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All AZ District 28 seats up for grabs

By Teri Carnicelli

Arizona's Legislative District 28 encompasses the majority of the North Central Phoenix community. North Central residents have an opportunity to influence the direction and future of their city neighborhoods with both the District 28 Senate and House races on the Nov. 4 ballot.

In the Arizona House of Representatives, voters can select two candidates. The race includes three names: incumbents Kate Brophy McGee (R) and Eric Meyer (D), and challenger Shawna Bolick (R).

In the Senate, incumbent Adam Driggs (R) is being challenged by Kelli Butler (D) for the one seat available.

Below are profiles of the candidates along with key questions that North Central residents have indicated are of great importance to them. Note that Adam Driggs did not respond to voice mail messages

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North Central native Catherine Landry grabs a wheelbarrow to help move mixed concrete inside a building to lay a floor down for a rural school during a service trip in Chipocolaj, Guatemala. She traveled there with a group from Fordham University in 2011 (photo courtesy of Cathy Landry).

Local resident heads to Mozambique

By Teri Carnicelli

As she finished the last of her packing, Catherine "Cathy" Landry of North Central Phoenix said she felt both excited and nervous to be starting the next phase of her life.

Landry, 22, departed for Mozambique on Sept. 24 to begin training as a Secondary Education English volunteer for the Peace Corps. Landry will live and work at the community level to make a difference by working as an English teacher for middle and high school students.

"At this point in my life, I don't think I would be happy doing anything else," said Landry, daughter of Larry and Nancy Landry and a graduate of Xavier College Preparatory. "I consider it an honor to serve my country and our global community as a volunteer, and I'm thrilled to get started."

During the first three months of her service, Landry will live with a host family in Mozambique to learn the local language and integrate into the local culture.

"The official language of Mozambique is actually Portuguese," Landry pointed out. "I studied Spanish at Xavier and it was also one of my majors in college, so I speak it pretty fluently. I only started studying Portuguese this summer after I found out I would be going to Mozambique, but I'll have

three months of language training with Peace Corps once I get there. I think it will come pretty quickly with my Spanish background."

After acquiring the language and cultural skills that will help her make a lasting difference, Landry will be sworn into service and assigned to a community in Mozambique where she will serve for two years. Landry will teach conversational English, and teach English as a Foreign Language, or content-based English in middle and high schools. In addition to classroom teaching, she will share resources and develop teaching materials with local teachers, and become involved in community- and school-based projects.

Landry attended Fordham University where she

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Celebrating the ribbon cutting of the new D-backs Give Back Vocational Training Center on the campus of ValleyLife are, from left: Cletus Thiebeau, president and CEO of ValleyLife; Ernest J. Martinez, grants compliance supervisor for the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department; Jennifer Baier, senior program manager of Vocational Services at ValleyLife; Baxter, the Arizona Diamondbacks mascot; Andrew L. and Danielle M., program members at ValleyLife; Cheryl Ruggiero of Thunderbirds Charities; and Debbie Castaldo, executive director of the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Vocational center gets refreshed at ValleyLife

By Teri Carnicelli

Cletus Thiebeau will never forget the day in November 2012 when he got a phone call from Derrick Hall, president and CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks franchise. Hall called Thiebeau, who is president and CEO of ValleyLife, to inform him that the nonprofit organization had been selected to receive the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation \$100,000 Grand Slam Grant.

That grant funded the final phase

of ValleyLife's three-year renovation of its vocational center, now named the D-backs Give Back Vocational Training Center.

"Cultural philanthropy means more than just charity," said Debbie Castaldo, executive director of the Diamondbacks Foundation. "It means identifying a quest for excellence and a commitment to achieve those goals."

ValleyLife, she pointed out, has more than 50 years of commitment to achieving goals for the individuals it serves.

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earned bachelor's degrees in English and Spanish in 2014. "As a Jesuit institution, Fordham instilled in me a love of service and a sense of duty towards our larger global community," said Landry.

But that love of service has much earlier roots. At Xavier, Landry was a member of Key Club and National Honor Society, as well as Student Council. She completed several community service projects with those organizations.

"My parents also have always volunteered or dedicated time to our Phoenix community, so I'd say I was raised with an emphasis on service to others," Landry added.

She also became heavily involved in community service organizations on campus at Fordham University, and she volunteered at several nonprofits around New York City. She interned at the US Fund for UNICEF in New York.

Landry was a member of the Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Exchange program in 2009, when she traveled to Himeji, Japan. She also studied for a semester in Buenos Aires, Argentina in

the fall of 2012.

"I knew I wanted to join the Peace Corps because I'm interested in pursuing a career in international development work," said Landry. "Still, two years is much longer than just one semester, so I'm definitely nervous. Plus, this is the first time I'll be abroad for an extended period of time in a developing country, without a reliable Internet connection or even running water. I expect it will be a huge adjustment.

"It's a little overwhelming to think about, and I know it will be difficult," Landry admitted. "I've never been to Mozambique or anywhere in Africa before, so it's all completely unknown to me. While I'm sad to be going so far away from my family and friends, who have been wonderful and supportive, I'm so excited to finally have this dream come true."

Landry joins more than 100 Arizona residents now serving in the Peace Corps and nearly 3,500 Arizona residents who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961. There currently are 211 volunteers in Mozambique working in the areas of education and health.



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House of Representatives

Challenger **Shawna Bolick** (R), 39, has lived in Arizona and the district for 13 years. She earned a B.A. in Policy Studies from Syracuse University in 1997 and a Master's in Public Policy from American University in 1999. She is director of business development for Arizona School Choice Trust. Campaign website: www.BolickforArizona.com

Incumbent **Kate Brophy McGee** (R), 59, is a native of Arizona and has lived in her district for 30 years. She earned a B.A. With Distinction in 1977 from the University of Arizona and completed work toward a Master's of Business Administration degree in 1979-81. First elected in 2010, she is completing her second term in the Arizona House of Representatives. Campaign website: www.katemcgee.com

Incumbent **Dr. Eric Meyer** (D), 53, has been an Arizona resident for 36 years and has lived in the district for 17 years. He earned a B.S. in economics from the University of Southern California in 1983; completed pre-med requirements at Arizona State University in 1984; received an M.D. degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1988; and did an Emergency Medicine Residency at Oregon Health Sciences University in 1993. He is completing his third term in the Arizona House of Representatives. Campaign website: www.EricforAZ.com

QUESTION 1: *Coming into 2015, what do you think is the most pressing issue facing our state?*

Bolick: One of the greatest threats to Arizona's future is unfunded federal mandates. We should never place our state budget at the disposal of the federal government. There has never been a federal program that delivered more or cost less than was promised. I believe

it is the height of fiscal irresponsibility to vote for a program if you don't know how much it will cost, and as a state representative I will never ever do that.

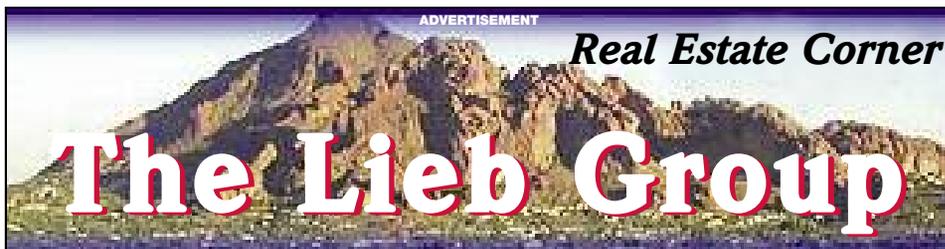
McGee: Education, and education funding is the most pressing issue we face. The severity of the great recession necessitated deep cuts to many areas of government and K-12 and higher education were not spared. Our economy is recovering slowly, and we are faced with another deficit situation due to slower-than-projected revenue growth and recent court-mandated payments to schools in settlement of a four-year lawsuit. Whatever solutions we enact, we must do so without destabilizing the budget. It will require leadership at all levels.

Meyer: The most critical issue facing our state is our failure to invest in the future. Our state's brand has been tarnished. We have cut funding for education by over \$4 billion, voted to deny 47,000 children healthcare and are one of a few states that have not recovered the jobs lost in the recession. These cuts and lack of economic recovery plan are unacceptable. As a former school board member in Scottsdale and a school advocate with children of my own, I believe education must be our single highest priority. As a state we need to start investing in our children. We need classrooms that prepare our children for college and a knowledge-based economy.

QUESTION 2: *What do you think the state should do to help the struggling public education system in Arizona?*

Bolick: Education is my top priority. As a whole, Arizona's K-12 education system lags the rest of the country. I favor giving all parents greater choices over where to spend their children's educational dollars. I am proud to have raised millions of dollars for scholarships for low-income and disabled children. At the same time, I will work to ensure that a larger share of public school dollars are directed to the classroom. Every year, the state auditor general

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I usually try not to get caught up publicly with political issues but Suzanne Trevino, who is a volunteer chair for Madison Community Advocates, called me a couple of weeks ago and asked me to discuss the upcoming Madison Bond initiative in this article. I felt it was a critical issue to the growth and stability for Central Phoenix, so I asked Suzanne to send me a write up so that I could explain it to all of you who read this column.

By saying Yes to the Madison Bond Initiative, we are funding critical infrastructure projects, safety upgrades, and maintenance and technology updates for the next ten years. We are also saying yes to maintaining our home values because strong schools translate into strong neighborhoods. All of this without raising taxes! This Bond Program was fully vetted by a citizen's committee and the included projects were deemed necessary for safety and successful student learning. While our State Legislature has slashed education funding, our District with the help of our community has thrived. We can look to neighboring districts who have not been able to pass their initiatives and see they are closing schools, increasing class size, teaching in dilapidated classrooms and slashing specials like art and music. We can ensure this doesn't happen in the Madison School District without raising taxes by voting Yes on November 4.

*Suzanne Treviño
Volunteer Chair,
Madison Community Advocates*

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eral finds that Arizona spends a smaller percentage of education dollars in the classroom—currently a record low of 54 cents of every dollar. Education takes place in the classroom, not in the administration. We must make sure that funding follows students and is not diverted along the way.

McGee: Schools are badly in need of funding to support the mandates we have enacted as a legislature. It is past time to resolve funding for the Prop 301 lawsuit which began over four years ago and which the courts have said we must pay. We must all come to the table and agree on immediate and longer-term funding solutions. State Trust Land—management, future land sales and the fund balance—is one of the solutions to adequate funding for our schools.

Meyer: K-12 education is dramatically underfunded. Funding alone will never solve our problems, but using additional resources in an effective way will absolutely improve the quality of education in Arizona. As it stands now,

the state ranks 49th in the country in per-student spending. We must attract and keep high-quality professionals in our classrooms. Millions in additional revenue could be generated by closing tax loopholes and eliminating tax credits.

State Senate

Challenger **Kelli Butler** (D), 46, is a native Arizonan and has lived in the district for 38 years. She attended Cocopah and Chaparral in Scottsdale and the University of Arizona. She serves as office manager for Butler Family Dental in Glendale. Campaign website: www.kellibutleraz.com.

QUESTION 1: *Coming into 2015, what do you think is the most pressing issue facing our state?*

Butler: Arizona's lagging economic recovery is the most critical issue facing our state in 2015. Creating opportunity through education and workforce development, and investing in infrastructure and 21st century industries are essential components of increasing economic development in Arizona. Divisive legislation and underfunded public schools are unnecessary road-



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blocks to our full economic recovery. We need leaders who will focus on sensible, bipartisan solutions to the range of challenges facing our state.

QUESTION 2: *What do you think the state should do to help the struggling public education system in Arizona?*

Butler: Arizona's public schools are in crisis. The State Legislature should immediately fund the voter and court mandated \$317 million inflation funding due our schools this year. We need to ensure that these additional funds go to our classrooms to reduce class sizes, currently among the highest in the nation. Highly trained and qualified teachers are critical to our students' success, yet Arizona sees one-third of our teachers leaving the profession each year. Our elected officials must commit to working to responsibly restore the billions cut from our public schools and state universities.

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Bond elections set for two school districts

By Teri Carnicelli

Some residents in North Central Phoenix will be asked to vote on Nov. 4 in bond elections for the Madison Elementary School District and the Glendale Union High School District. However, both school districts say that their residents' taxes will not go up.

Bonds are a debt instrument, approved by the voters, which are issued by a school district. Bonds are entirely funded by the levy of taxes on the secondary assessed value of property located within the district. They allow school districts to fund capital projects and pay back the debt over time using tax dollars.

Bonds can only be used to fund particular capital projects such as new school and facility construction, instructional technology, school and athletic renovations, preventative maintenance and repairs, and student transportation vehicles. A school district cannot utilize designated bond funds for purposes other than those defined

in the voter pamphlet and may not be used for Maintenance & Operations expenses such as employee positions and salaries, benefits, utilities, and instructional supplies.

State funding for school improvements and building construction has decreased since 2008.

Madison School District

The Madison District will ask its voters if they will authorize the school district to issue and sell \$95 million principal amount of school improvement bonds for projects that have been researched, developed, and prioritized by a volunteer citizens' committee.

The district believes there will be little to no increase to voters' secondary property taxes, as an existing tax will be phased out at the end of the year and would be replaced by the bond initiative tax, if passed.

On Nov. 3, 2009, Madison residents voted in favor of a district bond program, providing Madison with a five-year, \$30 million bond sale. Madison estimates that the average annual secondary tax rate for bonds

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will not increase over the current rate of \$1.21 per \$100 of secondary assessed value (assessed at 10 percent of full cash value) for the duration of the bonds, should this new bond election pass.

State funding for school construction is not available and is not expected to become available anytime soon," said Superintendent Quinn Kellis. "With no estimated tax increase, the continuation of the Madison bond funding will allow older schools to be rebuilt, older buses to be replaced, fine arts facilities to be constructed, and other physical improvements to be implemented for every school in the district."

If the new bonds are approved, the district would have the authorization to issue and sell bonds for 10 years.

Glendale Union High School District

The Glendale Union High School District currently is in the fifth year of a budget override. By state statute, every five years, a special election can be held to approve the continuation of a maintenance and operation (M & O) budget override. This continuation will

not increase taxes, district officials say.

The GUHSD Governing Board authorized a Citizens Committee of more than 90 people to review the district's M & O budget with the two-fold goal of making recommendations on whether or not to call for the election, and recommending program cuts or reductions if the override funding is not available next year. After numerous citizens and community meetings, the recommendation was to call for a special election to renew the override funding, which will not be an increase in taxes.

Should the election fail, the committee recommended reductions in the amount of \$7.6 million.

In addition to recommending the elimination of educational and extracurricular programs and services, the committee discussed alternative ways to generate revenue to compensate for the shortfall if the override fails. The committee examined such possibilities as charging fees for participation in clubs and athletics, increasing event ticket prices, and increasing student parking prices. However, the committee also realized that revenue generated from these

sources is not significant enough nor are these funds sustainable to offset the need for an override.

After the committee presented their findings to the GUHSD Governing Board, board members unanimously called for a special election for the renewal of the Maintenance & Operation Override.

SFX moms group meets on Oct. 9

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Moms Ministry's goal is to gather all parish mothers together to form a network of mutual, spiritual support and to provide a social experience of learning, praying and ministering to each other.

The group's next event is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. The topic of discussion will be "Does God Have a Plan for You?" The meeting is for moms only. No childcare is provided. The session will take place at the Ignatian Spirituality Center, 4801 N. 1st St.

For more information, e-mail: sfx-moms@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/sfxmoms.

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vides services to individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities. The goal for these individuals, referred to as “members,” is to provide opportunities for increased independence, community involvement, and to subsidize—or eliminate—dependence on government funded support programs.

The vocational training center, located on the ValleyLife campus at 1142 W. Hatcher Road, now models a professional work environment, accommodates more trainees, and includes new offices and conference rooms that can accommodate new training classes and programs.

“This was your vision, and we could not be a prouder investor,” Castaldo said.

The first phase of the much-needed renovation began with a donation from the Thunderbirds Charities, which was used to demolish and rebuild the restrooms to make them lighter, brighter and more accessible for wheelchairs.

Phase two, which included a new break room with updated appliances, additional storage areas, and a new roof, was paid for with a city of Phoenix Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a private donor.

The last and biggest renovation came after the Diamondbacks’ Grand Slam Grant, which “allowed us to make final, significant changes to the facility,” Thiebeau explained. New offices with large windows looking into the main floor area were constructed around the perimeter, and new lighting was installed to improve safety.

“We were able to add a conference room, make much-needed repairs to the floors, and paint the entire interior,” Thiebeau added. “We also were

able to install high-quality ceiling insulation, which is reducing our heating and cooling costs.”

Thiebeau said the space now looks and feels like a professional training center. “Last year alone, ValleyLife placed 57 people in meaningful employment, and over the last two years ValleyLife has placed more than 100 individuals with disabilities in community jobs—and we are just beginning.”

The Vocational Services Department at ValleyLife provides employment training and placement services for more than 200 individuals annually, serving individuals with a wide variety of disabilities—including developmental, physical and behavioral health.

The program is staffed by highly skilled job coaches and developers. These professionals go out in the community and build partnerships with local companies, which in turn provide on-site job training services, and occasionally permanent employment opportunities. The coaches and developers also support the ValleyLife member by providing job search services, interview skills training, resume building, and dress for success programs, as well as providing job skill training and ongoing employment support.

“We provide support at all levels,” said Jennifer Baier, senior program manager of Vocational Services at ValleyLife. “For some this may be just help in finding a job, but for others, we provide ongoing, on-site support for members while they are in the workplace. I am not sure there is anything more rewarding than going to visit a member at their job-site and having them tell you how happy they are to be working.”

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St. George Feast of the Middle East

Oct. 3-5

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

4530 E. Gold Dust Ave.

602-953-1921

Featuring a menu of Middle Eastern favorites including hummus, tabouli, shwarma, kebabs, gyros and falafel as well as a signature 50-foot long dessert table. Also includes live music and entertainment, a children’s area with bounce houses, and more. Admission is free. Located southwest of Shea and Tatum. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Visit www.stgeorgefoodfestival.org.

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Nightmare on 7th Street

6:30-10 p.m. Oct. 17-18 & 24-25

Vaseo Village Apartments

16220 N. 7th St.

Open to Phoenix residents of all ages, and for the not so faint at heart, the Vaseo Haunted House is sure to be an experience to remember. The event also features a wide array of activities

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including tarot card reading, face painting, raffle prizes and music. This year, the event will offer food from the on-site 7th Street HotSpot Café and Market. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door for \$2 per person, per entry. Proceeds benefit the Washington Elementary School District, and Thunderbird and North Canyon High Schools. Visit www.vaseohauntedhouse.com.

Arab American Festival

4-9 p.m. Oct. 18-19

**Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Road
602-412-1525**

A non-political, non-religious event established to build community pride and showcase the Arab American community's diversity of music, arts, and cultures. Multi-generational and multi-cultural families gather to enjoy music, arts and crafts, entertainment, and services from local businesses, foods, and vendors. There also will be children's activities. Admission is \$5 for adults; free for age 9 and younger. Visit www.arabamericanfestival.com.

Rainbows Festival and Street Fair

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 18-19

**Heritage Square Park
115 N. 6th St.
602-277-7433**

Put on by Phoenix Pride, this free street fair celebrates the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and "questioning" (LGBTQ) community. The festival features more than 150 exhibitors and live entertainment, and is the second-largest LGBTQ event in the state, next to the Phoenix Pride Festival. Visit www.phoenixpride.org.

Pumpkins at the Peak

5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24

**River Ranch,
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort
7677 N. 16th St.**

The River Ranch water park will be transformed into a glowing carnival of jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, and ghouls for the 18th-annual event, benefiting St. Mary's Food Bank. Open to the public with a canned food or \$5 donation to St. Mary's Food Bank required for entry, the carnival will feature live entertainment, festive treats, family games, crafts and costume fun. Families are encouraged to dress in their most spirited Halloween costumes.

Trunk-Or-Treat

4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

**Church of Beatitudes
555 W. Glendale Ave.**

Enjoy a safe Halloween party on church grounds. Activities include games, crafts, prizes, raffle drawings, songs and free hotdogs. A Wizard of OZ skit will be performed at 6 p.m. Angry Birds and Minnie Mouse will be there. Don't forget to "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot. The event is free and open to the community.

The Harvest Festival & Community Marketplace

Oct. 25-26

**Open Door Fellowship Church
8301 N. 19th Ave.
602-677-7797**

Trick or treat in a fun, safe community marketplace. Kids can go from booth to booth to win candy. There will be food vendors and business and service booths. Enjoy games, activities, live music, a pumpkin patch, crafts, a bounce house, pumpkin decorating and more. Admission is free. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

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Swap Meet

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
 American Legion Post 75
 10625 N. Cave Creek Road
 602-943-8477

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Swap Meet

Parking Lot Sale

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 4-5
 Sunnyslope History Museum
 737 E. Hatcher Road
 602-331-3150

No clothes or shoes but a wide selection of household goods, furniture, collectibles and more. Proceeds benefit the Sunnyslope Historical Society.

Native American Connections Parade

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
 Downtown Phoenix
 3rd Street and Oak

The 32nd-annual parade will head north on 3rd Street and will end at the Steele Indian School Park. After the parade, there will be an Open House at Steele Indian School Park to showcase the renovation project of the former band building. A Native American Gourd Dance also will be held during that time to honor American Veterans.

All events are free and open to the public. Visit www.nativeconnections.org

Community Yard Sale

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
 Holiday Spa Mobile Home Park
 10401 N. Cave Creek Road

There are more than 300 units in Holiday Spa. Residents will offer their wares on their driveways or patios. The gates will be open for this event. See what residents have to offer and purchase what you just can't live without.

Shred Day

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
 Comerica Theatre
 400 W. Washington St.

This one-day, free event is hosted by the city of Phoenix Police Department; look for the large truck parked in front of the theater. Residents can securely destroy and recycle up to four boxes or bags per vehicle of their personal or business paper documents. While there is no charge to participate, guests are encouraged to bring a suggested donation of two non-perishable food items to support the St. Mary's Food Bank.

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book “Dubliners,” by Irish novelist James Joyce, was published. The book discussion features the first 14 books. Free. Visit www.azirishlibrary.org.

Sunnyslope Historical Society Meeting
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
 Sunnyslope History Museum
 737 E. Hatcher Road
 602-331-3150

Guest speakers are a group of men who made history for Sunnyslope High School in 1959. This group of gridiron warriors won the Class A North Conference championship, and was later named Class A State champion. In only the sixth year of existence, these young men led Sunnyslope High School to its only undefeated, untied, state championship in football. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Phoenix Writers Club
 12-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
 Bluewater Grill
 1720 E. Camelback Road

Guest speaker is Geraldine Birch, a former reporter and editor for various newspapers in the Los Angeles area, as well as a reporter, editor, and political columnist for the *Sedona Red Rock News*. Birch’s column, “Gerrymandering,” was awarded first place nationally by the National Newspaper Association. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Reservations must be made by Oct. 15. RSVP to neeliepubl@aol.com with Phoenix Writers Club in the sub-

ject line. Members and the public are welcome to attend.

AAUW hosts CEO of First Things First
 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21
 Beatitudes Luther Life Center
 1616 W. Glendale Ave.
 602-992-8145

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW (The American Association of University Women) hosts Sam Leyvas, CEO of First Things First, one of the critical partners in creating a family-centered, collaborative and high-quality system, which supports health and early education of all Arizona’s children from birth through the age of 5. An optional dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. (\$15). RSVP for the dinner only. Visitors are welcome. Enter the Beatitudes at the gate by the flagpole off Glendale Avenue.

Discover Madison Tour
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24
 Madison District Office
 5601 N. 16th St.
 602-664-7944

Have a student entering kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year? The Madison School District hosts its annual Discover Madison Tour, to allow local families to learn about kindergarten programs and take a bus tour of five elementary schools to determine which program is a perfect fit for your child. RSVP online at www.madisonaz.org/discovertour or call the district office.

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Empty Bowls Benefit

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17
Arizona Center
400 E. Van Buren St.
602-875-9309

A benefit for Waste Not, an agency that feeds the Valley's hungry men, women and children. For a minimum \$12 donation, patrons select their own unique, handcrafted ceramic bowl from thousands of bowls made by friends and members of Arizona Clay Association from clay donated by Marjon Ceramics

and Laguna Clay. The bowl is then filled with a lunch donated by Canyon Café. Patrons keep the commemorative bowl as a reminder that someone else's bowl is always empty. A boutique will feature many one-of-a-kind pieces of ceramic art, for sale in addition to the regular \$12 bowls. Visit www.arizonaclay.org.

Anam Cara Award Gala

6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17
Irish Cultural Center
1106 N. Central Ave.
602-258-0109

Anam Cara "Soul Friend" honorees are Arizona Sen. John McCain and Janice Bryson. Celebrate their commitment to the Irish community and enjoy Irish food, song and dance. There also will be silent and live auction items. Table seating is limited. Reserve your ticket online at www.azirishlibrary.org. Click the Anam Cara Gala button.

Rise Above Hunger

3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26
The Hilvert House,
Phoenix Country Club
106 N. Country Club Drive
602-499-4089

The "tasting" fundraiser cocktail party will feature a historic home in the Phoenix Country Club built in 1929 and blessed by the Pope in 1930. It housed President John F. Kennedy during a visit to Phoenix in the early 1960s and has a colorful past. Festivities include live music, a raffle, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar, and more. Tickets are \$40 each; attire is dressy-casual. Visit www.icmaz.org.

Jubilee Honoring Elizabeth Taylor

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28
The Wrigley Mansion
2501 E. Telawa Trail
602-307-5330

A benefit for the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, with collaboration from the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. V.I.P. tickets are \$40 plus fees for those 18-30 years old, and National Velvet Circle tickets (for age 30 and older) are \$75 plus fees, both of which include the main reception. Father of the Bride tickets are \$175 and include the reception, a full sit-down dinner, and a showing of "Father of the Bride" in the Garden Room, hosted by Laela Wilding, eldest granddaughter of Elizabeth Taylor. Purchase tickets at www.elizabethtayloratthewrigley.org.



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A catered food and wine event. All collected monetary donations will go to benefit Desert Mission's various holiday programs, including its annual Turkey Distribution, which will distribute more than 2,500 turkeys and holiday meals to neighbors in need.

Editor's note: to see more Benefits from organizations like Goodwill of Arizona, Komen CAN-AZ, Cancer Support Community and more, click on the Benefits Calendar link at www.northcentralnews.net.

Squaw Peak Heights hosts fall meeting

The Squaw Peak Heights Neighborhood Association holds its fall meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1212 E. Glendale Ave.

As always, a police department representative will provide an update on safety and security issues for the neighborhood and the surrounding areas. Also several other significant issues will be discussed.

The Squaw Peak Heights Neighborhood Association boundaries run from 12th to 16th streets, and the cul-de-sacs north of Glendale Avenue down to Maryland Avenue. Residents from the adjacent neighborhoods are all welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dan Trozzi at dtrozzi@cox.net or 602-230-8556.

Vendors sought for fall bazaar

Holiday Spa Mobile Home Community, 10401 N. Cave Creek Road, is seeking vendors for its Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Vendors are welcome to display their wares inside the community's Clubhouse. Tables are \$2 each.

Setup is Friday evening after 5 p.m. in the Clubhouse and early Saturday morning before 8 a.m. To reserve a table, contact Trish at 602-657-0601.

Tapatio Cliffs hosts painting at sunset

Home to some of the best views in the Valley, each Thursday the iconic mountainside Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, 11111 N. 7th St., invites

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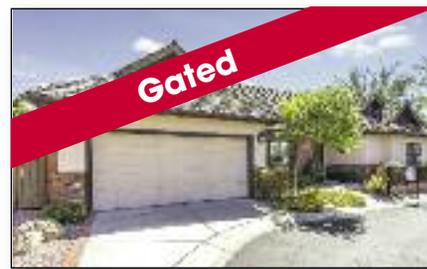
Hosted on the patio of the Terrace Room lounge nearly 1,800 feet above the city, during "Sunset Palettes" artist Dina Murphy from The Painter's Studio will lead attendees through a casual, fun and social painting class to create a desert sunset masterpiece. Class attendees also will be treated to half-off pricing on lounge menu appetizers, house wines, beers and cocktails offered at the Terrace Room.

"Sunset Palettes" is offered 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 2 and 9, and 5:30-7 p.m. for classes Oct. 16-Nov. 6. The class is available for \$35 per person, which includes all supplies for painting and access to exclusive discounted food and beverage at the Terrace Room.

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When you prepare a power of attorney, you are referred to as the "principal." A power of attorney is "durable" if it remains effective even if the principal becomes incapacitated. In order for a power of attorney to be durable, A.R.S. §14-5501 requires that it provide similar language to the following: "This power of attorney is not affected by subsequent disability or

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The person you name to assist you with finances is your "agent." The durable power of attorney should list an alternate agent in case the person you list first cannot serve. For example, if you list your spouse as your agent, but your spouse is ill too, then you need an alternate agent.

Durable powers of attorney can be made contingent upon your incapacity. For most people, they will need an agent's help before they are incapacitated. Therefore, if the durable power of attorney is immediately effective, then the agent can be of assistance during

short term illnesses or simply to deal with difficult billing departments when you might not have the strength to do so.

Durable powers of attorney are necessary even if a person holds his assets in trust. For example, access to retirement plans, like an IRA, can only be obtained by an agent under a power of attorney, not a trustee. Also, the providers of services for health or personal care needs often require the signature of an agent and not a trustee. The durable power of attorney is normally limited to finances when a person is living, so in addition to this document, a health care power of attorney and Will is needed.

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Pet of the Month
Mac is a mushy, cuddly love bug

Mac is a cuddly love bug who doesn't take life too seriously. Lighthearted and upbeat, the 1-year-old acts like a puppy and is constantly wiggling with jittery excitement. Full of fun and games, this little poodle loves to play fetch, go for walks and mingle with other dogs at the dog park.

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Mac is a companion dog and adores humans. He knows the basic commands, is leash trained, house trained and can make good use of a doggy door but he doesn't need a huge yard. He is very active within the house, and

prefers enclosed spaces—making him the perfect dog for urban dwellers in townhouses or condos. He will need regular grooming but enjoys going to the doggy day spa.

Mac's adoption fee is only \$50, since he's been at the shelter for more than a month. For more information about Mac, call 602-997-7585, ext. 2045 or stop by the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Mac may have been adopted by the time you reach the shelter; however, there are dozens of dogs just waiting for their forever homes. To see all the pets that are available, visit www.azhumane.org.

Tips for hiking with your dog

Would you like to enjoy the outdoors more with your dog? Have you had problems with your dog or other dogs on the trail? Are you worried that you might hurt your dog if you hike too long with him or her?

Dog trainer Leslie Spencer-Snyder offers a Dog Hiking Class at 7:30 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month this fall and winter at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St. The class is \$15, or sign up for four sessions for only \$40.

Spencer-Snyder, who uses alternative training methods for dogs and people, will go over conditioning you and your dog for the trail, proper trail etiquette, emergency first aid, hiking with a backpack on your dog, and the



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Valley residents are invited to bring in their pups to get squeaky clean and showered with affection during ReThink Advertising's 5th Annual Rescue Rinse on Saturday, Oct. 11. Proceeds from the event will benefit Lucky Dog Rescue (submitted photo).

laws, rules and regulations of the Phoenix Mountain Preserves. She also will discuss how to handle wildlife encounters, horseback riders and mountain bikers, and the proper care for you dog's paws.

Each class size is limited to eight dogs. Call 602-679-1955 to reserve your space.

Local dogs get washed for a cause

The parking lot of ReThink Advertising, 4714 N. 44th St., will once again be transformed into the agency's 5th Annual Rescue Rinse on Saturday, Oct. 11. This year's beneficiary will be Lucky Dog Rescue, an all-volunteer, nonprofit animal rescue organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless animals and educating the community on responsible pet ownership.

Valley residents are invited to bring their pups in from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to get squeaky clean and showered with affection, all for a compassionate cause—and a financial donation.

In addition, several foster dogs with Lucky Dog Rescue will be on hand looking for their forever homes. All adoptable dogs have been spayed, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

The ReThink offices will be stocked with clean water, organic shampoo, treats and more for any canine in need. Pet parents can socialize while munching on a variety of breakfast treats and fresh coffee. Attendees also can partici-

pate in a silent auction with prizes such as ASU Sun Devil football tickets, concert shows, goodie baskets for your furry friends and more.

All washes are by donation only, and a minimum \$20 donation will get you a special ReThink gift. For more information, visit www.rescuerinse.com or www.luckydogrescue.org.

Pet blessing includes stuffed animal friends

First Congregational Church's annual Pet Blessing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the church, 1421 E. 2nd St.

This year's event features three Congregational ministers conducting benedictions for all types of pets. For the first time, clergy will also bless children's stuffed animals.

Several animal rescue organizations and suppliers of goods and services for pets will staff tables in the garden like church courtyard.

Pastor James Pennington will offer an introductory message. People and pet refreshments will be served. Participation is free and open to all, and includes a Certificate of Blessing with a photo of the pets and pet parents.

For more information, call 602-828-2698 or e-mail warren_adrienne@yahoo.com.



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**Spotlight On...
Jensen receives military families' scholarship**

North Central resident Hailey Jensen, a recent graduate of Xavier College Preparatory, was the recipient of a \$2,000 college scholarship awarded through the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

The program was initiated in 2000 to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students. It is open to qualified sons and daughters of members of the U.S. Armed Services including active duty, retirees, guard/reserves, as well as children of deceased military personnel. Applications are turned in through base commissaries.

Jensen, daughter of U.S. military member Karl Jensen, was awarded through Luke Air Force Base's commissary. Manufacturers and organizations that do business with the commissary system fund the scholarships with money ordinarily used for various other contests and promotions. Jensen's scholarship was funded through the generosity of Post Cereal.



Hailey Jensen

Jensen, who played lacrosse and tennis while at Xavier, is attending the University of Virginia this fall.

McKenna honored by U.S. Surgeon General

Arizona skin cancer advocate and North Central resident Sharon McKenna recently was honored for her efforts by U.S. Surgeon General Boris



North Central resident and melanoma survivor Sharon McKenna recently was recognized by U.S. Surgeon General Boris D. Lushniak for her advocacy in the Arizona SunWise Skin Cancer Prevention Program (submitted photo).

D. Lushniak at his national Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer.

McKenna, a melanoma survivor, manages the Arizona SunWise Skin Cancer Prevention Program, and is credited with implementing the nation's first sun safety education mandate. Arizona is considered a model for skin cancer prevention efforts, with more than 250 partners.

McKenna oversees a curriculum mandate for Arizona's 1,100 public schools, speaks at 300 free events annually across the state, and serves on national task forces and boards.

One in five Arizonans develop skin cancer. McKenna, 48, has undergone 31 procedures. Most skin cancers can be prevented, yet rates—including melanoma—are increasing in the United States. Skin cancer has become one of the most common types of cancer among teens and young adults.

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One in four women and one in five teens in Arizona will experience domestic or dating violence in their lifetime.

In October, the city of Phoenix will “Paint Phoenix Purple” in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Phoenix is committed to becoming a national leader in preventing and responding to domestic violence.

Staff and volunteers with the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will install purple lights on Tovrea Castle at Carraro Heights that will bathe it in purple every night in October. In addition, the lights at the top of Phoenix City Hall will be changed to purple, as will lights at other areas around downtown.

Some city vehicles will sport “Paint Phoenix Purple” magnets, and city garbage trucks will feature themed banners on their sides.

Residents can show their support for the second-annual campaign with displays of purple. People can install a purple light bulb on their porch, wear

purple clothing on Fridays, tie a purple ribbon on their car antennas, etc. Displaying purple throughout the community sends a strong message that there is no place for domestic violence in the workplace, homes, neighborhoods or schools.



The campaign is sponsored by the city of Phoenix, O’Connor House and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

For more information, visit www.paintphoenixpurple.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of victim services, call the city’s Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-2120 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

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**Metro Tech hosts
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The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension of Maricopa County Master Gardener Program and Phoenix Union High School District's top performing Metro Tech High School host the annual Fall Garden Festival from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 on the Metro Tech campus at 1900 W. Thomas Road. Admission is free.

The most popular feature of the Fall Garden Festival returns with the sale of reasonably priced plants grown locally by Master Gardeners and students in Metro Tech's horticulture program. Also popular is the eclectic rummage sale. Shoppers are advised to come early in the day for the best selection of plants and merchandise.

Experts from Maricopa County Cooperative Extension will provide

practical information on gardening and nutrition, and a chef from Metro Tech's culinary program will demonstrate cooking techniques.

New this year is Food Day, a nationwide movement celebrating healthy, affordable, and sustainable food (<http://foodday.org>). Festival attendees can learn to grow their own vegetables, find healthy recipes and nutrition information, and get a jump-start on grocery shopping at the mini farmers' market. Food growers of all kinds (small farmers, community gardeners, backyard gardeners) are invited to bring their surplus harvests to sell at the Community Exchange Table. Clerks will be on staff to sell the produce and 80 percent of sales will go back to the growers.

Also for the first time, members of Seeds for Autism (<https://seedsforautism.org>) will sell handmade soil

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Learn how to garden in containers

Learn to grow vegetables in pots on your patio or balcony at "Patio Veggies: Growing Food the Urban Way," 12-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at Desert Song Healing Arts Center, 3232 N. 20th St.

Join Master Gardener Kari Spencer of The Micro Farm Project for this informative class about container gardening. Container gardens are a wonderful way to overcome issues like hard soil, lack of space, and a shortage of water in order to grow beautiful ornamentals and productive veggies in our urban environment. Fun and easy for aspiring and seasoned gardeners alike, container gardens offer flexibility and manageability that in-ground gardens lack.

Each class is \$15 and an RSVP is not necessary. For questions, e-mail themicrofarmproject@gmail.com.

Fall classes at the Urban Farm

Longtime North Central resident Greg Peterson, owner of the Urban Farm, offers gardening and sustainable living workshops this fall.

Learn about what fruit trees work best in Arizona's unfriendly soil and harsh climate during "All About Fruit Trees," set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 at Whole Foods-Camelback, 4701 N. 20th St. This program is repeated at 7 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Join Peterson as he walks you through the three most important things to know about growing fruit trees in your yard. There is no set fee, but donations are welcome. No pre-registration needed.

Or, take advantage of a Fruit Tree Open House, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Urban Farm, 6750 N. 13th Place. This is an annual event designed to give you first-hand experience of how fruit trees can be grown in an urban setting. More than 80 trees are growing on Peterson's one-third acre. Peterson will lead tours at 8:15, 10 and 11:30 a.m. and will be on hand all morning to answer questions.

This is a free event; donations will be

accepted. Pre-registration is requested.

For a workshop schedule or to register, visit <http://urbanfarm.org/> events. E-mail greg@urbanfarm.org for more information.

Learn some fun fall floral arrangements

If you are planning on some holiday entertaining this season and want to put those finishing touches on your décor, florist Brian Vetter will teach you some fall floral fun 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 at The Classy Kitchen, 7118 N. 7th St.

Transform a favorite or fun item around your house into a unique and beautiful fall centerpiece; bring your own container to use.

Vetter returns to The Classy Kitchen on Oct. 21 for a Ho Ho Ho Holiday Bows and Wrapping class. Get inspired for the holidays with these unique, fun, and easy-to-make ideas.

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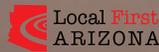
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The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce hosts its 27th Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave.

Among the 11 finalists are North Central residents Avein Saaty-Tafoya of Adelante Healthcare in the Public Sector category; Pearl Chang Esau of Expect More Arizona in the Young Professional category; and Meghan Cox of Lincoln Strategy Group, also in the Young Professional category.

Finalists are chosen for their excellence in business and leadership, dedication to the community and support and mentorship of other women. Three ATHENA Award recipients will be announced at luncheon. Check-in and networking begin at 10:30 a.m.

Registration for this event closes Oct. 15. Cost is \$75 for Chamber members and \$85 for non-members. To register, visit www.phoenixchamber.com/athena. Call 602-495-2182 for any questions.

Phoenix native joins team at Caniglia Group

Second-generation Phoenician Erik Jensen has joined the sales team at The Caniglia Group, which specializes in central Phoenix, Scottsdale and Paradise Valley residential real estate.

A licensed agent since 2004, Jensen, 35, knows a lot about the North Central corridor. He is living in his childhood home with his fiancée and plans to renovate it beginning next year.

Jensen says he is excited to be selling in North Central not only because of his roots here, but also because word is spreading that the area is a great place to live and raise a family.

“People are excited to live on tree-lined streets with neighborhood restaurants,” he says. “There is a sense of community in North Central that you do not find in other parts of the Valley.”

Jensen adds that the fall/winter season is a great time to think about buying, especially in North Central. “The area has already seen several new shops and restaurants open and that is just the tip of the iceberg. Interest rates are still very low and, with the summer heat over, more sellers will put their homes on the market. In addition, older dilapidated homes in the area are being razed and making way for new homes.”

You can reach Jensen at 602-861-3300 or erik@thecanigliagroup.com.



Erik Jensen

Grand opening weekend benefits local nonprofit

A Jonathan Adler store recently opened at Biltmore Fashion Park—the brand’s 27th boutique and its first in Arizona.

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Bhatnagar named new medical director

Board Certified Radiation Oncologist Ajay Bhatnagar, M.D., MBA, has been named medical director for 21st Century Oncology's cancer treatment centers in Arizona.

Bhatnagar will oversee medical operations at 21st Century Oncology's Valley locations, including the Sunnyslope office at 334 E. Hatcher Road.

Bhatnagar has a broad range of experience in new cancer care technologies and research. He has written numerous publications



Ajay Bhatnagar

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Bhatnagar has pioneered the use of electronic brachytherapy, using a miniaturized high dose rate X-ray source to treat skin cancer with less risk to surrounding healthy areas.

For more information, visit www.21cOncologyArizona.com or call 602-944-

Orcutt named a Market Leader

Longtime North Central resident Jackie Orcutt has been named a Market Leader of Cushman & Wakefield's Arizona operations. Orcutt previously served as a commercial real estate professional for the company.

Orcutt, one of Cushman & Wakefield's leading industrial properties specialists, worked at CBRE for five years before joining the company in 2011. Cushman & Wakefield recognized her in 2013 with the Rising Star award. She has been named one of the "40 under 40" most influential people in commercial real estate, and recognized as one of the 20 most influential women in the industry.

In her new capacity, she will manage the company's property management division, integrating and delivering management, agency leasing and capital markets services to property owners and investors.

Jerry Noble also was named a Market Leader. Both Noble and Orcutt will continue their work in office properties and industrial properties brokerage in addition to their management roles. They will serve as the senior management team for the company, along with recently hired director of operations, Stephanie Sandro.

For more information, visit www.cushmanwakefield.com.

Trunk show and free barre class

BellaBody Pilates, which opened Aug. 1 at 13825 N. 7th St., Suite E, hosts a Lorna Jane Trunk Show and free "Taste of Barre" Class, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. The barre class will be from 5:30-6 p.m.

Lorna Jane Biltmore will bring racks of its latest workout wear. Shop, get your barre on and network. You don't have to attend the barre class to stop and shop; receive a 10-percent discount on all Lorna Jane Wear featured at the event.

Visitors to the event are asked to bring a non-perishable food item such as tuna, peanut butter or a canned vegetable or soup, to donate to the ICM Food & Clothing Bank. Pre-registration is required for the free barre class. Register online at www.bellabodypilates.com.

For more information, call 602-318-5068 or e-mail deb@bellabodypilates.com. You can download the MindBody Connect app to your iPhone or Android to view class schedules, register, reserve your space and pay.



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6033 N. 20th St.	NEW PRICE	5342 SF	5BR/6BA	\$1,650,000
5502 E. Valle Vista Rd. #23		Over an acre lot		\$1,600,000
34 E. Cactus Wren	NEW PRICE	5198 SF	5BR/4.5BA	\$1,250,000
7602 N Central Ave.	IN ESCROW	4064 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 895,000
14838 N. 15th Ave.		3968 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 874,900
405 E. Montebello Ave.	JUST LISTED	3399 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 834,900
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48 W. Foothill Dr.	NEW PRICE	3637 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 750,000
6833 N. Central Ave.	JUST LISTED	3411 SF	4BR/3.75BA	\$ 749,000
5560 N. 2nd St.	JUST LISTED	3069 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 724,900
7220 N. 15th Ave.	IN ESCROW	3399 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 699,000
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804 W. Claremont St.	IN ESCROW	3529 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 690,131
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9139 N. 82nd St.	NEW PRICE	2820 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 639,000
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340 E. Rose Ln.	IN ESCROW	Lot		\$ 575,000
710 W. Claremont St.	IN ESCROW	2811 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 574,000
715 W. Claremont St.	IN ESCROW	2811 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 570,000
77 E Missouri Ave. #19	IN ESCROW	3575 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 499,000
7916 N. 16th Dr.	JUST LISTED	2483 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 499,000
502 E. Kaler Dr.	IN ESCROW	3000 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 499,000
7919 N. 16th Dr.	JUST LISTED	2483 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 489,900
1545 W. Frier Dr.	IN ESCROW	3489 SF	4BR/2.75BA	\$ 475,000
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2524 E. Vogel Ave.		2449 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 459,000
77 E. Missouri Ave #54		3184 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 445,000
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6317 N. 10th Pl.	NEW PRICE	2894 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 419,000
14 E. Laurie Ln.	IN ESCROW	2165 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 419,900
6317 N. 10th Pl.		3077 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 419,000
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9433 N. 19th St.	NEW PRICE	3209 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 399,000
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540 W. Georgia Ave.		1004 SF	2BR/1.5BA	\$ 249,000
1317 E. Golden Ln.	NEW PRICE	1890 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 239,000
7222 N. 16th Dr.	IN ESCROW	1489 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 220,000
3235 E. Camelback Rd. #207	IN ESCROW	1149 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 210,000
7231 N 6th Way	IN ESCROW	1450 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 209,000
6803 N. 17th St.	IN ESCROW	1664 SF	3BR/1BA	\$ 205,000
13405 W. Lisbon Ln.		1735 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 189,000
13257 N. 38th St.	NEW PRICE	1384 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 177,400
14007 N. 38th St.	NEW PRICE	1280 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 169,900
207 W. Clarendon #15F		1542 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 174,900
6223 N. 21st Dr.	NEW PRICE	1810 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 164,000
6240 N. 16th St. #34	IN ESCROW	1191 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 129,900
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HEALTHY LIVING



TO YOUR HEALTH More uncovered in mammograms

By Linda Greer, M.D..

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so let's take a look at what I sometimes see on mammograms.

As women age, they sometimes get tiny specks of calcium called calcifications in their breasts. Resembling grains of salt, calcifications are too small to feel, but they appear on a mammogram as small, bright white spots.

Calcifications, which are not related to the amount of calcium in a woman's diet, show up on about half of all mammograms in women 50 and older. In women under 50, calcifications are on approximately one in 10 mammograms.

They may be related to age, past injury or inflammation from an infection, for example. Calcifications are harmless most of the time. It's when they show up in certain patterns—clusters or all in a line—that they cause concern about cancer.

There are two types of calcifications, macro and micro:

- Macrocalcifications look large and round on a mammogram. They're almost always linked to a benign (non-cancerous) breast condition and need no follow-up.

- Microcalcifications are small and more numerous than macrocalcifications. Clusters of microcalcifications are associated with extra breast cell activity. Most of the time, this is non-cancerous extra cell growth, but microcalcifications can occur in areas of early cancer. I'll note if they have changed over time.

Follow-up tests, such as a biopsy, may be needed to rule out cancer. If I'm not 100 percent sure they're benign, I'll monitor you every six months for one to two years. After two years of follow-up with no new changes, I'll recommend a routine annual mammogram. If cancerous cells are found from the biopsy, treatment may require surgery, radiation and/or chemotherapy.

I also see cysts, fluid-filled collections, on some mammograms. Quite common, cysts are very rarely associated with cancer. Ultrasound is the best way to tell a cyst from a solid mass because sound waves pass through a cyst. With a solid lump, the sound

waves bounce right back.

Occasionally, I see a fibroadenoma, a movable, solid, smooth lump. Although it's benign, a fibroadenoma that's getting bigger is sometimes removed to make sure it's not cancer. A biopsy can determine if a suspicious tumor is a fibroadenoma or cancerous.

Linda Greer, MD, is medical director of the John C. Lincoln Breast Health and Research Center, with three Valley locations. For more information, call 623-870-4673 or visit www.JCL.com/breasthealth. The information in "To Your Health" is provided by John C. Lincoln Health Network as general information only. For medical advice, please consult your physician.

Health Briefs

Special group pass offered in October

Kinesphere Center for Movement Education, 711 E. Missouri Ave., Ste. 180, has expanded and diversified its group class offerings this fall. Increase your understanding of biomechanical movement and learn techniques that may help you move more freely, function more productively, and reduce pain.

Kinesphere has group classes in Gyrokinesis, TRX Conditioning, Restorative Exercise, Floor Barre, Barre Fusion, Iyengar Yoga, Yoga-Natural Movement, Tai Chi, and Neuro-Strengthening Mobility Drills. The Unlimited Group Class Pass discount is extended through October. Save 50 percent on Unlimited Group classes, only \$100. Purchase by Oct. 31; valid for 30 days.

Call 602-532-3111 or email info@kinesphere-studio.com to register.

Learn more about dangers of 'superbugs'

"Superbugs" are pathogens that cause infections and can be resistant to antibiotics. Learn more during a free program, set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave.

Dr. Marteen Olson, an Arizona State University faculty member, will share information from the National Institutes of Health, Center of Disease Control and Mayo Clinic of Scottsdale about the prevention, signs and symptoms, statistics, research and treatment of antibiotic-resistant infections.

For more information, call 602-263-5013.

HEALTHY LIVING



Edward Cerninka, (second from left) who is the first Phoenix Baptist Hospital patient to use the new NICO BrainPath technology, was joking with his family less than 24 hours after his brain tumor was removed. Also pictured are Stacey Cerninka, Edward's wife; and his parents, Edward Cerninka Sr. and Rose Marie Cerninka (photo courtesy of Abrazo Health).

New brain surgery tech a 'miracle' for patient

Less than 24 hours after undergoing brain surgery, Edward Cerninka was sitting up and chatting with his wife and parents in his room at Abrazo Health's Phoenix Baptist Hospital, 2000 W. Bethany Home Road.

Cerninka, who is the first patient to use Phoenix Baptist Hospital's new NICO BrainPath technology, was well enough to return to his west Valley home just two days after having a brain tumor removed.

When he first discovered he had a brain tumor, Cerninka and his wife, Stacey, were worried about the risks of surgery. His first neurosurgeon told him that could lose his speech, be paralyzed or suffer other major neurological problems. These are risks of traditional brain surgery involving deep brain tumors when brain fibers cannot be seen.

But when he sought a second opinion, he found neurosurgeon Marco Marsella, who is on staff at Phoenix Baptist Hospital and is the only Arizona physician who is trained and who has successfully used this new surgical tool. Cerninka saw Marsella in his office on Aug. 18 and had brain surgery at Phoenix Baptist on Aug. 21.

Phoenix Baptist Hospital is the first in the state to provide this minimally invasive, surgical approach to reach deep or once inoperable brain abnormalities using the new device. Marsella is among 121 doctors nationally trained to use the device.

The device allows physicians to navigate safely through the folds and delicate

fibers of the brain to reach the abnormality. Physicians can target and resect, with a minimally invasive microsurgical technique, deep-seated brain tumors, abscesses and hemorrhages that could not be reached, with as little disruption of tissue with traditional techniques.

For more information, go to AbrazoHealth.com.

Hospice of Valley holds grief support workshop

Hospice of the Valley will hold a six-session grief support workshop, "Picking up the Pieces: When a Spouse or Partner Dies," 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 29 at the agency's administrative office, 1510 E. Flower St.

There is no cost to attend. Group size is limited; registration is requested by Oct. 20 at hov.org/grief-support-groups or by calling 602-636-5390.

The workshop will address shifting identity from a couple to a single person, negotiating relationships with friends, family and social networks, dealing with loneliness, and finding new roles as a parent or grandparent.

Learn proper form for practicing Tai Chi

Adam Montoya will teach a Tai Chi Form class for six weeks, beginning Monday, Oct. 6, at Desert Song Healing Arts Center, 3232 N. 20th St. The six-week study will give you the proficiency and confidence in performing a tai chi sequence effectively.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Madison No. 1 eighth grader Collin McShane, left, and seventh grader Josh Weide plug into the new Fender amplifiers that the band department received through a grant from Fender. Collin is also playing one of the new electric guitars also received through the grant (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

School bands gets boost from Fender

By Larissa Garza

Madison No. 1 Middle School's band department was presented with a grant courtesy of Fender earlier this school year.

The Fender grant provided Madison No. 1 with two amplifiers and cords, an electric guitar and a bass guitar—over \$1,650 worth of brand new equipment.

According to Kathy Coon, Madison School No. 1's band teacher, students in the Jazz Band have enjoyed playing and experimenting on the new equipment and are eager to demonstrate for friends and classmates.

Students "love demonstrating for their friends and members of the jazz band the cool effects the amplifiers create," said Coon. These effects could not have been possible without the new amplifiers provided by the Fender grant.

Coon applied for this grant in hopes of getting new amplifiers that worked for electric and bass guitars. Her old amplifiers were made for keyboards. Coon's band program had not received funding for over a decade.

"Sometimes one amplifier would work and the other would not. More than once in a performance the amplifier would cut out and we would not be able to hear the student musician who was plugged into it," explained Coon.

Coon found out about the Fender grant

through Julie Palmer, whose son, Henry, is in the school's Wind Symphony concert band. Palmer learned of the grant and thought it was a great opportunity for the Madison No. 1 band program.

"Students are being given the opportunity to try out more instruments that they would have otherwise," Palmer said.

Fender Musical Instruments Corporation supports "community outreach and participation in programs that provide people with expanded opportunities to experience the fulfillment of making music," said Pauline France, corporate publicist for Fender. According to France, Fender awards these grants to schools that apply but it depends on the request as well as instrument and equipment availability. Fender has been awarding these grants since 2005. Last year alone, Fender was able to donate \$220,000 worth of equipment along with a charitable partner, The Fender Music Foundation, to school classrooms, after-school programs and musical therapy programs, according to France.

With the help of this grant, Madison School No. 1's bands have new equipment that students can use during concerts and practices, but can also be checked out to the students.

"This is a great opportunity for a fabulous band program and its members," said Palmer.

Coon added that any funds that come the music department's way in

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SCHOOL DAYS



The Xavier-Brophy Theatre received several awards and award nominations for last year's production of "Once On This Island," including awards for Outstanding Production and Outstanding Ensemble (submitted photo).

the future can now be invested in getting an electric keyboard that can be easily set up for concerts and can hook up to one of the old amplifiers. Right now the band has to use a full-sized piano with a microphone attached.

If you would like to contribute to the Madison No. 1 band program, e-mail Kathy Coon at kcoon@msd38.org.

Editor's note: Larissa Garza is a journalism student at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

("Once On This Island") and Sophia Deyden ("Sense and Sensibility"). Xavier student Liz McGovern received an Outstanding Supporting Actress award for "Once On This Island."

Xavier students Payton Bioletto, Paige Michelet, and Rebecca Wierman also received "Outstanding Actress" awards for their performances in community and youth theater productions,

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Theater group wins awards, keeps going

The Xavier-Brophy Theatre is not resting on its laurels after an award-winning last season. The combined drama departments of Xavier College Prep and Brophy College Prep present Disney's "High School Musical," 7 p.m. Oct. 15, 16 & 18, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

All performances will be held in the Kemper and Ethel Marley Theater in the Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center on Xavier's campus, 4701 N. 5th St. Tickets are \$7 for all patrons and may be reserved by contacting the Jackson Box Office at 602-240-3161, pacbox@xcp.org, or by purchasing them at the door. There will be general seating only.

These aren't your ordinary high school theater productions. Xavier-Brophy Theatre won five National Youth Arts Awards and 11 nominations for last year's productions of "Once On This Island" and "Sense and Sensibility." These prestigious awards included Outstanding Production and Outstanding Ensemble for "Once On This Island" and "Outstanding Actress" honors for Xavier students Ali Getz

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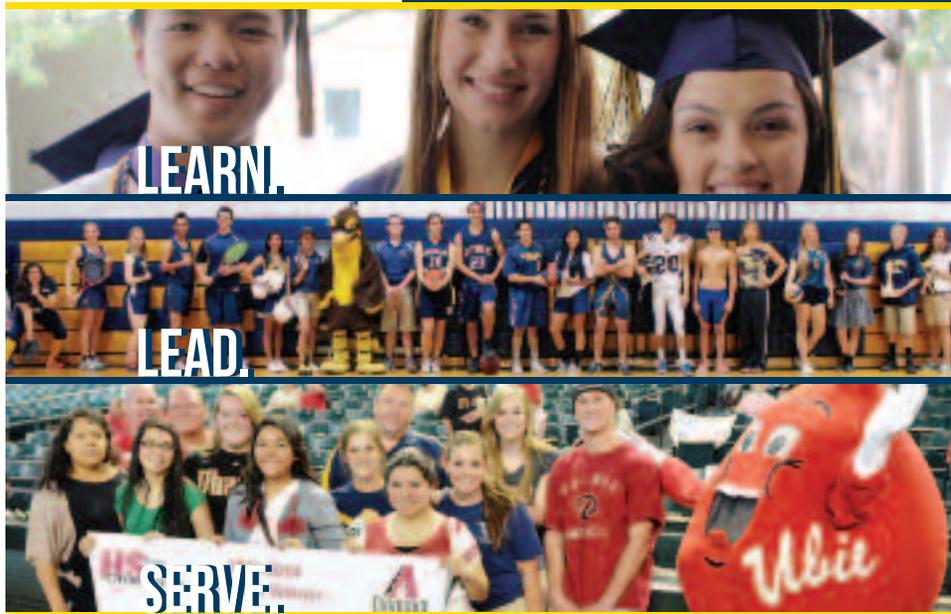
If any concerns are noted, the child may be referred for additional help.

Children birth through 2 years of age who are receiving early intervention services and will be participating in preschool programs for children with disabilities will be assured of a smooth transition into that program.

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including Greasepaint Youththeatre's "Legally Blonde" and Valley Youth Theatre's "Suessical the Musical."

Receiving award nominations from Brophy College Prep were Jacob Browning for "Once On This Island" (Lead Actor), and Jeffrey Erdely and Tristin Wood for "Sense and Sensibility" (Supporting Actor).

More than 400 productions were considered for the awards, including shows from more than 130 different theaters in more than 60 cities spanning 12 states.

This year's award winners were selected from nominations by a panel of more than 25 judges and reviewers. In addition to the youth who performed in schools and youth theater companies, anyone age 18 and younger who performed at a show reviewed by a National Youth Arts judge was also considered for the awards.

VFW Post hosts two essay contests

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9400 once again hosts its Voices of Democracy essay contest for high school students (grades 9-12). In addition, the group presents a "Patriot Pen" essay contest for middle school students.

The topic for the 2014-2015 Voices of Democracy program is "Why Veterans Are Important to Our Nation's History and Future." High school students who wish to enter the contest will complete the statement in both a written essay and a 3- to 5-minute recording on a CD. Judging is based on originality, content, and speech delivery on the recording. Students must speak clearly on the recording and the volume should be reasonably high enough to hear.

The essay, CD and entry form must arrive at the VFW Post 9400, 804 E. Purdue, Phoenix, AZ 85020, by Nov. 1. You can download the entry form at: <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>.

Certificates will be presented to all entrants, and the first place winner will receive a cash prize and advance to the district competition. Winners of the district contest will receive an additional cash prize and advance to state, and that winner could receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the

national competition and a chance at the \$30,000 first place prize.

The theme of this year's Patriot's Pen Contest is "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." All sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to write an essay of 300-400 typewritten words. Entries with accompanying entry forms also must be received by Nov. 1 at the Post. Download the entry form at <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen>.

Judging is done by the local Post, then by district, then by state judges. Cash prizes are available at all levels. National prizes are U.S. Savings Bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Judging is based on how well the student understands, develops and presents the theme. A positive approach is recommended.

For more information, call President Tamela Jasmann at 623-328-7636 or Tom Landy at the Post at 602-943-9930.

Local students named Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program last month released the list of students from across the country who had made it to the Semifinalist level. There were several North Central schools represented on the list, including: Arizona School for the Arts; Brophy College Prep; North High School; Sunnyslope High School; Thunderbird High School; Veritas Preparatory Academy; and Xavier College Prep.

To view the names of the students from these schools who made the list of Merit Semifinalists, visit www.northcentralnews.net and click on the "Schools" tab in the top menu bar.

School Briefs

CREIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT Suns players visit Loma Linda School

Phoenix Suns players, alumni, front office executives, and staff stepped out into the community during the "Suns Week of Service," September 22-26. Events held throughout the week were to benefit various nonprofit organizations in the Valley.

Stopping off at Loma Linda Elementary, 2002 E. Clarendon Ave., on Sept. 25 were Suns Ring of Honor member Tom Chambers, Suns alumnus



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Steven Hunter, and The Gorilla, who participated in a “Day of Play” with K-6 students to teach kids how to get along while playing together.

The activity was in partnership with Playworks Arizona, a nonprofit organization that creates activities for children during recess in which everyone plays, belongs and contributes to the game, making recess fun, energetic, safe and inclusive. Visit www.playworks.org for more information.

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT Parents give input on math textbooks

Madison School District has announced that a pilot to select new mathematics textbooks is under way. Materials from the two publishers, McGraw-Hill and Houghton-Mifflin, are under consideration. These materials are currently on display in the Madison Simis teacher’s lounge through Oct. 31.

Community members who would like to review the materials and provide feedback are welcome to visit during the display period. Questions regarding the math textbook pilot or curriculum adoption at Madison School District should be directed to Michael Winters, administrator for Curriculum and Instruction, at 602-664-7925 or mwinters@msd38.org.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Sports and character building in Osborn

The Osborn School District’s after-school sports program offers students a chance to represent the district and the community by reflecting the highest standards of citizenship and sportsmanship.

Coaches are mentors who go above and beyond traditional expectations. For fourth- through sixth-grade students, opportunities in volleyball, soccer, and basketball bring a healthy competition to the schools. Sports are taught by Osborn certified teachers, which further creates close relationships between coaches and teammates.

Students are required to pass their classes before attending sports and the district offers homework help classes to all of its student athletes.

Each season brings the community together by showcasing a district tourna-

ment where families can come support their team. Cheer on your favorite team at the Soccer Tournament set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at Solano Elementary School, 1526 W. Missouri Ave.

Contact Sara Shaffer at 602-707-2713 or sshaffer@osbornnet.org for more information.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Governing Board holds no election

The terms of five ward seats on the Phoenix Union Governing Board are ending in December of this year, but there will be no November voting. All of the candidates would have run unopposed, and because of that, the County cancelled the election.

Incumbents Randy Schiller in District 1, Laura Pastor in District 4, and Linda Abril in District 5 will begin four-year terms in January. Stephanie Parra in District 3 and Stanford Prescott in District 2 will be new board members, replacing Amy Kobeta and Ricardo Gallego, both of whom declined to run again.

Parra, a native of Yuma, is employed by Teach For America, and teaches for NAU. Prescott, a South Mountain High School alum, is a director of Projects for the Center for Neighborhood Leadership.

The seven-person board also includes at-large members Lela Alston and Ian Danley, whose terms run through 2016.

Discount Internet program extended

The Cox Communications Connect2Compete (C2C) program that provides discounted high-speed Internet and free digital literacy training to students and their parents has been extended for two more years.

The national not-for-profit initiative is bridging the “digital divide” as schools increasingly incorporate digital tools to enhance learning, assigning online homework and using email to communicate with parents and post grades. Families with at least one child receiving free school meals through the National School Lunch Program are eligible for the \$9.95 a month Cox home Internet service.

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Partnership encourages careers in medicine

Metro Tech High School and doctors from St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center are partnering in a program called “Doctors Back to School,” to encourage minority students to consider career pathways in medicine.

Led by Dr. Crysta Chatman, she and colleagues addressed a large group of students about careers in medicine on Sept. 12. Currently only 7 percent of physicians and 6 percent of medical school faculty members are African American, Hispanic or Native Americans.

The doctors also met with Health students about health and welfare issues on Sept. 9, and follow up with a day of one-to-one and small group counseling for students who would like more information or assistance.

Chatman and colleagues will also be available one evening a month to meet with parents and students about health-related issues in a new school outreach, called Family and Community Engagement Team. (FACET). The goal of FACET is to provide wrap-around

services to our students and families through the support of the community.

According to Principal Kate McDonald, families can hear from professionals in medicine, legal, health, social services, and classes will be offered for parents in English and technology. For more information, call the school at 602-764-8000.

Central dedicates new JROTC facility

A building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held Sept. 10 for Central High’s new JROTC facility. Superintendent Kent Scribner, Governing Board Member Lela Alston, Principal John Beira, JROTC Instructor First Sergeant Ronnie Hurt and Battalion Commander Freddie Moreno joined construction partners in the ceremony.

Moreno delivered an impassioned address telling the audience that nothing is free, and the Central JROTC cadets do their best to uphold and honor this building with their actions and deeds. The Central cadets performed an armed drill team exhibition,



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Central's JROTC program has a new stand-alone facility, which opened this school year. The facility, designed and built by Architechnology and Chasse Construction as part of the 2011 Bond program, features a large classroom, and an indoor rifle range, with observation area, an office, trophy case and storage rooms (submitted photo).

and raised the first flag to fly over the building, donated by Architechnology and Chasse Building Team.

The project, which included renovation of Central's football stadium concession stand and ticket office, was made possible through the 2011 Construction Bond. The JROTC complex is located next to the football stadium at the far east end of campus. It

features a large classroom, a 12-lane indoor rifle range with observation area, an office, lobby trophy case, and storage rooms. There also is an obstacle course and archery range behind the building. An obstacle course will be added this fall.

Central's JROTC currently has 133 student cadets, a number that Hurt says is sure to grow.



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Two teachers selected for TGC program

North English teacher Joann Martin and Central High Math teacher Dawn Maxwell were selected for the Teachers for Global Classrooms (TGC) program. TGC is a program of the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

More than 400 teachers applied from 46 U.S. states and District of Columbia, and Martin and Maxwell were among 80 teachers who were selected for participation.

The goal of the TGC program is to provide teachers with the opportunity to explore the themes and applications for global education in the U.S. secondary school classroom.

As a part of TGC, they participate in an online professional development course, attend a Global Education Symposium in Washington, D.C., travel on an international fellowship for a two or three week in-country visit, and are eligible for alumni professional development sessions and micro grants.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT WESD seeks foreign language translators

Are you fluent in Spanish, French, Arabic, Vietnamese or other foreign language? The Washington Elementary School District is always looking for translators to aid in communication with parents.

More than 50 home languages other than English are spoken by WESD families. Translators are used at school open houses, parent/teacher conferences, one-on-one meetings, and at other times and events throughout the school year.

If you are multi-lingual and are interested in assisting others by being a translator, contact Angela Perrone, Translation Services coordinator, at 602-347-2609 or angela.perrone@wesd.schools.org.

Vermeer named an Employee of Month

Cindy Vermeer, CCB Intervention Specialist at Royal Palm Middle School, was named an Employee of the Month for September. Sponsored by various business partners, the WESD Employee of the Month recognition is bestowed upon employees who have exemplified the vision,

mission and values of the WESD. These employees serve as an inspiration to others by maintaining high customer service standards and a commitment to student achievement.

Honorees enjoyed breakfast with the superintendent and received a plaque commemorating their special recognition.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

Eighth graders invited to tour Xavier campus

Xavier College Preparatory hosts its annual 8th Grade Day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, and its Open House from 12-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. Both events are free and will take place on Xavier's campus at 4710 N. 5th St.

The 8th Grade Day event is an opportunity for eighth-grade students to experience Xavier on a school day. Scheduled activities include a welcome assembly, student-led tours, classroom visits, an all-school pep rally, and lunch. Participation is free, but interested students are asked to register online by visiting www.xcp.org, clicking

"Admissions," then "8th Grade Day." Note that this is a student event, so there will not be any planned activities for parents on this day.

Open House is an opportunity for students of all ages and their parents to attend a Xavier information session, tour the school, and meet the faculty and coaches. Information sessions begin at 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center, and student-led campus tours will be available after each session. Registration is not necessary.

Brophy newspaper a finalist in contest

The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) named the official newspaper of Brophy College Preparatory, *The Roundup*, a Pacemaker Finalist for the second year in a row. The Pacemaker is the top honor the national association gives to high school publications.

According to the NSPA, "Judges select Pacemakers based on the following: coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics."

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The 2013-14 co-editors in chief of *The Roundup* were Erik Meyer and Aakash Jain. This year's co-editors in chief are Garrison Murphy and Austin Norville.

"Each year we put forth a lot of effort to generate excellent content and put together the best newspaper possible for the community," said Murphy. "This award is just further evidence of the quality of the publication and is a reminder to all current staff members that there is a certain standard that we must continue to meet."

Xavier faculty members honored

Xavier College Preparatory faculty members Alison Mead and Magda Nelson were named 2013-2014 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty at Rio Salado Community College. Both Mead and Nelson teach dual-enrollment college courses.

Mead is a member of Rio Salado's English department, and Nelson is a member of the college's Languages department.

Foster nominated as a Rodel teacher

Linda Foster, a teacher at Midtown Primary School, was nominated as a 2015 Rodel Exemplary Teacher. The Rodel Exemplary Teacher Initiative has been recognizing outstanding teachers since 2004. These teachers are noted as being some of the best in the state and are asked to mentor the next generation of educators during the



Linda Foster, who was nominated as a 2015 Rodel Exemplary Teacher, is a favorite among students at Midtown Primary School (submitted photo).

student teaching experience, in order to share their knowledge with Arizona's top education students.

"It's teachers like Linda who we rely on to guide all students forward as more thoughtful and dedicated learners," said Judy White, principal of Midtown Primary, located at 4735 N. 19th Ave.

For more information about the school, call 602-265-5133.

St. Francis Xavier kicks off 'Team 100'

On Sept. 8, St. Francis Xavier School kicked off the Team 100 campaign, an effort aimed at 10-percent participation from students, faculty and staff, and parishioners at St. Francis Xavier School and Parish.

The goal of Team 100 is on participation, not the amount of money being raised. Students were encouraged to set

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their own goals and raise money on their own. Each student received a goal sheet where they set their financial goal and explained how they were going to accomplish it. When students returned their goal sheet, they were recognized at Pledge and Prayer and collected their Team 100 T-shirt. Students were able to wear their Team 100 shirt to school each day throughout the campaign.

Many students had lemonade stands in their neighborhoods, held bake sales, did household chores—they got very creative on earning their money. The students took great pride in being able to participate and making a contribution toward their new campus that was completed in October 2013, and also helping with the final phase of the campaign at the parish.

At the conclusion of the campaign on Sept. 18, St Francis Xavier School had reached its goal of 100-percent participation.

St. Francis Xavier School is located at 4715 N. Central Ave. For more information, visit <http://school.sfxphx.org>.



The Right Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona (left) is greeted at Christ Church School by, from left: top row, Christ Church School Chaplain Erin Cox Oney and The Rev. Elizabeth Blunt, priest at Christ Church of the Ascension; bottom row, fourth-grade students Madison Abner, Colton Kleinman and Lauren Rowland (photo courtesy of Christ Church School).

Arizona Bishop visits Christ Church School

Christ Church School (CCS) parents, students and staff members on Aug. 18 were treated to a visit from The Right Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona. Smith, along with his puppet friend Margo, gave the stu-

dents and parents a message for the start of the school year.

Assisting with the Opening Day service were CCS Head of School Betsy Delaney; the Rev. Elizabeth Blunt, priest at Christ Church of the Ascension; and CCS Chaplain Erin Cox Oney.

After the service, fourth-grade students interviewed Smith and asked what he thought about one of the “Fruits of the Spirit:” Kindness. Smith had very good advice—“Kindness is like the Golden Rule. We should always treat others the way we want God to treat us.”

CCS students are learning more about the “Fruits of the Spirit” during all-school Cubs Chapels, held on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Little is recognized by Hispanic program

Brophy College Prep senior and North Central resident Patrick Little has achieved scholar status in the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). The College Board’s NHRP identifies academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students.

Annually 5,000 out of 250,000 Hispanic students who take the PSAT in their junior year achieve this status. These students are from the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin

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Islands, Guam, the Mariana Islands, and the Marshall Islands, as well as U.S. citizens attending schools abroad. They must be of at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino descent and have a GPA of at least 3.0 by the end of their junior year.

Patrick is one of six members of the Brophy Class of 2015 who are among the top 2 percent of Hispanic students nationwide.



Patrick Little

St. Francis Xavier to offer Catechesis program

Registration has begun for the “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” religious formation at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Faith Community. The “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” is the only religious education program now offered at St. Francis, and is open to all children after school during the week, Monday through Thursday.

All interested parents can register

their children for this religious education programming at the parish offices, at the Marian Shop, 4715 N. Central Ave. Classes will begin the week of Nov. 17.

The St. Francis program will follow the Montessori levels of development, beginning at age 3 and continuing through sixth grade. A supplementary class schedule will be offered for students who are home-schooled.

According to Daniel J. Sullivan, SJ, pastor, Mindy Longwell and Claudia Margarita Schmitt will oversee this distinct religious programming. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori method of spiritual formation where the catechist and the child together explore the mystery of God. By creating a sacred environment for their spiritual needs, the child can grow in a loving relationship with God and the Church.

For more information on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, or to inquire about enrollment, call Mindy Longwell at 602-212-4530.

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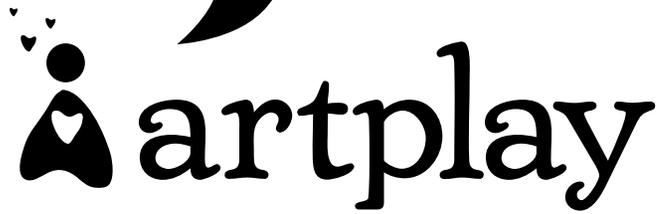
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Event will showcase 'second-half' stories

Experience Matters, a Phoenix organization that connects experienced adults with nonprofits to apply their talents, will hold a luncheon on Oct. 27 featuring news correspondent and journalist Jane Pauley.

"A Conversation with Jane Pauley" will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave. Adding to her roles as an anchor on NBC Nightly News, host of the Today Show and co-host of Dateline NBC, Pauley is now a spokesperson for the generation of baby boomers who are reinventing the way they live and work. Her most recent book, "Your Life Calling," illustrates how many adults are setting the stage for the second-half of life in fulfilling ways.

The luncheon event also will honor the hundreds of adults across Maricopa County who lend their skills, expertise and talents to nonprofits through Experience Matters and beyond.

Experience Matters also will announce the winner of its Booming with Purpose: Tell Us Your Story competition in which participants submit stories, videos and slide shows demonstrating inventive ways they've made an impact in Arizona as part of their second act. Five finalists will attend the luncheon and the winner will share his/her story on stage with Pauley on Oct. 27. Deadline for submitting videos is Oct. 13; visit www.experiencemattersaz.org/events.

Tickets are \$150 per person to attend the luncheon, which runs from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Registration is

available on the website. For more information or to register by phone, call Kara Caldwell at 602-812-3942.

Senior Living Free program looks at long-term care

Confused at the doctor? Don't know how to ask the hard questions? Wondering who will take care of you in the future? Susan Rose, founding member of Hospice of the Valley, presents "How to Talk to Your Doctor and Advanced Care Planning," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 at Madison Gardens senior living community, 808 E. Missouri Ave.

There is no charge for the event, presented by Central Village. For more information, contact the Central Village office at cadmin@centralvillagephx.org or 602-550-1050.

Special events just for grandfamilies

Grandparents raising their grandchildren are invited to join Duet at its quarterly movie night, held 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 in Nelson Hall at Church at the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs to this free event. Duet will provide the rest—including pizza, popcorn, snacks and drinks.

Duet also offers grandfamilies a free day of play at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St., from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Reservations are required for both events. Contact Patricia at 602-274-5022, ext. 31.

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Encore University returns in October

Encore University, a non-credit school that targets Baby Boomers and seniors, begins the first of three semesters in the 2014-15 year on Tuesday, Oct. 14 on the campus of Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 E. McDonald Drive.

A Back-to-School Kick-Off is set for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 featuring food trucks, live Big Band music, registration and club sign-ups.

This year's curriculum offer more than 40 classes including painting, piano, and WWII Reflections.

Classes are \$35 each. To register, visit www.encoreuniv.org. For more information, call 480-6424, ext. 165 or e-mail encoreuniv@myvalleychurch.org.

Kids & Families**Kids take yoga at Kinesphere**

Yoga for Kids returns to Kinesphere Center for Movement Education, 711 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 180.

Kirsten Kele of Happy Hearts Yoga for Kids will guide children ages 3 through 'tween, toward greater health, self-esteem, and compassion for others, through imaginative and playful yoga. Classes are held 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 15, 22 and 29. Cost for all three sessions is \$30; or pay \$10 to drop in any class.

Classes are designed to educate the whole child through a multidisciplinary, thematic approach that integrates exercise, language, creative arts, reading, math, writing, music, art, health, science, and ecology.

Call 602-532-3111 or email info@kinesphere-studio.com to register.

Karl's Bakery hosts kids cooking classes

Just in time for the fall holiday season, Karl's Quality Bakery will host a series of afternoon cookie and cupcake baking classes for kids.

Children ages 7-14 can sign up for Halloween Cookies on Saturday, Oct. 18, or Halloween Cupcakes on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the bakery, located at 111 E. Dunlap Ave., Suite 13. The pint-sized chefs will measure, mix, cut, bake and decorate their own cookies or cupcakes.

Future classes include Thanksgiving Cookies in Saturday, Nov. 15; Thanksgiving Cupcakes on Saturday, Nov. 22; Winter Cookies on Saturday, Dec. 6; and Winter Cupcakes on

Saturday, Dec. 13. All classes take place from 3 to 6 p.m.; cost is \$48 for each class, and all materials are included. Space is limited; sign up in person at the bakery.

Karl's also will host a Gingerbread House event for families, on your choice of day, Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Families will be given a pre-baked kit with frosting and candies and instruction as they assemble it together at the bakery. A box to take the finished 12-inch by 7-inch by 9-inch house home will be provided. Recommended for ages 5 and older; at least one adult must be present. Cost is \$200 per family.

For more information, call 602-997-7849.

Phoenix Library hosts Jedi Reading Academy

Join the Phoenix Public Library as it participates in the third-annual "Star Wars" Reads Day, an international event that celebrates literacy and all things "Star Wars." The event takes place 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Complete your Jedi training by mastering the force through a series of quests. Receive a guardian of reading certificate and help the library in its battle to defeat the galactic empire... you're its only hope! The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Kids learning center opens in time for fall

Future Forward opened its doors last month offering customized learning programs for students ages 3 to 18.

Located at 3610 N. 44th St., Future Forward offers services for students needs individual tutoring and parents seeking a safe, educationally based environment for their children to go to after school. The learning center offers a wide array of topics and programs, including one-on-one, and paired tutoring; group homework help; kindergarten readiness; reading assessment and remediation; and handwriting coaching.

The center also offers enrichment programs during school breaks, science workshops, language programs, parents' night out programs, and birthday parties.

For more information, call Future Forward at 602-980-1344 or visit www.futureforwardkids.com.

**HAPPY HOUR WITH HERSCH**

In recent developments my college fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, was removed from the University of Arizona for detrimental conduct. Fraternities and Sororities seem to be a hot button issue in society. With their hint of exclusivity and endless examples of poor choices it is understandable. However I prefer to concentrate on the positive aspects I experienced. The brotherhood that enveloped this impressionable young man allowed me to feel a sense of belonging, community and self. The lessons taught of acceptance, perseverance and persistence were life changing. The deep bonds I developed 20+ years ago are still alive and as strong today. Of course the social life and parties with their minor indiscretions still make me chuckle, but it is the smaller moments that resonate the most. Perge!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Find holiday gifts at Sunnyslope Art Walk

On Oct. 11, enjoy a cool evening filled with original art works and music as you stroll Central Avenue for the 14th installment of the Sunnyslope Art Walk. More than 100 artists will show and sell their original work ranging from fine art painting and ceramics to jewelry and fiber wearables.

The event runs from 5 to 9 p.m. along the quarter-mile stretch of Central Avenue from Dunlap Avenue to the canal.

Sunnyslope Art Walk also features live local music along the route including Sunnyslope's own Refugees from the '60s, who perform in front of Grinders Coffee. Other musicians scheduled to perform at various locations around the art walk are The Upper Strata, Day Before Plastics, Damn The Weather, and Evans Frazer.

A variety of restaurants and specialty food providers along the route will offer food and drink for purchase, and will have specials available just for that night. Parking is offered at the MarketPlace at Central, 115 E. Dunlap Ave., and Sunnyslope High School, 35 W. Dunlap Ave.

For more details, visit facebook.com/sunnyslopeartwalk.

The Artery's farewell to founding member

Donna Stenger, pastel artist, art teacher and original founder of the Collective @the Artery, is moving on to new opportunities in Austin, Texas. The other artists at The Artery are sending her off with a good luck celebration on First Friday, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3. Join in on this festive farewell and enjoy artworks by the artist at the collective, located at 623 E. Indian School Road. Parking is at the rear of the building.

The Artery, also home to Studio 6, offers a two-story art experience in a historic building each First Friday, featuring more than a half-dozen local artists. Charming, 70-year-old stairs take visitors up from the downstairs Artery space to the art-packed studios for a more personal experience.

For more information, visit them on Facebook at ArtStudio6.



Ileyna (left) and twin sister Flori Witenstein, both seniors at Sunnyslope High School show off some of the hundreds of "Whoopies" they've made and sold at the Sunnyslope Art Walk (on Facebook, Whoopies-Caps with a Cause). They decorate the bottle caps and then sell them to raise money and awareness of the need for everyone to be vaccinated against Pertussis, also known as whooping cough—which they both came down with in the summer of 2008 (submitted photo).

A & E Briefs

Native + You (NU)

6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3

Heard Museum

2301 N. Central Ave.

602-252-8848

The Heard debuts "First Fridays: Native + You," where visitors can join in the groovings of DJ Randy Boogie, enjoy break-dancing and see fabulous lowrider vehicles on display, all on the theme "Cruise Control at the Heard." Admission is free. Visit www.heard.org/firstfridays.

'Fall Follies'

Phoenix Girls Chorus

5 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Central United Methodist Church

1875 North Central Ave.

602-252-5562

The chorus kicks off its 33rd choral season with a fun and casual concert featuring a preview of songs that will be sung throughout the season: classical, multi-cultural, a cappella, spiritual, Broadway and more. Girls in 2nd-12th grades who are interested in auditioning for the chorus are invited to attend either concert for free. Otherwise, tickets are \$12 for premiere seating, and \$6 for general seating. Call for tickets.

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'Seminar'

Actors Theatre

Oct. 24-Nov. 9

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Elgar's 'Viola Concerto'

Musica Nova

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26

Central United Methodist Church

1875 N. Central Ave.

Featuring viola soloist Milena Pajarován de Stadt. The concert includes a new work by a MusicaNova composition fellow, as well as "Viola" Concerto Op. 25 by Sir Edward Elgar, and P. I. Tchaikovsky's Orchestral Suite No. 2. Tickets are \$20 adults/\$15 students and seniors, and youth 17 and younger are free when accompanied by a paid admission. Visit www.musicanovaaz.com.

Artist Talk: Paulo Bruscky

7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

Phoenix Art Museum,

Singer Hall

1625 N. Central Ave.

602-257-1222

In connection with the exhibition Paulo Bruscky: Art is Our Last Hope,

artist Paulo Bruscky will present a lecture on his work spanning 5 decades. Free with museum admission. Visit www.phxart.org.

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11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

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3-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

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'Day of the Dead'

Phoenix Chorale

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

First United Methodist Church

5510 N. Central Ave.

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The Phoenix Chorale honors this weekend of memorial observances through requiem settings by two choral masters: Herbert Howells and Maurice Duruflé. The Howells Requiem examines the pain of loss, deep grief, and eternal hope; Duruflé wrote his Requiem for choir and organ in memory of his father. The chorale also will pay tribute to Harvey K. Smith, beloved conductor of the Phoenix Boys Choir, with a world premiere written by J.A.C. Redford. Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$13 for students with ID, plus fees, and are available at: www.phoenixchorale.org/tickets.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Jennifer Russo, center, owner of Jennifer's Catering and the new Market by Jennifer Café, chats with lunch customers John and Peggy King of Scottsdale, who ordered two of the most popular menu items: the grilled market grind burger and the Jerusalem artichoke risotto with rock shrimp (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat
Valley caterer opens brick-and-mortar café

By Teri Carnicelli

Jennifer Russo can remember a time when her upscale catering business was so busy, she had more business than she could handle.

Then the economy took a nosedive, and parties that were once lavish had to do a little economic trimming of their own. Which meant that customers of Jennifer's Catering could no longer afford her services.

But she had built a strong and loyal client base since 1997, and it was those clients who asked her to develop another tier of service—one that would provide the same quality of food and service but at a lower price point. Thus, The Market by Jennifer was born.

The original concept, Russo explains, was a sort of grab-and-go of prepackaged, gourmet meals that could be taken somewhere else and heated up before being served. She leased a space on the back side of the Gaslight Square at 36th Street and Indian School Road. The menu was more casual than her catering business but still offered that fine-dining feel, with choices such as roasted chicken, grilled fish, hearty salads, and even a gourmet macaroni and cheese.

But soon her clientele was asking for something else—why not a café space there where they could sit and enjoy a

meal before taking one away for later?

The café portion of the space was launched in January 2014 and business built steadily, particularly from residents of the surrounding neighborhood. Popular selections have been the grilled market grind burger and the Jerusalem artichoke risotto with rock shrimp. A generous charcuterie board with prosciutto, olive-oil poached vegetables, stone fruit chutney and more is a great item to share.

And now with cooler mornings and evenings fast approaching, the large doors can be opened onto the outside patio that wraps around the two sides of the corner space, creating an indoor-outdoor feel that Valley diners particularly enjoy in the fall and winter months. Live music will be a regular feature on the weekends.

"At night, when the doors are open and the lights are dimmed, the space has a more sophisticated feel," Russo says.

Russo also is making a few changes for the fall, including a new happy hour menu featuring chicken wings, sliders, risotto balls, and house-made chips with a selection of toppings. There will be a signature "flavor" each week that will grace each happy hour menu item. There also will be plenty of bar specials such as \$2 domestic beers, half-off wine by the glass and featured \$5 cocktails. Happy hour runs 3-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and until 5 p.m. on Sundays, when the café closes.

Weekends offer diners a hearty



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brunch menu that includes steak-and-eggs and the signature roasted squash and cheese enchiladas, along with bottomless mimosas, a house-blended Bloody Mary and live music.

But perhaps the biggest change is a new partnership with the Rock Springs Café in Black Canyon City, famous for its award-winning pies. Rock Springs Café fruit and cream pies are now available on the menu by the slice and in whole pies, and just in time for the holidays, customers can pre-order pies for their entertaining needs, including the popular Jack Daniels Pecan Pie.

Business, Russo says, “is doing very good.” She has hired a great crew at the café, including manager Ric Fiero, who was with Barrio Café for 10 years. The strong team at the café has allowed Russo to re-focus on her catering business, which is starting to pick up again. Fall and winter in Arizona are wedding season and holiday party season. “I’m getting as many as 10 catering proposals a day,” Russo says.

The biggest challenge has been customers finding the café, since it’s on the back corner of the shopping center.

The Market by Jennifer’s is located at 3603 E. Indian School Road, just off 36th Street south of Indian School Road. There is a bike rack for the cycling crowd and plenty of parking for patrons who are coming by car. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. To learn more, visit themarketbyjennifers.com or find The Market on Facebook.

Dining Briefs

Get ready now for holiday entertaining

Whether it’s a friend dropping by, a spontaneous get-together, or a planned party, Carmella Dodge of Savory Fare will teach you “Fun, Fabulous Appetizers for Any Occasion” 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 at The Classy Kitchen, 7118 N. 7th St.

This class will demonstrate simple recipes to make your appetizers look like they took days to make. With step-by-step instruction and printed recipes, Dodge will walk you through the steps

to making Eggplant/Olive Caponata, Bell Pepper Pate, and Stuffed Pizza Breads with an assortment of fillings.

Then from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, Cathy Boa will teach you how to make her layered, luncheon Rainbow Sandwich along with a simple and delicious salad. And it wouldn’t be an afternoon without enjoying a slice of Boa’s famous rum cake. She also will share her secret cinnamon roll recipe and show you how to present them as the perfect holiday gift.

Cost is \$35 per person for each class. For more information or to register, call The Classy Kitchen at 602-870-3530 or visit www.theclassykitchen.com.

Drink special at Luci’s raises funds for charity

This October, Luci’s Healthy Marketplace is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month with the sale of its refreshing drink, Mrs. Arnie Palmer— a refreshing blend of local lemonade and kiwi strawberry tea.

During the entire month of October, a percentage of the proceeds will go to help support the fight against

breast cancer.

Lucia Schnitzer is the owner of Luci’s Healthy Marketplace and started her business with her husband, Ken, after her own successful battle with breast cancer. She brings her inspiring story to the marketplace to raise funds for a great cause.

Luci’s Healthy Marketplace is located at 1590 E. Bethany Home Road. For more information, visit www.lucishealthymarketplace.com.

Learn to make pies in time for holidays

If you want to really impress your friends and family this holiday season, surprise them with a gourmet pie—made by you!

Karl’s Quality Bakery, 111 E. Dunlap Ave., Suite 13, is hosting a Pie Making Basics class in November. Learn to make your own pie from scratch, including the crust. Pie fillings will feature both sweet and savory.

Class options include 12-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, or 5-8 p.m. Nov. 10, 11 or 12. Cost is \$75 per person and all

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If you ever get a chance to travel to Europe, you will most likely notice the lack of big box stores and shopping centers that all look the same. Instead, you’ll probably find unique and specialized shops around every corner that have each earned a reputation for authentic quality and passion with everything they do. Now, imagine finding those memorable qualities right here in Phoenix at the Biltmore Fashion Park. We did and it’s called FROST, A Gelato Shoppe.

“We believe our gelato shop is no different than a fine jewelry store, where our gelato is the jewelry,” owner Doug Woelfle says. “We do everything we can to make sure our gelato wows our customers first – visually. Once the person has a positive visual experience, the next step is to give them amazing gelato, carefully crafted using imported Italian ingredients, equipment and techniques, to create this unique visual and culinary experience. This is our priority, every day.” This strategy is working; FROST at San Tan Village was named “Best Dessert in the Valley” in 2012 and 2013 by *Arizona Republic* Readers. “I am most satisfied when I know our customers are having the best experience that makes them happy.” Doug says.

Walking into FROST you see gleaming stainless steel and glass display cases, gently curving away, filled with a rich variety of gelato as beautiful as it is delicious. Each case is artfully displayed in the Italian tradition of culinary décor, tempting the senses with such flavors as Sea Salt Caramel, Dark Chocolate, and Roasted Almond. For those who are lactose intolerant, fear not, as FROST also serves handmade sorbets like Raspberry, Limoncello, and Pineapple that are dairy-free. FROST also offers Frostbites, a handmade gelato bonbon dipped in Italian chocolate. For those who prefer their indulgences hot, there are several hot coffee drinks including the Gelatte, a latte flavored with your choice of gelato.

However, the FROST experience goes well beyond what is in the glowing cases of gelato. “You are served by a well-trained, friendly and knowledgeable staff whose priority is to make sure you have the best experience possible.” Doug says. FROST encourages unlimited tastes, and will recommend flavor combinations for optimal variety and enjoyment. It’s clear the owners have a passion for customer satisfaction.

Part of the success of FROST is also the personalized service overseen by the owners, who are in the store each day. “In our world today, instead of going into a shop and getting something out of a machine, our customers look forward to going to FROST where they are recognized, welcomed back and offered a handmade experience for the senses. It is overall more satisfying!” Woelfle says.

FROST is owned and operated by Doug, Rowena and Kristin Woelfle.



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materials are included.

If you already know how to make a basic pie but are ready to kick it up to the next level, sign up for the Advanced Pie Making class, 12-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Cost is \$85 per person.

For more information, call 602-997-7849.

Chef, winemakers offer 'Insiders View'

Different Pointe of View, the AAA Four Diamond mountaintop restaurant located at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, will host top winemakers from across the globe for six exclusive Insider's View Dinner experiences.

Limited to just 12 guests, each Insider's View Dinner begins with an outdoor wine reception hosted by the owner of the featured vineyard, followed by a four- to five-course dinner prepared entirely tableside by Executive Chef Anthony DeMuro.

The Insider's View Dinner Series will run through May 2015. The schedule includes:

- Oct. 24: Peju – A family-owned and operated winery located in Napa Valley's Rutherford Appellation.

- Nov. 14: Seven Hills Winery – One of Walla Walla Valley's oldest and most respected wineries.

Other featured wineries include Joseph Drouhin (France) on Jan. 23; J. Hofstätter (Italy) on Feb. 6; Tedeschi Wines (Italy) on March 6; Mastroberardino (Italy) on April 10; and Campuget (France) on May 1.

Each Insider's View Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. at the restaurant, 11111 N. 7th St. Reservations are required and available for \$99 per person, inclusive of dinner and wine pairings. Call 602-866-6350.

Enjoy NFL Sunday ticket at The Yard

Enjoy football games via the NFL Sunday Ticket package, along with game-friendly American fare and large hi-def TV screens at Culinary Dropout at The Yard, 5632 N. 7th St.

The popular Phoenix gastropub opens at 10 a.m. on Sundays to fuel spectators with classic comfort foods like breakfast burritos, potato chips with onion dip, beer battered fish and chips, grilled cheese sliders, and more.

Newly added to the menu just in time for football season are items like buffalo chicken meatballs, house cranked brats and shrimp and pork belly ramen (see below descriptions). Fans can wash it all down with one of more than 50 beers on the menu or opt for breakfast-inspired cocktails like the Bacon Bloody Mary or the Last Man Standing.

On top of that, The Yard offers the best half-time entertainment in town—an interactive gaming area complete with cornhole, ping-pong, foosball and shuffleboard.

For more information, call 602-680-4040 visit www.culinarydropout.com.

Valley eatery pizzas benefit child literacy

KidsRead USA, a unique early childhood literacy program that buys new books for economically disadvantaged children, will launch a creative fundraiser this month in partnership with select Valley restaurants.

Independent Valley restaurateurs who serve pizza or flatbread are being asked to donate \$1 from each pizza sold from Oct. 10-20 to buy books for third graders whose impoverished parents can-



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To promote the event, posters and menu inserts will be supplied to each restaurant.

Founded in 1996 by author and journalist Eileen Bailey, KidsRead has given away more than 29,000 books to children attending seven elementary schools in the Osborn and Balsz School Districts. For more information, visit www.kidsreadusa.org.

New pizza shop opens in Union

Forge Wood-Fired Pizza, a product of Le Bon Temps Restaurants, will open on Oct. 7 in the Union shops at the Biltmore Fashion Park, 2502 E. Camelback Road.

Executive Chef Jeffrey Amber and his team will serve lunch and dinner seven days a week with a menu highlighted by hearty starters such as Crispy

Cheese Curds and Long Cooked Ribs, as well as fresh salads and two-fisted sandwiches such as the Fried Chicken with citrus greens and Calabrian aioli.

The real stars are the signature wood-fired Neapolitan-style pizzas, including the Fat Boy Pizza with house made sausage, bacon, pickled peppers and cream, and the Three Cheese Pizza with mozzarella, seasoned ricotta, roasted garlic, and topped with arugula, lemon and Parmesan. The pizzas are cooked in a steel-clad Valoriani pizza oven set in an open industrial space.

Forge will pour local craft beers, select American and European wine varietals and craft cocktails using ingredients such as house-made ginger beer.

Chef Amber is joined in Le Bon Temps Restaurants by partners Andy Byrnes, a local architect, builder and founder of the Phoenix-based The Construction Zone; Michael Karp, owner of Barbacoa and Table 24; and Bob Burke of the Pat Kuleto Restaurant Group and Gordon Biersch Brewing Co.

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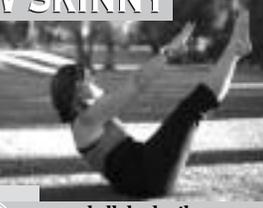
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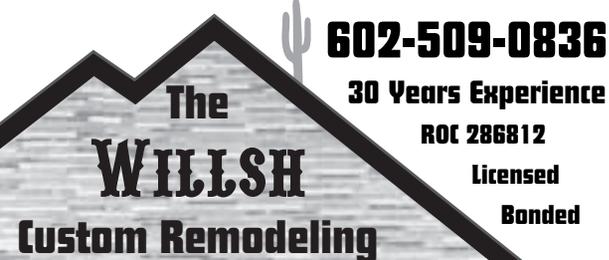

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