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Coworking space opens in Melrose

By Kathryn M. Miller

The much anticipated CoOperate Melrose is ready to open its doors to the community, and all are invited to celebrate the grand opening this month.

Tucked just off of 7th Avenue on Turney, a vacant, 1970s-era racquetball court has been transformed into a coworking space with an art-meets-technology approach that offers what CoOperate manager Larah Pawlowski describes as "a stylish, cutting-edge approach to shared offices and workspaces."

Showcasing a modern vintage style that captures the esthetic of the Melrose District, CoOperate Melrose is a coworking space that incorporates Faciliteq+AI technology, allowing for adaptable office spaces based on tenant needs. It is also a prime example of adaptive-resuse.

"They bought the building and basically gutted it, but kept the existing racquetball bays," Pawlowski said.

The bays were then split into upper and lower

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Members of the Washington High School Garden Club came together to revitalize the school garden space (photo courtesy of Jessica Carroll).

School, community give garden new life

By Kathryn M. Miller

Anyone who has ever grown a plant from seed knows the feeling — the breathless anticipation and then the utter joy when that first sprout breaks the surface, and the satisfying sense of accomplishment that follows. It can be downright addicting.

Since the pandemic there has been a boom in backyard gardening. While some people suddenly found themselves with a lot of time on their hands and wanted to pick up a new hobby, others worried about access to food and wanted to learn to be more self-sufficient. But for many, gardening became a way of connecting with life amidst a time of disconnectedness. Gardens became therapeutic spaces when they were sorely needed.

For Jessica Carroll, who teaches art and yearbook at Washington High School (WHS), it is that excitement and connectedness that drew her into gardening last summer.

"It's hard to explain," Carrol said, "but when I started trying to garden…there's hardships, of course, but when you do have things just grow from absolutely nothing, a tiny seed, it's the most phenomenal thing. And I just absolutely love it."

Now, the teacher is hoping to share that love and excitement with her students by reinvigorating the school's Garden Club.

The Washington High School Garden Club was founded around 2009 with Joe Hummel, a special education teacher at the school. He created the garden to offer outside-of-the-classroom opportunities to his students. It gained momentum from there and became a club across campus but lost its steam a couple years ago. Then, after a brutal summer this year, the garden was in disarray, which is where Carroll comes into the picture.

This school year marks Carroll's ninth as WHS, and her 16th as an educator, and taking on the

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Hello, North Central Neighbors!

Can you feel it? There is definitely a hint of fall in the air, and our October issue is practically bursting at the seams with seasonal dining options, live performances, family-friendly festivals and other fun things to do this month.

We also check in with our area schools, one of which is on our cover this month: Washington High School. The newly reinvigorated Garden Club is reclaiming the school garden space and cultivating food and community in the process.

Speaking of community, a new coworking space, CoOperate will celebrate its grand opening in the Melrose District with a First Friday ribbon-cutting event, followed by an art showing at its resident Savidan Gallery. The space will host half a dozen local artists, and the community is invited to come out and show their support Oct. 7 and beyond.

Our October Café Chat takes a look at the growing trend of ghost kitchens, two of which are in the North Central area. These kitchens are an innovative response to the challenges that the past few years have presented restaurant owners, and you might be surprised to find some area favorites working out of these shared spaces.

We round out the issue with local community, business, and generational news and information. And don't miss this month's adorable Pet of the Month, Winston. As always, we appreciate your readership and hope you enjoy our October issue!

All my best,

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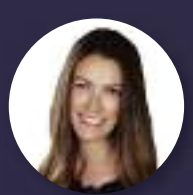

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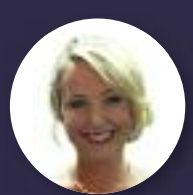

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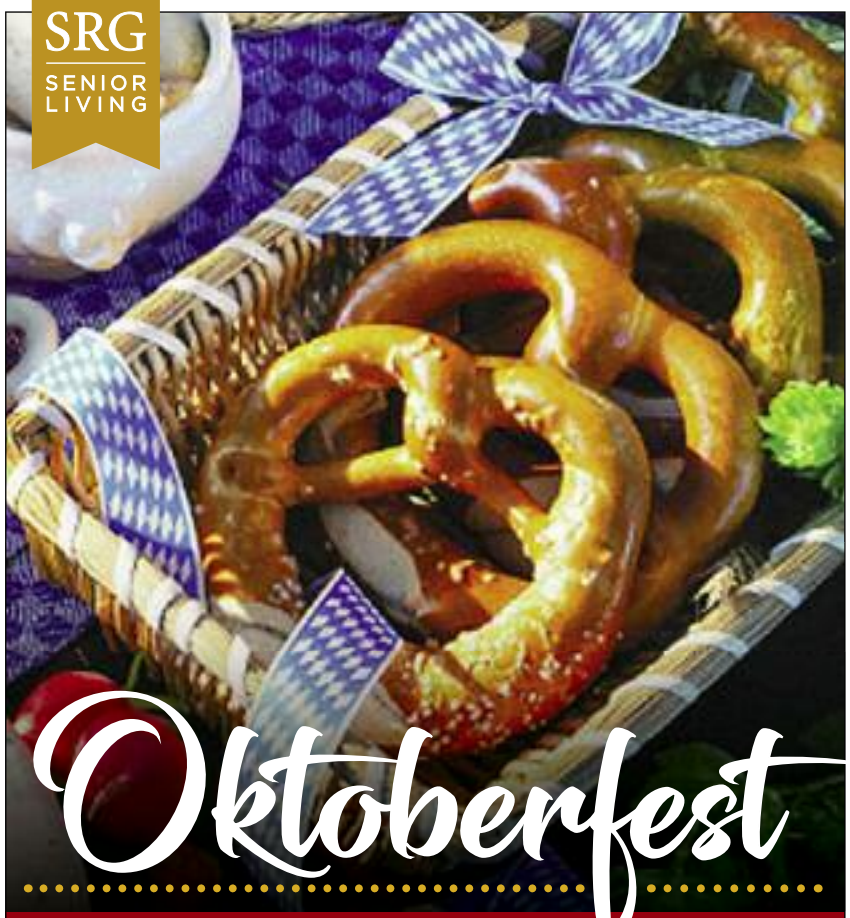

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Families are invited to join Local First Arizona Nov. 5 at Hance Park in celebration of all things local as the Arizona Fall Festival returns after a three-year hiatus (submitted photo).

Celebrate all things local at Fall Fest

The annual Local First Arizona Fall Festival is returning this year after a three-year hiatus.

What began 16 years ago with just 27 vendors in the Duck and Decanter parking lot has grown to more than 200 vendors and 30,000 guests coming together to celebrate all things local.

The family-friendly and dog-friendly event returns Saturday, Nov. 5, to showcase all things uniquely Arizona.

"We want people of all ages to join us to connect with their favorite local businesses and find new favorites as well," said Thomas Barr, Local First Arizona's vice president of Business Development. "We want Arizonans to feel connected to the local businesses in their communities, and we want local businesses to feel supported by their neighbors. Because when local businesses prosper, communities thrive."

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The Arizona Fall Fest will be held Nov. 5, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. For additional information, visit www.localfirstaz.com/fall-fest.

Pride festival brings community together

For 41 years, Phoenix Pride has been organizing events to celebrate the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community, and this year, the community is once again coming together.

The Phoenix Pride Festival, Oct. 15–16, will continue to be a two-day celebration designed to bring the diverse LGBTQ+ and allied communities together for a weekend of camaraderie and celebration of the past, present and future. The event also will raise funds for the Phoenix Pride community programs and help educate the public about the existence and continuing civil rights battle facing the community.

The festival features more than 150 entertainment performances on seven stages and more than 300 exhibitors showcasing a huge variety of food options, shopping opportunities and community resources. There will be a variety of food vendors, an arts expo, KidSpace, VIP experience, community stages and dance pavilions and the Fiesta Caliente Latin Stage.

The festival will run from noon to 9 p.m. Oct. 15–16 at Steele Indian School Park. For tickets and additional information, visit www.phoenixpride.org/events/pride-festival.

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floors, with plenty of open space between.

"We've got a custom kitchen on both the first and second floor," she continued, "two small therapy-style meeting rooms, and we have a really nice conference room. We also have a training room. And then upstairs, there is a common area space, which will have the kitchen and also a large TV, a banquet table and sofa, more like a homey living style space, which will also be utilized for rentals for events."

The training room will accommodate up to 30 people; the conference room will comfortably accommodate up to 12, and the smaller rooms can fit four to six people comfortably.

The second floor of the building is also home to Savidan Gallery, which will rotate works by local artists with plans to be open First Fridays.

Art is important to Quentin Abramo, founder of CoOperate. He is also owner of Savidan Gallery in Las Vegas, which is named after his mother, whose collection of vintage Picasso posters were the original basis for the gallery.

A rendering of the new CoOperate Melrose shows the open concept space that was created from a long-abandoned 1970s-era racquetball court (submitted image).

Pawlowski said that she knew that when they opened CoOperate in Phoenix, art had to be part of the picture.

"We're going to continue on with the same passion that he has in Vegas but do it here in Phoenix," she said. "We're going to be showing a lot of local art, local artists from Phoenix, and try to stick within that vibe and creativity here."

Creativity is the name of the game for this new space, and Abramo is excited about the prospects in Phoenix.

"We're excited to be in the Melrose District because, as our company history reflects, we have an appreciation for old, cool buildings and creative spaces," said Abramo in a released statement. "The Melrose district perfectly aligned with our vision of honoring older buildings, allowing for adaptable reuse, and establishing a presence in a district that promotes creativity, art and architecture."

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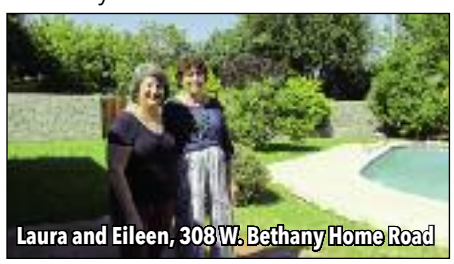
Grapefruit trees are everywhere

Looking at the growth and ongoing enthusiasm for the Central Phoenix corridor, the stories from long-time homeowners are significant and meaningful. Recently we closed on two homes, and after asking, they agreed to share a bit of their history, each living in North Central for more than 50 years.


Laura and Eileen, 308 W. Bethany Home Road

In 1953, Bethany Home was a two-lane road in, yes, the 'far' North Phoenix. Ruth and Bill Cohen and their three daughters purchased their home, with an irrigated lot and 15 grapefruit trees, at 38 W. Bethany Home Road in Palmer Estates from Dr. Palmer. At first, the Cohens traveled through Phoenix neighborhoods, ringing bells of their ice-cream trucks, soon thereafter opening the restaurant Peppermint Stick on Central Avenue across from Brophy College Prep.

Ruth Cohen sustained a catering business while Bill obtained a commercial real estate license. The family owned horses and the stables were located at Missouri Avenue and 7th Street. Ravelle, Eileen and Laura would ride their horses from the stable north to their home and continue north via the wide-open Murphy Bridle Path. The family also remembered the first buses traveling south to Park Central for shopping and movies at Palms, Fox and Paramount Theaters. For close to 20 years of many gatherings inside their home, the family provided, free of charge, 100s of cups of coffee and donuts to the participants of the Fiesta Bowl Parade, including police officers at the corners of Central and 7th Avenue. May be too hefty a commitment for the new buyers.

In 1970, Beverly and Bob Coope moved to 42 W. Marlette from Encanto, where Beverly enjoyed her views of the Encanto Golf Course. They were drawn originally to North Central for the schools. Their three children attended All Saints', Madison Meadows and Madison Simis. Rob, Gordon and Katharine recall feeling emboldened as they rode their bikes on 3rd Avenue, since traffic never passed thru the bike alley south of Marlette or beside the Big Tree (north of Madison Meadows).

Grapefruit trees were everywhere, since the grounds used to be orchards, onto which subdivisions were built. For that reason, they learned to eat grapefruit and occasionally they may have been used to toss at one another. While the three children grew up and moved away for long stretches, they have found their way back to the beauty of Marlette Avenue and the North Central area. They are impressed by the revival of Uptown Shopping Center and the restaurant district, the ongoing renovations of homes in the neighborhood, and the presence of young families moving in.

Thank you so very much to both the Cohen and Coope families for entrusting me with their families' homes and, more importantly, sharing your stories about growing up in North Central Phoenix so many years ago. It was a privilege to work together.

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Garden Club was a way to get students engaged outside of the classroom; a place where they can foster different relationships and connect through common interests.

The club held its first planning meeting Aug. 30, and more than three dozen students showed up. Then, that same week, the difficult job of clearing out the space began. After a couple of hours' hard work, the space was ready to be brought back to life.

"We had so many students join us in renewing our garden," said Garden Club member Christina Ta. "I made many new friends who are very dedicated and hardworking. I hope our club can bring not only our school but our community together."

"I always love opening them up to those kinds of things," Carroll said, adding that while she is excited to facilitate the club, she is still something of a gardening neophyte.

So, she turned to a popular Phoenix backyard gardening group on Facebook to source their expertise — "There's an infinite amount of wisdom when it comes to this kind of stuff!" — and the response was immediate and overwhelmingly positive.

One of the individuals who responded to her social media post was Zach Brooks, owner of Arizona Worm Farm. The sustainable family-owned farm in South Phoenix enlists the power of red wiggler worms, black soldier flies and hot compost piles to turn Valley waste into natural gardening products.

"We will be donating compost and worm castings, which we produce here on our farm," said Brooks.

The donated compost is the farm's custom mix, which is made with material diverted from the city landfills and comprised of ground landscape waste, fruit and vegetable waste and aged horse manure, "and winner of several 'Best of Phoenix' contests!" Brooks added.

"We will be doing two separate training classes for the students, one in basic gardening and one in composting. And, we will be installing worm habitats in the gardens, once they are set up.

"They should leave this year capable of growing their own food, reducing and composting their waste, and equipped for healthier eating."

Other than worms, the team at Arizona Worm Farm (www.arizonawormfarm.com) says that educating fellow Southwest gardeners is one of their favorite things to do, and Brooks said that they provide education support similar as that at WHS for roughly 40 schools and community gardens each year.

Beyond the club's short-term goals of giving the garden a fresh start and preparing for the fall planting, they will engage with other clubs on campus and look for educational opportunities such as water collection and other sustainable practices.

Long-term, the group would like to plant a micro-orchard and potentially grow the garden beyond its current space, branching out into more of the campus. Cultivating future club members will also allow for peer-to-peer education and help the garden become self-sustaining.

"There's so much potential there," Carroll said.

The hope is that the Garden Club at WHS will grow more than just food. They want to nurture a sense of community — both on campus and beyond. Whether that is selling their wares at local farmers markets or sharing the bounty with food pantries, the sky is the limit.

In the meantime, the positive impacts are already being felt by the club members.

"I have realized that you can find your true potential trying new things or things you're already interested in," said student Jocellyn Duran Soriano. "It's also a way you can challenge yourself and learn new things."

Of her own gardening journey, Carroll said, "I think I have gained a lifetime skill. I will just never not be able to be interested in this. Now that I've started it, I don't know if I could stop! It's been great for my mentality…just having something that's my own. It can make you feel very self-sufficient. So, if they gain any of that for themselves, that would be wonderful."

Members of the community who would like to support the students' efforts can check out their Amazon Wish List at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OGJFKY26QQ9I or connect with Carroll at jessica.carroll@guhsdaz.org.

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is looking forward to the opening as well, according to Julie Hampton, president of the Carnation Association of Neighbors.

"We are thrilled about CoOperate opening in Carnation! Carnation residents serving on the development committee had a sneak peak, when CoOperate hosted our group for a meeting," Hampton said. "They've beautifully repurposed a vacant building into a co-working space to serve the needs of the community, as well as individuals and small teams looking for office space and meeting rooms. This is a wonderful example of thoughtful neighborhood development."

To welcome the community, CoOperate will host a First Friday grand opening event with live music and an art exhibition, Oct. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. The event will feature music by Heather Fallon, a presentation by hip historian Marshall Shore, as well as an exhibition in the Savidan Gallery featuring the works of local artists Diana Calderon, Tara Logsdon, Judith Ann Miller, Cheryle Marine, Tara Sharpe and Summer Raine Young. The event will also include bar service by Boozy Bar Trailers, and Sonny's Gyros food truck will be on site.

Earlier in the day, at 8:30 a.m., CoOperate Melrose will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of their first Phoenix location. Phoenix Vice Mayor Laura Pastor will say a few words at the ceremony as will Abramo.

CoOperate Melrose is located at 555 W. Turney Ave., Phoenix. For additional information, call 480-795-8995 or visit www.cooperate.studio/melrose. Learn more about Savidan Gallery at www.savidangallery.com.

Phoenix Fire debuts new team member

At a celebration of National Dog Day, the Phoenix Fire Department announced the newest addition to its Arizona Search Dog team: Delta, a 14-month-old yellow Labrador retriever. She will serve alongside her handler, Phoenix Firefighter, Dan Volcko as a "Live Find Urban Search & Rescue" member of the Phoenix Fire Department.

The department now has 12 Arizona search dogs. The dog's primary goal is to provide canine search capabilities for AZ-TF1 (Arizona Task Force 1) and to assist local and jurisdictions at a state and local level. These dogs have been deployed to a numerous of historic events including Hurricane Katrina and the World Trade Center collapse.

Delta poses with her handler, Phoenix firefighter Dan Volcko (photo courtesy of Phoenix Fire Department).

At the event, the department also announced a new community partnership between Arizona Search Dogs and Nulo Pet Food. That includes a 12-month partnership between organizations, $5,000 dollar donation directly to the organization to help aid in expenses for Arizona Search Dogs, and a year's worth of food for the 12 canine members of the Arizona Search Dogs. Learn more about the Phoenix Fire Department at www.phoenix.gov/fire.

Get festive at Uptown Plaza

The fall season is finally here, and Uptown Plaza is celebrating with its Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, from 4–7 p.m.

The public is invited to trick-or-treat at participating tenants and stop in the courtyard for mini golf, face painting and balloon sculptures. Tenants participating in the trick-or-treating include Capsule, Francesca's, Local Nomad, Manor, Scoopwell's Dough Bar and Shake Shack.

Uptown Plaza is located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road, in the heart of Phoenix's historic North Central neighborhood. The newly restored mid-century modern shopping center is a lively urban hotspot, boasting a wide selection of health, retail and restaurants.

The Plaza has more than 20 retailers, and the full list can be found at www.uptownplazaphx.com.

HAPPY HOUR WITH HERSCH

Reflecting on my childhood recently, I had to smile at its beautiful messiness. My older sister played a prominent role. I am so grateful she took on the brunt of the responsibilities so I could lead a very stress-free existence. However, she did earn some entertaining benefits from the added hassle – by convincing me to do (and to eat) some of the dumbest things! A lot of important people in my life did not have strong sibling relationships and that is unfortunate – they are so special. Regrettably, I do not get to see my sister very often today, as she lives in the Midwest. But we communicate weekly and my bond with her is still strong. ***Michelle, thanks for being a great big sis! LOVE YOU!***

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Windsor Square Home Tour is back

After taking a break during the pandemic, the biennial Windsor Square Home & Garden Tour is returning Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With its first home completed in 1929, and a city population of just 70,000, the neighborhood suffered a number of setbacks, first the Great Depression, then World War II. When returning GIs generated another building boom much of Windsor Square was finally completed. Families in the 1940s could buy a lot in Windsor Square for as little as $500. In 1955, Uptown Plaza was developed, encouraging more growth north of downtown, as well as additional housing options along Central Avenue.

Today, Windsor Square, bordered by Central Avenue and 7th Street, Pasadena Avenue and Oregon Avenue, is known not only for its beautiful historic homes but also its friendly neighbors, urban vibe, great restaurants and proximity to the light rail. Transitional Ranch-style homes with many architectural influences are showcased on its curvy streetscape. Due to its close proximity to entertainment, restaurants, amenities and employment, Windsor Square remains one of the most sought-after communities in the Phoenix area.

This beautiful home on East Orange Avenue is just one example of the historic properties located within the Windsor Square neighborhood (submitted photo).

Tour participants will have the opportunity to tour 10 historic properties (featuring eight homes and two gardens) showcasing some of the latest design trends, while at the same time exploring original classic architectural features dating back to the 1920s.

In addition to the homes on display, visitors will be able to check out offerings of arts and crafts vendors, a beer garden and the Valley's best food truck fare.

Tickets for the 13th biennial tour are $25 day-of-event at the corner of Orange Avenue and 2nd Street. Prior to the event, tickets are available for $18 (children 12 and under are free) at www.windsorsquarephoenix.com. Free parking and bike racks will be available.

Tickets on sale for annual Midtown tour

Tickets for the annual Midtown Urban Living Tour+, scheduled for Nov. 12, will be on sale beginning Oct. 1.

This year, the Midtown Neighborhood Association added a twist to the event: a street fair with local vendors and live music. Vendors located at Thomas Road and Central Avenue. As for food, participants are encouraged to stop by one of the local restaurants, right in Midtown.

The self-guided home tour offers an exclusive opportunity to tour Midtown's historic stand-alone homes, as well as Midtown's unique high-rise condominiums. Residents from around the Valley are invited to attend to see what it's like to live in this popular historic district.

Held Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., the tour takes off from Central United Methodist Church at 1875 N. Central Ave. Vendors will be located at the southeast corner of Thomas Road and Central Avenue.

Tickets will be sold for $20 in advance online, or $25 on event day. For additional information, visit www.midtownphx.org/events.

Trash and recycling day changes

In September, the City of Phoenix announced that to maximize efficiencies and customer service, the Public Works Department is implementing new trash and recycling collection days citywide beginning Monday, Oct. 3. The reroute effort will result in a collection day change for approximately 80 percent of customers.

Visit www.phoenix.gov/publicworks to access the citywide map to find your new collection day. Residents will also receive a post card with this information mailed directly to them.

Containers should be placed at the curb for collection by 5:30 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. Containers should be placed at least four feet apart and away from obstructions.

No service changes are planned at this time to the quarterly bulk trash program.

JUST FOR A MOMENT, LET'S SIT UNCOMFORTABLY & TALK STRAIGHT

P A N D E M I C ... This is a lovely word that may be used for any explanation for abnormality in today's world, especially given the perplexing consumer demand for used cars. We are left wondering, "Why?" Why is the price of secondhand automobiles rising? Until now, owning a luxurious car was a tall order for the majority, primarily due to financial difficulties. But with the availability of used cars to consumers, this has progressively changed. A well-maintained car can simply run with no major issues for years. This means, even the second owner of the vehicle, will be assured of a hassle-free driving possession expertise.

With COVID-19, folks were serious about following social-distancing. While they're attempting to urge back to their family, everyone preferred personal transport over the public and during this time of crisis, the economic resolution was to shop for a second-hand car. Then came the unwanted chip shortage which allowed the opening of on-line platform that forced the rise of the used car sales.

We can't deny the fact that we adore automobiles as consumers, and we buy, sell, lease, speed about in them, give them as gifts, crash into them, accessorize them, sleep in them, and place them on a pedestal. However, most of us know nothing about them. When it comes to car ownership, we joyfully reduce our consumption of alcoholic beverages and meals to ensure that we can afford the monthly payment. We want freedom, and nothing expresses more freedom than driving a car.

For car owners, convenience rules over safety, until we get into an accident. Speed and performance rules, until it stops performing and we are stuck at a repair shop having to pay more than we bargained for. When I hear fully grown adults mumble, "That's my baby," it reminds me more of an unspoken high school crush than anything else. That very statement is one of the reasons we are prone to being taken advantage of when it comes to repairing and or purchasing a car.

Please allow me to ask, what do you love about it? Really, what about it do you love? It can't be the repair bills, or the components that you don't know or understand about How much optimism, hope, or delusion do we have when we own our cars? Everyone's perceptions change from one auto repair to the next. We tend to jump through hoops and allow titanic amount of stress to load our emotions and go to extraordinary lengths and expense to own the car we so desperately want!

Let's not deceive ourselves; neither we nor our parents have had any idea what we are doing when it came to "Car Ownership". We all made the same mistakes, whether we were driving a red sports car or a three-wheeled jalopy. We unknowingly neglect our cars because we believe that we understand what we're doing and when we get behind the wheel, we drive recklessly because we're running late, we carelessly speed off when we're angry and ready to jump out of the car to experience what an MMA fight would be like and yet we don't take into consideration that this 4 thousand lb. rolling box with wheels accounts for over 43,000 deaths a year.

Since society bases its standards of success and worth on attention, we have a pure thirst for vanity. The auto business invests enormous sums of money to ensure that each vehicle has all the safety features while boosting your ego with flashy colors, plush seats, sunroofs and a variety of whistles and warning lights that keep our world active and loud.

If you're uneasy even for a second, it only means I've popped your bubble of delusion enough for you to see the impact the automobile business has had on our society through splendors of freedom and false achievement. It's OK if you think I'm crazy and way off base! While automobile owners continue to whirl on the hamster wheel endlessly, I'll be sitting quietly in my corner while keeping an eye on the road and observing the behaviors that sustain the auto business that I happened to be in.

Please keep in mind that I'm not saying cars are terrible or that you should never get one, I'm simply exposing the silent reality that automobiles were made to take us over the road from point A to point B, that's what it was intended for, and that intent is still very much a reality!

Just for a moment, let's set aside our wants and desires and when you do, you'll realize how stress-free purchasing, owning, and maintaining a car can be. You won't have to be concerned about other drivers thinking you're cool because of a certain car you drive. Nobody really cares!

We are living in a circle of tragic hypocrisy if we choose to own our cars based on the luxurious color, the elegant body structure, the Ludacris speed of twin turbos, the courageous 4x4 off-road driving, and the so-called roof rack Mr. and Mrs. Brady had on their wood paneled station wagon way back in the day.

You certainly don't have to agree with my opinion to comprehend what I'm saying. Sometimes you must step outside the lines of political correctness to be able to shower people with truth and grit. We become equanimous by accepting things as they are, so stop admiring your car and start learning to own it so that you can peacefully rely on it. The first step is to arm yourself with the awareness that, even though the system is flawed, you can begin the process of fixing it, at least for yourself.

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Entrepreneurs want to light up your life

Riley Verhoff and Nic Cordovana, who first met freshman year playing baseball at Arcadia High School, were looking for a way to make some extra cash when a light bulb went off. Hundreds of light bulbs, actually — they started a business hanging holiday lights in the neighborhood.

What started as a sophomore side hustle has turned into a thriving venture that the duo has decided to continue into their college years.

"We really didn't know what we were doing when we started," said Verhoff, who handles all customer service and scheduling for Everything Lights. "It was definitely on-the-job learning that I can confidently say we've gotten really good at over the years."

Cordovana, added, "Learning about starting your own company and what it takes to grow a company has been interesting. It's a nice luxury to have at our age."

Nic Cordovana (left) and Riley Verhoff of Everything Lights are gearing up for the holiday season (submitted photo).

When they began, the two were planning to offer their services hanging lights that homeowners had already purchased. They then realized many people didn't have lights, so they would run to Home Depot and buy the lights for the job. At the end of the first season, they got smart and took advantage of the post-holiday deals and stocked up on an inventory of lights for future seasons.

The two have built a strong network of customers throughout the Arcadia, Biltmore, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, and Central Phoenix neighborhoods. The duo provides free estimates for everything from holiday lights to weddings, parties, and outdoor bistro lighting. Pricing includes hanging and take-down.

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Holiday Spa hosts rummage sale

Holiday Spa will host a community wide yard sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14–16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents will set up in driveways and on patios at their home sites. The gates will be open for access to the community.

Holiday Spa, a 55 and over manufactured home community, is located at 10401 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix.

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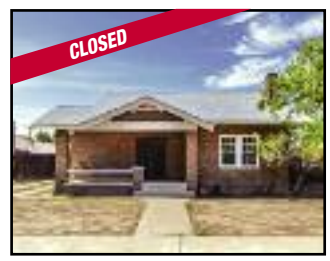

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Families are invited to celebrate the fall season with Royal Palm Neighborhoodat two community events this month (submitted photo).

Fall into fun with Royal Palm

The Royal Palm Neighborhood is celebrating the fall season with two community events in October

First up is the Community-Wide Yard Sale and Royal Palm Gives event. Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 a.m.–3 p.m., the event will be held within the neighborhood and at Royal Palm Park, 8405 N. 15th Ave.

Neighbors are cleaning out their closets and garages and dusting off their flashy sale signs for the all-neighborhood Royal Palm Community Yard Sale until 1 p.m. Then, as part of RP Gives, starting at 1 p.m. at Royal Palm Park, various charities will be picking up any unsold items or donations. The fall 2022 RP Gives recipients are Sunnyslope High School Stock the Kitchen, Fallen Feathers, Phoenix Tool Bank and Goodwill.

The following weekend, find fun, food and good cheer at the annual Royal Palm Neighborhood fall celebration and G.A.I.N event, Saturday, Oct. 29, 5–8 p.m. G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity.

This year at the Royal Palm Neighborhood "Fallin' Into Fun Fall Festival," neighbors can enjoy spooktacular bounce houses and obstacle courses, corn maze, DJ and dancing, spooky trackless train, games, good eats and food trucks, Halloween costume contest and haunted catwalk for kids, face painters and crafts, pumpkin patch for all ages, raffle prizes, giveaways and more.

The event also will be held at Royal Palm Park. Admission is free. Kids costume contest judging begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.royalpalmneighborhoodphx.com/events.

Camelback DAR honors local attorney

The Camelback Chapter of the NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) presented the organization's Community Service Award to local attorney Ernest E. Shaver in August for his considerable contributions to the Phoenix community. Shaver provides pro-bono legal assistance to homeless seniors or those facing homelessness.

In his more than 25 years of private practice, Shaver has helped many low-income elderly clients with elder law issues. He recognized that many elderly seniors were not able to utilize his legal services because they could not afford the fees. He established The Caritas Project, a nonprofit that is recognized by the Arizona Supreme Court as an approved legal service, and since 2015 he has partnered with Justa Center, a Phoenix day center exclusively for homeless senior adults.

In 2021 alone, he assisted over 500 individual, at-risk senior citizens. Prior to COVID, Shaver also partnered with UNOM Halle Women's Center and Phoenix Municipal Court Veteran's Court System, offering the same services, all pro-bono.

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Winsome Winston will win your heart

As beautiful on the inside as he is on the outside, Winston is never without a smile on his face despite the challenges life has thrown his way. The six-year-old Staffordshire terrier was originally rescued and transported to the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) all the way back in April of this year after he was seized by Tempe Police for animal cruelty.

Once in AHS' care, it was found that Winston is deaf and also has Valley Fever, a common fungal infection treated with medication that may eventually go away with treatment but will need to be kept an eye on with his future veterinarian. Despite all he has been through, this puppy at heart loves to play with toys, has shown how smart he is by learning how to walk on a leash and has even learned new tricks while with AHS.

As with all special needs pets, this energetic baby is a great example that with lots of patience, learning and love, he is just as capable as any of his fellow

Winston, a six-year-old Staffordshire terrier, is looking for a patient, loving, dog savvy family who can help him overcome his challenges (photo courtesy of AHS).

four-legged friends. For Winston, the best home would be with a dog savvy family that helps him with training to get his energy out as well as learn how to communicate with each other using signals and other tips on how to live with a deaf pet.

The Arizona Humane Society's Virtual Matchmaking Adoptions by appointment is available to place pets with their forever families. Interested adopters can view available pets, like wholesome Winston (pet number 693601), and schedule an appointment online at www.azhumane.org/adopt.

County pet shelters are at capacity

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) is facing a shelter capacity crisis. As of mid-September, MCACC shelters are housing 855 animals in 755 kennels, which means some dogs have to share a space in one kennel, and in other cases, kennels have to be split in two.

MCACC says that they are doing everything they can to keep animals comfortable, but the situation is far from ideal — and they are turning to the community for support.

"We cannot address this from within the shelter system alone, we need support directly from the community where animal homelessness begins, which is why we do everything we can to partner with the community," said MCACC director, Michael Mendel.

To help ease the overcrowding, MCACC is waiving adoption fees on most animals and free adoption events are planned through 2022. The County is also stepping up its efforts to reunite owners with their lost pets.

In the midst of shelter overcrowding, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control is offering tips on how to reunite lost animals with their owners

Now in its third month, its Return to Owner Assistance Program helps reunite pets with owners facing financial difficulties. The program subsidizes shelter fees such as boarding, spay/neuter surgery, licensing and rabies vaccinations. In addition, 50 temporary kennel spaces were added outside at MCACC's West shelter facility with evaporative coolers to make dogs as comfortable as possible.

Residents can help by taking stray animals to a local veterinarian for microchip scanning. If the pet is chipped, this will begin the reunion process. If the pet is not chipped, call 602-506-PETS to make a stray surrender appointment. Lost pets can also be added to MCACC's Lost & Found interactive pet map (www.maricopa.gov/162/lost-found-pet).

Those who would like to help in person can volunteer to work directly within the shelter with dedicated shelter teams (www.maricopa.gov/294/volunteer). And those who have capacity to foster shelter animals can start by visiting www.maricopa.gov/296/foster.

For more information, visit www.maricopa.gov and click on the "Animal Care and Control" link under "Departments."

Save the date and walk to save lives

Valley residents are invited to get their pack together and head to Tempe Town Lake to support the Arizona Animal Welfare League (AAWL).

AAWL is gearing up for its largest annual fundraiser, the Walk to Save Animals, set for Saturday, Nov. 5. This family- and pet-friendly event helps raise funds for vulnerable and medically in-need animals across Arizona. The shelter's life-saving programs include adoptions, behavior training and low-cost medical care. By registering as an individual or team, participants are sup-

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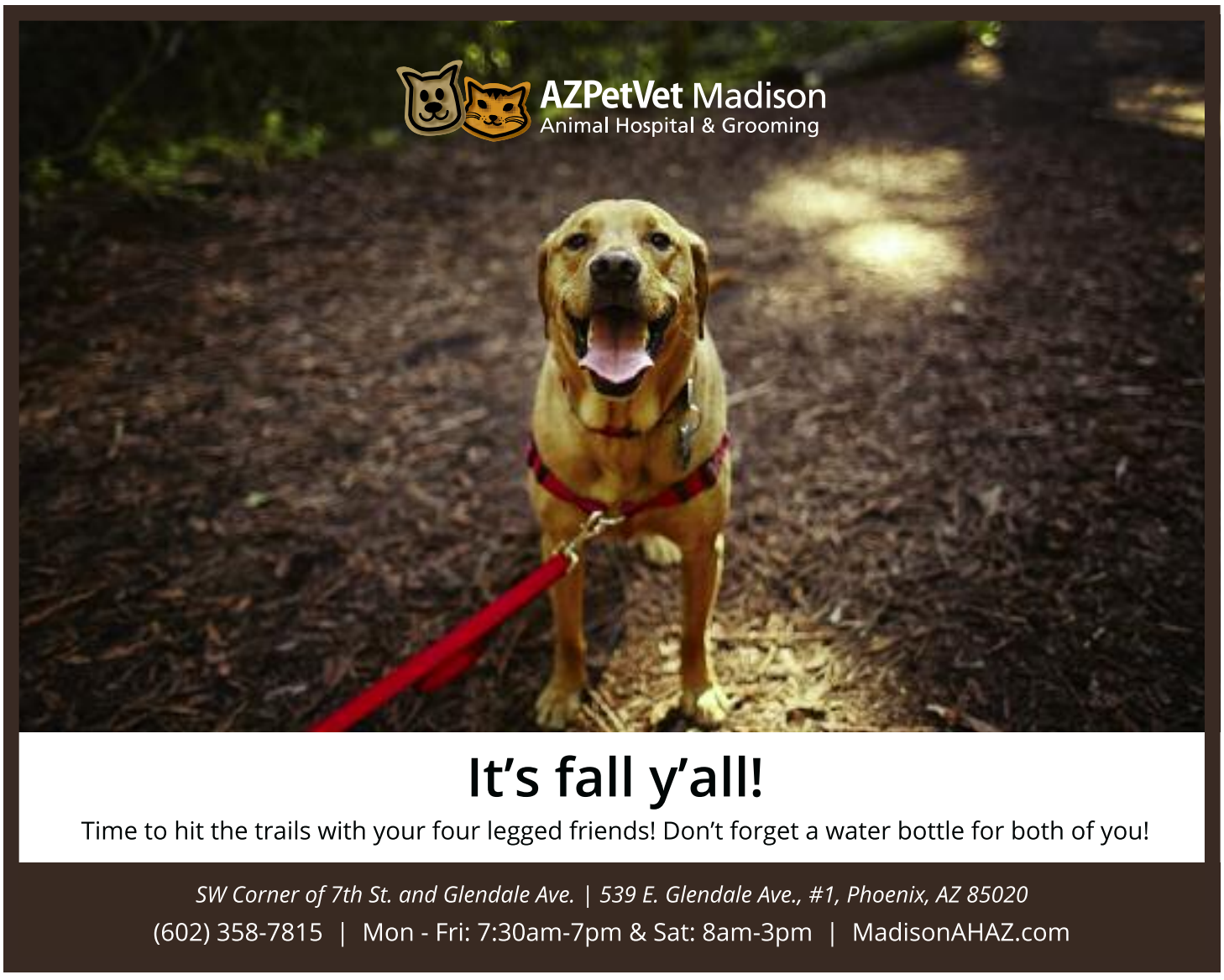

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Residents can help area rescues win up to $1,000 by voting for their favorite pup, such as the beautiful Bellatrix from HALO Animal Rescue, in the annual Howl-o'ween photo contest presented by PetFinder Foundation and Bar Dog (submitted photo).

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porting AAWL's mission of saving dogs and cats in need.

Friends, family, coworkers and pets can enjoy fun activities at Tempe Beach Park from 8 a.m. until noon. Activities at the 24th annual event will include the clinic corner with health supplies for pets, a fun activity play zone, pictures with Santa, dog training demonstrations, designated shopping zones, food trucks and an on-site adoption center.

Registration is $20 per participant and the first 1,000 walkers receive a Walk to Save Animals T-shirt. For additional information, visit www.aawl.org.

Howl-o'ween is for the dogs

This October, PetFinder Foundation and Bar Dog are teaming up to host their annual annual Howl-o'ween photo contest. In an effort to drive adoptions and donations, Phoenix's HALO Animal Rescue and other shelters across the country will dress their pups in spooky season "causeplay" to raise awareness, and a cash prize.

The Bar Dog social media pages are leading the costume contest by sharing pictures and stories of shelter animals to mark National Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month. Every participating shelter will receive cash prizes, with the grand prize winner awarded a $1,000 donation.

The contest runs for the entire month of October, and the winner will be announced Nov. 1. All participating shelters will receive a $250 donation, and the shelter dog with the most votes will win the $1,000 donation to their shelter. In addition, voters will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Furbo Dog Camera.

For additional information, visit www.bardogwine.com or follow them on Facebook or Instagram to vote for your favorite pet. Learn more about PetFinder Foundation at www.petfinderfoundation.com.

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Fundraiser to support at-risk youth

Kids in Focus will bring back its benefit event, Noche para los Niños, Thursday, Nov. 10, when the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park will be transformed into a spectacular Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) themed celebration to benefit the organization.

Guests will stroll the indoor and outdoor spaces of the museum, enjoying festivities including live music; roaming performers including contortionists, stilt walkers, jugglers and tarot card readers; culinary stations from Valley restaurants and caterers; premium open bars; jazz club-style high top table and lounge seating; photographs created by children in Kids in Focus programs; silent auction, raffle and more.

Kids in Focus is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to empowering at-risk youth to reach their potential using photography to ignite their imagination and build their sense of confidence. For additional information, visit www.kidsinfocus.org/events/noche-para-los-ninos.

Festivities at the 2022 Noche para los Niños fundraiser will include roaming performers (photo by Bryan Kinkade).

Foundation marks 50 years of service

Five decades ago, a handful of Phoenix healthcare workers banded together to raise money for families of children with leukemia. Lengthy hospital stays had left these families behind on their mortgage payments, unable to pay for travel expenses or to maintain employment. They gathered at the urging of Sister Madonna Marie Bolton, pediatric supervisor at St. Joseph's Hospital, who saw the severe financial hardship of families and wanted to help.

Now, the successors of that small group are celebrating its golden jubilee, having raised more than a million dollars over 50 years.

The Leukemia Foundation for Arizona's Children invites the community to join it in celebrating their 50 years of service Thursday, Oct. 20, with a gala dinner event 6–8:30 p.m. at Phoenix Country Club, 2901 N. 7th St. Tickets are $75 and will include a silent auction and entertainment.

Still operating on a shoestring, with no paid staff, the small group of volunteers raises funds through grants and donations. They help families with everything from gas money and child care fees to burial expenses, generally responding to requests within days. The foundation has assisted more than 12,000 patients and their family members.

While childhood leukemia is no longer the primarily fatal disorder it was 50 years ago, it is still a serious and sometimes fatal disease.

Tickets to the gala dinner are available at www.azlfac.org through Oct. 12. Donations are needed also. The Leukemia Foundation for Arizona's Children is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and an Arizona tax credit qualifying charitable organization.

Women take the lead for C3 development

Evolve Ventures recently celebrated its third anniversary, which was made sweeter by the fact that it is set to bring to market two unique development ventures of its own.

The company's managing principals, Amy Malloy and Heather Personne, combined their almost 50 years of experience to form a firm they say is "committed to thinking, acting and transacting differently in an ever-changing market."

"As true developers at heart, we view our position as women leaders as a unique asset to our firm, providing an often-overlooked perspective in the historically male-dominated industry," said Personne. "We've had great success in evolving mixed-use developments beyond strip complexes into dynamic centers of redevelopment for the community. And we believe that the experience of women, who typically make many of the purchasing decisions in the family, should be top of mind for developers."

C3 in Midtown Phoenix is a 22-unit, three-story multi-family development, set to hit the market in 2023 (image courtesy of Evolve Ventures).

Services include real estate strategy, market analysis, site selection and due diligence, entitlements, permitting and design, construction management, financial analysis and deal structuring, leasing and asset management.

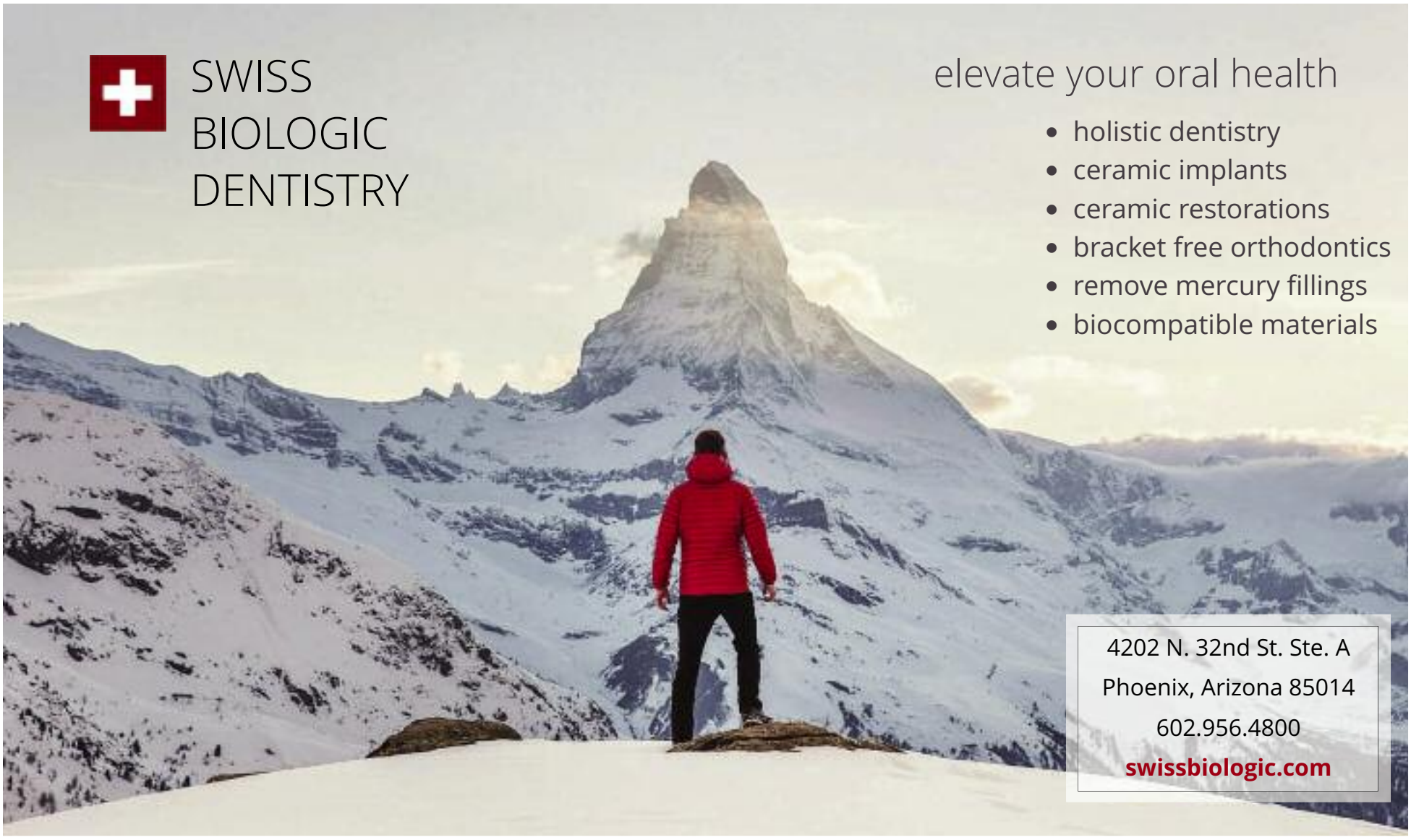
It also is in the process of developing two of its own projects, one of which is in Midtown Phoenix. Selected for the sites' walkability and opportunity to revitalize intersections, C3 is located on the northeast corner of Clarendon Avenue and 3rd Street.

The company and its partners successfully rezoned a vacant infill land parcel to comply with the Walkable Urban Code and to accommodate a ground-up 22-unit, three-story, multi-family development community. The unit and hardscape design focus is on street engagement to prioritize the pedestrian experience, and critical shade is provided along the street frontage to maximize walkability.

The units range in size from around 565-square-foot 1-bed/1-bath units to 1,290-square-foot 2-bed/2.5-bath units. The company says it anticipates that the units will rent for $1,500–$2,400/month.

The project is shovel-ready, and the Evolve team is looking to bring units to market in the third quarter of 2023.

For more information, visit www.evolveventuresphx.com.



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Chamber recognizes Valley businesswomen

The Greater Phoenix Chamber announced the 11 women chosen as finalists for its 35th Anniversary ATHENA Awards, continuing its strong tradition of recognizing outstanding Valley businesswomen.

The ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award recognizes a woman in the public and private sectors and highlights an upcoming leader in the Valley as an ATHENA Young Professional.

The awards highlight women who have achieved the pinnacle of success within their industry, have mentored women throughout their careers, dedicated their time to their community and are making a difference in the lives of others.

Private Sector finalists are Deb Gullett, CEO, Arizona Association of Health Plans; Delma Herrera, vice president of Field Sales, West Region, Cox Communications; Sissie Roberts Shank, president and CEO, Chas Roberts A/C & Plumbing Inc.; and Marcia Veidmark, owner, founder, CEO and chairman of the board, SSC Underground (Specialized Services Co.).

Public Sector finalists are Jennifer Caraway, founder and executive director, The Joy Bus; Christine Mackay, director, Community & Economic Development, City of Phoenix; April A. Salomon, executive director, Musical Instrument Museum (MIM); and Kate Smith, Ed.D., president, Rio Salado College.

Young Professional finalists are Veronica Aguilar, vice president, Teach for America; Lindsey Beagley, senior director for Mirabella at ASU, ASU Enterprise Partners; and Amber Cordoba, director of Business Education and Consulting Services, CPLC – Prestamos CDFI.

"Spotlighting the women who are moving the Greater Phoenix area forward through the ATHENA Awards program is one of the Chamber's proudest traditions," said Todd Sanders, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber. "These women make immeasurable contributions within their companies, their communities, and they are a driving force in making Arizona a top state in the nation. I encourage everyone to join us in October at the ATHENA Awards Luncheon to meet these exceptional leaders."

The Chamber will celebrate these outstanding businesswomen in the community at an awards luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. Registration closes on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 5 p.m. Email events@phoenixchamber.com with any event questions.

Learn more about the Greater Phoenix Chamber at www.phoenixchamber.com.

Business Briefs

Blink celebrates first year with open house event

Blink Eye Care will celebrate its one-year anniversary this month, and the community is invited to the party.

The company says that it was born from a passion for eye health. It enjoys connecting with neighbors and enhancing their lives with their offered services.

According to the website, "We're like your local coffee shop, but instead of iced lattes, we have an extensive selection of eye-related services."

Area residents will have the opportunity to see for themselves what the company is all about, as Blink opens its doors for a two-day anniversary open house. Scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26, from 2–7 p.m. each day, the company will offer frame and other product specials, raffles and more.

Blink Eye Care is located at 6040 N. 7th St., Suite 300. For additional information, call 602-825- 3937 or visit www.blinkphx.com.

Infusion therapy company opens

Infusion for Health, a California-based infusion therapy company, announced the opening of several clinics in four new states by the end of September. Three locations will be available in the Valley, including at 1661 E. Camelback Rd. Suite 270.

Infusion therapy is a healthcare treatment in which medication is

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administered to a patient through a needle or catheter. Infusion therapy can be utilized to treat autoimmune disorders, infections that are resistant to oral antibiotics, Crohn's disease, lupus, psoriatic and rheumatoid arthritis and many other health conditions.

The company was founded after hearing the experiences of frustrated infusion patients who were looking for an alternative to the impersonal experiences they had received at hospitals and cancer clinics.

"At Infusion for Health, we acknowledge and cater our care to the fact that patients are not numbers, they're people," said CEO Dan McCarty.

The company says its goal is to provide patients with personal care from friendly, professionally-trained clinical teams. In addition to snacks and warm blankets, patients receive their infusion therapy in a comfortable, fully private room.

For additional information, visit www.infusionforhealth.com/arizona or call 888-777-1945.

Sky not the limit for AZCREW speaker

Kiah Erlich, head of Astronaut Sales and Corporate Partnerships for Blue Origin, will be the 2022 AZCREW Woman Icon speaker.

AZCREW, the commercial real estate organization that exists to transform the industry by advancing women globally, presents its annual Woman Icon Speaker series Oct. 12 at Arizona Country Club, 5668 E. Orange Blossom Ln., in Phoenix.

As the first point of contact for future astronauts, Erlich leads Blue Origin's astronaut sales team and corporate partnerships for all businesses across the company. She grew up on the Central Coast of California watching rocket launches out of Vandenberg Air Force Base. At 16, she started taking flying lessons and is a licensed pilot. Erlich continued flying in college where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from Auburn University and an MBA in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She began her career at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

"I think it's the unknown and the mystery behind it," Erlich said about the intrigue of space. "It's the freedom to dream and create anything you want. It's infinite with no parameters, no ceilings, and no walls. It really lets your creative mind run loose. And we all love mystery. We did it as kids when we explored the beach, or went snorkeling in the ocean, or explored a forest. It's the explorer in all of us."

Blue Origin's Kiah Erlich will share her story at the October AZCREW meeting (submitted photo).

AZCREW's October event begins with networking and a reception on the patio at 4:30 p.m. The presentation begins in the Arcadia room at 5:30 p.m. The event wraps up with networking and reception on the patio at 6:30 p.m.

For additional event information or to apply for membership, visit www.arizonacrew.org.

Johnson Carlier changes name

Big-D Companies announced in late August that Johnson Carlier, an affiliate of Big-D Construction Corp. has changed its name to Big-D Construction Southwest.

"Our industry is experiencing extraordinary growth and this change allows us to expand our services under one name with one mission — to be the most sought-after construction company in the business," said senior vice president and managing director Carl McFarland, who will head the Southwest regional office.

With an established presence in Arizona for over 100 years, the evolution from Johnson Carlier to Big-D Construction Southwest will allow the regional office to better serve its customers through market expansion and

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diversification by adopting the entire Big-D project and team resumes in key market sectors including industrial, multi-family, aviation, higher education and more.

For additional information, visit www.big-d.com.

Brokery names Newman branch manager

The Brokery has named Jenn Newman the new branch manager of the company's North Central Phoenix office.

In this new position, Newman will oversee general operations of the branch. This includes recruiting and developing top agents, setting and maintaining sales goals and helping agents grow their business year over year through coaching and partnership.

Jenn Newman

A Phoenix native and graduate of Arizona State University, Newman is a Multi-Million Dollar Producer, certified Real Estate Negotiation Expert, Seniors Real Estate Specialist and a member of the Scottsdale Area Association of REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS.

The Brokery currently has offices in Arcadia, in Arizona Biltmore resort, and in North Central Phoenix. In the first half of 2022, The Brokery grossed over $400 million in sales across the three offices. For additional information, visit www.thebrokery.com.

Merchantile opens uptown location

The Merchantile, a one-stop-shop that gives hundreds of local, small business owners space and a voice to share their work with the community, is expanding to a second boutique location, this time in uptown Phoenix.

Valley residents are invited to stop by the Merchantile of Phoenix Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8–9, for a Sidewalk Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests can shop from "tons" of local creators, artists, designers, vintage curators and more. In addition, the

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first 50 people in line each day will score an exclusive Merchantile of Phoenix gift bag.

The Sidewalk Celebration will be an all-out affair, equipped with live music, giveaways, meet and greets with the vendors, and a chance to pursue some of the Valley's most unique and coveted local creations. The company also is partnering with local schools in the area, and will be collecting donations for students and teachers in need.

Located on the northeast corner of 7th Street and Missouri, the Merchantile of Phoenix stands at 5,400 square feet, making this its largest boutique location yet, and will carry some of the Merchantile's fan-favorite vendors like Uptown Hippie, Painted Ladies, and Iconic Arizona, along with all-new artisans like Old Town Gypsie.

"We're so excited to open our doors to the Phoenix community," said Merchantile Market's founder, Kimberly Pak. "Each of our vendors bring such a unique and talented perspective to the Valley that we love celebrating, and we can't wait to share even more at our new location."

Merchantile of Phoenix is located at 730 E Missouri Ave. For additional information, call 602-296-4417 or visit www.merchantile.co.

Saiya, a new high-rise in Roosevelt Row, will feature 389 multifamily residential units and 12,550 square feet of street-level retail, including the preservation of the historic McKinley Medical Office building (submitted image).

Hatteras Sky breaks ground in Roosevelt Row

Real estate development firm Hatteras Sky along with capital partner Bridge Investment Group broke ground in late August on a 23-story mixed-use high-rise apartment project located at First Avenue and West McKinley Street, in the heart of downtown Phoenix's Roosevelt Row neighborhood.

Located only a 4-minute walk from the Central Avenue Valley METRO Light Rail station, the new project, named Saiya, will feature 389 multifamily residential units including the preservation of the historic McKinley Medical Office building.

Plans call for an amenity deck swimming pool, a rooftop pool, elevated outdoor courtyards offering group seating, grilling, and gaming areas, fitness center, game room, dog park, and rooftop kitchen and bar lounge. Saiya will also feature approximately 12,550 square feet of street-level retail and restaurant space. The first residential units are anticipated to be delivered in the summer of 2024.

JE Dunn will serve as general contractor of the project, which was designed by Shepley Bulfinch. RPA, an Ardurra Company, is the civil engineer.

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827 W Linger Ln	Just Listed	2232SF	3BR/2BA	$ 750,000
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1 E Northview Ave	$1,700,000
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3229 E Sells Dr	$1,525,000
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3436 N 38th Pl	$1,299,500
640 E Echo	$1,266,500
18005 N 65th Pl	$1,225,000
10 E Cactus Wren Dr	$1,225,000
2016 E State Ave	$1,200,000
613 E Vista Ave*	$1,200,000
901 W Wagon Wheel Dr	$1,200,000
202 E Kaler Dr	$1,195,000
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1033 E Kaler Dr	$ 899,000
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77 E Missouri Ave #67	$ 815,000
7536 N 10th St	$ 810,000
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1110 E Orangewood Ave	$ 565,000
3401 W Taro Ln	$ 550,000
1106 E Wagon Wheel Dr	$ 549,000
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SCHOOL DAYS

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NJROTC competes in color guard competition

The NJROTC at Thunderbird High School competed in the inaugural Cardinal Color Guard competition at Glendale High School. Thunderbird submitted two teams, a Varsity and a JV team, to a panel of judges made up of recruiters from all services.

Sixteen teams from all over the state competed in a head-to-head format.

NJROTC students from Thunderbird High School recently competed in the inaugural Cardinal Color Guard Competition (photo couresty of GUHSD).

Sunnyslopejunior receives Congressional medal

Sunnyslope High School junior Colin Lifshitz received a bronze medal from the United States Congressional Award program.

In order to achieve this award, students must be physically active, participate in community service, have a hobby or job, and plan an excursion into nature.

Colin is a wrestler and a football player. He volunteered at a summer camp to give back to his community and went on a hiking and camping trip to Picacho Peak State Park. The bronze medal requires 100 hours of community service, 50 hours of personal development, and physical activity.

Outdoors Club completes community service project

Thunderbird High School's Outdoors Club completed its first community service project of the year. The club cleaned up the Joe Clements Trail after school. After cleaning up the Joe Clements Trail, the club summited T Butte.

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Families invited to Discover Madison 2022

Families are invited to get ready for the Discover Madison Tour. Madison Elementary School District will host an in-person tour of its elementary school campuses Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Families will have the opportunity to meet school principals, learn about Madison's signature programs, and enjoy a nutritious lunch provided by Madison's Food Services department.

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with incoming kindergarten students; however, it is open to anyone interested in learning more about Madison's elementary schools: Madison Camelview, Madison Rose Lane, Madison Simis, Madison Heights and Madison Traditional Academy. Transportation to the elementary schools is provided.

For additional information and to register for the tour, visit www.madisonaz.org/discovermadison.

Milk and Cookies program visits Camelview

Madison Camelview students were recently visited by the Arizona Cardinals as part of its Milk & Cookies Reading Program, which encourages reading and promotes the importance of reading literacy.

Cardinals player Jessie Luketa, cheerleaders and Big Red read books and engaged in interactive games with the students. At the end of the visit, students received autographs while enjoying their cookies.

Camelview received a gift card before the scheduled visit to purchase milk and cookies for the classroom.

Cardinals player Jessie Luketa enjoyed reading books with students during a recent Milk & Cookies Reading Program visit (photo courtesy of Madison Elementary School District).

The program, which is sponsored jointly by the Arizona Cardinals, Salt River Project and Albertsons-Safeway, has been encouraging reading and literacy for the past 20 years. To nominate a school, visit https://www.azcardinals.com/community/programs/milk-and-cookies

Hiring event scheduled for October

Madison Elementary School District will hold a hiring event Oct. 26, from 4–6 p.m. at the district office, 5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix. The district is hiring for classified staff (bus drivers, before and after school, etc.) and guest teachers.

For additional information, call 602-664-7900 or visit www.madison-az.org.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teachers embark on LETRs training

Approximately 120 educators across the Osborn School District embarked on a two-year professional development opportunity with Lexia/LETRs Aug. 31. The areas targeted for improvement through the LETRs initiative include building teacher knowledge around the science of reading, language skills and phonics during tier I, II, and III reading instruction.

Student success is one key area identified in Osborn's strategic plan. LETRs directly addresses this district-wide priority by offering teachers explicit training that is grounded in the latest research related to effective reading instruction. It also supports deep learning and reflection with Bridge the

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Learning action research activities that are built into the course.

Two of the three cohorts were funded by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The third cohort was federally funded by the Early Literacy Grant for K-3 instruction.

LETRs training offers information on how to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students. It promotes current research regarding what, when and how language skills should be taught. The professional development for teachers of language arts is comprehensive. It will build teacher capacity and support student success in the classroom or intervention setting. Osborn offers this substantial training opportunity to teachers, so that students will directly benefit from this level of job-embedded professional development.

In 2025, ADE will require additional coursework for in-service teachers. The LETRs coursework will meet the state's requirement for the K-5 teacher endorsement and recertification.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bond and override elections in WESD

The WESD governing board called for a special Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Budget Override Election and a special Bond Election for Nov. 8.

Currently, the district provides full-day kindergarten, music, art and PE opportunities, and gifted and intervention programs for all students with M&O Override funds. M&O Override funds also help the district maintain competitive salaries for instructional staff. The board says that the continuation of an M&O Override will allow the district to provide the enhanced programs and services, and attract and retain teachers and instructional staff, both essential components for the success of our WESD students.

In addition, the district uses bond funds to fulfill important capital projects. If this voter-authorized funding is continued, WESD will use it for safety projects, building system upgrades and replacements, site upgrades, classroom technology and student transportation.

To learn more about the upcoming elections and to view Frequently Asked Questions for the Bond and Override, visit www.wesdschools.org/bondoverride.

Teachers win 'Supply My Class' awards

Washington Elementary School District (WESD) recognized a handful of teachers for recently winning the APS Supply My Class Award. Congratulations were extended to Moon Mountain Elementary School teacher Christy McGraw and Mountain View School teachers Andrew Blas, Kaley Bonds and Marc Brust.

Entering its fifth year, the APS Supply My Class program awards $500 to randomly selected teachers in APS service territory to help ensure they have the resources they need to support their students' success.

New Beginnings students met Brandon Brown

In September, students at New Beginnings Academy enjoyed a surprise performance from Brandon Brown of Schoolyard Rap.

School Yard Rap is a black owned company, established in 2015, that specializes in creating educational content

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Moon Mountain student Julie Smith, pictured here with WESD governing board member Lindsey Peterson and Moon Mountain principal Dawna Dohogne, was one of two district students who received a perfect score on the English Language Arts and Math portions of the 2022 Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (photo courtesy of WESD).

and curriculum through the lens of history. Providing education through entertainment, the organization is dedicated to improving the educational experiences of all learners by providing curriculum, content, music and professional development that uplifts the narratives of minorities.

Students recognized for perfect AASA scores

The WESD governing board recently recognized students who received a perfect score on the English Language Arts and Math portions of the 2022 Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA).

This year's perfect score students include Julie Smith of Moon Mountain Elementary School and Veronica Mazaira Perez of Sunnyslope Elementary School.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

SFX open house will welcome new learners

St. Francis Xavier School will host an open house for prospective preschool and kindergarten students Thursday, Oct. 27, beginning at 8 a.m. During the event, prospective parents will be given tours of the school and classrooms by parent ambassadors, they will see a presentation by the preschool and kindergarten teachers, hear from the principal and have a

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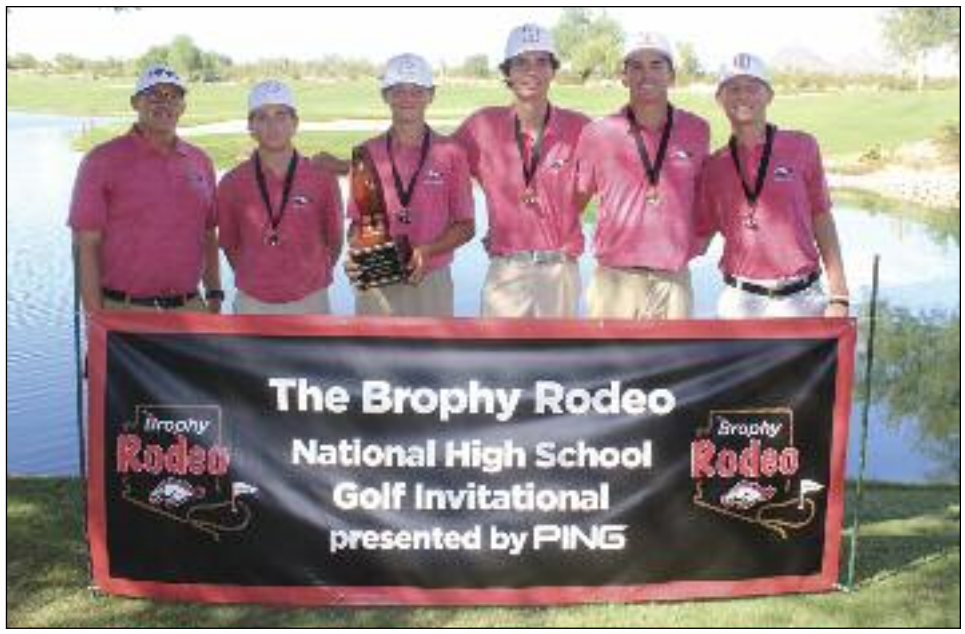

Brophy's Golf team took home the top prize at the Sept. 2 Rodeo National High School Golf Invitational (photo courtesy of Brophy College Preparatory).

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chance to ask questions regarding the school and the admissions process.

Applications for the 2023–24 school year will open Tuesday, Nov. 1. Interested families may visit the St. Francis Xavier school website to learn more about the event and how to register. Any questions may be directed to the admissions office at the school.

St. Francis Xavier School is a Jesuit elementary school for preschool through eighth grade at 4715 N. Central Ave. For additional information, call 602-266-5364 or visit www.sfxphx.org.

Broncos golf team wins invitational

The Brophy College Preparatory golf team shot a three-under-par 285 to post a nine-stroke victory at the Brophy Rodeo National High School Golf Invitational presented by Ping at Grayhawk Golf Course Sept. 2.

The tournament featured 32 schools from eight different states. Brophy surpassed Trinity Christian Academy (Dallas, Texas), the first-round leader, after trailing by two entering the day. The Broncos were led by junior Tyler Spielman, who tied for the low round on the day with five-under-par 67 to finish second overall.

New school promotes values-based learning

Opening in fall 2023, Phoenix Friends School (PFS) is an independent school arising from the faith and practice of the Religious Society of Friends (also called Friends or Quakers).

"Phoenix is the first city in the Southwest to secure a prestigious, independent Friends school featuring a new model of values education and learning for grades five and six opening Fall 2023 in midtown Phoenix," said founder Willard White, Ph.D. in a September announcement.

According to the school, Quaker education pairs academic rigor with values-based learning while developing capacities in service, meditative reflection and peaceful problem solving. Students at a Friends school engage with the arts, take part in service-learning projects, are encouraged toward a healthy and active lifestyle, and develop deep connections with each other and the wider world.

A unique feature of the Friends School is its belief that "the city is our classroom." While most instruction and discussion will take place within the school, PFS is designed to operate in the greater community, partnering with both the Desert Botanical Garden and Arizona Humane Society for weekly off-site learning projects tied to in-school curriculum.

Andy Jones-Wilkins, who brings nearly 35 years of experience, including teaching at Phoenix Country Day School, will serve as founding head of school.

The school is now enrolling grades five and six for fall 2023 and will hold a series of open house events at University Club of Phoenix, 39 E. Monte Vista Rd. Guests will have the opportunity to meet White and Jones-Wilkins at the events, which are sched-

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uled for Oct. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, and Nov. 15. Times and additional information can be found on the school website.

The Phoenix Friends School will open in fall 2023 on the campus of Central United Methodist Church at 1875 N. Central Ave. To RSVP call 602-562-2662. For additional information, visit www.phoenixfriendsschool.org.

Brophy hosts annual open house

Brophy College Preparatory will host its annual open house from noon–4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6. It is open to the public and students of all ages are invited to attend with their parents.

Families are invited to take campus tours and receive information on academic programs, sports and co-curricular activities, as well as financial aid and the admissions process. Attendees will have the opportunity to talk to students, faculty, administration, coaches and parents.

Registration for the open house begins Oct. 5 on the school's website. For information, visit www.brophyprep.org/admissions/learn-more/open-house.

Leon Tynes, Jr., joins an exclusive global community who are helping build the skills of the future (photo by Lisa Zuba).

Teacher named Microsoft educator expert

Leon Tynes, Jr. a Computer Science teacher at Xavier College Preparatory, has been selected as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert for 2022–23.

Each year, Microsoft selects Innovative Educator Experts to be part of this exclusive global community paving the way for their peers to share ideas, try new approaches, and learn from each other. Tynes joins a group of some of the most amazing educators who are empowering the students of today to create the world of tomorrow. Microsoft believes that technology alone cannot build 21st-century skills for students. It is an accelerator, but the power of change lies within educators.

Sister Joanie Nuckols, BVM, Xavier's Principal, said about Tynes, "Leon is well-deserving of this Microsoft certification. He is a teacher who inspires students with outside-the-box thinking in technology, is passionate about computer science, and has a true collaborative spirit."

Xavier students named Merit semifinalists

Nine Xavier College Preparatory seniors, Peyton Bryant, Hannah Fabry, Kylie Graf, Elizabeth Lamprey, Kelsey Luke, Natalie Moore, Alanna Nowlen, Evelynn Papez, Tatum Zerbib, were named semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

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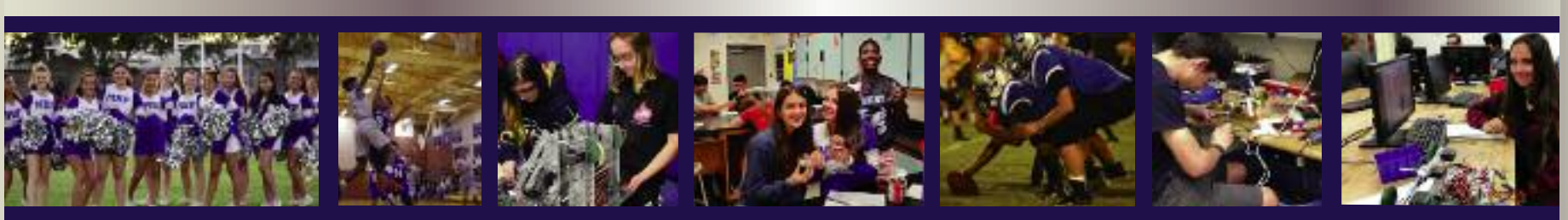

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Nine Xavier College Preparatory students were named National Merit Scholarship program semifinalists. They are, (front row) Hannah Fabry, Kylie Graf, Peyton Bryant, Elizabeth Lamprey, (back row, L–R) Alanna Nowlen, Evelynn Papez, Tatum Zerbib, Kelsey Luke and Natalie Moore (photo by Lisa Zuba).

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The program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th annual program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $30 million that will be offered next spring.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

New Way Academy to host open house

Families who would like to learn more about the programming and philosophy of New Way Academy are invited to attend an open house event Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10–11:30 a.m.

The mission of New Way Academy is to educate children with learning differences to fulfill their potential. The school provides education to students in grades one through 12 with diagnosed learning differences such as dyslexia, ADHD, and sensory processing disorders. The 7-acre campus serves 270 students with an individualized education, a variety of extracurricular choices and a robust athletics program.

To RSVP for the open house event, visit www.newwayacademy.org/links and click on the open house link.

New Way Academy is located at 5048 E. Oak St. in Phoenix. For additional information, call 602-389-8600.

Senior Living

Grandparents give back to younger generation

More than 28 members of Optum Community Center made 50 custom duffel bags for youth in foster care in September. The project, called "Optum Grand Bags," was a way for the members, almost all of whom are grandparents themselves, to recognize Grandparents Day, with a special grandparent's gesture for kids whose lives have been disrupted.

When members learned that many youths in foster care don't have a way to transport their personal items, they wanted to create a special "carrier" just for them. The duffel bags were customized and painted with care and included a special message from each maker. The bags were donated to Southwest Human Development, who will distribute them to youth in their foster care program.

Julie Steinberg was just one of 28 members of Optum Community Center who customized duffle bags with personal messages for kids in foster care last month (submitted photo).

"I really hope that when the kids receive their bag, they feel support from the greater community, and know that while they may not know their own grandparents, there is a community of grandparents surrounding them with love, encouragement and just general advice to be able to help guide them, just like they would guide their own grandchildren," said Benjamin Brock, Optum Community Center.

Optum Central Phoenix Community Center is located at 1125 E. Glendale Ave. For more information, visit www.optum.com.

Virtual symposium for caregivers offered

Duet Partners In Health & Aging is hosting a Fall Family Caregiver Virtual Symposium, Oct. 13, from 9-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Aaron Blight, an international speaker and consultant on caregiving, aging, and healthcare and Dr. Macie P. Smith, an award-winning educator, author, writer and television personality, will present at the symposium.

Blight will present on "When Caregiving Calls." Caregivers are usually so busy with the tasks of caregiving that they rarely reflect upon the significance of their activities, including how caring changes their identity: their view of self, their relationships with others, and their place in society. This thoughtful and inspiring presentation draws upon research to explain caregiving as a phenomenon of social science.

Smith will discuss "When Your Loved One Resists: Dealing with

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Difficult People." As caregivers turn the focus of their lives to tending to their loved ones, they become frustrated as they often are met with resistance. The goal of this presentation is for participants to better understand the meaning of resistance, the reasons behind it, and how to identify strategies to address resistance.

The event is open to anyone and free to register for family caregivers; $15 for professionals. Acadia is the event Silver Sponsor, along with AARP Arizona and CopperPoint Insurance Companies as Copper Sponsors. Jayme West, KTAR will moderate the event. To register, visit www.duetaz.org/symposium. For additional information, call 602-274-5022.

Adult residence hosts Oktoberfest celebration

La Siena invites older residents to jump into their lederhosen, grab a bier stein and head over for an Oktoberfest celebration, Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample delicious German-themed bites and refreshments while enjoying a live performance by The Bouncing Czechs. While there, guests can learn more about the CARF-accredited independent and assisted living residence.

To make a reservation, call 602-814-0506. La Siena is located at 909 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix. For additional information, visit www.lasienaseniorliving.com.

Celebrate the season at Devonshire

This month, Devonshire Senior Center will celebrate spooky season with activities and events for its members.

Friday, Oct. 28, the center will host a Halloween Spooky Party at 11 a.m., and a Halloween Costume Contest Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m.

In addition to the seasonal events and regularly scheduled programming, the center will take a Desert West Round Up Trip, Friday, Oct. 7, and host a Croquet and Lemonade Field Day, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

As always, the St. Mary's Food Bank Emergency Food Assistance Program will be hosted at the center the first Tuesday of the month, Oct. 4.

Membership allows access to all 15 Phoenix senior centers. The annual membership fee is $20 for Phoenix residents and $40 for non-residents. Devonshire Senior Center is located at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix. Contact the center at 602-262-7807.

For additional information about this or other City of Phoenix senior centers, visit www.phoenix.gov/humanservices and click on the "Senior Services" link.

Kids & Families

Lincoln Learning Center launches food program

In September, Desert Mission Inc. dba Lincoln Learning Center announced its sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Arizona Department of Education, Community Nutrition Programs.

Meals will be made available to enrolled participants at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Meals will be provided at the Lincoln Learning Center, 303 E. Eva St., Phoenix. For additional information, call 602-943-3731 or visit www.desertmission.com/programs/lincoln-learning-center.

Free support for families with young children

Southwest Human Development, Arizona's largest early childhood development nonprofit, will host the second annual "Birth to Five Helpline Awareness Week" Oct. 10-16, to spotlight the organization's free support line for those who have questions or concerns about parenting and the early development of children from birth to age 5.

With support from First Things First and other community partners, the Birth to Five Helpline (877-705-KIDS) allows Arizona parents, caregivers and professionals to call, text or email a Birth to Five Helpline early childhood specialist for support around a variety of early childhood issues such as feeding and eating, sleep,

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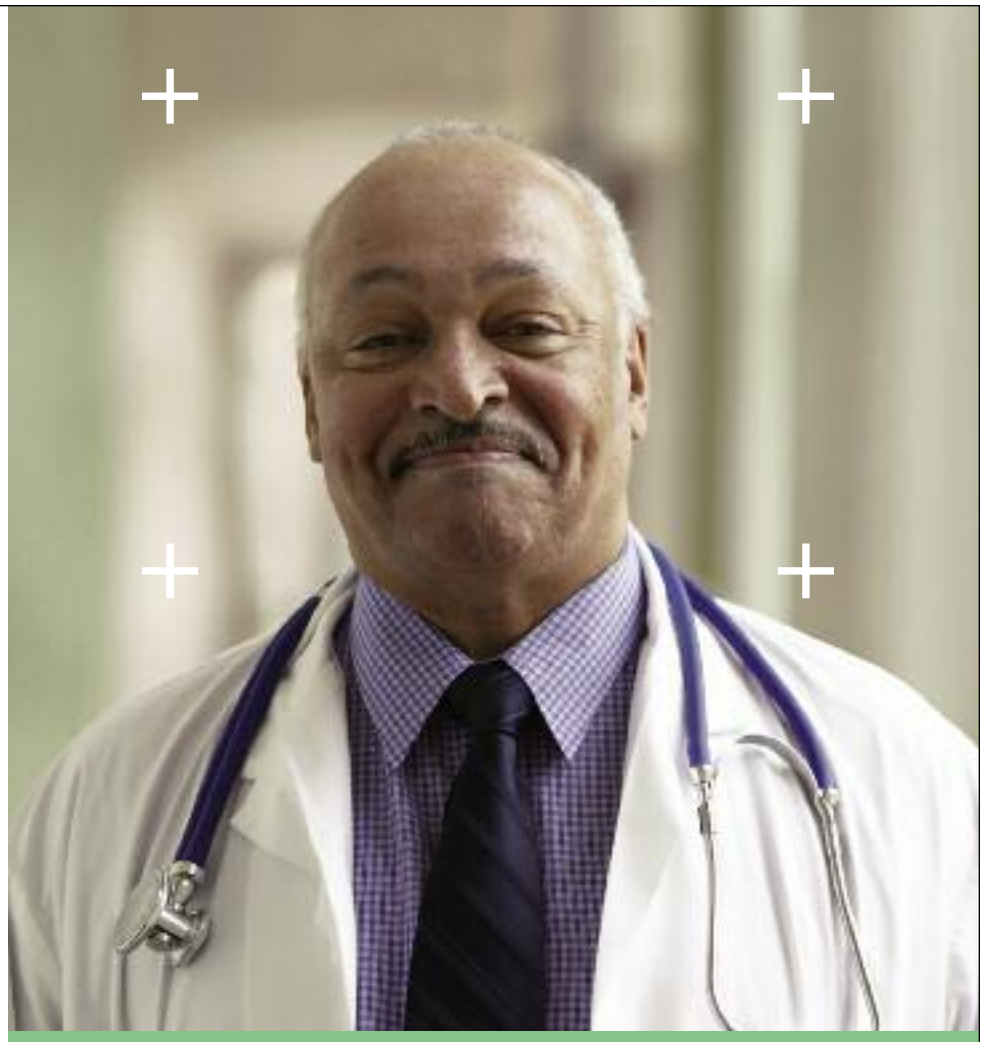

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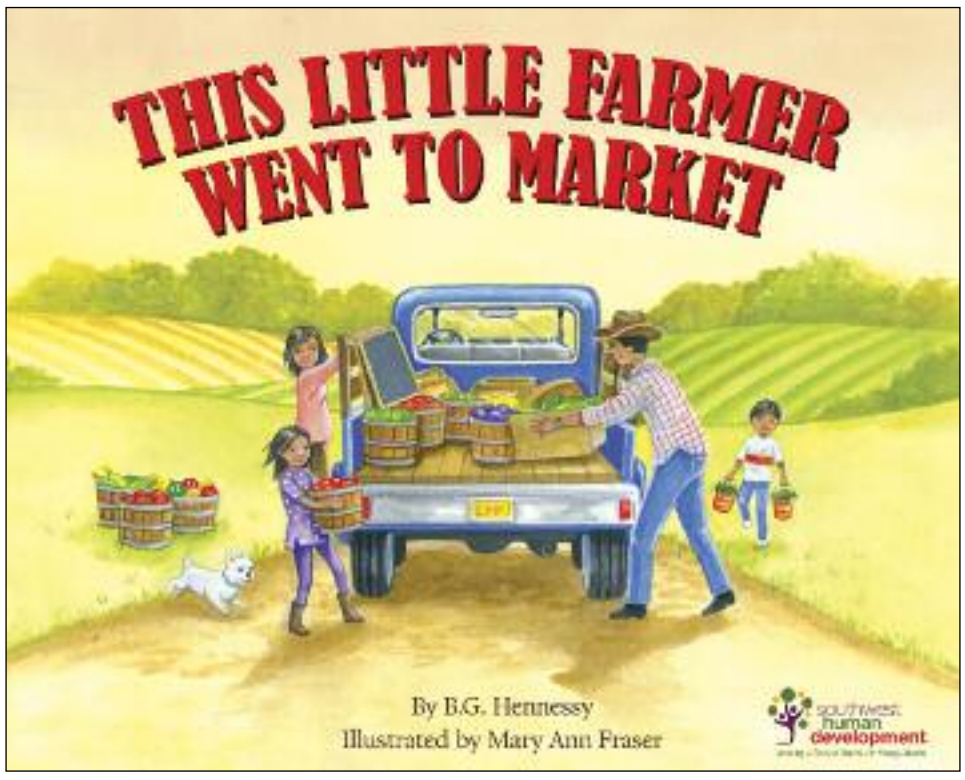
New book aims to boost early literacy

A great book can jumpstart a young reader's imagination and foster a lifelong love of reading. To help improve early literacy and put more high-quality children's books in the hands of young children, Southwest Human Development published its second children's book, "This Little Farmer Went to Market."

"This Little Farmer Went to Market" follows the journey that food makes from farm to market. Engaging young readers using bright colors, recognizable foods, and characters representing diverse backgrounds and communities, the book provides children and their parents with the opportunity to learn, discuss and explore together where food comes from and how it gets to families — in this case, a local farmers' market.



Sales of "This Little Farmer Went to Market," which tells the story about the journey that food makes from farm to market, will help support families in need (submitted image).

The book is written by B. G. Hennessy, known for her work on the award-winning "Corduroy" children's book series, and illustrated by Mary Ann Fraser.

As part of Southwest Human Development's commitment to early childhood literacy, sales of "This Little Farmer Went to Market." also include a "buy one, give one" concept where the nonprofit donates a book to a child or family in need for each copy sold.

Find the book online at www.swhd.org and Amazon.com, along with brick-and-mortar locations including Changing Hands Bookstore, Bookman's Entertainment Exchange, which will also host a storytime event Nov. 12 from 2–4 p.m., and Agritopia Farm Store.

In addition to online and retail purchase opportunities, the nonprofit is participating in community events throughout the Phoenix area. Starting in November, representatives from the organization will sell copies of the book at the Downtown Phoenix Farmers Market and Uptown Phoenix Farmers Market. There will also be an opportunity to meet the author at select farmers market events.

Helping children connect the dots of dementia

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the dots of dementia at a new camp hosted by Hospice of the Valley's Dementia Care and Education Campus.

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, the day of fun activities will help children explore what their family is experiencing at home, while connecting with other kids affected by dementia. Camp Connect–the–Dots is geared towards children ages 5-13 and teens ages 14-18 living with a family member with dementia.

Younger children can participate in activities 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; teens can join a dementia simulation and discussion to learn how to interact with family members with dementia, 10-11 a.m. Parents may attend an optional workshop from 10-11 a.m. to learn how to support their children.

The Dementia Care and Education Campus is located at 3811 N. 44th St., Phoenix. For questions or to register, send an email to dementiadampusevents@hov.org or call 602-767-8300. For additional information, visit www.hov.org.

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Valley families are invited to explore how different modes of transportation have shaped society and get hands-on with a multitude of challenging interactives at a new exhibit at Arizona Science Center, open now through Jan. 2.

Fly a plane, ride a hovercraft, race your friend on a recumbent bicycle or learn to fly an airship in the "Going Places" exhibit. Guests are the driver in this interactive exhibit — providing the chance to experience transportation in ways they never dreamed possible. With 18 exhibits and eight information kiosks detailing the incredible technology pioneered by humans to make the farthest reaches of the planet accessible, "Going Places" is a wild ride.

In addition, the center will host its fall break Camp Innovation this month. During Wacky Weather, campers will immerse themselves in the science of some of Earth's most powerful expressions: tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and landslides. For five fun-filled days, these weather bugs will complete hands-on activities that build confidence, persistence, and creative problem-solving skills — all related to weather.

Available to students in grades 1-6, Camp Innovation Fall Break runs Oct. 10–14. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Arizona Science Center is located at 600 E. Washington St. Phoenix. For additional information, visit www.azscience.org.

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"Close Ties to Home Country" is just one of the films that will screen at this year's LUNAFEST event (film still courtesy of LUNAFEST).

LUNAFEST returns with diverse lineup

The fundraising film festival dedicated to championing women filmmakers and bringing women together in their communities returns to the Valley this month for its seventh consecutive year.

For the past 21 years, LUNAFEST, which is created and funded by LUNA nutrition bars, has celebrated a powerful and diverse set of women filmmakers and given their short films a national platform. Their first event was a small screening in California. Since then, they've celebrated and shared the work of more than 170 women filmmakers, raising over $6.5 million for local women's causes. Now their unique platform is showcased at more than 200 events each season, creating impact through dollars raised and awareness built toward some of the most pressing issues facing society today.

The Phoenix festival will feature seven short films. The event will benefit local nonprofit Soroptimist International of Phoenix (www.siphx.org), whose mission is to empower women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment, and Chicken & Egg Pictures (www.chickeneggpics.org), a nonprofit organization that supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change.

The film festival will take place in person at Madison Performing Arts Center, 5601 N. 16th St., Sunday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m., as well as virtually at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5. A streaming link and password will be sent to all those that have purchased tickets the morning of the event. Purchasers will have 48-hour access to view the films until 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7.

Tickets are $35 for the in-person event; $20 per household for the virtual screening. For additional information, visit www.lunafest.org/screenings.

Obliq Art hosts fifth annual Open Studio

More than a decade ago, Larry and Sandra Ortega launched Obliq Art in downtown Phoenix as a brick-and-mortar gallery. Both artists have shown extensively in galleries throughout Arizona. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the couple had more time to create artwork and think about the future.

They have pioneered art events in Sunnyslope, including the Sunnyslope Open Studio Tour and the Slope Plein Air Fest. Fast forward to 2021 and 2022. The couple launched a series of private evening events titled "Soirees." They are on #7 now. It has become a place and event where professional creative friends gather for a sunset, overlooking the panorama of downtown Phoenix and the Valley. The place has become an art gallery, studio, urban farm, ofrenda and home.

This is the second year that Obliq Art has been a part of Art Detour. The weekend started with Soiree #6 on Saturday night and was followed by an Open Studio Tour on Sunday. It

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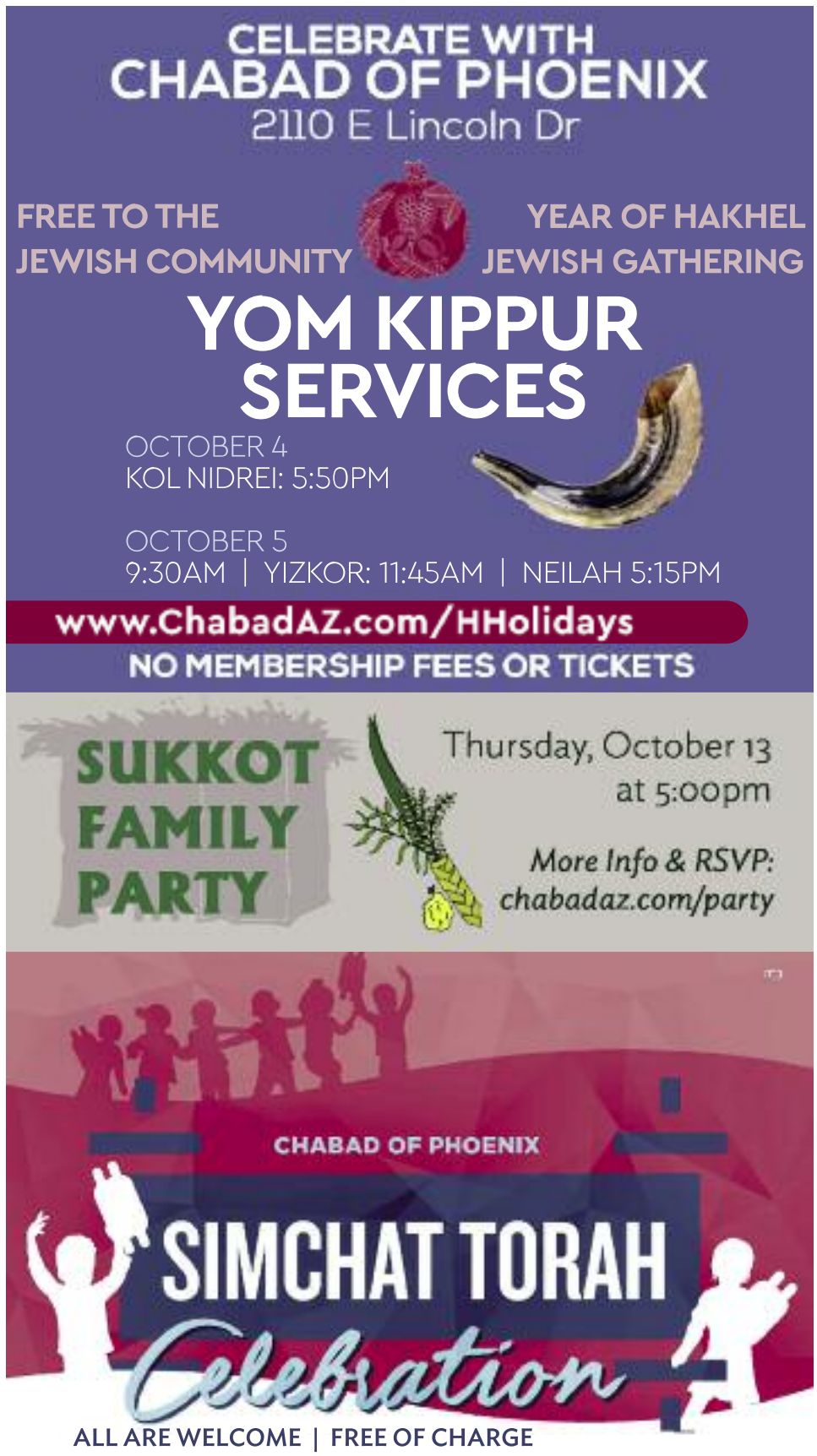

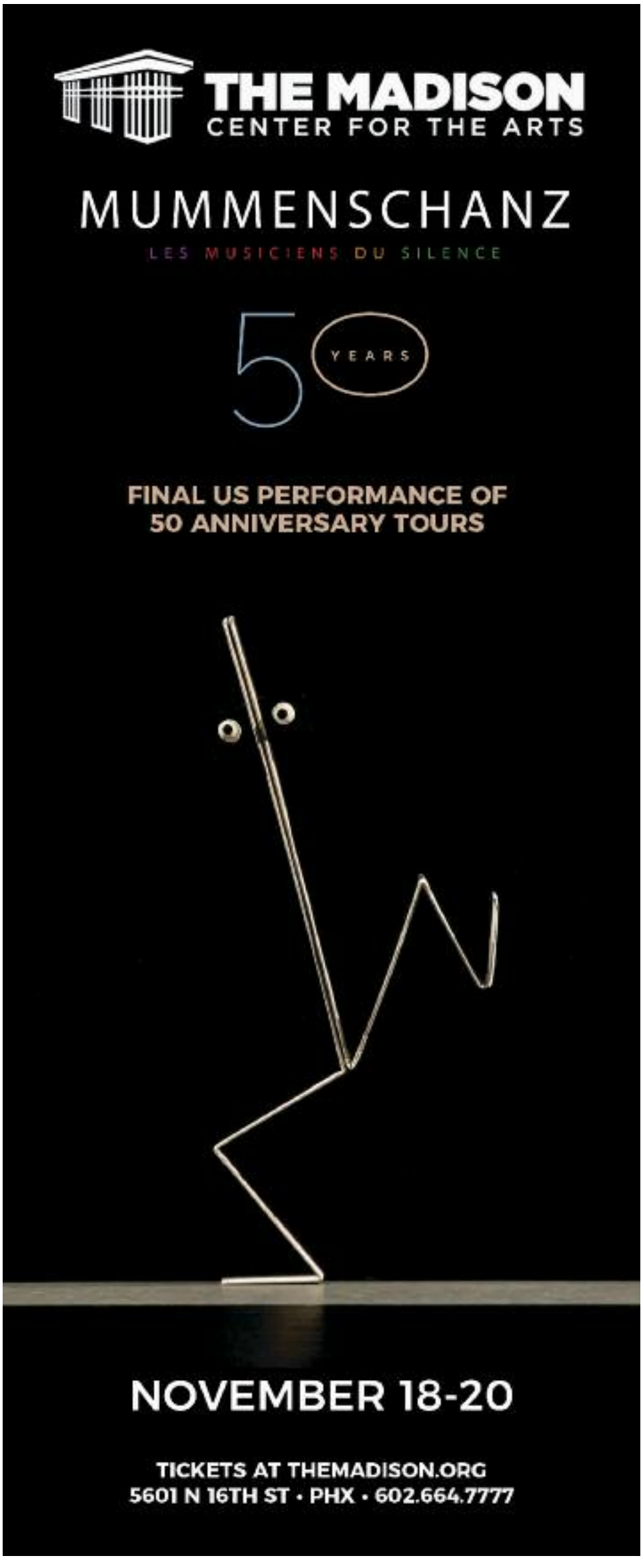

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Kristine Kollasch is just one of the two dozen artists participating in the Fifth Annual Sunnyslope Studio Tour, Oct. 22–23 (submitted photo).

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became an intriguing way to experience art and purchase original art from local artists. The art-centric event continues this month.

The fall Open Studio Tour and gallery sale is the second shared gallery opening and is open to the public. The Ortegas are hosting three artists: Jason Hugger, Sally Murphy and Nick Rascona.

The Open Studio Tour will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, from 11:30 a.m. until "the golden hour" at 1844 E. Cinnabar Ave., Phoenix. Attendees can meet the artists, view their work and purchase the newly created paintings and sculptures.

If you go, Ortega asks that people park on the street; the road to the home is private and narrow. For more information, visit www.larryjortega.com.

Explore the Slope with area artists

The Sunnyslope Studio Tour will bring the community together through art once again this year as it celebrates its fifth year. Scheduled for Oct. 22–23, the fifth annual art experience happens throughout Phoenix's historic, quirky and diverse Sunnyslope area — 19th Avenue to SR51, Northern Avenue to Thunderbird Road.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit 23 professional artists who will be demonstrating and selling art as they tour 14 artist studios. Grinders Coffee Shop & Gallery at Dunlap and Central Avenue will feature the art of the Sunnyslope Studio Tour Artists, too. Experience the magic of these creative spaces.

This year's participants are painters, jewelers, glass artisans, ceramicists, sculptors and mixed media artists, including Judith Amiel-Bendheim, David Lloyd Bradley, Elizabeth Butler, Aileen Frick, Laura Cohen-Hogan, Edward DuBrow, Monica Gisel, Megan Jonas, Victoria Klotz, Kristine Kollasch, Madison Kopsa, Patty Lewis, Sandra Luehrsen, Miles Willis McDermott, Tess Mosko Scherer, Elissa Nowacki, Sandra Ortega, Ann Osgood, Lorraine Shwer, Lynn Smith, Jan Stiles, Joan Thompson, Scott Turner and Marissa Vidrio.

Sponsors of the event include Hansen Mortuaries & Cemeteries, North Mountain Brewing, Barry's Ace Hardware, Try Me Bicycle and The Eye Opener. The Tour's printed and digitally-interactive map makes it easy to find, shop and explore the hidden gem that "Slopers" call home.

Also taking place during the tour weekend, Sunnyslope Historical Society will launch theART HUB, Sunnyslope Saturday, Oct. 22.

Open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. at Sunnyslope Historical Society Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Rd., theART HUB, Sunnyslope is a newly created artist communication organization geared toward connecting, promoting and growing the artist community in Sunnyslope through events, showings, art classes and sales. The organization

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The epicenter of jazz in the Valley, The Nash, celebrates its 10th anniversary in October (photo by Carrie Motzing).

wants to encourage and support artists who play, create, display and sell in the Sunnyslope area. It is also mapping out all the currently existing art installations throughout the area, including sculptures, mosaics, murals, ironworks and glassworks.

For additional information about theART HUB, Sunnyslope, email info@theArtHUBSunnyslope.org or visit www.thearthubsunnyslope.org.

The Fifth Annual Sunnyslope Studio Tour, which runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, Oct. 22-23, is free and open to the public. For additional information, including an up-to-date tour map, visit www.sunnyslopestudiotour.com.

Nash celebrates 10 years of jazz

Since Wynton Marsalis played the first note at the grand opening Sept. 30, 2012, The Nash has become the epicenter for the greatest jazz moments in the Valley. For the past decade, top jazz artists have journeyed to Phoenix, from legends to rising stars, in order to perform at the downtown club named in honor of Phoenix's own Lewis Nash, considered a top jazz drummer in the world.

The club will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a massive celebration weekend planned, with events for families, concerts of Latin, Big Band and The Lewis Nash All-Star Quintet, a retrospective photo exhibition, as well as an appreciation event for the hundreds of volunteers who have contributed to The Nash's success.

The celebration kicks off with a private VIP event Oct. 27, followed by performance by Cocomama Latin Jazz, Oct. 28; the family-friendly and free daytime events Hot Dogs & Jazz and Education Expo, Oct. 29; evening performance by Lewis Nash All-Star Quintet, Oct. 29; and the SCC Jazz Orchestra with Jimmy Green, Oct. 30.

The Nash is located at 110 E. Roosevelt, in downtown Phoenix. Tickets are available at www.thenash.org. Student discounted tickets are available for all concerts. Use code "student" at checkout.

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On Sunday, December 11, the First United Methodist Church of Phoenix Concert Choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah…
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To date, LUNAFEST-created and funded by LUNA® the Whole Nutrition Bar, has shared the work of more than 170 women filmmakers, raising over $6.5 million for women's nonprofit organizations across the US and Canada.

BENEFICIARIES - ALL PROCEEDS FROM LUNAFEST WILL BENEFIT:

- Local nonprofit, SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PHOENIX https://www.siphx.org, whose mission is to empower women and girls by supporting their educational objectives
- CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES, a nonprofit organization that supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change.

IN PERSON:
Sunday, October 30th, 2-4pm

Where: Madison Center for the Arts 5601 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Tickets: Early Bird prior to October 21st $35/After October 21st $40. ***https://bit.ly/lunafest2022inperson***

VIRTUALLY:
November 5th, 2pm

A streaming link and password will be sent the morning of the event to all those who have purchased tickets. Purchasers will have 48-hour access to view the films until 2pm on Monday, Nov 7th.

Tickets: Early Bird Prior to October 28th $20/After Oct 28th $25. ***https://bit.ly/lunafest2022virtual***

MORE INFO:

Watch the film festival trailer: https://bit.ly/lunafest2022trailer

Visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/lunafestphoenix2022

Shop our on-line auction/raffle: https://soroptimistphx.rallyup.com/lunafestphoenix2022

Raise a glass with Shakespeare

In August, Arizona Center welcomed a Shakespearean comedy that has become a "smashed" hit to its new pop-up venue, The Rose Theatre.

Created by Scott Griffin and David Hudson and directed by Hudson and Lisa Klages, "Drunk Shakespeare" is a *New York Times*' Critic's Pick and "the best thing to happen to the theater," according to *Slate Magazine*. It begins with one actor drinking five shots of liquor before attempting to lead the cast through a Shakespeare play in under 90 minutes.

The show will be performed at The Rose Theatre, a new pop-up venue with a hidden entrance off the valet parking at Arizona Center. The theater features a library speakeasy with 10,000 books and craft cocktails served throughout each performance.

"The Drunk Shakespeare Society" has been meeting, drinking and performing Shakespeare for over a thousand nights and over a thousand liters of liquor. This troupe of rotating members share the epic poetry of William Shakespeare, but guests don't need to be a fan of Shakespeare to enjoy themselves. Pop culture references, improvisation, audience games, a wealth of surprises and liberal departures from the text (with outrageous consequences) make this fun for everyone.

Arizona Center is located at 455 N. 3rd St. Visit www.arizonacenter.com. "Dunk Shakespeare" will run through Jan. 14, which are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Attendees must be 21 or older. For more information and tickets, visit www.drunkshakespeare.com.

On The Town

From live music, dance and theater performances to family fun at the Arizona State Fair; from a full moon festival to classic film screenings and more — the fall season is in full swing with this month's many diverse events. See you on the town in October!

Champions of Magic
Oct. 6–7
Orpheum Theatre Phoenix
www.championsofmagic.co.uk; 602-262-7272

Marcus Mumford
Oct. 7
The Van Buren

The Not Just for Lovers Only Quartet
Oct. 7
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

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Jacob Banks
Oct. 7
Crescent Ballroom
www.crescentphx.com; 602-716-2222

'Spookley the Square Pumpkin: The musical'
Oct. 7–30
Valley Youth Theatre
www.vyt.com; 602-253-8188

Gunhild Carling
Oct. 8
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

Otsukimi — Full Moon Celebration
Oct. 8–9
Japanese Friendship Garden
www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org; 602-274-8700

Brass Against
Oct. 9
The Rebel Lounge
www.therebellounge.com; 602-296-7013

Urban Nocturnes
Oct. 9
Trinity Cathedral
www.trinitymusicaz.org; 602-254-7126

The War on Drugs
Oct. 10
The Van Buren
www.thevanburenphx.com

Michela Marino Lerman — 'American Tap'
Oct. 14
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

An Evening with John Waters
Oct. 14
Celebrity Theatre
www.celebritytheatre.com; 602-267-1600

'The Falling and the Rising'
Oct.14–16
Arizona Opera
www.azopera.org; 602-266-7464

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'A Romantic Evening' with Violinist Sarah Chang
Oct. 14–16
The Phoenix Symphony
www.phoenixsymphony.org; 602-495-1999

'Favorites — Past and Present'
Oct. 15
ProMusica Arizona at All Saints Lutheran Church
www.pmaz.org

Martin Bejerano
Oct. 15
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

Jazz Coffee House Concert Series
Oct. 16
Church of the Beatitudes
www.beatitudeschurch.org; 602-264-1221

Death Cab for Cutie
Oct. 17
The Van Buren
www.thevanburenphx.com

'Cinderella'
Oct. 20–23
Ballet Arizona
www.balletaz.org; 602-381-1096

'The Lion'
Oct. 20–Nov. 6
Arizona Theatre Company
www.arizonatheatre.org; 602-256-6995

Lil Nas X
Oct. 21
Arizona Financial Theatre
www.livenation.com

Thornetta Davis
Oct. 21
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

'Barbecue'
Oct. 21–Nov. 6
Black Theatre Troupe
www.blacktheatretroupe.org; 602-258-8128

Nick Mason's Saucerful of Secrets
Oct. 22
Madison Center for the Arts
www.themadison.org; 602-664-7777

'The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari'
Oct. 23
Orpheum Theatre
www.pccticketing.com

Matt Vandal
Oct. 23
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

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‘Bandstand’
Thru Oct. 23
The Phoenix Theatre Company
www.phoenixtheatre.com;
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‘Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner’
Oct. 25
Orpheum Theatre
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Jimmy Eat World & The Main
Oct. 28
Arizona Financial Theatre
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‘Hocus Pocus’
Oct. 28–30
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Plains
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Crescent Ballroom
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Blue October
Oct. 29
The Van Buren
www.thevanburenphx.com

Silent Sundays: ‘Phantom of the Opera’
Oct. 30
Orpheum Theatre
www.pccticketing.com

The Who
Oct. 30
Ak-Chin Pavilion
www.livenation.com

Arizona State Fair
Thru Oct. 30
www.azstatefair.com

King Princess
Oct. 31
The Van Buren
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tom D'Ambrosio, center, is co-owner of BLT Kitchens, a ghost kitchen in North Central Phoenix. Behind him are, from left, Devan Cunningham and Reece Robbins, with The Good Food Table, and Casey Moran and Carol Saldado, with ProKeto Snacks (photo by Marjorie Rice).

Café Chat

Ghost kitchens offer virtually everything

By Marjorie Rice

"Ghost Kitchens" — the name conjures up Halloween-ish images of goblins at the cooktop. Actually, they're communal prep spaces and commissary kitchens, where restaurants, caterers, food trucks, meal-preparation services and others in the food business can create full meals or specialty items, without the cost of traditional brick-and-mortar locations.

Or they can be "virtual restaurants," a brand whose recipes are prepared in a brick-and-mortar restaurant that could be turning out delivery-only dishes for several virtual brands in addition to its own menu items.

Customers order online through a delivery service such as Grubhub, DoorDash or Uber Eats. The order comes to the individual restaurants via computer. They prepare the food, and alert the delivery company when it's available for pickup.

It's a relatively new option for restaurants, given a boost by the COVID-19 pandemic, when customers relied on online ordering and delivery for their favorite restaurant meals. As COVID eased, and dine-in restaurants re-opened, customers kept on ordering delivered meals, providing steady business for delivery and pick-up-only companies.

The online presence for a restaurant operating out of a ghost kitchen looks just like one for a brick-and-mortar location. What makes them different is they offer delivery and pickup options only — no booths, no servers, no dine-in services at all.

North Central Phoenix boasts two such ghost food prep kitchens.

The Highland Food Hub, at Highland and 7th Avenue, is a sort of kitchen condominium, with up to 30 individual kitchens available for lease, as well as communal food storage including freezers and refrigerators. It offers on-site pickup and delivery services for its customers, which include restaurants, caterers and meal preparation companies.

BLT Kitchens, at 7th Street and Dunlap, is a 14,000-square-foot shared kitchen space.

On a given day you might find folks from AZ Lemonade Stand squeezing fruit for their juices, side-by-side with cooks from Modern Tortilla Food Truck and Catering, and Super Mac Bros. BLT customers sell through online delivery, food trucks, farmers markets and catering.

And there's that other type of ghost kitchen, a virtual food service operating inside a brick-and-mortar restaurant.

Tom D'Ambrosio is co-owner of

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BLT Kitchens with Kyle Hollenbeck. In addition to their BLT operations in North Central Phoenix and East Mesa, the pair also own Aioli Gourmet Burgers, which has three locations and several food trucks in the Valley.

The partners opened a commissary kitchen to handle their growing restaurant and food truck business. They bought the North Central location and made it available for other food service companies.

But that wasn't their first ghost kitchen experience.

"We were one of the first companies to operate a ghost kitchen, and that was in 2013 out of our Aioli Burgers," D'Ambrosio said. "We didn't know that was what they were called."

Here's how it works: a North Phoenix customer who orders a MrBeast Burger — a popular brand for online ordering — will get a burger that has been prepared in an Aioli kitchen to MrBeast's specifications and sent out in that brand's packaging.

It's a great way for someone with a food concept to expand their market without the expense of their own kitchen or sit-in restaurant, allowing MrBeast to have virtual "locations" across the country.

And it provides income for the ghost kitchen at little extra cost.

"Our staff is already there in the Aioli kitchens, and we're paying for that," D'Ambrosio said. "To add a few extra orders an hour helps the restaurant be able to pay our employees more."

Ghost kitchens got their start around the same time as online food delivery services, and they got a big boost during the pandemic, when people were confined to home but still wanted a restaurant meal. The kitchens provided operating space for food operators who wanted to stay in business, as well as start-ups at a time when buying or building a dine-in restaurant wasn't possible.

Ghost kitchen owners can operate on a shoestring, particularly when it comes to staff.

At Urban Beans, for example, in the Highland Food Hub, general manager Jasmine Valentine and cook Deanna Rodriguez are the only employees. Valentine works mornings, overlapping with Rodriguez at lunch, then

Jasmine Valentine, general manager at Urban Beans, readies ingredients for a vegan burrito (photo by Marjorie Rice).

Rodriguez covers evening orders. The company is owned by Virginia Senior, who developed most of the recipes, in conjunction with Valentine.

Urban Beans had a brick-and-mortar location at 7th Street and Osborn Road.

"COVID happened and everybody was ordering in instead of going out," Valentine said. That location was closed and the company moved into the Hub last October. Will they make the transition back to a building of their own?

"If the opportunity arises, we'd love to do it again," Valentine said. "Right now, we're focusing on growing our catering. We also are getting into farmers markets — we'll be in the Uptown Farmers Market on Central Avenue in the coming month — and this commissary is really good for that.

"The kitchen has helped us transition to catering and farmers markets that allow us to get our deli items to the public."

Farmers market customers will be able to buy vegan deli slices, cheeses, lasagna, marinara, pickles and charcuterie boards.

The charcuterie boards are a new service, with vegan cheeses and meats. They'll be available in coming months for catering and farmers markets, as well as online ordering. Check with Urban Beans for scheduling.

In another Highland Hub space, Sylvia Menchaca, former owner of

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Sylvia's La Canasta restaurant at 7th Avenue and Missouri, was working with her son, Mateo, and longtime employee Mercedes Martinez. Her restaurant closed in 2018, after 30 years. Recently, they closed another location, in Deer Valley.

"We looked for a place but there weren't any," Menchaca said. "I thought what are we going to do? I have to have a place for all our customers. So, I looked at ghost kitchens and found this one, right in my stomping grounds."

The kitchens are, to put it mildly, snug, and that works fine for Menchaca.

"The fact that it's very small makes us more efficient. We have learned that we can do a lot with a lot less. We used to have a mixer three times the size of the one we use here. We learned we don't need all that equipment and expense when we can just downsize."

While Menchaca plans to keep the Hub location for prep and catering, she hopes to find a brick-and-mortar site for a new Sylvia's La Canasta.

"In our next restaurant we're going to set it up like this, and we're going to work smaller and faster," she said.

Over at BLT, Alaina O'Donnell owns The Simple Chefs, a meal delivery service. She has no plans to have her own place, preferring instead the convenience and economy of the commissary kitchen.

"We chose this kitchen for the space," O'Donnell said. "They're large enough to hold everything we need. And we appreciate the low overhead. If you were trying to own and operate this space on your own, it would stop you before you even got started."

"The cards are so stacked against you in this food business that you need all the help you can get," D'Ambrosio said. "Our goal has been to provide a space where people can grow their business, learn from other people and eventually move on to their own space. I find a lot of joy in seeing people realizing their dreams."

The Highland Food Hub is located at 720 W. Highland Ave. Orders may be placed in person in a kiosk at the Hub, or online through each restaurant's website. The Hub is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For restaurants, visit their individual websites or call a food delivery service for their specific hours of operation. For information about leasing space at the Hub, call 602-805-0964, or visit www.highlandfoodhub.com.

Urban Beans Vegan is open for orders from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. For information, call 602-595-2244 or email onlineordersub@gmail.com.

Sylvia's La Canasta Central Phoenix Cloud Kitchen is open for orders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For information, call 602-740-8871 or visit www.sylviasfiesta.com.

For information about The Simple Chefs meal service, call 480-882-8565 or visit www.thesimplechefs.com.

Dining Briefs

Sip and savor at Aperitivo

Arizona Cocktail Weekend will take over the entire Rise Uptown Hotel in Phoenix Monday, Oct. 10, from 6–9 p.m., for the return of the one-night "Aperitivo" cocktail event.

Unfolding across the stylish, open-air grounds of this boutique mid-century modern property, attendees will be invited to sip and savor refreshing twists on classic poolside cocktails at Lylo Swim Club, enjoy sky-high high balls at the rooftop lounge, Don Woods' Say When, or stroll the grassy lawns of the pop-up garden party.

Cocktails and tastings are included in the $25 ticket price, with all proceeds benefitting local charity partners. The event is sponsored by Diageo, William Grant & Sons, Fernet and Rise Uptown.

Rise Uptown is located at 400 W. Camelback Rd. For tickets to the event, visit www.eventbrite.com and search "Aperitivo 2022" in Phoenix. Arizona Cocktail Weekend's signature event will return in 2023. For information, visit www.arizonacocktailweekend.com.

Celebrate the season with trio of treats

Urban Cookies Bakeshop is getting in the fall spirit with a trio of seasonal offerings in October.

From Oct. 4–27, enjoy the Pumpkin marshmallow cupcake (pumpkin cake topped with house-made toasted marshmallow); gluten-free Apple Ginger cupcake (gluten-free apple ginger cake topped with maple mascarpone frosting and dried apple

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dust); and the gluten free/vegan Maple donut (gluten free and vegan vanilla cake donut topped with maple glaze). Special Halloween/Dia de los Muertos-themed goodies will also be offered Oct. 28–31, and November and December holiday treats are on the horizon.

Urban Cookies Bakeshop is located at 2325 N. 7th Street Phoenix. For additional information, call 602-451-4335 or visit www.urbancookies.com.

Save the date for Devour 2023

One of the most anticipated annual Phoenix culinary events is set to open 2023 ticket sales in early November.

Local First Arizona's Devour Culinary Classic will once again bring together the culinary and beverage leaders that have established Arizona as a sought-after destination at the 14th annual event, which will take place Feb. 25–26 at the Desert Botanical Garden. The 2023 event marks the first in-person iteration of the beloved community event since 2020. Valley foodies who don't want to miss out should mark their calendars — tickets go on sale to the public Saturday, Nov. 5.

The 2023 event will offer two different ticket packages. The cost of each package includes ticketing and processing fees. Packages are available for single-day, 21+ attendance only. Those interested in attending both Saturday and Sunday must purchase a ticket package for each day. Ticket sales will first open to members of Local First Arizona, Desert Botanical Garden and the Southern Arizona Arts and Culture Alliance Oct. 24–Nov. 4. Tickets will go on sale to the public Nov. 5 and will continue until the event sells out.

The 14th Annual Devour Culinary Classic will be held Feb. 25–26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Desert Botanical Garden,1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix. For tickets and additional information, visit www.devourphoenix.com.

Dine under the stars to support Hance Park

The annual Noche en Blanco, produced by the Hance Park Conservancy in partnership with the Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department, will return to the park in October.

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, serving as honorary chair, invites guests 21 and over to enjoy the annual toast to the community, which will include a special recognition of former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, and his tremendous leadership in the creation of the park.

Foodie favorite Devour Culinary Classic returns in February, but tickets go on sale beginning in late October for this perennially sold-out event (photo courtesy of Devour Phoenix).

The event offers a night of elegant and culturally diverse community fun where guests are invited to dress in white costume cocktail attire, enjoy live entertainment and dine under the stars on the lush east lawn of Hance Park. Noche en Blanco is inspired by a similar "dinner in white" that started in Paris over 30 years ago and features long rows of tables draped in white linens with strings of sparkling lights overhead.

In the spirit of the origins of this community dinner, guests may bring their own picnics and non-alcoholic drinks, or they can pre-order gourmet picnic boxes and Garden Bar craft cocktail kits, crafted by Kim Haasarud, James Beard-honored mixologist and author, and owner of downtown Phoenix's Garden Bar.

Entertainment for the evening is a multicultural music and dance performance showcase featuring the Phoenix Afrobeat Orchestra and will include special performances from partners representing the Hance Park Conservancy board of trustees, including the Japanese Friendship Garden, Irish Culture Center, Arizona School for the Arts, The Nash and more.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Hance Park Conservancy HPC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the sustainability and future of Hance Park.

Presented by Clayco, the Seventh Annual Noche en Blanco will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, from 5–10p.m. Hance Park is located at 116 E. Moreland St. in downtown Phoenix. For tickets or additional information, visit www.hanceparkphx.org/noche-en-blanco-2022.

Hunter joins Pedal Haus team

There is a new culinary director at Pedal Haus Brewery, and he is already making his mark with an updated brunch menu.

Zach Hunter has 25 years of culinary experience that will help shape and develop the food menus served at Pedal Haus. After graduating from Arizona Culinary Institute, Hunter spent time working in several restaurants that were awarded two Michelin stars — Mugaritz in Spain and Atera in New York City. In 2012, he moved to Austin, where he was named Rising Star Chef of the Year by "CultureMap Austin." Most recently, he spent three years as corporate chef for Fox Restaurant Concepts and oversaw all creative development for the entire company.

Hunter's first impact on Pedal Haus is an updated brunch menu that debuted in September at the Downtown Phoenix Pedal Haus location. New items include Peaches & Cream Parfait — candied peaches, whipped mascarpone, blueberries, tart cherries, almond brittle, toasted coconut, granola; PB&J Sticky Buns — served with strawberry jam; Fried Chicken & Belgian Liege Waffles — honey butter, blackberry syrup; and Smoked Short Rib Hash — sunny side up eggs, crispy potatoes, green chili beer cheese, smoked corn, sweet & spicy peppers, chimichurri.

Pedal Haus Brewery entered the local craft beer scene in 2015 when it opened its first location on Mill Avenue in Tempe. Since then, it has won more than 32 medals and awards including a gold medal at the Great American Beer Festival in 2018 and Best Brewery in the United States at the 2019 Copa Cerveza de Americas.

Find Pedal Haus in downtown Phoenix at 214 E. Roosevelt St. For more information, call 623-213-8229 or visit www.pedalhausbrewery.com.

Full moon fundraiser supports culinary students

Valley residents are invited to join top chefs under a full moon as they gather to support Arizona's culinary students.

Chef Mark Tarbell will host the Eighth Harvest Moon Feast Sunday, Oct. 9. The event will benefit Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) and the 9,000 students in Arizona who receive the culinary, job and life skills training the 32-year-old nonprofit provides. The chef will also play music with Nate Nathan and the MacDaddy-Os, students will be cooking with chef mentors and chef Brother Luck will be signing his latest book, hot off the press, "No Lucks Given."

The 32-year-old organization, founded by Richard Grausman and long co-chaired by chef Marcus Samuelsson, is a workforce development nonprofit that strives to help further food and social justice, as well as equity and inclusion by providing tools for success. Annually, the organization provides culinary, job and life skills to over 20,000 middle-and-high school students in seven regions across the United States: New York City, Newark, Philadelphia and Camden, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington DC/ Maryland/Northern Virginia and Arizona, including seven Navajo Nation schools.

The C-CAP Harvest Moon Feast Fundraiser will be held at Tarbell's Oct. 9, 5:30–9 p.m. Tickets are $125–$200. Tarbell's is located at 3213 E. Camelback Rd. in Phoenix. For additional information, visit www.ccap-inc.org and click on the "Events" link.

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