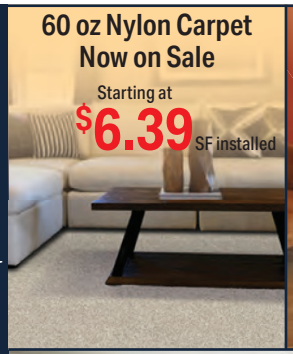
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Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media Club members Margie Neumiller and Melanie Harrison present 1,057 cards to Jim Starkman, Military Order of the Purple Heart and Lauren Erickson, Blue Star Moms. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Club creates more than 1,000 cards for veterans

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A Sun City West club has been busy creating cards for veterans.

The Artistic Hand Lettering, Cards & Mixed Media Club of Sun City West created 1,057 commercial cards by hand to give to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

On Nov. 16, Jim Starkman, Military Order of the Purple Heart and Lauren Erickson, Blue Star Moms, greeted club members and looked through the handmade cards and gift tags.

"Every year we get more people involved, and it is good because there is no way I could afford to buy all these gift tags and cards to give with the presents to veterans," said Starkman.

The Sun Dome Plaza, 13527 W. Camino del Sol, has Christmas trees displayed with tags for senior veterans listed with a small Christmas gift. Starkman said the tags are picked up, shopped and then returned wrapped. He picks those up and provides a gift tag and card from groups such as this club to give to veterans.

Club member Melanie Harrison said the group pledged to make 500, but then quickly set a new goal and is already talking about how they will exceed this next year. Member Margie Neumiller said every single card is made with love. Some include hand painting, calligraphy and all different styles. The estimation is the average price to purchase a card like these would be around $7, however, many of them are intricately designed and would be found in stores for more than $10.

"Members use club supplies or use from their own stash at home, like me, to make these cards," said Harrison.

Last year individuals pulled 3,000 tags from the trees and bought presents, according to Starkman.

He said many different people make this program happen, including Home Depot - Happy Valley, 25650 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, who Starkman said donates boxes, packing tape and a truck. He said whatever they need for this program, if this location can make it happen, they do it for veterans.

This year, Starkman said there are 10 trees located in Sun City West and their goal is to collect around 2,000 gifts.

Visit membership@purpleheart.org.



HIKERS HEAD UP ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN

Twenty hikers from the SCW Sportsman's Club traveled to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Nov. 12. The group hiked Gila Trail to Baseline Trail to Saddle Trail back to Quail Trail to Rainbow Trail to Toothacker Trail to Horseshoe trail, then back to the parking lot. The loop hike covered 4 miles with an elevation change of 212 feet and 381 feet of total gain. The "total time" was two hours and two minutes with a "move time" of one hour and 43 minutes for an average of 25.3 minutes per mile. Hikers Sandy Tiedeman, Jeanette Martin, Lonnie Minton, Dan Fogarty, John Cable, John Hanrahan, Kurt Weber, David Stringham, Jeani Paulson, Eunice Kaechele, Char Ehrhart, Jim Malek, Belinda Malek, Diane Morgan, Trent Jones, Bob Eldredge, Loretta Eldredge, Michael Weingarten, Barb Smith, John Mitchell and Michael Weingarten head up the mountain. (Submitted/Michael Weingarten)



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Free event marks opening of platform tennis courts

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The grand opening of the platform tennis courts is an opportunity for residents to get involved with the sport or just stop by to enjoy free apple pie and the chance to win raffle prizes.

Recreation Centers of Sun City West Improvement Projects Manager Herschel Workman said during the October Properties Committee meeting the reconstruction of the project began Aug. 3, and crews were working to install the wire mesh around the courts.

Tennis Club member Joel Piaskowski said now the courts are done, and he is welcoming the community to celebrate.

The event is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the R.H. Johnson Tennis Complex, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Ray's Rackets is providing a free slice of pie to everyone who attends. The Property Owners and Residents Association will have a table at the event to meet with residents and is donating water bottles to the event.

"As part of PORA 2.0, we've made a conscious effort to become more engaged and visible throughout our community. We are always looking for opportunities to connect with residents, support community activities and build relationships with the organizations and groups that make Sun City West such a great place to live," said PORA President Jim Scott.

Joining this event is a way to meet and support residents, according to Scott. While the focus of the organization remains on community issues, public hearings and concerns affecting property values and quality of life, Scott said PORA officials have to be visible, accessible and connected to the people the organization represents.

"We also have $2,000 worth of raffle prizes to be given away including gift cards to restaurants, car detailing and a lot of other good things," said Piaskowski.

Everyone in attendance will receive a free raffle ticket.

Piaskowski said platform tennis is a combination of tennis, racquetball and squash. He said years ago Sun City West hosted an international platform tennis tournament. The four platform tennis courts in the community are the only functioning courts in Arizona, according to Piaskowski.

During this grand opening event residents can see the other elements open to the community, including table tennis and red ball. Clinics will take place during the event. Additionally, Piaskowski said residents can attend free clinics to learn how to play tennis throughout the year.

"We have had a lot of growth with our platform tennis and we thought we could make a whole day for the community to join," said Piaskowski.

With the project completed, Piaskowski said looking back, Sun City West residents Larry Plaster and Alan Schlemmer were instrumental in getting these courts renovated.

He said those two men worked hard together for a year to make this happen, and Piaskowski's efforts to put together a grand opening event was the next step to get more community members involved.

This event is for Sun City West residents with a recreation card.

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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.

NOV. 1

- Criminal damage was reported 8:50 p.m. in the 10700 block of West Santa Fe Drive.
- An assault was reported 4:59 p.m. in the 11600 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- A fire was reported 3:37 p.m. in the 12700 block of North 113th Avenue.
- An assault was reported 1:27 p.m. in the 10500 block of West Snead Drive.
- Burglary from a vehicle was reported 12:16 p.m. in the 11600 block of West Peoria Avenue.
- Trespassing was reported 2:59 p.m. in the 11100 block of Northwest US60 Grand Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 1:07 a.m. in the 11500 block of West Duran Avenue.
- A burglary from a vehicle was reported 12:24 a.m. in the 11300 block of North 113th Avenue.

Nov. 2

- An assault was reported 5:39 p.m. in the 15500 block of West Deanne Drive.
- Identity theft was reported 3:11 p.m. in the 13200 block of West Hyacinth Drive.
- Suspicious activity was reported 12:08 p.m. in the 12100 block of West Jessie Court.
- Identity theft was reported 10:55 a.m. in the 12000 block of West Jessie Court.
- An insurance loss was reported 8:47 a.m. in the 10800 block of West Santa Fe Drive.

Nov. 3

- Trespassing was reported 6:23 p.m. in the 11600 block of West Olive Avenue.
- A person was found 1:46 p.m. in the 12400 block of West Ginger Drive.
- A theft was reported 1:08 p.m. in the 13600 block of North Del Webb Boulevard.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 12:49 p.m. in the 10100 block of West Hutton Drive.
- A fraud or con game was reported 11:28 a.m. in the 10700 block of West Hibiscus Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 10:56 a.m. in the 13600 block of West Camino Del Sol.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 8:51 a.m. in the 13400 block of West Crown Ridge Drive.
- A vehicle crash with no injury was reported 11:52 a.m. in the 13200 block of North 111th Avenue.
- A vehicle crash with injuries was reported 10:17 a.m in the 13500 block of West Camino Del Sol.





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Sun City West Animal Hospital's Dr. Alexandria Young educated residents on pet safety. (Independent Newsmedia/Jennifer Jimenez)

Local vet shares pet safety tips at community event

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Sun City West residents attended a recent Pet First Aid community workshop at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church to learn more about pet safety.

Health Educator Julie Killebrew said she facilitates these educational classes as a way to help educate the community. Throughout the year, various presentations are given on a variety of topics.

Sun City West Animal Hospital's Dr. Alexandria Young spoke with residents about the most common topics she addresses with animal owners regarding pet safety. She said as far as over-the-counter medications go, there are not many options safe for cats and dogs, as there are for humans.

"There are a couple categories do not count and are safe, such as antihistamines. That includes Benadryl, Zyrtec and Claritin," said Young.

She said those are well-tolerated, as well as antacids, such as Pepcid or Prilosec. However, Young said that is usually done with veterinary guidance and not a decision made by owners.

Pain medications should never be given to cats or dogs. Young said dogs are somewhat tolerant to baby aspirin, but that is under veterinarian guidance as well.

"Cats are incredibly sensitive to over-the-counter pain medication, and it is almost always fatal. No Tylenol or ibuprofen. I have often lost patients due to toxicity," said Young.

Also any medications geared toward a cold are toxic for dogs, due to having epinephrine.

In the event pets chew through medication bottles or holders, Young said owners have between 30-60 minutes to get in and induce vomiting. Young said the Internet will tell owners it is safe to use hydrogen peroxide to induce

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PEBBLEBROOK ACES

The Pebblebrook Ladies 18 Golf Club November aces of the month are Lynn Windus (low gross 90), Nola Morrison (low net 72) and Cindy Sandmaier (putter of the month, 29 putts). (Submitted/Gisela Roemer)

Pets

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vomiting at home, but Young said it can cause drying of the esophagus and can cause more damage, especially in cats.

Household items and also holiday hazards can put animal safety at risk.

Cats are sensitive to essential oils and burning candles and can get lower airway disease. Lily flowers are incredibly toxic to cats and a small amount of pollen exposure can be fatal, according to Young.

"Pets chewing on cords an cause electrocution or if it is ingested can get stuck in their intestines and cause holes, which can be very difficult to fix," said Young.

Other items such as plastic bags, including empty chip bags can cause fatalities in pets. Young said she has heard of two recent instances where a dog's face was stuck inside a bag, causing suffocation.

The important steps, according to Young when applying first aid to pets is to recognize, respond and get help.

"Anytime your pet is acting off, struggling to breathe, cannot get up, has pale gums or is bleeding or suffered trauma in my mind that is an emergency," said Young.

CPR is one of the most important things owners can do for the animals because seconds really matter. Young explained she wants every animal lover to be capable of administering CPR, even though sometimes it will not always be successful.

Finding a pulse is the first step, and Young said for dogs you can find it on the inner thigh or while the animal is laying down watch for the chest to rise and fall and if it does not, it is safe to start CPR. Cats' pulse can also be found on the inner thigh or feel the heart on the chest.

"Chest compressions on cats and small dogs can be accomplished by hand gripping the chest and stabilizing the animal while pumping gently with one hand," said Young.

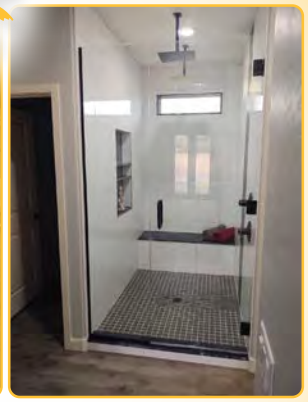
She said the point of CPR is because the brain is not getting blood, and if you do not get it there none of the air breathed into the lungs will matter.

Young said 20-30 compressions with a couple of breaths is ideal. After that, it is important to get supportive care as soon as possible at a emergency pet hospital.

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Club helps residents get plants ready for winter

By Jennifer Jimenez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Desert Garden Club hosted a workshop for residents in Sun City West to teach them how to prepare plants for the winter months.

Club member Liann Hathaway said residents struggle with how to use water and with every season, the water demand changes on plants, she said.

A year ago a survey went out to club members who said they wanted to learn more about caring for plants during various seasons and cactus care, which Hathaway said the club will present next March.

"This is the time to trim, rejuvenate and understand what to plant and how much water that plant needs. Plants will die if they get too much water," she said.

Many residents move in and out of Sun City West, and teaching residents how to take care of desert plants is important.

Ben McGonigle from Design Tree Maintenance spoke to residents about desert plant care Oct. 28 in Sun City West.

He said people need to be thinking about watering, planting, frost protection and pruning cycles. With many residents from somewhere else, McGonigle said after a season or two, people quickly realize Sun City West is not like where they come from.

"You cannot just stick it in the ground and watch it grow. About 90% of what people try to plant is not indigenous to Arizona," he explained.

McGonigle said residents have ideas of what they want in their back or front yards and the goal is to figure out the short and long term goals. He said individuals will show photos during these workshops or consultations and he explains in 10 years that tree will begin to lift up the patio. It is all about finding the right solution and the problem individuals are trying to solve, he added.

McGonigle said the Sun City West community is receptive and enjoys taking care of yards and plants.

He said residents should check the night before if there is a risk of frost and then cover those frost-sensitive plants. If plants do frost, he said to keep those intact, as that will act as protection. Water the area around the tree heavily, but not a deep watering,

McGonigle said water can also serve as protection.

"Getting the area wet causes transpiration which warms the tree up. It uptakes water, puts water out on the leaves and warms the tree up," he said.

Residents should be planting now, as McGonigle said this is the optimal season. Get the weeds treated and out now. Irrigation repairs or installs should happen now, as he said those are easier on the plants and trees. McGonigle said citrus should only be pruned in the colder weather months.

Visit designtreeaz.com/ or garden.scwclubs.com.

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.



FALLING LEAVES DRIFT INTO THE KITCHEN

Cindy Stedman teaches an applique tea-towel class that follows the seasons. The current Rip 'N' Sew class focused on autumn's images, including the colorful falling leaves. The class series also introduces more members to the AccuQuilt system of cutting out shapes. After the fall themed shapes were cut out on the AccuQuilt cutter, the shapes were bonded to the tea towels using a fusible webbing. Students then used a variety of embroidery like sewing machine stitches to sew the autumn shapes to the towel and accentuate the volume of the shapes. Rip 'N' Sew is a Sun City West club. Pictured from left, with their towels, are Melissa VanDyken, Jean Hackbert, Sharon Lamb and Marie Harrington. Not pictured is Maureen Platt. (Submitted/Cindy Stedman)

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

INFO: The outdoor community market features more than 70 vendors offering produce, farm-fresh eggs, grass-fed beef, prepared foods and other products, along with craft vendors. Admission and parking are free, and the market is open to the public.

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

ALPHA XI

ABOUT: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the library at All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church, 9502 W. Hutton Drive.

INFO: Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meeting. Holiday gathering, assembling Christmas gifts for Alta Loma Elementary School.

INFO: alphaxi-az.weebly.com.

MODEL RAILROAD

ABOUT: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 18, Wednesday, Dec. 23, and Saturday, Dec. 26. Trains will also run 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 19.

INFO: The Sun City West Model Railroad Club is running the model trains and preparing for the holiday December runs. Lights accompanied with holiday music will be displayed during the runs.

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.



WESTERNAIRES IN HOLIDAY REHEARSAL MODE

The ladies of the Sun City West Westernaires are in full holiday rehearsal mode as they prepare for the upcoming Christmas concert, "Resounding Wonder." The soprano and alto sections recently gathered for a sectional rehearsal, fine-tuning harmonies and bringing their three beautiful selections to life. One highlight will be "A Bell Carol," featuring the sounds of handbells alongside the singers. Performances will be Friday, Dec. 4-Sunday, Dec. 6, and Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Stardust Theatre, 14401 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd. Tickets are $15 and available at westernaires.club. (Submitted/Hope Ernst)

TEA PARTY

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

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

CONTACT: 623-974-3605.

OREGON CLUB

About: Saturday, Dec. 12 at Briarwood Country Club, 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West. Check-in at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and carols.

Info: Club member cost and menu selections for the Christmas party are grilled salmon $25 and braised beef short ribs $30. Non-member guest cost is $50. Registration and payment must be received by Friday, Dec. 4.

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

BAKE SALE, CRAFTS

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 Meeker Blvd.

INFO: The SOuL 11th annual Bake Sale and Craft Boutique. Smiling Out Loud is a philanthropic women's organization in Corte Bella. For more than 15 years SOuL has supplied financial and volunteer support for charities in the immediate area. The 2026 charities include Ryan's Case For Smiles, Valley View Community Food Bank, The Dream Center, Thompson Ranch Elementary School and The Community Fund of Sun City West.

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

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ABOUT: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Colonnade 19116 N. Colonnade Way.
INFO: This craft fair will feature local artists and crafters showcasing one-of-a-kind creations.
CONTACT: Krystal.Flippo@sunhealth.org.



NORTH DAKOTA CLUB

ABOUT: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Beardsley Rec Center, 12755 W. Beardsley Road.
INFO: Holiday gathering with a sandwich buffet plus games and other activities. Bring beverages.
CONTACT: 701-527-5827.



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

ABOUT: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave.
INFO: "The Glory of Christmas." This musical will be performed by the Desert Garden Chancel Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Dennis Marsollier.
WEB: desertgardenucc.org.



(Submitted/ProMusica Arizona)

PROMUSICA CONCERTS

ABOUT: 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15649 N. 7th St., Phoenix; and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at American Lutheran Church, 17200 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City.
INFO: ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra will present "Heart of Christmas," featuring carols and holiday music.
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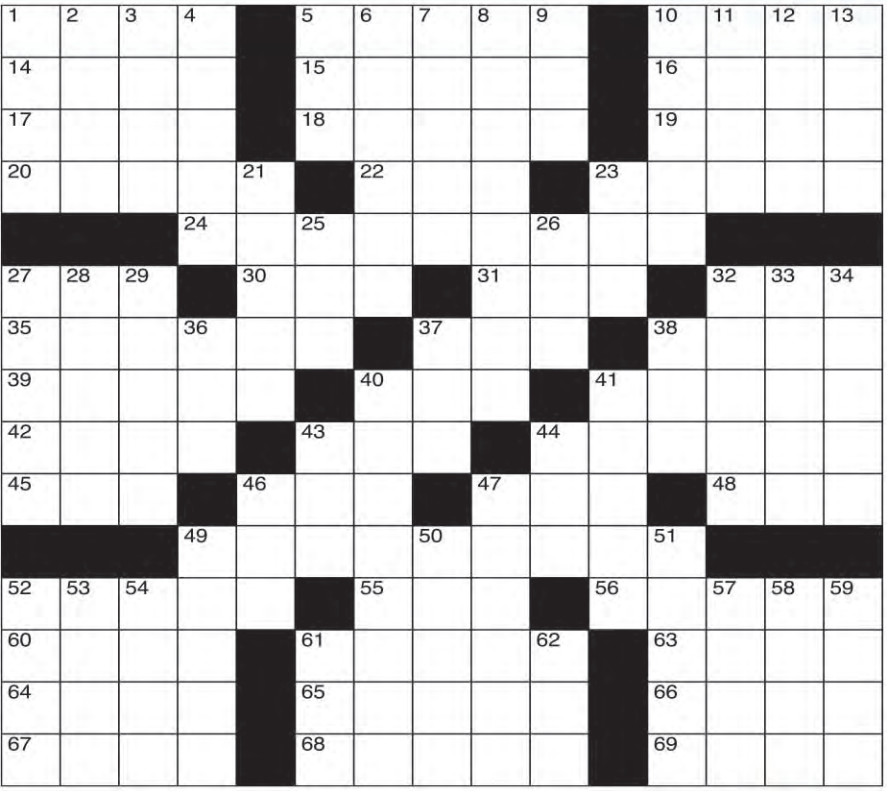
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Skin care manufacturer
4. A long-legged frog
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Semi-liquid food
62. Consumed food

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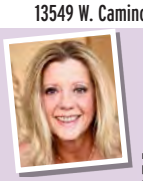


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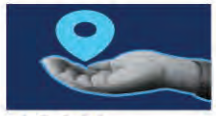


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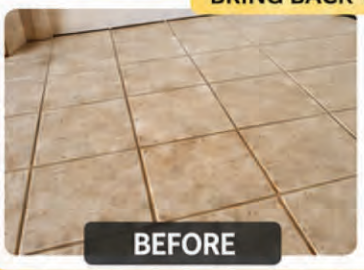
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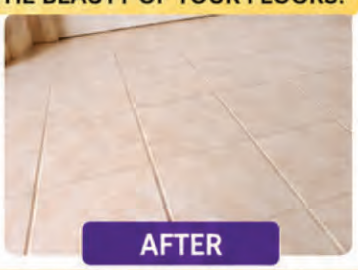
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