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Museum unveils whimsical mural

By Teri Carnicelli

A new mural giving a whimsical nod to Sunnyslope's past will be celebrated beginning at noon on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Sunnyslope Historical Society Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road.

The mural, crafted by Valley artist Tim Medina (www.MedinaArtDesign.com), is on the west-facing side of the museum, which is housed in a building that was originally the People's Drug Store—the first drive through pharmacy in Arizona.

Medina began painting the mural at the end of September, putting in about 40 hours of work before completing it in early November. Medina's portfolio ranges from portraits, to detailed automotive air-brush, to large-scale murals. He currently has a mural on the back of the Armored Mini Storage facility south of Glendale Avenue, just east of 16th Street and adjacent to the Arizona Canal.

The museum's mural features the Abbott family's

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From left: Hanan, a single mother who aged out of the foster care system, found an internship with Social Spin owner Christy Moore, thanks to Jewish Family and Children's Service's Transition to Adulthood and Real World Job Development program and its youth development coordinator, Julie Jupp (photo courtesy of JFCS).

Local businesses help foster youth find jobs

By Julie Jupp

Hanan grew up in the foster care system. At 18, she gave birth to a daughter and quickly learned the difficulties associated with parenting and providing for herself and her child. The idea of finding a job, much less a career that would provide for her and her daughter, seemed unobtainable. She dreamed of providing a stable life for her daughter.

Upon reaching her 18th birthday, Hanan was like thousands of other young men and women, released from the foster care system with zero support and no place to live.

Hanan was encouraged to seek help from Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS). The Transition to Adulthood and Real World Job Development (RWJD) programs offer support and direction for youth that age out of the foster system.

"It's challenging for kids once they turn 18," said RWJD Director Gina Harper. "They face tremendous barriers that interfere with their education, home life and careers. It's very important that we help eliminate barriers and celebrate 'living independently' milestones along the way."

Participants in the RWJD program receive academic, career and living skills assessments. And thanks to valuable partnerships with local businesses willing

to offer job training and internships paid for by JFCS, participants go on to find work in schools, hospitals, veterinary clinics, small businesses, and more.

For Hanan, now 20, her internship at Social Spin, an innovative laundromat and dry-cleaning business, helped spark a passion for civic engagement and social capital. Through her involvement with RWJD, Hanan has been attending Gateway Community College while pursuing an associate's degree in psychology and gaining employment skills via her internship, various workshops and one-on-one case management.

JFCS credits its volunteers, donors and valuable

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Use permit for rehab center under appeal

By Teri Carnicelli

A use permit granted by the city's zoning administrator for a 55-bed rehab center on property located at 1431 E. Dunlap Ave. has been appealed to the city's Board of Adjustment, which will hear the case on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Patina Mountain Preserve is a development by the nonprofit Native American Connections (NAC) planned for the Sunnyslope community that includes a 55-bed drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, which requires a use permit under new city regulations that went into effect in April of this year.

A public hearing was held before Zoning Administrator Frank Dolasinski on Sept. 20, and he released his final ruling on Oct. 15. Dolasinski did not believe the project would create more noise, dust, or traffic than what is already permitted under the current underlying zoning, which would allow for upwards of 200 apartment units on that site, located near the end of a residential street that terminates at the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

He also determined that it would not cause property values in the area to dip appreciably, despite neighbors' assertions to the contrary.

The appeal was filed on Oct. 24 by Teresa Duhancik, who lives less than 300 feet from the proposed facility. In her appeal, she cited increased ambient noise from proposed weekly drum circles on the property—part of NAC's whole body-mind therapeutic treatment—and also reiterated neighbors' concerns about the negative effects "residential" rehab centers may have on adjacent homes' property values.

The Board of Adjustment is scheduled to hear the case during its regular meeting on Dec. 6 in the Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St. The case was tentatively scheduled for 12 p.m.; however, to check the most recent agenda, visit www.phoenix.gov and click on "More Public Meeting Notices." Agendas are advertised 7 days prior to the hearing date, but can be updated as early as 24 hours before the hearing.

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business partners for the success of its Transition to Adulthood and Real World Job Development programs. Not only do they help individual participants, but the good trickles down to the community.

Social Spin Founder Christy Moore, MSW, has made it a priority to partner with programs like Real World Job Development to employ interns who need to develop important work skills so they can enter the job market full time in the future.

“We think the laundromat and dry-cleaning industry can do better,” Moore said. “We want to connect neighbors to neighbors and provide vital resources like voter registration, information on affordable childcare or workforce development, opportunities for important conversations and fun as well.”

If you represent a business and want to hear more about how you and your organization can provide onsite job training or apprenticeships paid for by JFCS, call 602-279-0084.

Individuals interested in volunteering in the Transition to Adulthood Program, which helps foster care teens with career planning, daily living skills, enrolling in college, finance management and more, can e-mail VolunteerCoordinator@jfc saz.org.

Editor's note: Julie Jupp is the Real World Job Development (RWJD) youth development coordinator for Jewish Family & Children's Service.

Holiday activities abound at Christown

Starting Saturday, Dec. 1, Christown Spectrum Mall, 17th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, hosts its third-annual “Christown Cringle’s Workshop” every weekend from 12-4 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 16, near Walmart and Harkins Theatres. This is a free event for the whole family.

There will be an ornament decorating station for kids, where they will be encouraged to decorate the Santa’s Workshop tree that will be donated to a local senior center or children’s home. Children also can make an ornament to take home. Other on-site activities include: Santa’s Mailbox, where children can write their letters to Santa; a big-screen TV featuring holiday classic movies; a face painter; holiday characters like Frosty the Snowman; Christown Cringle Elves reading holiday stories; and more.

New this year, Mrs. Claus’ Kitchen will feature crafts with Mrs. Claus herself. Visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to place on Mrs. Claus’ shelf and toys to fill Santa’s Sleigh. Those who donate a toy or five cans or non-perishable food items will receive a \$5 Gift Card to Harkins Movie Theatre. All items will be donated to a Phoenix food bank and a local children’s charity at the end of the season.

In addition, Harkins Movie Theatre gift cards valued at \$5 will be given away to the first 100 customers to visit the workshop each Saturday morning.

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1929 two-tone Studebaker with wooden spokes pulling up to the pharmacy window. William Abbott relocated to Sunnyslope from Michigan in the 1920s due to poor health and a lung illness, and set up camp at the base of S Mountain. He was later joined by his wife and eight children.

“People back then knew it was the Abbott family driving through town by the number of feet hanging out the window,” recalls Tommy Abbott, the youngest son.

It was that memory that inspired the theme of the mural. Medina spoke to Abbott to get more details about the car, and found an image online that he could use as a model.

The mural was a collaborative project between the Sunnyslope Historical Society Museum and the City of Phoenix Arts & Culture Department, with assistance from the East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch, and Literacy Volunteers.

Medina, Abbott, and representa-



Valley artist Tim Medina works on a mural located on the west side of the Sunnyslope Historical Society Museum (photo courtesy of the Sunnyslope Historical Society).

tives of the partner organizations will be on hand for the launch event. A light lunch will be served afterward. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the museum at 602-331-3150.



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Necessity for Qualified Disclaimers. The determination must be made whether to disclaim or not. This is one of the most frequently used postmortem techniques to correct lifetime planning errors.

There are many things to consider after someone passes away, so it is essential that you consult with a qualified estate planning attorney prior to taking any of these steps.



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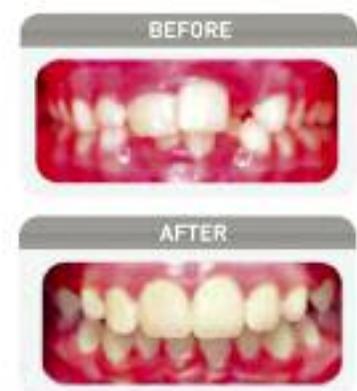
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Church opens family center, gift shop

By Octavio Serrano

Gas pumps and tires have given way to crucifixes, religious statues and spiritual books.

An old Phoenix gas station was developed into a family center space and gift shop for Most Holy Trinity Parish, located at 8620 N. 7th St.

Dale Craig, a pastor of the Parish, said, "It was a gift from God. I am convinced He wanted us to have that property."

The Parish had been interested in the adjacent property for 12 years but was unable to afford it, Craig explained. Then two years ago, two things happened.

Two members of the Parish passed away within four months of each other and left a sizeable donation for the Parish in their wills. Apart from that, the realtor of the property contacted the church and said the owners were willing to sell the former Defi gas station and mini mart for a significantly reduced price.



From left: Most Holy Trinity Gift Shop volunteer managers Tia and Chuck Tribes work on straightening items in the displays while Becky Demontigny examines the Advent Tree the shop is carrying for the holiday season (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

"It was divine providence," Craig said.

Most of the work was done for free or at a reduced price because the architect and contractors hired for the renovation were members of the Parish, according to Craig.

The Family Center is a large, open

room with high ceilings. The building also has two bathrooms and a small kitchenette. An outdoor sitting/play area is being developed on the back side of building.

Pat Galaviz, a volunteer at Most Holy Trinity, said the Parish uses the Family Center for meetings, religious

programs and classes. The gift shop officially opened on May 2, and is significantly bigger than the previous gift shop space housed inside the Parish office.

Tia Tribe, a volunteer manager with the gift shop, said she only sells religious items but the shop is open to the public. Customers may find spiritual books, holy cards, rosaries, and other religious items as well as baptismal items and, particularly for December, items celebrating Advent, which begins on Dec. 2. "We are here to evangelize and we have very beautiful product and books to accomplish that," Tribe said.

The gift shop is located at 8722 N. 7th St., and it is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. The gift shop can be reached at 602-386-1179.

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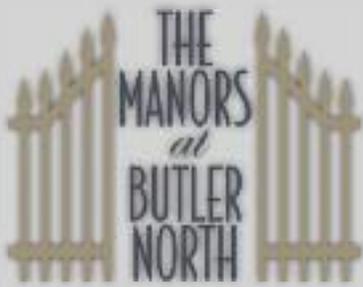
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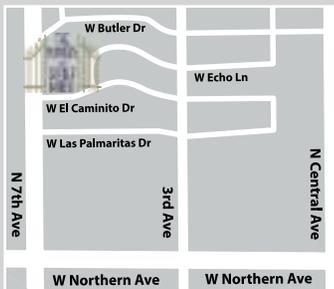
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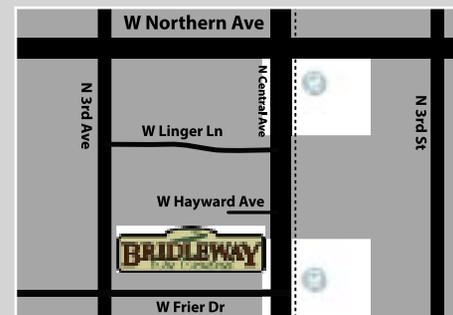
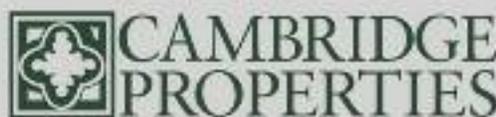


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The event, along the west side of 7th Avenue from Glenrosa south to MacKenzie Drive, features live music on two stages including the Osborn Middle School Firedrums. There also will be food trucks from Best In Show, more than 40 local craft vendors, luminarias, free family activities, and your favorite 7th Avenue stores and restaurants staying open late.

Additional musical acts include indie rock band Joh-Ne, banjo extraordinaire Richard Bogen, Scott "Elvis" Orband, and rock band League of Zeros. Food trucks will include Marcel Belgian waffles, 2 Wild & Cheesy Guys, and Zpotes Salvadorian.

Local businesses will participate in an inaugural Holiday Lights Contest, with \$300 in prizes up for grabs. Lights will go up Dec. 1, and judging will take place the night of Merriment in Melrose.

Monetary donations collected that night will be used to purchase new instruments for the growing music programs in the Osborn District. For more

information, visit www.merrimentin-melrose.com.

Earlier that same day in the Melrose District, the new Lyceum Park will be dedicated almost a year to the day from the groundbreaking that was held on Dec. 16, 2017.

The Lyceum, a community park and gathering space at the northwest corner of 7th Avenue and Montecito, has been an all-volunteer effort of materials and labor funded through donations, both monetary and in-kind. The land was donated by Clear Channel Outdoor, and the project was overseen by CASA, whose board members come from the four neighborhoods adjacent to the Melrose District.

Lyceum means "gathering place," and the project is a passive park with shade, seating, low-water trees and plants, lighting, a stage, bike racks and plenty of space to mingle.

CASA engaged Norris Design, LLC to design and build the improvements, and Norris chose Harvest Design Group for the construction. Both companies donated a significant amount of the work.

A majority of the materials for the project also were donated, and additional capital was raised by selling engraved "donor bricks," which will be placed in the ground in a special area of the park.

The Dec. 15 dedication event is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., however, for the most up-to-date information, visit www.casaon7thave.org, or find them on Facebook at Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue.

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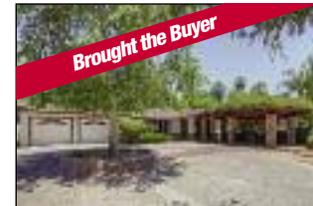
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By Haley MacDonell

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Good Gifts Healing Art Studio, located at 1825 E. Northern Ave., Suite 253, is in the business of de-stressing through the creative process. Launched in April of this year, the open concept studio gives its members and drop-in clients access to fully stocked shelves of art supplies and classes.

Eudora Sommers, executive director and founder of the nonprofit studio, wanted to create a relaxing environment to create. “I have a passionate belief that art and creativity is very healing and helpful to people to relax and de-stress,” Sommers said.

Good Gifts has a second-story view of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve, which Sommers believes adds to the relaxing environment of the studio. There is a common room, a kitchenette equipped with snacks, a room dedicated to painting and a multi-purpose room designed for classes and community events.

Beyond the open studio hours, classes are also offered two days a week: Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings, as well as on occasional Saturdays. For these two-hour blocks, the group focuses on one particular activity.

In December, the studio offers holiday-themed classes featuring activities such as Cookie House Creations (Dec. 5-6) and Cookie Cutter Clay Ornaments (Dec. 12-13), to bring some handmade holiday spirit into your home, and give you time to relax. If someone can't make it to a class, the activities are still available during open studio time. With the different supplies and activities available, studio time and classes allow people of all ages to find a project that they enjoy working on and take time for themselves.

For Sommers, creating art with an emphasis on relaxing means not being focused on the end-product.

“It's all about the process,” Sommers said. “I encourage people to come and be with their creativity and do something that strikes them as interesting and fun.”

Classes and drop-in studio time are \$15 each and give artists access to the wide array of supplies—acrylic paints,



Eudora Sommers stocks her Good Gifts Healing Art Studio with a wide variety of supplies as well as samples of craft ideas to help get the creative juices flowing (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

alcohol inks, pastels, and more—as well as the studio. Four different levels of memberships allow people the ability to come into the studio when it's most convenient for varying amounts of time.

Since Good Gifts is a nonprofit, donations of art supplies are always welcome and tax receipts can be provided. For more information on the Good Gifts Healing Art Studio and its classes, call 480-499-0522 or visit www.healingartstudio.org.

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

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Borderlands Food Bank, a nonprofit organization located in Nogales, Ariz., hosts a monthly “Produce on Wheels” distribution of slightly bruised or past-date fruits and vegetables that otherwise would have been dumped in a landfill.

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Note that some items are limited in quantity, and the line forms fast, so it's best to get there early.

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Bringing 2018 to a close

Is it really almost 2019? I cannot believe that it is almost time to ring the bell on another year.



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sales for 2018. We sold eight homes for more than \$1 million, including three homes for more than \$2 million, and on the other side we sold four homes for under \$100,000. Whatever you have to sell, I would be honored to list and sell it.

I am very proud of my kids Sean, Juliann and Jesse. Sean is a commercial realtor with SRS Real Estate Partners located at 32nd Street and Camelback. He just became First Vice President at his company. You can contact Sean at 602-376-1341. Sean and Juliann went to All Saints, then Sean went to Brophy Prep and played football at the University of Arizona while Juliann went to Xavier and Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University. Juliann is now a realtor with

me and hopes to be practicing as a sports psychologist in 2019. Jesse went to Sunnyslope and played football at the University of Memphis. He currently is in New York opening two Orange Fitness Centers.

It is really exciting to see all the new businesses opening up in our area but let's not forget the ones that have been around for 20 or more years. I just stopped in to Inman & Sons Auto and Truck Center with nails in two tires. Jeff Inman, who is the son of the owner, was a class act and helped me on a Saturday afternoon by stopping what he was doing and putting air in all four tires. Some auto repair shops would have tried to sell me four tires. Hats off to Inman Auto and Truck Center for their long-time North Central presence!

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday, and here's to a healthy and happy 2019!

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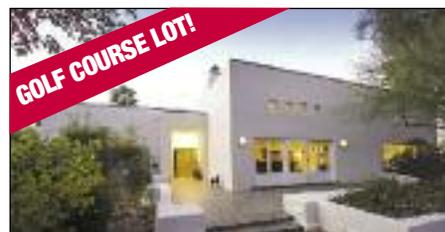
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Once she is comfortable and in her element, Cheyenne is a curious and courageous girl who never says no to learning a new trick. This adorable pup would do best with a family that has lots of patience and is willing to let her go at her own pace. She would also do best in a home that didn't have any pets smaller than her.

Visit sweet Cheyenne at the Arizona

Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus, located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$150 and includes microchip and vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number 588702, or visit www.azhumane.org/adopt to see all animals available for adoption right now.

**Pet photos with Santa
benefit dog rescue**

Community members can get a free photo of their pet with Santa from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at The Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen, 5813 N. 7th St., in the Crown on 7th shopping center. Ample parking is available in the back, off of Palo Verde Drive.

Central Kitchen is teaming up with Arizona Small Dog Rescue to host the "Santa Paws" event. The photos are free, and donations to the Arizona Small Dog Rescue are appreciated.

All dogs must be leashed, or restrained in pet carriers or pet strollers, at all times. Dress your pet in his or her best holiday outfit and make a lasting memory with "Santa Paws."

**'Pets on Parade' marks
60th anniversary**

The Arizona Humane Society's weekly TV show, "Pets on Parade," will celebrate its 60th anniversary beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 on KTVK-3TV. "Pets on Parade" is the longest-running local television show in Arizona and debuted on Dec. 8,

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“To see how far we have come as an organization over the last 60 years and to have a platform like ‘Pets on Parade,’ which has stood the test of time, is truly amazing,” said AHS President and CEO Dr. Steven Hansen. “We are grateful to 3TV for the longstanding partnership and look forward to another 60 years of lifesaving TV.”

The special anniversary episode will revisit the last 60 years and feature a lineup of special guests while also honoring the late Marge Wright, the beloved host of “Pets on Parade” for more than 40 years. Wright passed away on August 26, 2014 at the age of 89, and it is estimated she provided more than 7,000 volunteer hours to the pets she adored so much.

Learn more and view past episodes at azhumane.org/petsonparade and youtube.com/arizonahumanesociety.

Photos with Santa, more at Uptown Plaza

This December, get in the holiday spirit with a little help from Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road.

Every Saturday before Christmas (Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., guests can take pictures with Santa, sip hot cocoa and apple cider provided by Elly’s Brunch & Cafe, and hand off the gift-wrapping hassle to professional “elves.”

The photo opportunity with Santa’s set is designed by Ryan Durkin of Modern Manor, a vintage furniture showroom that specializes in Mid-Century Modern pieces from the 1940s-1970s. Santa and gift-wrapping are complimentary with proof of \$50 or more in purchases at Uptown Plaza. Guests can also opt to donate \$10 to the Salvation Army’s Christmas Angels for a photo with Santa.

Uptown Plaza, located in the heart of Phoenix’s historic North Central neighborhood, is a newly restored shopping center boasting a wide variety of retailers and restaurants. For more information, visit www.uptownplaza-phx.com.

Phoestivus returns to downtown

Inspired by the famous Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas markets in Germany) and Seinfeld’s Festivus, a parody and secular holiday celebrated in an episode of the show, Phoestivus is an all-inclusive December celebration.

The Phoestivus holiday markets, set for 5-10 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 13 & 20 at 721 N. Central Ave., feature more than 150 local vendors. The event also boasts traditions such as the Phoestivus Pole, Pheats of Strength, and the Airing of Grievances.

This event is free and family friendly. Free on-site and street parking is available. Or, take the light rail and get off at the Roosevelt St. station. Visit www.phoestivus.com.

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December 7 @ 5:30 p.m. – Polar Express Movie Night

Bring the whole family and enjoy the tale of a young boy who embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

December 9 @ 11 a.m. – Christmas Cantata

“Christmas Canticles” is an original work by Music Minister, Joshua Elder that features the Christmas Concert Choir, soloists and wind ensemble. Soloists are: Nina Cole, soprano; Jessica Elder, mezzo-soprano; Michael Tallino, baritone.

December 16 @ 3 p.m. – Christmas Concert

This delightful performance includes the entire First Church musical family! Young and old, traditional and contemporary, we share all we have to offer in honor of the Newborn King.

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 3 Services

4 p.m. – Family Service - this family friendly service is geared towards sharing the Christmas story with our children. Everyone will sing their favorite Christmas carols, and children will participate in a live action Pageant. Following the service, there will even be a Live Petting Zoo to celebrate the Christ Child!

7:30 p.m. – Traditional Candlelight Service - Filled with your favorite carols, this service is led by our Chancel Choir and magnificent pipe organ.

11 p.m. – Jazz Service with Communion – Christmas Eve in Phoenix just got a lot cooler! Valley jazz mainstay, Blaise Lantana returns with her band of incredible musicians, to lead us in a joyful celebration of the Christmas Season.



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Chanukah on the Lawn

4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2
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Families will have fun at a Chanukah Wonderland with treats and crafts, bubble fun with Bubble Maniacs, a 6-foot menorah lighting (5:30 p.m.), music, and more. Free and open to the public. Visit www.chabadaz.com/lawn.

HonorHealth Tree Lighting

5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3
John C. Lincoln Medical Center
250 E. Dunlap Ave.

Bring the whole family to the free event and enjoy games, crafts, complimentary hot cocoa and cider, and a free photo with the Crystal Princess (one per family). In addition, children can decorate their own cookie to take home.

Phoenix Festival of the Arts

Dec. 7-9
Margaret T. Hance Park
1202 N. 3rd St.
602-254-3100

A weekend-long celebration of arts, music, and culinary delights, with a full lineup of live music and entertainment, wine and beer, food trucks and vendors, local artists, and a Family Zone. Visit www.phoenixfestivalofthearts.org.

42nd Annual Indian Market

Dec. 8-9
Pueblo Grande Museum
4619 E Washington St.
602-495-0901

Enjoy a weekend of American Indian art, music, dance, storytelling, and food, and a variety of demonstrations and hands-on activities including archery, atlatl spear throwing, community painting, beading, and pottery making. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. General admission is \$10. Visit www.pueblogrande.com.

Christmas at the Castle

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
Irish Cultural Center
1106 N. Central Ave.

Enjoy live music, food trucks, family activities, Story Time with Mrs. Claus, photo opportunities with Father Christmas, an ugly sweater contest, and more. Admission is \$10 for ages 17 and

older, and \$5 for kids age 11-16, and includes two tickets to use toward activities. Children 10 and younger admitted for free. Visit www.azirish.org/christmas-at-the-castle/.

BOV Fashion Show Luncheon

11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
JW Marriott Camelback Inn
5402 E. Lincoln Drive
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Featuring the 2019 BOV Flower girls and grandchildren of BOV members and professional models who will take to the runway wearing the latest fashions from Dillard's. Proceeds will benefit the community healthcare needs of women, children and the elderly. Tickets are \$150 each. For more information, visit www.boardofvisitors.org.

City Lights Movie Nights

6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14
CityScape/Patriot's Park
Central Ave. & Jefferson St.

Get into the Christmas spirit with the screening of two Christmas classics, "National Lampoons: Christmas Vacation" and "Home Alone." The first movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own chairs and arrive early to get a good spot by the outdoor splash pad. Free and open to the public. Visit <http://cityscapephoenix.com/events/>.

Light Rail 'Polar Express'

6-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14
Between Dunlap & Glendale Ave.

Ride in a special light rail car that's been decorated for the evening. As you ride from Dunlap to Glendale Avenue and back, enjoy elves, cookies, the "Polar Express" story and perhaps a visit from Santa himself. This event is free; no ticket is required.

How Women Move On Post-Prison

6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 18
Beatitudes Luther Life Center
1616 W. Glendale Ave.
602-510-1544

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW welcomes Pastor Robyn Bezanson, who will discuss "Women's Education and Equity—Post Incarceration." Bezanson is the founder and CEO of Post Incarceration Ministry. The program begins after an optional dinner (\$15) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner to 602-510-1544. Visitors are welcome.



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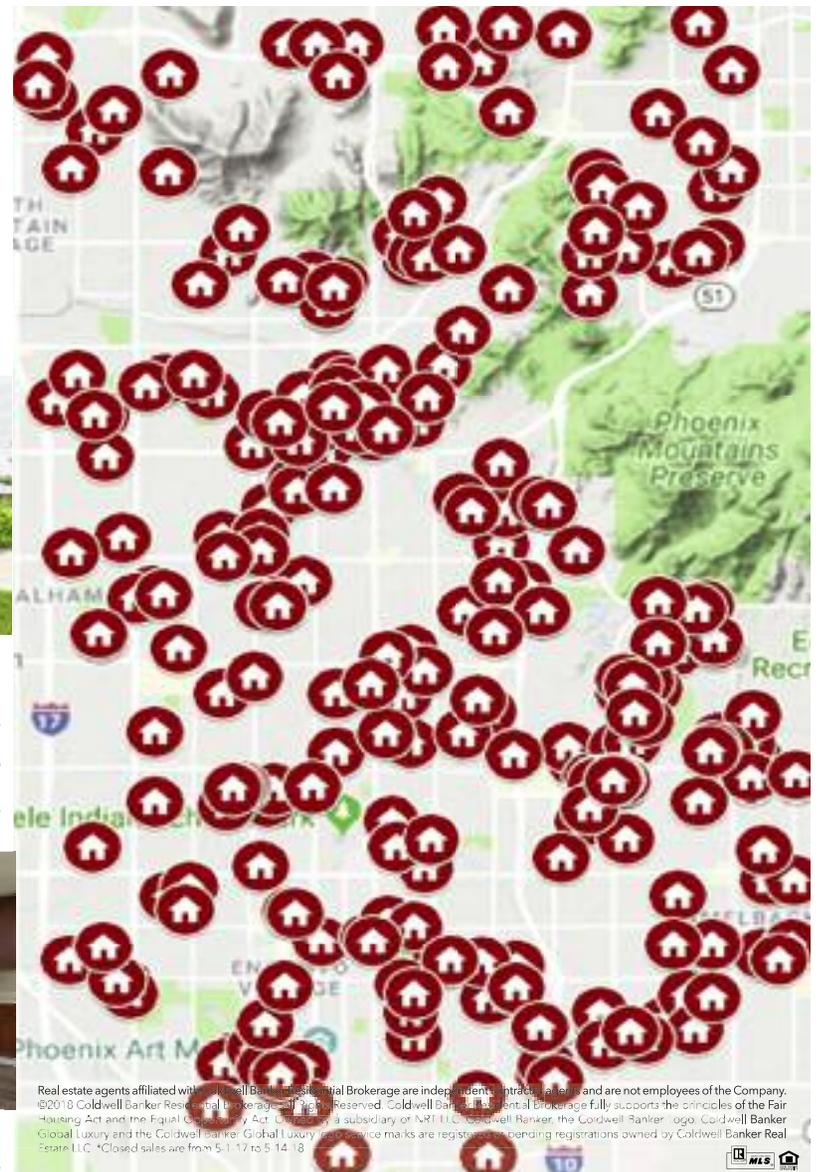
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Mentor honored with 'peace pole' at garden

Washington High School Interactors dedicated a Peace Pole at Growing Together: A Giving Garden on Nov. 17. They honored the late Jim Green, their mentor from their sponsoring Sun City Rotary Club. Green visited the garden often with the students and worked worldwide on Rotary's peace initiatives.

"His peaceful spirit was palpable," Sun City Rotary President Steve Bjornstad said. "He put this spirit into action as a peace advocate in his community and his world. This honor today would have been a humbling thrill for Jim."

Rotarians, gardeners and students gathered at the community garden located just west of Central on Glendale Avenue to install the Peace Pole in Green's memory—an international project that serves as a reminder for world peace.

"We were privileged to know Mr.



Washington High School Interactors celebrate the memory of former mentor Jim Green with a Peace Pole at Growing Together: A Giving Garden, where Green often visited the garden to work with the students (submitted photo).

Green, who was such a joyful soul," Master Gardener Annie Mittelstaedt said.

Green, 82, once said he wouldn't have missed a Saturday morning at the garden, which gave him a chance not only to harvest some vegetables for charitable donations, but to sit with his "children" to encourage them to make a

difference in their world.

"Mr. Green made you feel like you were the only person in the room," past Interact president Nikole Gomez said. "He was your own personal cheerleader for whatever your goals were."

Past Interact President Oscar Gonzalez agreed that Green was some-

one who impacted his life. "For the past five years, Mr. Green was my mentor," Gonzalez said. "He's made me a better person and our talks at the garden were inspirational and of course, entertaining."

Green, who passed away in March, was one of the early sponsors of Washington's Interact Club, one of the most active Interact Clubs in the nation with over 100 service projects each year.

Holiday train displays on self-guided tour

This holiday season, Arizona Big Train Operators (ABTO) will host its annual Christmas Open Houses, Dec. 8-9 and Dec. 15-16.

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and Orangewood, 32nd Avenue and Orangewood, and 12th Street and Union Hills Drive.

This year, the event will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each day. Check ABTO's website at www.azbigtrains.org for the locations, photos, video of railroads and updated information.

There are no admission fees but tax-deductible donations are accepted and used to support ABTO activities.

Hazardous waste collection planned

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes at a Household Hazardous Waste collection from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dec. 14-15 at Washington Park, 6655 N. 23rd Ave.

In addition to car batteries, motor oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides and pool chemicals, the events will accept five road tires per household, computers and household appliances that use refrigerants, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps. Commercial loads will not be accepted. Place cans, glass bottles and smaller items inside a container or box when possible.

You must bring a current city services bill showing solid waste fees and matching photo ID with the same address as on the bill. Remain in your vehicle at all times; event staff will unload your items.

Residents will be allowed up to two CRT monitors/televisions per month, per household free of charge. After the first two CRT units, a \$20 fee will be charged for each additional CRT device.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/hhw or call 602-262-6251.

Learn to use bamboo in landscape, crafts

The Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix, 1125 N. 3rd Ave., hosts a Bamboo Workshop 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Japan has a long tradition of incorporating bamboo in its landscapes and the elegance and utility of bamboo has been recognized for centuries. With the proper care and maintenance you will treasure it in your landscape as an elegant specimen plant or as a small grove.

As part of this workshop you will learn how to select, plant and care for your bamboo. By examining the JFG's seven different varieties you will get a

better understanding of the enormous choice in bamboos. There will also be demonstrations on how you can work with this versatile material to make small crafts. Bring a hasami (porcelain bowl), and garden clippers or scissors for the craft project.

Cost is \$35 and includes garden admission. For more information or to register, visit www.japanesefriendship-garden.org and click on "Events & Programs."

Nighttime music, light show at garden

See the beauty of the Desert Botanical Garden at night, with a synchronized music and light show as part of the new "Electric Desert" exhibit, now through May 2019.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and close at 10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Tickets range from \$24.95-\$29.95 for adults, and \$12.95-\$15.95 for youth ages 3-17, depending on your pre-selected date. For more information, call 480-941-1225 or visit <https://www.dbg.org/exhibits/electric-desert/>.



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Last of Dyer Electric family to retire

Dyer Electric was started in 1946 in the backyard of Phoenix residents W.E. and Modena Dyer, who built the company from the ground up. Their motto was “no job too small.”

Their children—Vic, Phil and Pam—all grew up in the family business, working at “the shop.” Soon a third generation would join them, including Phil’s children, Ryan Christi and Shawn, and Vic’s sons, Thomas and Will.

“Our family is very blessed to have had a mom and dad who taught us what a good work ethic is,” Vic said. “Over the years, Dyer Electric has been a great opportunity for my brother Phil and myself. We both made our careers at Dyer Electric and we were very fortunate.”

On June 11, 2018, Phil Dyer passed away. He was president of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) for many years, and Dyer Electric was a union shop out of IBEW Local 640.

“My dad told me I would know when it’s time to hang it up. Sadly, that time has arrived,” Vic said.

As of December 2018, Vic Dyer and Marty Wood, superintendent for Dyer Electric, will retire. Office Manager Dona Dolezal, who has been with the company for 25 years, will continue under the Dyer Electric name and phone number.

“I would like to thank all of our customers for their support over the years, as well as current and former employees,” Vic said. “You are the rea-



The Dyer family siblings, from left: Vic, Pam and Phil (photo courtesy of Vic Dyer).

son we served the Valley for 72 years. Our family takes pride in the reputation we have built.”

Business Briefs

Vendors sought for annual Melrose fair

The annual Melrose on 7th Ave. Street Fair is seeking vendors for its spring event, set for Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Presented by the Seventh Avenue Merchants Association (SAMA), the Melrose Street Fair draws more than 20,000 visitors each year. Vendor opportunities are available for those with arts and crafts, products and services. No mass-produced goods will be accepted. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to secure space.

Booth spaces are 10x10 with limited opportunities for corner booths or end-cap space. All vendors must supply their own canopies, tables, chairs, etc. Standard booth space fee is \$125. Discount available for early registrants before Dec. 31. For more information, e-mail Vendors@M7StreetFair.com or call 602-935-6186.

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Phoenix Chamber marks 130 years of service

Last month the Greater Phoenix Chamber (GPC) celebrated its 130th anniversary. Over the past century it has gone by several names, but has continuously served as the voice of business in the Greater Phoenix region, said Todd Sanders, president and CEO.

“From the very beginning, the chamber served the region’s innovators, employers, builders, and entrepreneurs by supporting efforts and policies to make Phoenix an economically prosperous region where businesses and people thrive,” Sanders said.

With a long history of advocating for strong public policy, the chamber spearheaded efforts to build a railroad north, develop better infrastructure such as roads and highways, and attract people and talent to the Valley. It also was instrumental in the development and growth of the region’s agriculture industry. A key component of this success was the chamber’s role in the region’s water planning efforts, including the creation of the Roosevelt Dam. In addition, chamber leaders were instrumental in

efforts to establish Arizona State University as a university to support the region’s growing population.

“Thirteen decades later, we still advocate for business every day and are proud to be the chamber of the future,” Sanders said. “In the past five years, the chamber created an economic development program to assist existing businesses grow, launched a Foundation to foster strong talent pipelines across key industries and a healthy workforce, and continued to provide a robust public affairs program for chamber members.” For more information, visit www.phoenixchamber.com.

Wells Fargo hosts holiday food drive

Wells Fargo and St. Mary’s Food Bank are collaborating this holiday season to collect non-perishable food items for those in need.

Through Dec. 31, the second-annual Wells Fargo Holiday Food Bank program will once again provide the opportunity for customers and community members to conveniently donate items at Wells Fargo’s 230

Arizona branches, including: 707 E. Glendale Ave.; 744 W. Camelback Road; 5033 N. 7th St.; 5815 N. 19th Ave.; and 8900 N. 7th St.

During the holiday campaign, Wells Fargo’s ATMs will accept monetary donations from customers and others for Feeding America. Customers and community members can also donate online and through Wells Fargo social channels. The company will match up \$1 million in consumer monetary donations.

JOANN fabric, craft store opens

There’s a crafty new neighbor in town, as leading retailer JOANN opened its newest store last month at 3049 E. Indian School Road. The Arcadia Fiesta Shopping Center at the southwest corner of 32nd Street and Indian School Road has undergone a remodeling and revitalization in the last two years and the brand-new JOANN store is a reflection of that revitalization.

JOANN, which first opened in 1943 and now has stores in 49 states,

offers an array of fabrics, craft supplies, finished home goods, food crafting, seasonal merchandise and much more.

“As always, our customers can count on finding high quality fabrics, new product lines, and the latest craft trends in our stores,” said Chris DiTullio, senior vice president, stores and store operations, JOANN.

Sign up on the store’s e-mail list at <https://www.joann.com/phoenix/> to receive special promotions and coupons. For more information, call the store at 602-667-3335.

Local resident honored at national conference

North Central resident Jeffrey Jay Elish, a private wealth advisor with Elish Wealth Management—a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services—has qualified for the company’s Circle of Success annual recognition program. He recently was honored for this achievement at the 2018 National Conference in San Francisco.

While at the conference, advisors *please see HONORED on page 20*

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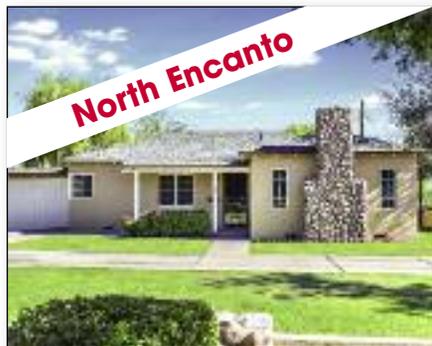
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Jonathan Alder goods now inside Modernique

Modernique, the Uptown Plaza home furnishing source by famed interior designer and author Julia Buckingham, has partnered with Jonathan Adler to feature a wide assortment of his iconic furniture and décor

in Uptown Plaza with an exclusive shop-in-shop.

The additional selection of Jonathan Adler blends seamlessly with Buckingham's design philosophy of blurring the line between modern and antique.

"It was a natural fit for us to join forces with Jonathan Adler for a shop-in-shop here in Phoenix," Buckingham says. "Jonathan Adler is an amazing designer and his design philosophy and mine are complementary, so our customers will be excited to have an expanded selection of modern furniture in central Phoenix."

Located in Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road, Modernique features furniture, decorative lighting, textiles, wall coverings, and accessories and gift items. Modernique also offers an extensive selection of Buckingham's own custom-designed furnishings and accessories.

Modernique and the Jonathan Adler shop-in-shop are open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday from 12-5 p.m. For more information, visit www.shopmodernique.com.

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- 1 **Michael Jordan** - - - - - Stone cold finisher with six rings
- 2 **LeBron James** - - - - - Physical specimen with amazing awareness
- 3 **Magic Johnson** - - - - - Changed the point guard position
- 4 **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** - - - All-time leading scorer with wicked hook
- 5 **Kobe Bryant** - - - - - Second-best finisher on list behind Jordan
- 6 **Wilt Chamberlain** - - - - - 100 points in 1 game – enough said
- 7 **Bill Russell** - - - - - Defensive force, has most rings
- 8 **Larry Bird** - - - - - Supposedly the best trash-talker
- 9 **Tim Duncan** - - - - - Under-appreciated, always up to the task
- 10 ***? See Below** - - - - - Simply electrifying

There are so many greats that did not even make my top ten and valid arguments could be had for all.

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You could be eligible to enroll in an 8-week series of free, 1-hour classes taught by ASU research staff. Classes including learning and practicing forms of gentle movement. These free classes will begin in Central Phoenix at the Cancer Support Community, 360 E. Palm Lane, on Monday mornings, starting Feb. 4.

"Evidence-based research has shown that gentle movement and peer support are both associated with significant benefits for cancer survivors during treatment and beyond," said Dr. Linda Larkey, principal investigator for the ASU research study. "We are hoping to learn why that might be, and

which approach is most beneficial."

To compensate women for taking the time to help the team advance science, participants will receive up to \$70 in gift cards after completing the study. Participants are asked to visit ASU's downtown campus twice to participate in "before the 8-week classes" and "after the 8-week classes" evaluations.

Women between the ages of 45 and 75 who meet the following criteria are eligible to learn more about the study:

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For more information about the Recovery & Rejuvenation research study, call ASU's research study line at 602-496-2329, or e-mail RnR@asu.edu.

ER renovation includes area for faster service

Hospital emergency rooms tend to be busy places, but Abrazo Central Campus is in the midst of a renovation

of its emergency department that will offer an enhanced care environment for patients and staff alike.

The Central Phoenix hospital provides care to up to 200 patients per day, says Emergency Services Director Nancy Hicks-Arsenault, RN. When the ER renovations are completed, the hospital will hold an open house for EMS providers.

While aesthetics are important, safety is the top priority, says Hicks-Arsenault.

"The entire department is getting a refresh, with new lighting, flooring, paint and paging system. Brighter LED lights will add to safety and energy efficiency. We're using contrasting colors and flooring accents, which also add to safety and wayfinding. And the paging system is designed to allow quieter patient rooms," she explains.

One new feature that Hicks-Arsenault points out is the Patient Assessment Area, where patients with less complex illnesses or injuries are seen by a physician who can complete a medical screening examination, treatment is rendered quickly, and a discharge made without having to go to the main emergency treatment bays.

Abrazo Central Campus, 2000 W. Bethany Home Road, expects to have its ER renovations complete by the end of the year.

Langkilde takes helm at HonorHealth Foundation

Jared Langkilde has been named president and Chief Executive Officer of HonorHealth Foundation.

Previously, Langkilde served as executive director of Development and Community Relations at Mesa Community College, where he successfully built and led their comprehensive fundraising division.

In his new role with HonorHealth Foundation, Langkilde oversees the nonprofit organization's philanthropic and fundraising efforts, which directly support the breakthrough research and compassionate care offered throughout HonorHealth's network of patient services and community programs.

"My goal is to help grow this critical support so that more patients and families can receive the care and the hope that they need," Langkilde said.



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Back row, Erica Stutz, Nina Mackey and Gia Mangnoni; front row, Veronica Tanner, Shea Nowicki and Katherine Tanner (photo courtesy of Xavier College Prep).

Teams develop tech for kids with disabilities

Southwest Human Development hosted its first assistive technology challenge this fall to benefit young children with disabilities.

Sponsored by Insight, with support from Arizona State University and Intel Corporation, the MAKERS of Change Assistive Technology Challenge brought together Valley high school Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), coding, robotics and technology teams to troubleshoot and create “real world” solutions using Internet of Things (IoT) technology that will help improve the lives of young children with disabilities.

Among the winners on Oct. 13 were two teams from Brophy College Preparatory, and one team from Xavier College Prep.

Xavier’s team of six young women was named the Level 1: Slideware winner. This level is for teams that may not feel they have the time or expertise to fabricate a physical product, but they have a strong idea that they outline with pictures and descriptions. The trophy is labelled Slideware, because essentially your “product” is a set of slides showcasing an idea.

The “Brophy Mach 2.7” team received the Level 2: Build Design award. This level is for teams that had an idea and physically built it. They progressed from the concept phase to creating a physical product that can interact with a child.

The “Bronco Boys” team from Brophy was given the Best in Show award, which goes to the most promising idea for actual implementation with young kids. The full scoring criteria all focus on coming to the conclusion that an idea is worth developing. This goes to the best idea from any level, and includes a \$500 cash prize.

“We’re turning to the next generation of technology leaders to develop implementable solutions to challenges children with disabilities experience in their daily lives,” said Jake Adams, chief development officer at Southwest Human Development.

Each high school team of no more than six team members, plus their coach, chose one of four scenarios of a real-life problem that is experienced by children with disabilities. Teams had four weeks to develop and build a solution for the scenario using IoT technology and were matched with a professional mentor who guided them through project ideation and execution.

School Briefs CREIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School receives Check from JOANN

Larry C. Kennedy School, 2702 E. Osborn Road, was the beneficiary of a \$1,500 donation as part of the Oct. 26 grand opening of a new JOANN store nearby at 30th Street and Indian School Road. As part of its mission to

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Celebrating the donation of \$1,500 to Larry C. Kennedy School as part of the grand opening of a new JOANN store are, from left: Patty Lockwood and Lisa Jakubisin, instructional coaches from Larry C. Kennedy; Anastacia McCoy, Joann store manager; Larry C. Kennedy Principal Amy Burgess; John Porter, district manager, and Bryan Pugh, regional vice president of Joann; Katie Cartier, assistant principal, and Taya Davis, instructional coach, Larry C. Kennedy School (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

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inspire creativity and learning and to give back to the community, JOANN officials made the donation to fund a project of the school's choosing.

School officials at the event, including Principal Amy Burgess and Assistant Principal Katie Cartier, said the money will be used in part to stock the Dragon Den on campus, which distributes "student incentives" to promote positive behavior.

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GUHSD to host college nights

Learn how to help your high school student build his/her pathway for acceptance to top colleges, as the

Glendale Union High School District hosts the third-annual Pathway to America's Top Colleges and University Night 6 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Moon Valley High School Auditorium, 3625 W. Cactus Road.

This informational evening will introduce 9th-11th grade students and their families to prestigious college and university opportunities. Current students and alumni from some of the country's top schools will be onsite for families to explore higher education opportunities. The evening will also include important information on financial aid and student scholarships.

Registration will be available on the GUHSD website at www.guhsdaz.org beginning Dec. 21. Contact the District Office at (623) 435-6003 for more information.



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Volunteering to help a children's charity

Members of the Thunderbird High baseball team volunteered their time to support the Jaydie Lynn King Foundation's 10th-annual Team Jaydie Golf Tournament, held Oct. 27 at Stone Creek Golf Club.

Players and coaches arrived early to help set up for the event by blowing up balloons and preparing welcome gifts for golfers.

Team Jaydie is a nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for organizations and individuals to be involved with and fund programs that provide comfort, hope and emotional assistance to children who suffer from tumors, cancer, and other blood disorders. Proceeds of the tournament benefitted Phoenix Children's Hospital.

SHS Badminton brings home trophy

The badminton team at Sunnyslope High School recently won the 2018 AIA Badminton State Championship – Division II Title. The undefeated Vikings beat Ironwood High School 5-1 in the championship match.

This is Sunnyslope Badminton's third consecutive state championship win and 11th state title overall. The Vikings were proud to bring home yet another championship trophy.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Solano is part of global community

If you visit Solano School it is easy to see that "We Are Solano!" is far more than a slogan for the school. It is recognition of a community that respects and values the cultures from which the members of the school and neighborhood of Solano come.

That diversity is seen all over campus—from the large map of the world highlighting all the countries from which Solano families originate; to flags of those same countries hanging on the fence on days of celebration at Solano events; to a rack of books in multiple languages sitting outside Principal Reneè Hamill's office.

At the time of year that many enjoy dressing up for Halloween, Solano School stops to recognize the cultures represented at the school, encouraging students to wear the traditional dress of their family's culture.



Members of the Thunderbird High baseball team recently volunteered their time to support the Jaydie Lynn King Foundation's golf tournament (submitted photo).

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT High honors earned by North JROTC

The North High School JROTC recently received the Department of the Army "Honor Unit with Distinction Award" for the ninth consecutive year. This was also the ninth consecutive year that North finished first place in the district when competing for this prestigious award that is

signed by the Secretary of the Army.

To achieve the Honor Unit with Distinction, a JROTC Program has to score a 95 percent or above on all 10 inspected categories; North's overall score this year was 98.75 percent.

This annual compliance inspection tests both the cadet battalion staff and each of the companies in the battalion. The award was presented to the Cadets of the Mustang Battalion at their monthly Battalion Award and Promotion Formation, Oct. 17.

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Camelback High Senior Justin Dubell chats with patrons at the Art One Gallery in Old Town Scottsdale on Nov. 8 about his paintings currently hanging there, including the top three on the display behind him—two of which were sold that night (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Student artist gets help from Scottsdale gallery

Camelback High School senior Justin Dubell is in DECA, an entrepreneur and marketing club. But he is well beyond the club already with his entrepreneurial spirit.

He has opened his own design company, JDub Art Design, and has a collection of paintings he has produced. He also specializes in murals and fine art designs, and has already done work for a local restaurant—he painted a mural at the Angry Crab Shack at 2808 E. Indian School Road.

Dubell has some of his original artwork hanging in the Art One Gallery, located at 4130 N. Marshall Drive in Old Town Scottsdale. Some of his art has a water element in it, which Dubell

says really speaks to him even though he is an Arizona native and has only seen the ocean once in his life.

During the gallery's 25th anniversary on Nov. 8, Dubell chatted with guests and sold two of the four pieces on display. More of his work will be added to the gallery space shortly.

Art One Gallery has been representing students of Arizona universities, community colleges, and high schools, as well as local Arizona artists since 1993. Selected students are allowed to hang their work for free, and keep all proceeds for their sales.

Dubell has been accepted into the WP Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, and plans to major in Entrepreneurship, with a minor in Design. He hopes to become



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a mentor to young artists like himself and guide them on the road to success in their creative fields.

To view some of Dubell's work, visit his Instagram page @j_dub_3425. To inquire about his design services, e-mail Dubell.justin483@gmail.com.

Camelback hosts overnight Hackathon

Camelback High hosted an overnight Innovation Hackathon, Nov. 17-18. The Hackathon included entrepreneurship, engineering and Montessori science students from Camelback as well as 5th-8th graders from four partner elementary schools—Madison No. 1, Pat Tillman, William T. Machan and Wilson Elementaries.

The students and teachers chose to focus the hack on four of the goals from the Global Goals Initiative campaign: Fresh Water, Education, Food/Agriculture and Recycle & Reuse.

Several community partners, colleges and entrepreneurs helped kick off the event and the first "hack" of the evening was two Farm to Table Chefs who worked with Camelback's



Hollywood celebrities America Ferrera, left, and Oscar winner Natalie Portman visited North High School on Oct. 24 as part of the Somos Más GOVT Tour, presented by Voto Latino (submitted photo).

advanced culinary students to prepare the evening meal.

The teams of inventors (students) came to the Hack with a problem to solve and the idea for their prototype. They had Friday evening through Saturday morning to build their prototype (in the school's maker space) and create

their pitch board. On Saturday morning, they pitched their ideas to a panel of judges to compete for awards in various categories.

The Camelback Entrepreneurship/DECA students came up with this event. They secured the sponsors, met with the teachers, and designed the agenda.

Hollywood celebs talk politics at North

Some 30 North High students had the opportunity to talk voting and politics with two celebrities who visited the campus on Oct. 24.

Film and TV star America Ferrera and Oscar winner Natalie Portman stopped in on their Somos Más GOVT Tour, presented by Voto Latino. The organization heard about Phoenix Union's student civic engagement and voter registration efforts and they met a group of mostly seniors who recently registered to vote and student volunteers who helped with the District-wide National Voter Registration Day. The discussion ranged from the importance of voting to issues facing the local community. Maria Teresa Kumar, a nationally recognized commentator and the president and CEO of Voto Latino, also attended.

Ferrera, who was Betty Suarez in the TV show "Ugly Betty," and also appeared in movies such as "Real Women Have Curves" and "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," is politically

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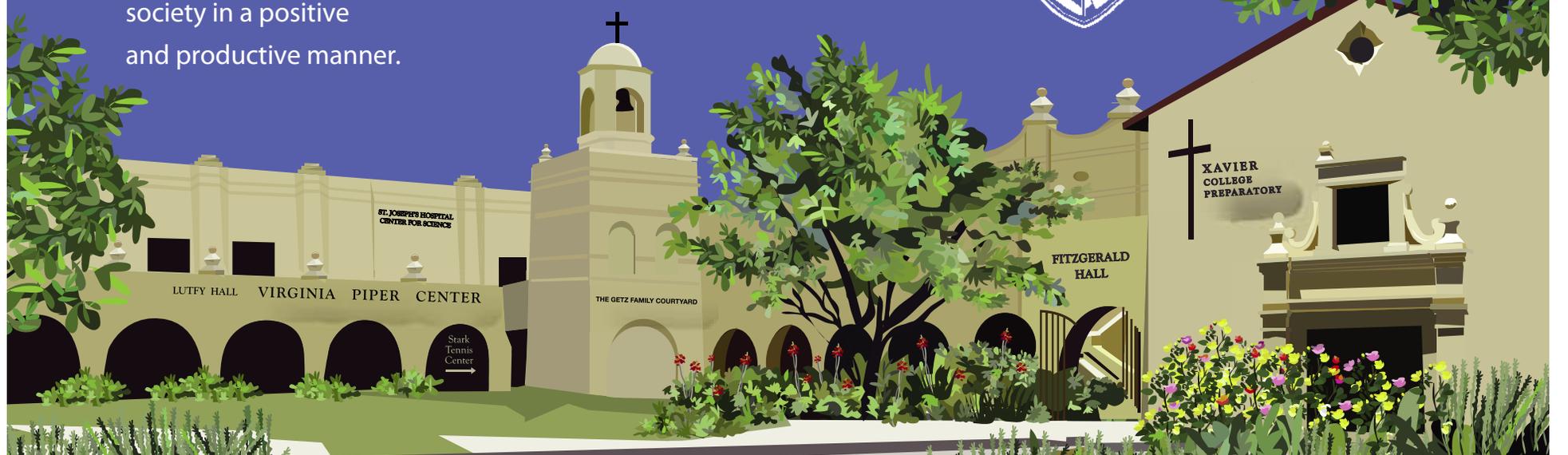
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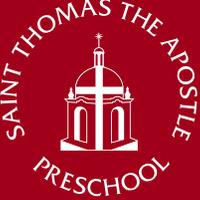
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active. She spoke at the 2016 Democratic Convention, was the opening speaker for the Women’s March on Washington, in January 2017, took part in the #MeToo campaign and was a founding member of the Time’s Up legal defense fund. *Time Magazine* named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2007.

Portman, who was in three Star Wars episodes as Padmé Amidala, as well as two Thor movies, won an Oscar for Best Actress in “Black Swan.” She has also been politically active, supporting anti-poverty initiatives, such as microlending to help finance women-owned businesses. She participated in the 2018 Women’s March in Los Angeles.

Students prepare food for charity event

Fifteen Central High students and Culinary Arts Teacher Erin Sullivan worked the Phoenix Suns Slam Dunk Charity Dinner on Nov. 3. Students each worked their own station and together prepared 2,000 dinners in 29 minutes.

The dishes of the evening were pan-seared chicken breasts with chimichurri, herb roasted purple potatoes, and honey chile roasted carrots. The vegetarian option was a portabella mushroom and zucchini napoleon with roasted red pepper coulis, herb roasted purple potatoes and honey chile-roasted potatoes.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kiwanis club helps with music, books**

The North Phoenix Kiwanis Club has been a valued partner of WESD for many years and has positively impacted students and the community.

Jim Day, president of the club, understands the importance of arts education and how it allows students to use their knowledge creatively in the classroom. “Taking music instruments and repairing them so that students can use them made a lot of sense,” Day said. The North Phoenix Kiwanis Club generously donated \$19,549.55 to refurbish musical instruments and cases. This donation will help every child in WESD have access to an instrument as part of a new district music initiative.

Samantha Chariker, coordinator of special areas for the WESD stated, “This generous donation has completed the district’s new applied music initiative, ensuring all K-6 students have the opportunity to learn to play the violin, trumpet, trombone, flute and much more. It also ensures that our middle schools will have access to higher functioning instruments. We are grateful and look forward to putting this donation into action!”

North Phoenix Kiwanis also donated \$8,250 for new library books and furniture at Washington Elementary, Maryland School and Palo Verde Middle School.

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Sponsors sought for state robotics event**

Madison Highland Prep will host the 5th-Annual VEX State Qualifier tournament on Saturday, Jan. 19. The annual state tournament will include two competition fields in the gymnasium and one practice field along with the team pits in the student commons.

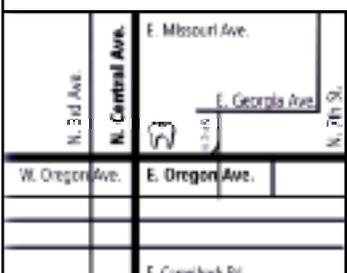
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Matches consist of two periods, a 15-second autonomous period and a 1 minute and 45 second driver controlled period. MHP VEX Robotics looks to earn its third consecutive berth to the AIA state championships in March. The team is coached by Terri Lake, engineering teacher.

For information about becoming a business sponsor or volunteer for the event, visit the MHP office, 1431 E. Campbell Ave., or call 602-745-3800.

Athletics going strong at Phoenix Christian

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School offers 16 conference high school sport opportunities and eight at the middle school level as part of the Cactus Christian Schools League. The PC Cougars completed fall sports competitions in November and have commenced practice opportunities for winter sports.

During the recently completed fall sports season, nearly 50 percent of the PC student population participated in athletics-related extra-curricular activities. The interscholastic athletics teams at Phoenix Christian play an important role in helping to develop PC’s four pillars of Faith, Citizenship, Academic Success and Physical Fitness in the lives of each student.

PC programs are designed to work in conjunction with the spiritual, academic and social pillars of the school to encourage student-athletes to be young

men and women of strong moral character and strong work ethic. For more information about Phoenix Christian or its athletics programs, contact Keith Baker, VP of Athletics & Activities, at kbaker@phoenixchristian.org.

Holidays in full swing at Midtown Primary

Midtown Primary School recently hosted its 16th Harvest Fest on campus, open to all family members of staff and students. In Pilgrim tradition, each class brings a contribution to the meal—green beans, rolls, pies, etc. The school provides turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Students create turkey bread baskets, beaded pumpkins, an assortment of turkeys creations, and pumpkin place-mats to decorate the hall in celebration of all the things they are thankful for.

Many of Midtown’s graduates return for the day to help on the serving line. The older students deliver pieces of pie. There are usually 300 meals served.

This month, there will be a Winter Fest, a Gingerbread Brunch, and an evening of holiday songs. On Dec. 13, Midtown Primary will present its Holiday Performance beginning at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4735 N 19th Ave. The performance is free and open to the public.

Volleyball players recognized for skill

Xavier College Prep Volleyball had seven members honored by the 6A Premier Region for outstanding contributions to high school volleyball this past season.

Top honors went to Coach Lamar—*please see VOLLEYBALL on page 32*

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Renee Bryant as Coach of the Year and Senior Setter Shannon Shields as Player of the Year. First Team honors were given out to Junior Outside Hitter Bri McKnight and Junior Middle Blocker Jasmine Knight. Second Team honors went to Sophomore Outside Hitter Serena Turner.

Senior Libero Ashley Yeung and Senior Middle Blocker Hayley Nash received Honorable Mentions.

Xavier, with a record of 33-9, won the 6A State Championship this year defeating Corona del Sol in straight sets. This is Xavier's second title in a row.



Several Xavier students were seen last month wearing sweat pants instead of the usual plaid uniform skirt, but it was for a good cause—for a donation of cans or cash to St. Vincent de Paul, they could “dress down” for the day (submitted photo).

their own music. Cortez is one of 53 students learning guitar and piano this year at Empower. His teacher, Will Sawyer, also has 41 choir students and has started a ukulele band and symphonic band at the elementary school.

“He’s not just teaching us how to play the guitar,” Cortez said. “He is teaching us the music theory behind it so we can be smarter artists.”

Sawyer’s dream is to build a program that features several ensembles, including a jazz band and rock band, in addition to a drama production and students auditioning for all-state choir. Sawyer is also exploring the possibility of launching an AP Music Theory course for students who want to get a jump-start on a Music Major.

On Dec. 14, Sawyer’s choirs will perform in the Pakis Playhouse on the campus at 2411 W. Colter St.. The concert open to family, prospective students and families, and community supporters. For more information, visit www.empowercollegeprep.org.

Ditching their skirts for a good cause

Xavier College Prep, ever proud of its Catholic tradition of a plaid uniform skirt, “canned” the skirt to raise cash and cans for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Coordinated by the members of the National Honor Society (NHS), the entire Xavier community participated in providing meals for the hungry.

Being allowed to not wear the skirt

on Wednesdays if you brought in cash or cans of food was the fun part of this fundraiser.

“This drive is a true testament to what Xavier is all about,” said NHS Advisor Tara Metzger. “The coming together of our faculty, staff, students, parents and friends to assist the hungry in our local community is something we appreciate doing during this special time of year.”

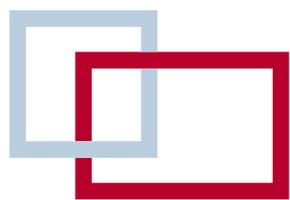
A total of 4,856 cans were brought

to campus. In addition, \$18,446 dollars was donated to the cause. For each dollar donated, the St. Vincent de Paul Society can purchase ten cans of food. The total number of “cans” donated through cash and cans was 189,316.

Student learn musical skills

Edwin Cortez, a junior at Empower College Prep High School, wants everyone to have the opportunity to make

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The Sunnyslope Senior Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., wants to help you start the new year safe and healthy.

Special health presentations this month include Home & Community Safety, Presented by the Phoenix Police Department, on Dec. 3; Exercise and Physical Activity on Dec. 10; and Diabetes Education on Dec. 17. All programs begin at 10 a.m.

In addition, the center will host an Art & Craft Sale Dec. 3-7 that is open to the public. All items available for purchase are made by senior center participants.

Say goodbye to 2018 with a New Year's Eve celebration beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31. Entertainment provided by T.A. Burrows.

All programs and events are free with senior center membership (\$20 annually). For more information, call 602-262-7572 or stop by the front desk.

Shabbat services for seniors

Share a special Hanukkah Shabbat, with services led by Nurit Avigdor, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 at The Palazzo, 6250 N. 19th Ave.

Presented by the JFCS Center for

Senior Enrichment, the event will include songs, stories, snacks and crafts. Free an open to the public. Pre-registration is requested by Dec. 6 at www.vosjcc.org/seniorshabbat. For more information, call 480-481-7112.

Sunshine Singers perform on Dec. 6

The December Memory Café, presented by Jewish Family & Children's Service, will feature The Sunshine Singers, an all-senior chorus sponsored by JFCS. The event will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave.

The Café is a meeting place for those with changes in their thinking or memory, mild cognitive impairment or dementia due to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, along with their care partners. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required.

To register or for more information, e-mail Kathy.road@jfcsaz.org or call Kathy at 602-452-4627.

Kids & Families

Kids can play while you shop

Impact Gymnastics Academy, 7812 N 12th St., Suite B, hosts a special "Shop and Drop" day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. Drop your

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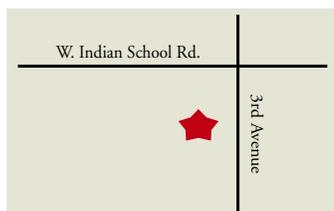
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children off for hours of fun while you check items off your holiday to-do list.

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Register at the front desk or call 602-870-7574.

Local school hosts career fair for deaf

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (PDSD), 7654 N. 19th Ave., is an ASDB school campus established in 1967 because Phoenix parents wanted their children, who were deaf or hard of hearing, to go to a school closer to home. Over 350 students attend PSDS, which offers instruction from preschool through 12th grade.

The school will host a College & Career Fair for deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing high school students from the community, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. For more information, visit <https://asdb.az.gov/pdsd/>.

Parents can go out on New Year's

Parents can go out and celebrate, or have a quiet night in while the kids are out at the New Year's Eve Party & Sleepover at Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center, 15801 N. 32nd St.

Children can literally leap and jump into the new year at this fun-filled Kids' Night Out, held from 6 to 10 p.m., for ages 3 to 14. Children will get to enjoy gymnastics, organized games, sports, jumping in a bounce house and on

trampolines, and then wind down the evening by watching a movie. Pizza, snacks, and drinks are included.

Cost for the Kids Night Out is \$30 per child with a \$5 off sibling discount. The additional sleepover option is for ages 5 to 14. There will be an exciting countdown to midnight with noise-makers and hats. Pick-up is on New Year's Day at 8:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be served.

Cost for the Kids Night Out and sleepover is \$50 per child; \$5 off sibling discount. Advanced registration is required. Call 602-992-5790 or visit www.arizonasunrays.com.

Registration open for January music classes

Music Works Community, 302 W. Bethany Home Road, starts a new semester of PRELUDE Piano Classes for Young Musicians the week of Jan. 21. Registration is now open for these new classes.

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"LeapFrog" piano lessons are offered to kindergarten and first grade students in small group classes.

For more information and registration forms, visit the Prelude page at www.MusicWorksCommunity.com. Music Works also offers lessons in piano, voice and guitar for all ages and levels. Email Director@MusicWorksCommunity.com or call the studio at 602-264-5188 for further information.

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A & E Briefs

'Elf: The Musical'

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100 E. McDowell Road
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Raised by Christmas elves, Buddy always felt a little ... different. When Santa reveals to him that he's actually a human being, Buddy goes on an adventure to New York City to find his father and learn what it means to be a human. Tickets are \$56-\$96, fees included. Visit <http://www.phoenixtheatre.com>.

'Die Hard: A Christmas Story'

All Puppet Players
Nov. 30-Dec. 29
Playhouse On the Park,
Central Arts Plaza
1850 N. Central Ave.
602-254-2151

While most families will deposit their holiday cheer with Scrooge and friends, All Puppet Players offers an alternative that includes a puppet Bruce Willis, a battle for Nakatomi Plaza and tons of pop-culture references to hang nice and cozy over your fireplace. For mature audiences only. Tickets are \$26. For more information, visit <http://www.allpuppetplayers.com>.

Frances Smith Cohen's 'Snow Queen'

Center Dance Ensemble
Dec. 1-16
Stage West, Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe
602-252-8497

The classic story by Hans Christian Andersen set to music by Sergei Prokofiev. Delight in the mystical world of sprites, gypsies and ice maidens, while young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the evil crystal palace. Tickets are \$28 adults, \$23 seniors and \$14 for students, plus fees. Abridged lunchtime performances take place Fridays, Dec. 7 & 14, at 12:10 p.m. Tickets are \$7 plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

'Celebration of Christmas'

Dec. 6-9 & 13-19
Dream City Church
13613 N. Cave Creek Rd.
800-431-9734

This Broadway-style musical theater performance features a full live orchestra and state-of-the-art technology with incredible special effects. Enjoy aerial stunts, "flying angels," and a beautiful nativity with a majestic kings' procession. Performances are at 7 p.m., with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$9-\$27. Visit www.celebrationofchristmas.org.

Mike Chamberlin & Friends Holiday Concert

7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7
Central United Methodist Church
1875 N. Central Ave.

Holiday music provided by Mike Chamberlin, former Ch. 3 newscaster, along with special guests Dave Munsey, Pat McMahon, Mary Jo West, Cory McCloskey, and more. Several great gift baskets will be available in a silent auction. Proceeds benefit House of Broadcasting Inc. (HOB). Tickets are \$15; those 12 and younger admitted free.

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Xavier Holiday Pageant

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4710 N. 5th St.

Xavier College Preparatory presents its 16th Annual Christmas Pageant. The pageant is the traditional story of the birth of Christ as told through reverent music and dance, and this year's theme is "Mary's Joy." There is no charge for admission.

'It's Christmas!'

ProMusica Arizona Chorale and Orchestra
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
All Saints Lutheran Church
15649 N. 7th St.
623-326-5172

Experience a musical journey through the Twelve Days of Christmas. Traditional, classical, contemporary and even whimsical pieces provide something for everyone in the family. Tickets are \$12-\$22. Children 15 and younger are free with a paid adult. Visit www.pmaz.org.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23
Trinity Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.
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A favorite Christmastide service featuring The Cathedral Choir. Paula Provo, Phoenix Symphony Orchestra principal harpist, will provide pre-service music beginning at 5:30 p.m. Guests are invited to a traditional Wassail reception immediately following the service. Free and open to the public. Visit www.trinitymusicaz.org.

'The Music Man'

Arizona Theatre Company
Jan. 5-27, 2019
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Tonya Saidi, right, owner of Mamma Toledo's The Pie Hole, holds one of the bakery/café's most popular pies, a coconut cream, while her daughter, Sarah, shows off another popular pick—the brown sugar peach pie (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat

Mamma Toledo's pampers your Pie Hole

By Marjorie Rice

The holidays are upon us, and time can be one of our greatest gifts.

Throughout December we're on the run—shopping; schlepping gifts, kids and decorations; shopping; wrapping; shopping; cooking, and all the while trying to sandwich in family time and perhaps a few minutes off our feet.

That's when a quality spot for a quick snack or a pick-up supper can be our ace in the hole.

Enter Mamma Toledo's The Pie Hole, a tiny storefront at 15414 N. 7th St. that serves up savory quiches, hand pies, pot pies and dessert pies, cakes, waffles, salads, coffee, biscuits—enough to soothe the most harried shopper and satisfy a hungry family.

The menu includes upwards of 50 types of sweet and savory pies in 5- and 10-inch sizes and hand pies. Cream pies. Fruit pies. Sweet potato and pecan pie. Cheesecake. It would take a year to try a different one each week, a worthy goal. Customers can order most flavors with a day's notice.

Savory selections include pot roast, pork and green chile, and chicken pot pies, along with waffles, cheesecakes, biscuits (I love the cheddar-jalapeno version) and breakfast pies.

The secret to great pie is the crust, and Mamma Toledo's passes the test: turn

one out onto a plate and tap the bottom crust. It's brown, crispy and not soggy.

Mamma Toledo's is the creation of Tonya Saidi, a veteran of the Phoenix food truck scene.

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Her road to her present role took several detours, beginning with her childhood dreams first of being a truck driver, then being part of a circus. That didn't pan out, and instead she gravitated to the food business, working in her family's restaurants in Casper, Wyo.

Eventually, the restaurants were sold and Saidi's mother moved the family to Phoenix, where she began managing restaurants. Pie always was a staple on the family table.

"My mom would make a pot roast, and the leftovers, with her homemade gravy, would go into a pie," Saidi says. "I think everything on my menu is something from my mother."

The professional pie potential first arose when Saidi's mother fell ill. After her mother died, Saidi began working at a residential care home, where she pampered her patients with pie.

"I had my mom's cookbooks, including her pie book," she says. "I made a raspberry pie from scratch and the nurse at the home wouldn't stop talking about it. After that, everybody had a request. I baked them for gifts. It was my labor of love for everybody I knew."

"So many people would tell me, 'I haven't had a pie like this since my grandma.' It's like a lost art. Nobody really takes the time to get in the kitchen and do it from scratch."

Saidi changed gears, working in real estate for 14 years and continuing to bake pies for friends and family. All the while, the restaurant business beckoned. "I swore when I got out of the restaurant business that I'd never do it again, but it's in my blood," she says. "I missed the interaction with customers."

Then the Great Recession hit, dry-

ing up the real estate industry, and Saidi looked for another path.

"People said go with your God-given talent," she recalls. "I didn't have any talent, then I thought, 'Oh yes I do. People request my pies all the time.' I was baking them for free and I wasn't sure if they'd pay. So I put it out for the Thanksgiving holiday and people ordered. The same for the Christmas holiday."

Saidi bought an old Chevy van and designed a food truck with a black-and-white-and-red all over '50s vibe. That was in October 2011, and Saidi's truck was an immediate success at the Valley's first food truck festival.

"I didn't sleep for the first three years," she says. "Once we did 2,500 cups of pie for an event. It was just me and my daughter doing it all. And I was trying to make everything fresh as possible. It was an all-night thing, then jump in the truck and go."

Saidi opened a brick-and-mortar store near downtown, operating it for a few years before relocating to the current location in April 2017. There's been a steady stream of customers since. These days, the food truck mostly is used for catering.

One caveat. Everything here is made fresh that day, and sometimes they sell out, so call to see what's available, and come in early if you don't want to miss out on a favorite. Also, the "dining area" is postage-stamp sized, but Saidi plans to add a large picnic table outside to take advantage of the wonderful winter weather.

Mamma Toledo's The Pie Hole is open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Mondays. For catering, food truck schedule and other events, call 602-332-7346 or e-mail pie@mammatoledos.com.

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Dining Briefs

Chinese eatery opens at 16th St., Bethany Home

George Yang opened his third Valley restaurant, at 6048 N. 16th St. in the Tangelo Village Shopping Center. It replaces the former Golden Phoenix Restaurant, which closed earlier this year.

Yang has been a Valley restaurateur for over 40 years, known for Szechuan Inn (1970s), and Sesame Inn (1980s).

When Yang moved to Phoenix to attend Thunderbird School of Management in the 1970s, he got a job as a bus boy instead of a server at the Golden Phoenix Restaurant because he was not able to write Chinese characters. This was a requirement because all the chefs could only read Chinese. Yang taught the chefs English acronyms for each of the menu items, such as MB for Mongolian Beef, and KPC for Kung Pao Chicken. Afterward, the restaurant started hiring English-speaking servers.

Yang has now come full circle, returning to the former location of Golden Phoenix Restaurant, which is still owned

by George C. Tang and his family. Yang has created a menu that reflects authentic Chinese flavors with subtle variations that incorporate those of his homeland, Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, and Vietnam. And you will find an extensive wine list from California, Oregon, Australia, Italy and Chile.

George Yang's Chinese Cuisine is far from your typical Chinese restaurant. See for yourself during the restaurant's regular hours of 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., daily. For more information, call 602-368-2688 or visit <http://georgeandsonsasiancuisine.com>.

Holiday Burger is heaven on a bun

Add some extra flavor to your dining-out experience this month with the Holiday Burger, available Dec. 24-30 at North Mountain Brewing, 522 E. Dunlap Ave.

It features a burger patty on a brioche bun covered in ale-braised turkey, turkey gravy, cranberry chutney, deep-fried stuffing croquet and white cheddar cheese.

North Mountain Brewing will close

early on Dec. 24 and is closed on Dec. 25. For more information, call 602-861-5999 or visit www.northmountainbrewing.com.

Little Miss BBQ opens in Sunnyslope

Little Miss BBQ officially opened the doors to its second location on Nov. 20, in Sunnyslope at 8901 N. 7th St. The highly anticipated eatery is well known in the Valley for its tender, flavorful smoked meats, including ribs, brisket, sausage and pulled pork. This location also will sport turkey breast and, rumor has it, the occasional smoked salmon as well as weekly "specials."

Scott and Bekke Holmes started out doing barbecue competitions around the state and fell in love with the "scene," the challenge, and of course, the food.

The new restaurant can seat more than 100 and also has something else the original location doesn't: bar service. Sure, it's limited, but you can try a selection of locally brewed beers, keg wines on tap, and pre-mixed cocktails.

Also new to this location will be breakfast (think burritos, egg bowls, biscuits and gravy, etc.)—though when that will begin was still up in the air as of press time.

To get the latest information, including hours and posted specials, follow them on Facebook at Little Miss BBQ – Sunnyslope or visit www.littlemissbbq.com.

Find winter flavors at Flower Child

Winter's bounty has officially arrived at Flower Child and with it, a selection of hearty and healthy new menu items that coincide with the season. With nutrient-rich and colorful in-season vegetables that are packed with flavor, the healthy fast-casual restaurant is making eating well this fall, look and taste good!

Guests can choose from three new autumn-inspired dishes: Brussels & Squash Salad; Roasted Butternut Squash; and Yuzu Brussels Sprouts (vegan, gluten-free).

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Restaurant Concepts group, is located in the Uptown Plaza shopping center at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road. For more information, visit www.iamaflowerchild.com.

Pomo reopens with new look, menu

Pomo Pizzeria's downtown location re-opened on Oct. 25, debuting a more modern, urban feel and an enhanced menu.

"This is not only about the space. We also updated our menu while staying true to the flavors that are uniquely Pomo," said Stefano Fabbri, founder and chairman of Pomo Restaurant Group.

Located at 705 N. 1st St., Suite 120, the 1,600-square-foot space includes an upgraded bar that was extended by more than 20 feet. More

TVs were added and a section of the bar gives guests the option of being inside or outside with the new rolling patio doors.

The kitchen has also been extended to allow for additional equipment, which means a broader menu including new antipasti, bruschetta, salads, soups,

and of course, pizza. This location will also roll out a new wine, beer and cocktail list.

A second Luna Gelateria location was also added inside Pomo. The gelato from Luna is made from scratch using locally sourced Danzeisen Dairy with ingredients imported from Italy.

In addition to the atmosphere and menu changes, Pomo's downtown location will have new hours. There will be no midday closing and guests can enjoy happy hour six days a week from 3 to 6 p.m. and reverse happy hour from 9 p.m. to close. Pomo will be open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with an extended closing time of to 12 a.m. on the weekends. The restaurant will be closed on Mondays. Visit www.pomopizzeria.com or call 602-795-2555.

Local eateries host holiday toy drives

Family-owned Babbo Italian Eatery and Phoenix Children's Hospital have teamed up for the hospital's annual Toyland drive.

Through Dec. 20, all eight Babbo Italian Eatery locations—including 6855 N. 16th St.—will act as a drop-off point for the public to donate gift

cards and new, unwrapped toys. For anyone that goes to a Babbo Italian Eatery and donates to Toyland, Babbo will offer a \$5 bounce back card off of a \$25 purchase. For more information about Babbo, visit www.babboitalian.com.

Through the end of December, Twin Peaks restaurant located at 2135 E. Camelback Road will collect "Gifts of Hope" that will go to Arizona children who are living in foster care, with the help of Arizona's Children Association.

Guests can support this worthy cause by bringing unwrapped books, clothing, art supplies, games or other age-appropriate gifts for infants to teens.

Twin Peaks is the ultimate sports bar that is open daily serving lunch and dinner during the week and brunch and dinner on the weekends. For more information, visit twinpeaksrestaurant.com.

Panera Bread opens at Colonnade mall

Panera Bread opened last month in the former home of Corner Bakery & Café, located in the Camelback Colonnade shops at 1949 E.

Camelback Road. Corner Bakery, a member of restaurant franchise group Blue Mountain Cafes, closed that restaurant and two other Valley locations in December 2017.

Panera bought out the Scottsdale-based Paradise Bakery operation in 2009. Additional Panera Bread locations include the southwest corner of 12th Street and Glendale Avenue (formerly Paradise Bakery), and the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Thomas Road.

Panera positions itself as healthy comfort food, with bread baked fresh on site every morning, and poultry and pork raised without antibiotics on its salads and sandwiches. The menu also incorporates seasonal flavors and whole grains. The company has made a public a commitment to removing or not using artificial additives (flavors, sweeteners, preservatives and colors from artificial sources) in its food.

For more information about the new location, call 480-707-6090 or visit www.panerabread.com.

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