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The Fervor Records team hosting the new "From the Archives" podcast, launching Nov. 3, include (L-R) Jeff Freundlich, David Hilker and Keagan Stromberg (submitted photo).

Fervor podcast takes deep dive into local music archives

By Kathryn M. Miller

It began in 1989 built around a simple idea: great music deserves to be heard. A group of musicians wanted to give back to their local community and under the umbrella of the nonprofit Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), Fervor Records produced the label's first release, "Southwest Holiday." The multi-genre Christmas compilation was issued on cassette and sold more than 4,000 copies in just six weeks. David Hilker, founder and CEO of Fervor Records took us back to the company's founding.

"I've played music my whole life – it's all I've ever done. I played in lots of bands in the 80s and 90s, and there were four of us in the local scene and none of us had record deals," he laughed. "We were just a bunch of long-haired road musicians, and we said, 'How does this whole label thing work and what can we do with no money?' And we thought, why don't we try to do something positive for the community."

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Phoenix Writer's Club through the years (clockwise from top left): Daisy Long and another member, ca. 1955; Members join Governor McFarland to recognize National Poetry Day, ca. 1955 (*The Arizona Republic*); Members attend the Midtown Book Fair; Member Mrs. W. P. Moore (Francis Adams Moore), ca. 1930s; Member Mrs. Jay Hyde, ca. 1935 (*The Arizona Republic*); and Member Idah Meacham, ca. early 1900s (photos courtesy of Phoenix Writer's Club).

Phoenix Writers Club: 100 years of creativity and camaraderie

By Kathryn M. Miller

In 1926, the city of Phoenix was roughly 5 square miles; its skyline was dominated by the Heard Building – completed in 1920 and home to *The Arizona Republican* and the *Phoenix Gazette* – and the Luhrs Building, the tallest building in the city once complete in 1924. The 1926 re-routing of the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line through Phoenix was a key factor in the city's growth, Sky Harbor airport would come along just three years later, and downtown and the greater Phoenix

area was fast becoming a tourism destination.

Phoenix was a city of some 35,000-40,000 people and housing was beginning to push beyond the McDowell Road city limit as Encanto-Palmcroft, Willo and other "suburb" communities were being built. The city was booming. And it was this backdrop that set the stage for a feisty group of women journalists who, after being denied entry to the Arizona Press Club because of their gender, founded the Phoenix Writers Club (PWC).

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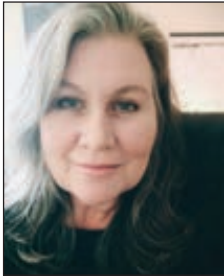


FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, North Central neighbors!

Just before we went to press with this month’s issue, the news hit that The Phoenix Symphony was postponing the remainder of its 2026-27 season after its scheduled Nov. 1 performance. The symphony’s board cited financial shortfalls stating, “The Symphony does not have the financial resources necessary to continue the season. Despite increased revenues, ticket sales and philanthropic support, ongoing operating deficits have left the organization with substantial financial obligations that make continuing the season untenable.”

Symphony Hall and felt the power of a full orchestra wash over you, you have missed out. The performing arts offer an escape from a sometimes-harsh world; bring light and beauty to the everyday; offer a shared conversation; promote community and discovery; and they enrich the communities that support them in ways that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.



And music... as Alphonse de Lamartine is quoted as saying, “Music is the literature of the heart; it commences where speech ends.”

How we got here will likely be dissected elsewhere, but The Phoenix Symphony is an institution in crisis. I believe it is worth saving, and the musicians who are the beating heart of the symphony deserve support. Hopefully, the organization can sort through its financial issues. And I hope that residents and those in positions of power will think about what we prioritize, consider how the performing arts enhance our lives and invest in the future of our many arts organizations before they are lost.

We hope that you enjoy our November issue, and until next month, all my best,

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North Mountain Park closes Dec. 1 for major overhaul

By Kathryn M. Miller

At 2,104 feet, North Mountain is an easily recognizable landmark in the north Valley skyline. In addition to the popular Trail 44, the mountain offers a wide array of options for hikers of all abilities and boasts amazing summit climbs. But the park itself, which was built in the 1950s as a Maricopa County Park and joined the Phoenix Parks system in the 1970s, has seen better days.

So, in late 2022, the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department began collecting community surveys, holding public meetings, and an extensive design and review process began to bring much-needed updates to the popular 37-acre park, located in the northwest area of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve on the west side of 7th Street at Peoria Avenue.

Planned improvements include new, expanded restrooms; expanded shade canopies and improvements to existing picnic areas; pedestrian path and trail improvements; automatic gates; a new irrigation system; restored vegetation areas; chilled drinking fountains with bottle fillers; and ice machines to assist first responders during rescue efforts, among others. In addition, excess asphalt will be removed; parking will be reconfigured and the Penny Howe Barrier Free Nature Trail will be moved and expanded, allowing patrons of all abilities to learn about nature and enjoy the park.

The design master plan was at 90 percent completion as of late September this year, and the park is scheduled

to close on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to begin the planned renovation. A Parks spokesperson told us that they anticipate the project will be complete by winter 2027-28.

In the meantime, residents can visit the North Mountain Visitor Center (<https://northmountainvisitorcenter.org>) and access trails on the other side of the mountain, or explore nearby Lookout Mountain or Dreamy Draw Recreation Area. Stay up to date with the park closure and renovation at www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/parks/about-us/improvement-projects/natural-resource-division-projects.html.

Meetings scheduled for West Phoenix Extension

By Kathryn M. Miller

After a series of West Phoenix Extension open house events concluded on Oct. 14 at Steele Indian School Park, Valley Metro is gearing up for its “Connecting with Community” meetings. This new round of public engagement is focused on sharing the preliminary technical analysis of the two potential connections to the existing Valley Metro Light Rail B Line: 19th Avenue/Camelback Road and Central Avenue/Indian School Road.

The Oct. 28 and Nov. 9 meetings will include a project presentation covering the technical analysis, followed by an open house where attendees can ask questions, speak one-on-one with project staff and provide feedback. Virtual meetings are sched-



As part of a major renovation set for North Mountain Park, the Penny Howe Barrier Free Nature Trail will be moved and expanded, allowing patrons of all abilities to learn about nature and enjoy the park (photo by Kathryn M. Miller).

uled for Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 10 at noon and will also have a presentation with an opportunity of Q&A.

A Nov. 21 meeting will have a modified format because it is being held during a community event. Project information and staff will be available for questions, rather than the presentation-and-open-house format.

After November, additional public meetings are planned for early 2027, when Valley Metro will return to the community to present the recommended connection point to the existing B Line, according to program coordinators Brett Benninghoff and Debbie Lopez. Meeting dates and locations are to be determined. The current schedule anticipates updating the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in early 2027 with the adoption process for spring/



The existing light rail at Central Avenue and Indian School Road is one potential new connection to the Valley Metro system that would extend the transit service into West Phoenix (photo courtesy of Valley Metro).

summer 2027, the coordinators added. Website feedback will be collected through early 2027.

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WRITERS CLUB, continued from page 1

The club tells the story of Gertrude Bryan Leeper, its first president. She was the feature and women’s editor at the *Phoenix Evening Gazette*. When she faced a closed door at the press club, she “saw the exclusion for what it was,” one PWC club member wrote, “And instead of knocking on that locked door forever, she built her own house.”

Fast forward to 2026, and the club, with its current roster of 100 members, is no longer just for women, nor just for journalists, but it still believes in its mission: to provide a space where writers and readers can join together, discuss and grow their skills and knowledge in the craft of writing. And this month, the club will host a Centennial Celebration that honors its roots and recognizes 100 years of “Writers helping Writers.”

“As president of Phoenix Writers Club, it is a joy to celebrate 100 years of ‘writers helping writers,’” club president Cindi Riess told us. “In my 22 years as a member, I have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of writers from all genres. I have been mentored by the best and have grown with every writer I met.”

The event, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St., will celebrate the “witty Western women who found a peaceful way to promote creativity and camaraderie in the face of adversity, demonstrating tremendous pioneering spirit in establishing a space for writers,” organizers said.

“Our club, founded by women, is a testament to the bonds women and men form as they learn, grow and share their stories,” Riess added. “I am honored to serve as president and follow in the footsteps of determined, insightful women who were not only

writers, but pillars of the community.” Creativity and camaraderie have been the foundational elements for the club, and that continues today, says Ilsa Manning. She has been a member of the club since 2013. She began by volunteering to handle social media for the club and serves on the board today. It was a search for community that first drew her to the club.

“I had recently moved back to Phoenix,” she recalled, “and I finally had the courage to say ‘I’m a writer,’ and I needed that community and support.”

The club meets on the third Saturday of the month at North Mountain Visitor Center, and welcomes writers of every genre, and since the 1990s every gender, to join them – regardless of whether they are experienced or just beginning their writing journey, Manning said.

“You walk in to our meetings and everybody is there because they are interested in writing, and they have that creative spirit.”

Beyond the monthly meetings, the club hosts writing contests, twice-monthly critique groups and publishes a literary magazine, among other endeavors. And they still lean in to that pioneering spirit of bringing people together to pursue and support shared interests.

“We are just a ragtag group from all these different backgrounds that have this passion for writing and creativity,” Manning said, “and we strive to support that in one another while achieving our goals is as writers and creators...and everybody’s welcome.”

Visit www.phoenixwritersclub.com to learn more about the club or to purchase tickets to the Centennial Celebration.



Board members of the Phoenix Writers Club include (L-R): Beth Johnson, secretary; Ilsa Manning, social media; Navissa Kaiser, treasurer; Cindi Reiss, president and membership chair; and D'Anne Pientka, newsletter / critique group (submitted photo).

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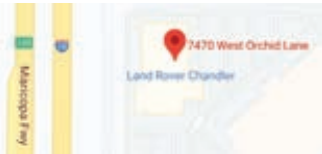
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New Roots, and the CamelBackyard garden, is a program organized by the International Rescue Committee. Learn more at www.newrootsphx.org or on social media: @newrootsphoenix.



The New Roots' CamelBackyard is a community-supported cooperative garden that serves as a place for refugees to plant literal and figurative roots in the Valley (photo by Kathryn M. Miller).

Celebrating 100 years of sisterhood

One hundred years of friendship, leadership and service will be celebrated on Nov. 6 as the Phoenix Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, one of Arizona's longstanding women's organizations, marks its centennial anniversary.

Chartered in 1926, the Phoenix Alumnae Club has spent a century bringing together women of all generations and backgrounds while supporting literacy initiatives, educational opportunities and charitable efforts throughout the Valley.

"Reaching 100 years is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the enduring bonds of sisterhood and service that have defined our club for generations," said Wendy Brooks, president of the Phoenix Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi. "We are proud of our history and excited to continue serving our community for years to come."

Literacy has long been at the heart of the Phoenix Alumnae Club's community impact. Through partnerships with local public schools and charitable organizations, including Kids Need to Read, club members regularly

Night Market offers gathering space

The First Friday Slope Night Market returns to Sunnyslope Nov. 6 from 5-9 p.m. The event will feature food, drink, featured DJ and music, art, and community at 509 W. Hatcher Road – offering the opportunity to visit with old friends, make new friends and support the local community.

Vendors will include art, DIY collage for everyone, vintage items, flash tattoo, and many artisan goods. While relaxing with the DJ's tunes, try tacos, agua frescas, and Somali sambusas (with coconut jalapeno salsa), as well as artisan coffee/tea, cookies and more.

Free parking is available behind the dental office at 421 W. Hatcher Road; at the Rise Over Run parking lot, 524 W. Hatcher Road; or at Books on 7th Avenue, 9201 N. 7th Ave. For more information, including a list of vendors or booth opportunities for future events, visit <https://slopenightmarket.com>.

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Join Local First Arizona and more than 250 Arizona businesses at the 20th annual Certified Local Fall Festival, scheduled for Nov. 7 in downtown Phoenix (submitted photo).

Fall festival celebrates ‘Local’

The Local First Arizona Certified Local Fall Festival returns to Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year’s event celebrates 20 years of bringing together thousands of attendees for a day of local shopping, food, entertainment and community celebration in the heart of downtown Phoenix.

As Arizona’s largest celebration of Certified Local businesses, the Fall Festival will connect shoppers with more than 250 Arizona businesses – in-

cluding many North Central favorites. Attendees can anticipate everything from handmade goods and artisan products to locally made food, beverages and gifts. The festival is an opportunity to discover new local favorites while experiencing exciting activities that bring joy and create memories for families and friends together – all while building a stronger connection to your community.

“The 2026 Fall Festival is considered a must-attend event for everyone who loves Arizona and discovering new locally-owned businesses,” said Kimber Lanning, Local First Arizona’s founder and CEO. “It is the staple that

ties communities together through allowing champions of Arizona to celebrate the local businesses that make our state a place we want to live in.”

Visit www.localfirstaz.com/fall-fest for complete event details.

PVUMC hosts annual Christmas Bazaar

Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PVUMC), 4455 E. Lincoln Dr., invites residents to get a jump start on their holiday shopping while supporting local artisans and community missions. The church will host its Fifth Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Browse a variety of handmade crafts, gifts, holiday items and more from more than 40 local vendors and artisans. A portion of the proceeds will support missions and local nonprofits – more than \$80,000 has been raised to support local charities over the last four years – making this a great way to shop local and give back this holiday season.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For information, visit www.pvumc.org.

Veterans Day parade changes route

Presented by Honoring America’s Veterans, the 30th annual Phoenix Vet-

erans Day Parade will be held on Nov. 11, beginning at 11 a.m. New this year, the parade will begin in downtown Phoenix and head north towards Steele Indian School Park.

The parade steps off at 11 a.m. at 3rd Street and will travel from McDowell Road to Indian School Road. This year’s celebrity grand marshal is Jim McMahon.

Find additional details at <https://honoringamericaveterans.org>.

Explore Phoenix history on home tour

Hosted by the Roosevelt Action Association, the annual Historic Home Tour – scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – offers a rare opportunity for residents to step inside a curated collection of beautifully preserved and thoughtfully modernized homes.

The tour showcases a blend of early 20th-century architecture, contemporary design and the vibrant character that continues to define the Roosevelt neighborhood today. The event combines music, local history and community connection in this distinctive downtown Phoenix neighborhood.

Visit www.rooseveltneighborhood.org/upcoming-events to find complete event details and to purchase a tour ticket.

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Holiday shopping found at annual bazaar

Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Special Needs hosts its 41st holiday bazaar and craft fair, noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at Cross Roads United Methodist, 7901 N. Central Ave.

Dozens of vendors will offer everything from original art and baked goods to homemade Christmas decorations, jewelry and more. The event is free, but shoppers are encouraged to bring canned goods to support Desert Mission Food Bank.

Proceeds from the event benefit the special needs men and women who live at Lura Turner Homes (www.luraturnerhomes.org).

ADOT seeks I-10 input

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will hold two November public meetings on improvements to I-10 through Central Phoenix

Meetings are scheduled for Nov. 5 (in person from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Garfield Elementary School, 811 N. 13th St.) and Nov. 9 (held virtually from 6 to 7 p.m.) to seek input on options to address safety, traffic operations and regional travel growth along Interstate 10 between the Deck Park Tunnel and the I-10/I-17 Split interchange in Central Phoenix.

ADOT is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report to develop and evaluate alternative design concepts for proposed improvements, such as reconfiguring freeway ramp connections and lane configurations through this busy stretch of I-10. The study area also includes State Route 51 (SR 51) south of Thomas Road, the Loop 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) west of 24th Street and

the entire interchange of I-10, SR 51 and Loop 202, also known as the “Mini-Stack.”

Register for the virtual meeting at bit.ly/I-10zoom. Meeting materials will be posted to the study website (www.azdot.gov/I-10TunneltoSplit) by Nov. 4; a recording of the meeting will be posted afterwards.



Lieu Balu, DVM, will bring her approach to veterinary medicine – one based on empathy, education and relationship building – to the newest CityVet location at 777 E. Thunderbird Road (submitted photo).

CityVet opens in Moon Valley

A community of veterinarian-owned practices is expanding its presence in Arizona with the opening of CityVet Moon Valley on Oct. 26. Located at 777 E. Thunderbird Road, Suite 107. The new clinic is owned and led by Lieu Balu, DVM, a veterinarian who spent time serving in the U.S. Navy before pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. She brings an approach to veterinary medicine rooted in empathy, education and building lasting relationships with pets and the people who love them, the company said.

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A photograph of three children, two girls and one boy, smiling and playing in a swimming pool. They are wearing swim caps and goggles.

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COMMUNITY PETS



As smart as she is cute, the golden-eyed Betty is an American Pit Bull mix who loves showing off how great she does on a leash and the tricks she knows, including sit (submitted photo).

Pet of the Month

Beautiful Betty has a heart of gold

Oftentimes, black pets like sweet Betty (pet number 857236) spend longer on the adoption floor as they tend to be overlooked by potential adopters more than other pets, the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) says. The 32-pound American Pit Bull mix was rescued by AHS in July after her owner sadly passed away and there was no one else to care for her.

Betty is a kind soul who loves to get treats and would appreciate a family that allows her to adjust to her new home with lots of patience and positive reinforcement. As smart as she is cute, this golden eyed pup loves showing off how great she does on a leash and the tricks she knows including sit.

This sweet girl absolutely loves meeting new people but does take a little time to adapt to new surroundings.

After all, who can blame her after losing the person who took care of her for her whole life? Despite all she has been through, Betty still has a heart of gold.

Betty's adoption fee includes her spay surgery, current vaccinations, a microchip and a follow-up wellness exam with a VCA Animal Hospital. Visit this gorgeous girl at the Arizona Humane Society's South Mountain Campus or to give her the loving forever home she deserves.

Visit www.azhumane.org/adopt to learn more.

Phoenix veterinarian develops ear catheter for pets

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski

Dogs shaking their heads or cats pawing at their ears and meowing loudly can be signs of an ear infection. Veterinarians say the common condition is notoriously difficult to resolve.

Longtime Phoenix veterinarian and North Central resident Dr. Gabor K. Vajda has spent decades solving problems like this.

Vajda's story began in war-torn Hungary, where he was a veterinary student. At 19, he fled the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 for the United States with help from Americans. He earned his veterinary degree from Iowa State University in 1961. He and his wife, Eva, have two children and have cared for generations of family pets.

"I always wanted to pay back for all the kindness and support I received," he said.

A past president of the American Animal Hospital Association and a recipient of multiple professional awards, he practiced for more than 50 years, including at Northern Animal Hospital on west Northern Avenue. He retired from daily practice, but not from innovation.

Vajda, 91, acknowledged that medication rarely reaches the true source of infection, leading to chronic cases that

can linger for months or years. He decided the profession needed a better tool.

"I always had difficulty treating ears because of the unique structure of the ear canal," he said. "When people clean the ears with their finger, or when you put some cleaning agent or medicine in it, it never goes beyond the outside. The moment the dog shakes the ear everything comes right out."

He invented DexCath-G Gabor Catheter, a flexible, soft-tipped catheter designed specifically for the canine and feline ear canal. Developed in collaboration with Portland, Oregon-based Dextronix Inc., a supplier of veterinary pacemakers and other medical devices, the catheter is built to deliver medication precisely where traditional treatments cannot reach.

With the "very soft, flexible catheter," Vajda said, veterinarians can reach the end of the vertical canal and allow medication to flow into the horizontal canal, where infections often originate.

"It has millimeter measurements so the veterinarian can measure the length, how far to go in the ear canal," he said. "There's a landmark inside called the dorsal ridge, and another mark on the outside. You can measure from the outside how far you're going in."

Vajda added that inserting anything into the horizontal canal can damage the eardrum, "So, we deposit the medication at the end of the vertical canal," he explained. "When a dog shakes its head, it pulls the ear up before it shakes, and that actually moves the medication down to the area where the problem is."

The catheter has cleared clinical safety trials and is now entering its final regulatory phase. To complete that phase, Vajda and his collaborators are conducting mandatory field trials at Northern Regional Veterinary Hospital. The trials are led by Dr. Darius Starks, the hospital's medical director. Starks explained that he helped develop marketing concepts and color schemes for the product. He also allowed Vajda to try the catheter on his dog.

"He's done a lot – from being a



North Central resident Dr. Gabor K. Vajda, 91, may have retired from daily veterinary practice, but not from innovation – his latest invention is headed to field trials (photo courtesy of Gabor Vajda).

business owner and entrepreneur to research on reproductive medicine. Leaving a piece of equipment named after him really will be the culmination of his veterinary career," said Starks.

The field trial involves dogs and cats with acute or chronic ear conditions. The team is seeking referrals from veterinarians and pet owners across the Valley.

Online vet care offered

When an owner is worried about a pet's health, behavior or care, it is important to get advice and support quickly. However, sometimes a trip to the vet adds another layer of stress to the situation, which is where the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) Online Vet Care service steps in.

Through a convenient video appointment, AHS veterinarians can answer questions about a pet's health and provide expert professional guidance all from the comfort of home. It's a helpful first step for timely, affordable care for non-emergency concerns, including coughing, sneezing, skin issues, minor wounds or other non-emergency symptoms; guidance on diet, medications, vaccinations and ongoing care; help deciding whether a pet should be seen in person; and a lower-stress option for pets who may be sensitive to travel, carriers or changes in routine.

Appointments are available for pets who are currently in Arizona and are not intended for emergencies. Visit www.azhumane.org/online-vet-care for information.

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The new practice will provide a full range of veterinary services, from routine wellness and preventive care to diagnostics, dentistry, surgery and urgent care. Balu also has special interests in dermatology, ophthalmology and cardiology, areas she looks forward to incorporating into the care she provides for local pets.

Balu says that practice ownership is an opportunity to create the kind of neighborhood veterinary clinic she has long envisioned, one where clients know their veterinary team by name

and relationships can grow over the course of a pet's life.

"I've always wanted to create a practice where relationships really matter," said Balu. "Veterinary medicine is about so much more than treating an illness. It's about supporting the bond people have with their pets and being a trusted resource for families through every stage of their pet's life. My hope is that CityVet Moon Valley becomes a place where people feel known, listened to, and confident in the care their pets receive."

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Wrigley, Biltmore now under same ownership

In October, the Arizona Biltmore and Wrigley Mansion announced a new chapter in their shared story, with the Wrigley Mansion joining the Arizona Biltmore under ownership by Henderson Park in a joint venture with Western & Southern Financial Group, and funds managed by Hamilton Lane, South Street Partners and Pyramid Global Hospitality. Pyramid will oversee operations at both properties.

Since the Arizona Biltmore opened in 1929, the 39-acre resort has continued to redefine Arizona luxury while preserving the architectural character, lush grounds and old Hollywood glamour that have made it an enduring icon. Now, nearly a century after William Wrigley Jr. helped establish the Arizona Biltmore as one of the nation's most celebrated resort destinations and in 1931 commissioned Wrigley Mansion as an anniversary gift for his wife, the two neighboring landmarks are united by a shared vision for exceptional hospitality, dining and experiences, the company said.

The Wrigley Mansion's acclaimed culinary program, anchored by Christopher's – recently recognized in Michelin's inaugural Southwest Guide



Perched atop a 100-foot knoll above the Arizona Biltmore, Wrigley Mansion offers sweeping 360-degree views of the Valley, where storied character meets a distinctly elevated point of view (submitted photo).

as one of 12 recommended restaurants in Arizona – adds a compelling new dimension to the Arizona Biltmore experience, further establishing the destination as one of the region's most exciting culinary addresses.

Alongside Christopher's, Georgie's Restaurant & Lounge pairs the Mansion's historic grandeur with modern seasonal cuisine, sweeping

Valley views and an acclaimed wine program. Jamie's Wine Bar, tucked into the Mansion's original library, offers an intimate fireside setting with a rotating selection of wines by the glass and shareable small plates.

"Wrigley Mansion and Arizona Biltmore share a remarkable history, but what excites us most is the opportunity to create a new chapter for

both – one that honors what makes each property special while introducing new experiences for guests today," said Michael Hoffmann, vice president and managing director of Arizona Biltmore.

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Herschede hosts crossover event

On Thursday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m., Herschede men's boutique will host Well Driven & Well Dressed, an exclusive evening celebrating luxury automotive design and premium fashion, in partnership with Land Rover Chandler.

The evening takes place at Herschede, 5068 N. Central Ave., and will offer a refined social setting featuring an array of food and drinks – in addition to fashion and luxury vehicles. Guests will have the opportunity to experience the latest Land Rover, Range Rover and Defender vehicles while exploring the boutique's merchandise and distinctive approach to style.

Special offers available during the event include 20 percent off store merchandise. Guests who purchase or order an eligible vehicle from the event will receive a \$500 gift card from the store upon vehicle delivery.

RSVP to ericherschede4@gmail.com.

Courtesy to raffle engine at Git Down event

Courtesy Chevrolet, family owned since 1955 and located at 1233 E. Camelback Road, announced a live engine giveaway taking place Saturday, Nov. 14, during Dino's Git-Down truck and car show and auto expo.

Truck enthusiasts and custom car builders gathering at State Farm Stadium will have the chance to take home a brand-new Chevrolet Performance 350 HO base engine. To participate in the free raffle, event attendees simply need to visit the Courtesy Chevrolet booth at the event. The raffle will be held at noon, Saturday, Nov. 14, and you must be present to win.

As the premier custom truck and car event in the Southwest, the 16th annual Dino's Git-Down draws tens of thousands of spectators, builders and more than 250 automotive vendors. Representatives from Courtesy will be on-site throughout the weekend to talk shop, answer tech questions and assist builders with finding the perfect genuine components for their ongoing project builds. They will also have limited edition Courtesy Chevrolet-Dino's Git-Down collaboration T-shirts on sale and Matchbox cars for kids. Courtesy will have a few of its own builds on display at its booth.

This is the 10th year the dealership has served as a title sponsor for the event. More than 5,000 custom and restored Chevy trucks will be on display from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. The event opens up to anything GM – custom hot rods, cars and trucks – Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit <https://dinosgitdown.com/home> for details.

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Delaney joins The Worker

St. Joseph the Worker (The Worker), an Arizona nonprofit helping individuals overcome barriers to employment and achieve self-sufficiency, announced in October that John C. Delaney II will succeed Carrie Masters as its new chief executive officer.

Delaney brings extensive nonprofit leadership and operational experience to The Worker, including serving as executive director of André House, where The Worker traces its beginnings nearly four decades ago, the organization said.

His connection to the organization's mission began long before his nonprofit career. Until he was six years old, his mother relied on public assistance and his family moved frequently without stable housing. After an employer gave his mother an opportunity as a receptionist, she worked her way up and eventually purchased a home.

"Because an employer gave my mother a chance, I saw what employment could mean for an entire family," Delaney said. "That experience has stayed with me, and it's a big part of why the work happening at The Worker resonates so strongly with me."

Visit www.theworkeraz.org to learn more about The Worker.

Kosloski joins Old Republic



Andrea Kosloski

In late September, Old Republic Title welcomed escrow officer Andrea Kosloski to its Biltmore office in Phoenix.

With 26 years of title industry experience, Kosloski brings a rare, full-spectrum perspective-beginning her career as a receptionist and advancing into branch management-grounded in leadership, service and a deep understanding of what it takes to deliver exceptional closings, the company said.

"Known for her strong communication and responsiveness, Andrea is a trusted resource to real estate agents and lenders alike," Old Republic leadership added. "She is passionate about mentoring team members and guiding buyers and sellers through one of the most important financial decisions of their lives with confidence, care and professional excellence."

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Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa is an historic luxury resort set on 53 acres of lush desert featuring manicured grounds, gardens, pools and award-winning facilities (submitted photo).

Local ownership brings renovation to resort

Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa, 5700 E. McDonald Dr., recently announced a transition to independent ownership alongside plans for a multi-million-dollar property transformation over the next several years.

Under a joint partnership between local firms Berger Holdings and RJ Hospitality, the award-winning resort will undergo a comprehensive multi-year plan that will touch all 110 accommodations starting in Summer 2027, followed by strategic enhancements to its culinary program and Sanctuary Spa in 2028, which will elevate the resort experience for both guests and locals alike, ownership said.

"As a resort deeply tied to its surrounding community and culture, we are thrilled to move forward as an independently owned and managed property as we look toward 2027 and beyond," said Laura McIver, managing director of Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa. "Our owners are local community leaders who bring a shared passion for this extraordinary destination. Their commitment guarantees that every dollar invested directly enlists the care, character, and world-class service that our neighbors and loyal resort guests have cherished for decades."

Set against the unparalleled back-

drop of Camelback Mountain, this historic 53-acre property originally opened as a Tennis Ranch Club in the 1950s. Visit www.sanctuaryaz.com for more information.

New leadership team at local nonprofit

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) announced three new additions to its leadership team, cultivating a new era of growth and development, the nonprofit said. The new additions to the leadership team include Bobby Ghisolfo as president and chief executive officer, Jackie Halleen as chief operating officer and Shannon Moot as vice president of advancement.

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit focuses on stabilizing people during crisis and transition, building a foundation where people can thrive, and preserving dignity and respect for its most vulnerable clients. Ghisolfo, Halleen and Moot are committed to uplifting the mission while developing strategic goals that will increase outreach and the ability to provide more vital services in surrounding communities, the organization said.

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One of the things I love most about North Central Phoenix is the variety of homes that make up our neighborhoods. From the historic properties built in the 1920s and 1930s to the ranch homes and mid-century architecture that followed, these houses have character, history and, in many cases, tremendous potential.

Over the years, I've worked with buyers who fall in love with an older home but immediately start thinking about opening up the kitchen, adding a primary suite or reworking the floor plan to fit how they live today. I've also had longtime homeowners ask whether it makes more sense to renovate the home they love or look for something new. My advice? Before you start knocking down walls, surround yourself with people who understand older homes.

I recently asked two talented local professionals, Travis Bradley of E5 Design-Build and Betsy Maddox of Curio, to share their thoughts on what homeowners should consider before beginning a renovation. Travis brings the construction expertise, while Betsy approaches projects from an interior design perspective. They operate independent businesses but frequently collaborate, and their advice is especially relevant to the homes we see throughout North Central and our historic districts.

They came up with five things to consider. Well, actually six.

- 1. Know the rules.** Before planning an addition or renovation, understand zoning, setbacks, property boundaries and any historic district restrictions. Knowing what's possible upfront can save time and money.
- 2. Respect the character.** Older homes have architectural details and personalities worth preserving. The best renovations improve how a home functions without losing what made it special in the first place.
- 3. Establish a realistic budget.** Consider both design and construction costs, and be honest about what you're comfortable spending. Thoughtful planning helps prioritize improvements and avoid costly decisions later.
- 4. Bring the right people together.** Collaboration between designers and builders can produce creative solutions that balance great design with practical construction costs.
- 5. Expect surprises.** With homes that are 50, 75 or even 100 years old, unexpected issues are almost inevitable. A contingency budget helps keep the project moving when something unexpected turns up.
- And number six? Patience.** Renovating an older home takes flexibility, a sense of humor and an appreciation for the process. The results can be well worth the wait.

Whether you're buying an older home to renovate or have lived in North Central for years and are ready for a change, the right improvements can make all the difference. If you're thinking of selling, a conversation before investing in major renovations can help you decide what makes sense. Not every improvement adds resale value, and sometimes the next buyer has ideas of their own.

I'm always happy to share what I'm seeing in the market and what today's buyers value.

Special thanks to Travis Bradley of E5 Design-Build (e5db.com) and Betsy Maddox, NCIDQ, Principal Interior Designer at Curio, for sharing their expertise.
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SCHOOL DAYS

Glendale Union High School District

Exhibition showcases student musicians

The Glendale Union High School District will host its annual Marching Band Exhibition on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

Student musicians from all GUHSD high schools will perform. Attendees can enjoy an evening of music, school spirit and student talent as marching bands showcase their dedication, teamwork and hard work.

Admission is free, and the public is welcome. Parking for Gaucho Football Field is accessible off of 63rd Avenue, north of Olive.

Schools host future freshmen

Starting high school is an exciting milestone, and Glendale Union High School District's Future Freshman Night gives the Class of 2031 a chance to start exploring what's ahead.

On Nov. 17 (Sunnyslope High School) and Nov. 19 (Thunderbird and Washington high schools) at 6:30 p.m., future freshmen and their families can tour their future campus, meet teachers and learn about academics, athletics, fine arts, clubs and activities. Attendees can also learn about opportunities such as Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment, as well as GUHSD's "A" rated district and its high schools.

To learn more and find details about each school, visit www.guhsdaz.org/futurefreshman.

District celebrates academic accomplishment

The Glendale Union High School



Marching bands from the Glendale Union High School District schools will showcase their talents at a free community performance on Nov. 2 (photo courtesy of GUHSD).

District Governing Board hosted its annual Student Achievement Report at Greenway High School, bringing together students, families, educators, community representatives and district leaders to celebrate academic accomplishments from the 2025–2026 school year.

The presentation highlighted GUHSD's commitment to academic excellence through the Portrait of a Graduate, Work-Based Learning and student opportunities in Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education and scholarships. During the school year, students enrolled in AP courses earned 5,882 college credits; 1,418 students earned industry credentials; and the Class of 2026 received more than \$121 million in scholarships.

The annual event celebrated GUHSD students' achievements and re-affirmed the district's commitment to preparing every student for success in college, career and life.

Flag team celebrates inaugural year

The Sunnyslope Varsity Flag Football Team made history this season by hosting its inaugural game under



The Sunnyslope High School Varsity Flag Football team debuted this season under Coach Allie Biedermann's leadership (photo courtesy of GUHSD).

Coach Allie Biedermann's leadership.

Sunnyslope faced the Corona del Sol team in its first matchup, marking an exciting milestone for the program. Since then, the Vikings have built impressive momentum, securing victories in each of their latest three games, the school reported.

The district added, "We are #SunnyslopeProud of these dedicated athletes and the entire coaching staff for their hard work, teamwork and accomplishments."

Ensemble attends annual festival

GUHSD's talented vocal ensembles gathered for the annual District Vocal Ensemble Festival, an opportunity to strengthen their skills, collaborate with fellow performers and prepare for upcoming performances. Students worked with Dr. Frank A. Watkins, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Arizona State University, who shared his expertise and provided valuable feedback.

The experience allowed students to learn from an accomplished choral professional and apply new insights to their musical development. GUHSD thanked Watkins, its vocal music directors and participating students for making the festival a celebration of learning and music.

Wabbington to play in Indiana

Sunnyslope High School senior Darius Wabbington has committed to continue his basketball career at Indiana University, where he will compete at the NCAA Division I level.

A standout on the Vikings' varsity team since his freshman year, Wabbington has continued to develop his skills and gain national recognition. His hard work and dedication have earned him national attention and opened the door to this exciting next chapter, the district said, adding, "Sunnyslope is #VikingProud of Darius and looks forward to cheering him on as he takes his talents to Bloomington!"



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SCHOOL DAYS

Madison School District

Grants support Camelview

Madison Camelview Elementary recently received two generous donations totaling \$10,000 to help support teachers and STEAM projects at the school.

As part of the grand opening of their new store at the Camelback Colonade, Burlington presented Camelview with a \$5,000 donation through AdoptA-Classroom.org, allowing teachers to select supplies and materials for their classrooms. The school also received a \$5,000 grant from the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation to support their STEAM garden on campus.

Simis teacher recognized

Madison Simis Elementary teacher Denyse Deihl has been named as an Arizona IB Teacher of the Year by the Arizona International Baccalaureate Schools (AZIBS) organization.

The annual award honors individuals who exemplify the spirit of IB education and recognizes the dedication, creativity and international-mindedness that define IB learning and teaching in Arizona.

Deihl creates learning experiences that encourage students to be curious, ask questions, make connections and see themselves as capable learners and leaders, the district said. Adding, “Through inquiry, collaboration, reflection and meaningful connections to the world around them, she encourages students to approach learning with an open mind and a willingness to take action.”

Reflecting on the award the teacher said, “Being recognized as the IB Teacher of the Year is an honor that reminds me of why I entered education. My greatest reward remains seeing my students develop critical thinking, curiosity and a passionate, global perspective in the classroom every day. This recognition inspires me to continue refining my teaching to best support and empower every learner who steps through my door.”

Teachers awarded APS grants

Ten teachers from across Madison Simis Elementary, Madison Meadows



In September, 10 Madison teachers received \$500 grants, including three teachers at Madison Meadows Middle School (photo courtesy of Madison School District).



Camelview school leadership joined the team from Sprouts as they presented the school with a \$5,000 grant to support their on-campus garden (submitted photo).

Middle School and Madison Traditional Academy were each recently awarded a \$500 grant through the APS Supply My Class program. The program helps support and recognize teachers across the utility’s service area by providing them with extra funds to support additional materials and resources for their classrooms and students.

Open enrollment begins

The Madison School District will begin accepting open enrollment applications for kindergarten through eighth grade for the 2027-28 school year on Dec. 1.

The district says that it offers rigorous and engaging instruction provided by professional, high-quality teachers. As a result, Madison students regularly score above average as measured by state assessments. Madison staff, students and schools are frequently recognized at both the local and national levels for their work and academic excellence.

Madison schools feature signature programs at the elementary and middle school levels, designed to enhance learning by allowing students to explore their passions alongside their core academic subjects, preparing students for educational and career success. Those programs include Visual & Performing Arts, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), Spanish Immersion, International Baccalaureate, REACH – Profoundly Gifted and Traditional Academy.

Outside the classroom, the district offers a wide range of before and after-school care options and extracurricular opportunities. Students can participate in the Madison Adventure Club (MAC), athletics, school-sponsored clubs and numerous on-campus clubs and activities provided by partner organizations.

To learn more about open enrollment or schedule a school tour, visit www.madisonaz.org/enroll.

District welcomes preschoolers

The Madison Elementary School District invites families with preschool age children to its annual Discover Madison Preschool Tour on Jan. 21, 2027. This

event offers parents a firsthand look at the district’s high-quality preschool programs, and provides an opportunity to meet teachers and experience the school communities. Students enrolled in Madison’s preschool programs receive priority when applying for open enrollment for kindergarten.

Similar to the district’s annual Discover Madison Elementary and Discover Madison Middle School events, attendees will board a school bus to travel to and tour the different preschool programs. Following the site visits, the event will wrap up with an informative Q&A session with district and preschool leadership. It is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and learn how their child will benefit educationally and developmentally from Madison’s preschool programs.

Tour seats are limited. Interested families can learn more and sign up at www.madisonaz.org/discover.

Osborn School District

Longview staff recognized

At the Oct. 13 Governing Board Meeting, the Osborn School District celebrated the October Spread L.O.V.E. Award (Living Our Values Every Day) recipients from Longview Elementary.

“The five inspiring Lancers demonstrate daily the values that the district holds at the center of every decision we make and action we take,” the district said.



Longview Elementary staff (L-R) Marina La Rosa, Debbie Knudsen, Kendall Songer, Bre Ellison and Rosie Elias Ulloa (not pictured), were recognized for upholding Osborn district values (photo courtesy of Osborn School District).

They congratulated Kendall Songer (Equity), Rosie Elias Ulloa (Growth), Bre Ellison (Integrity), Debbie Knudsen (Joy) and Marina La Rosa (Relationships).

Advisory Council meets

On Sept. 25, Osborn Superintendent Felipe Carranza held his inaugural Parent Advisory Council meeting. The passionate group of Parent-Teacher Organization leaders came together to be the voice of all of district school families.

In a social media post, the district celebrated the “insightful and courageous pioneers of this Council,” including Sarah Sullivan (Encanto), Ellen Laux (Montecito), Christina Marin (Montecito), Adriana Cuevas (Osborn Middle School) and Rhonda Mejia (Clarendon). The district noted that the Longview and Solano representatives were unable to attend the September meeting.

The district said, “Our greatest impact can be achieved when we seek input from the people we serve – students, families, and the community alike. If the ideas and hopes expressed in this first meeting are any indication of where Osborn is headed, then you can be sure that we are moving toward even more excellent excellence in the near future!”

Osborn celebrates Teachers of the Year

Osborn School District invites area residents to celebrate the district’s three Teachers of the Year – Jennifer Staron, Daniela Hernandez and Carrie Crompton – at the Osborn Education Foundation’s annual Teacher of the Year Celebration.

The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, at DoubleTree Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East. The evening begins with a 5 p.m. social hour and silent auction, followed by a 6 p.m. banquet and celebration. Tickets and additional event details are available online at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/P8j>.

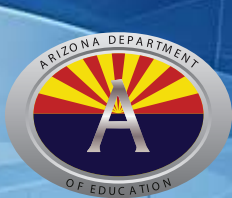


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SCHOOL DAYS

Phoenix Union High School District

City Year supports freshman transition

For many students, the transition into high school can be difficult, but Central High School has introduced an exciting new partnership to provide additional support for students as they

navigate their freshman year. City Year is an education nonprofit that partners with schools across the country with a dual mission: aiding student success in schools while also developing young people as civic leaders and professionals. At Central, student success coaches work alongside teachers and staff in the freshman house where they provide academic assistance, individual-

ized attention and mentors who are invested in student success. Phoenix is piloting a unique version of the program in which coaches attend Arizona State University while serving at Central three days a week. “We focus on Near Peer relationships,” Alexandra Menendez, City Year’s impact manager at Central, said. The coaches, ranging from ages 17-25, offer students mentors that can better relate to their experiences while helping them remain engaged with school.” Coaches support classroom instruction, work with small groups and check in with students about various topics – whether that’s attendance or other challenges they may be having. Menendez said that students who have a person on campus that they know is going to support them gives the student another reason to come to campus every day.

In addition to academic goals, City Year hopes to aid students in developing confidence, independence and a stronger sense of what they are capable of. Although the program is still in its early stages, Menendez has already witnessed growing connections and recognition between students and coaches. “I’m so excited for City Year to be recognized on campus,” Menedez said. “When we get to the point where students that maybe are not even in freshman house and are just like ‘Oh, that’s a City Year and I know what that means and I trust this person because of that.’” Through mentorship and classroom support, City Year is helping freshman students at Central feel connected and supported throughout their high school journey, the school added. Visit www.pxu.org to learn more about Central High School, part of the Phoenix Union High School District.



Thanks to a new partnership with nonprofit City Year, freshmen who attend Central High School will find additional support as they navigate their first year of high school (photo courtesy of Phoenix Union High School District).



Spartans place third

In late September, Camelback High School congratulated its Boys Golf Team for taking third place in the PXU Championship. “We are so proud of the hard work, dedication and growth these Spartans have shown all season long,” the school said in a Sept. 30 social media post.

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School and district leadership celebrated a new Literacy Hub at Desert View Elementary with a ribbon-cutting event on Oct. 6 (photo courtesy of WESD).

Washington Elementary School District

Desert View launches Literacy Hub

Desert View Elementary School celebrated the launch of its new Community Literacy Hub on Oct. 6, made possible through a partnership between the Washington Elementary School District (WESD), Valley of the Sun United Way, the City of Phoenix, Helios Education Foundation and community partners.

The celebration featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, remarks from community leaders, family activities and opportunities to connect with local resources. Students selected books to take home and build their home libraries. The new hub will expand access to early learning opportunities, literacy resources and educational support for children and families in the Desert View community. The WESD extended its gratitude to the partners who helped bring this initiative to life and strengthen learning opportunities for local students and families.

Job fair set for Nov. 7

The WESD invites job seekers to its upcoming Job Fair on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the District Administrative Center, located at 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave. The district will conduct in-person interviews for special education teachers, bus drivers (free CDL training available), paraprofessionals, and KidSpace instructors and assistants. Student teachers can also learn how to earn a paycheck while gaining valuable classroom experience. Interviews will be conducted in person, and a computer lab will be available to assist with applications. Apply at jobs.wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2622 for information.

School adds free, all-day preschool

WESD, in partnership with A Stepping Stone Foundation, will soon offer a free, full-day preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 at Desert View Elementary, 8621 N. 3rd St. The program will offer free, full-day preschool with high-quality early learning; free breakfast and lunch; and a welcoming environment to learn, grow and prepare for kindergarten. In addition, learning opportunities for the whole family are available, including required adult education

component, with flexibility; free child-care provided during adult education classes. There is no income requirement for enrollment, which is currently taking place. The program opening date will be announced soon; spaces are limited. Visit Desert View Elementary to complete the registration information. Call Desert View Elementary at 602-347-4000 for additional information.

Support local schools

During this season of giving, WESD is asking residents to consider making a tax credit donation to local schools – including Desert View Elementary School, Maryland School, Moon Mountain Elementary School, Mountain View School, Orangewood School, Richard E. Miller Elementary School, Royal Palm Middle School and Sunnyslope School. Contributions make a direct and meaningful impact on students by supporting field trips, extracurricular activities, uniforms, equipment and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Best of all, tax credit donations can reduce your Arizona state tax liability – up to \$200 if filing single or \$400 if filing jointly. Donating is quick and easy. Visit the school's front office to complete a tax credit form or donate online at <https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>.

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Xavier College Preparatory

Annual breakfast raises funds, inspires students

More than 850 guests gathered on the Xavier College Preparatory campus on Sept. 10 for the school’s 19th annual X Breakfast, raising \$321,000 to support scholarships for Xavier students.

The one-hour breakfast featured two distinguished Xavier alumnae: Amy Melczer Montagne, Class of 1989 and president of Nike, and Abby Hornacek, Class of 2012 and a host of the television show, “Park’d” on Fox News. Both women shared stories about their Xavier experiences, professional journeys and the lessons that have shaped their lives and careers.

Following the breakfast, Hornacek and Montagne addressed Xavier’s entire student body at a special assembly. Students also had the opportunity to engage directly with the alumnae during a question-and-answer session, asking about their careers, challenges, leadership experiences, and advice for young women preparing for their own futures.

“The X Breakfast is about opening doors for talented young women while also showing our students what is possible,” said Sister Joan Fitzgerald, BVM, president of Xavier College Preparatory. “We are deeply grateful to our speakers, sponsors, donors, and guests for investing in our students and in the transformative power of a Xavier education.”

All proceeds from the X Breakfast benefit student scholarships. Approximately 45 percent of Xavier students



Attending the 19th Annual X Breakfast were (L-R) speaker Abby Hornacek, Xavier president Sister Joan Fitzgerald, Xavier principal Carol Ann Michaelson and speaker Amy Melczer Montagne (photo by Zachary Carlson; courtesy of Xavier College Preparatory).

receive some form of scholarship or financial assistance. The funds raised will help ensure that qualified young women have the opportunity to attend Xavier regardless of their families’ financial circumstances.

Now in its 19th year, the X Breakfast has become one of Xavier’s signature annual events, bringing together alumnae, parents, community leaders, corporate partners and friends of the school in support of Xavier students and the school’s mission.

Go to www.xcp.org to learn more.

Brophy College Preparatory

Seniors recognized for academic promise

In October, Brophy College Preparatory congratulated the 17 seniors who have been named National Merit Commended Students. Commended students are recognized for their academic promise demonstrated by their

outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT last year.

National Merit Commended students are Wyatt Glass, John Goodwin, Ian Gross, Cole Hancock, Connor Hernacki, August Kalina, Ben Kar, Keegan

Lawson, Brandon Moussa, Sam Nielsen, Chase Raboin, Charlie Rawlinson, Gavin Reddy, Aaditya Shah, Leo Troester, Ford Vockell and Roman Walker.

Students celebrate Jesuit identity

Jesuit Heritage Week brought the Brophy community together Oct. 5-8 to celebrate the traditions and values at the heart of the school.

From gathering for the Jesuit Heritage Mass to sharing reflections through the Manresa Moments art installation, enjoying a special set from DJ DelToro and exploring Jesuit education and spirituality during Community Period, the week offered plenty of opportunities to connect with the students’ Jesuit identity, the school said.

The Ignatian Cannonball Contest brought a splash of fun to close out the week, with plenty of other activities and moments of reflection happening across campus along the way.

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From mass to art to music, Brophy students explored, celebrated and connected with one another and the school’s traditions during Jesuit Heritage Week (photo courtesy of Brophy College Preparatory).



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On Nov. 14, beginning at 9 a.m., students in fourth to eighth grade are invited to explore the universe with Arizona Science Center’s Girls in STEM Astro Adventures.

Prepare for a full day of imagination, innovation and interstellar discover in this hands-on out-of-this-world experience. Participants will “lift off” into the world of planets, stars, rockets and more to discover the mysteries of the cosmos.

Launched in 2013, Girls in STEM is a series of educational programs throughout the year that encourages interest in science and engineering among students in grades 4-8. The goal is to empower the next generation of STEM professionals.

Arizona Science Center is located at 600 E. Washington St. in downtown Phoenix. For more information, visit www.azscience.org or call 602-716-2000.

Bringing families together
around books

Paradise Valley Community College and Southwest Human Development will host their twice-a-year literacy event, Festival of Tales, Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Every child who attends the December Festival of Tales literacy event, hosted by Paradise Valley Community College and Southwest Human Development, will go home with free books (submitted photo).

During the free community event held on the PVCC Union Hills Campus, 18401 N. 32nd St., families can enjoy a morning of live storytelling, theater, dance, music, arts and crafts and more. Every child goes home with free books. The day’s events also include small-group fairytale readings, a story-and-coding session, a library storytime with music and movement, and a sensory-friendly play space for children 5 and younger, in addition to games, face painting, vendors, demonstrations, live music and food trucks.

Visit www.paradisevalley.edu/academics/festival-tales for additional information.

P.E.O. chapter hosts
monthly events

Chapter D, Phoenix, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), invites area members to join its regular monthly meeting.

The group meets year-round on the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Beatitudes, 1650 W. Glendale Ave.,

in Elaine’s Meeting Room. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program at 10 a.m. and business meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch follows at the Bistro for those who wish to join the group for lunch.

Those looking to join or visit the group should RSVP to Judy Rollins by calling 602-418-5455. Learn more by visiting www.azpeo.org.

P.E.O. was founded on Jan. 21, 1869, by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The organization came to Arizona in 1912 and today, the Arizona State Chapter has 133 chapters and nearly 5,000 members.

Festival celebrates
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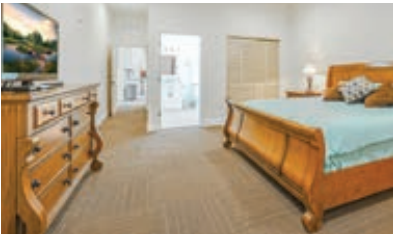
North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St., will play host to the second annual Festival in the Mountains Nov. 6-8. The festival is a community event and a fundraiser for the Save Our Mountains Foundation (SOMF), whose mission is to acquire and preserve land to assist in the expansion of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve.

SOMF supports the Mountains Preserve with education, conservation and research and maintain operations at the North Mountain Visitor Center in collaboration with the city of Phoenix.

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Find support during the holidays

The holiday season often intensifies the emotional and physical demands on families caring for someone with memory loss or mourning the loss of a loved one, says Hospice of the Valley. To help families find comfort and support during this time, the organization is hosting two free community workshops in November at its Dementia Care and Education Campus, 3811 N. 44th St.

During “A Dementia-Friendly Approach to Holiday Planning,” Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., participants will discover practical ways to adapt traditions, reduce holiday chaos and create meaningful, stress-free moments for loved ones. The campus offers free activities for people living with dementia so caregivers may attend the presentation with peace of mind.



With the holiday season on the horizon, Hospice of the Valley will host two free community workshops in November geared toward families dealing with loss or living with dementia (submitted photo).

“Coping with Grief During the Holidays” will be presented on Friday, Nov. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. The holidays are often difficult for grieving families. This presentation will remind participants to be gentle with themselves and develop strategies for moving through a challenging season.

To RSVP for either event, email events@dementiacampus.org or call 602-767-8300. For additional information, visit www.hov.org or email info@hov.org.

Free helpline serves Valley families

Southwest Human Development, Arizona’s largest nonprofit dedicated to early childhood development, celebrated the sixth annual Birth to Five Helpline Awareness Week Sept. 28-Oct. 3 by spotlighting their free service dedicated exclusively to parents of babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and staffed entirely by early childhood professionals.

This year’s observance landed alongside the 2026 National Parent Sur-

vey, the largest study of its kind, fielded by New America’s New Practice Lab among more than 5,400 parents of children under six nationwide. The survey found 72 percent of parents want more quality time with their children, a desire that holds steady across income, geography and background – and sits at the center of nearly every Helpline call, the organization said – whether a parent is asking about sleep, feeding, behavior or a new family dynamic.

“Every parent wants the same basic things for their family – more time together, less stress, a chance for their kids to thrive,” said Maria Lopez, Birth to Five Helpline program manager. “Parents are looking for understanding, support, and a partner who truly appreciates the challenges they face.”

Helpline specialists take time to understand each family’s culture, resources and goals before helping them find a strategy that fits their life, the organization added. The free resource for Arizona families operates Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Parents can call or text 877-705-KIDS (5437) or visit www.birthtofivehelpline.org for personalized support with feeding, sleep, developmental milestones and challenging behaviors. An app is also available.

Visit www.swhd.org and click on the “For Families” link to find additional information.

Help support the caregivers who help our community

By Mary Lynn Kasunic
President & CEO

Every day, direct care workers provide essential support to older adults, people with disabilities who depend on assistance to remain safe and living in their own homes. These dedicated workers often drive to multiple clients each day, making transportation and gasoline a significant personal expense.

The Agency on Aging, Region One is asking its’ community to consider directing their eligible tax credit contribution to support these essential workers.

Your contribution can help the Area Agency on Aging provide gas cards to direct care workers who travel to deliver care in our communities. A gas card may seem like a small gesture, but for a caregiver facing the high cost of gasoline, it can make a meaningful difference.

Direct care workers cannot provide care unless they can get to the people who need them. Many depend on their personal vehicles to travel from home to client appointments, sometimes covering considerable distances each week. At the same time, many direct care workers earn modest wages while performing physically demanding work.



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The 2026 Tax Credit for married taxpayers filing jointly is up to \$1,009 and up to \$506 for taxpayers who are single, married filing separately or head of household. Area Agency on Aging, Region One Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) number is 20044. Please consult your tax specialist for all tax implications.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

On the Town

By Kathryn M. Miller

As the weather cools, the entertainment scene in the Valley is heating up. In addition to live music from locals and touring bands, enjoy dance, theater and opera offerings. Residents also will find art and cultural events, family-friendly outings, plenty of First Friday events and more this fall. See you on the town in November!



Blackbear Bosin, "Sing Back the Buffalo" (photo by Davin Lavikka)

'The Way We Came: A Century of Indigenous Art'
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Phoenix Art Museum
www.phxart.org; 602-257-1880

The Wildwoods

Nov. 2
Crescent Ballroom
www.crescentphx.com; 602-716-2222

Acoustic Open Stage Thursdays
Nov. 5
Fiddler's Dream Coffeehouse
www.fiddlersdream.org; 602-997-9795



(photo by Rose Torres)

'The Three Brides'
Nov. 5-7
Scorpius Dance Theatre at Herberger Theater Center
www.herbergertheater.org; 602-252-8497

Chris Ross Trio – Late Night, No Cover!
Nov. 6
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

First Friday Live: Dia De Los Muertos
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Herberger Theater Center
www.herbergertheater.org; 602-252-8497

First Friday Seisiúns
Nov. 6
Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library
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First Friday in the Garden
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www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org; 602-274-8700

2nd Annual SOMF Festival in the Mountains
Nov. 6-8
North Mountain Visitor Center
www.northmountainvisitorcenter.org; 602-343-5125



(Detail from 'Petrified Logs and Cholla' by Debra Jones)

Exhibit: 'National Parks'
Nov. 6-29
Herberger Theater Center
www.herbergertheater.org; 602-252-8497

Cold Shott and the Hurricane Horns
Nov. 7
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

'El Gato con Botas' (Puss in Boots)
Nov. 7-8
Arizona Opera
www.azopera.org; 602-266-7464

Pay What You Can Day
Nov. 10
Desert Botanical Garden
www.dbg.org; 480-941-1225

Bombargo
Nov. 10
Valley Bar
www.valleybarphx.com

American Indian Veterans Day & Sunset Tribute
Nov. 11
Heard Museum
https://heard.org; 602-252-8840

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Dave Hause & The Mermaid
Nov. 12
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www.azpuppets.org; 602-262-2050

'Mary Poppins'

Nov. 18 – Jan. 3
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**Monique with The Hourglass Cats**

Nov. 20
Valley Bar
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Otsukimi-Moonviewing

Nov. 20-21
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**Charles McPherson Quartet**

Nov. 21
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

Celt-Raven Society: Solstice and the Celt Woodlands

Nov. 21
Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library
www.azirish.org; 602-258-0109

Coffee House Saturdays:

Half Way Home, As Is
Nov. 21
North Mountain Visitor Center
www.northmountainvisitorcenter.org;
602-343-5125

Jejune

Nov. 25
The Rebel Lounge
www.therebellounge.com

**Fred Eaglesmith**

Nov. 25
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

'Black Nativity'

Nov. 27 – Dec. 6
Black Theatre Troupe at Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center
www.blacktheatretroupe.org;
602-258-8128

Ornament Marketplace

Nov. 27-29
Heard Museum
https://heard.org; 602-252-8840

Coffee House Saturdays:

John Diggs, Long-John Jukebox
Nov. 28
North Mountain Visitor Center
www.northmountainvisitorcenter.org;
602-343-5125

**'Super Bloom' by Graphic Rewilding**

Thru May 31
Desert Botanical Garden
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The Nash will celebrate its 14th anniversary with an all-star weekend of jazz, including a Nov. 6 performance by The Nash Collective, led by drummer and club namesake Lewis Nash (photo courtesy of The Nash).

Nash marks 14 years of jazz

The downtown Phoenix jazz club The Nash is celebrating 14 years with a powerhouse weekend of jazz, Nov. 6-8. The weekend assembles an exceptional roster of nationally acclaimed artists for three days of music and showcases the caliber of musicians and up-close performances that have helped put The Nash on the national jazz scene.

"Fourteen years is a milestone worth celebrating, and we're proud of how The Nash has grown from a home for jazz in Phoenix into a club with a place on the national jazz scene," said Steve Maun, president and CEO of The Nash. "This anniversary weekend brings an extraordinary lineup to downtown Phoenix and celebrates everything The Nash has become."

The weekend launches Friday, Nov. 6, with The Nash Collective, The Nash's all-star ensemble featuring award-winning saxophonist and vocalist Camille Thurman, New Orleans trumpeter Ashlin Parker, saxophonist and composer Clark Gibson, acclaimed guitarist Paul Bollenback, pianist and composer Rachel Eckroth, internationally renowned bassist Corcoran Holt, and Lewis Nash, one of the most recorded jazz drummers of his generation and the club's namesake.

Saturday, Nov. 7, turns up the star power with Something Else!, the soul jazz supergroup led by acclaimed alto saxophonist Vincent Herring. Herring is joined by Freddie Hendrix on trumpet, Wayne Escoffery on tenor saxophone, Paul Bollenback on guitar, David Kikoskion piano, Essiet Essiet on bass and Nash on drums. Together, the seven musicians bring decades of experience performing, recording and leading their own ensembles to The Nash's intimate stage.

The anniversary celebration closes on Nov. 8 with The Nash's signature Sunday night jam session, led by saxophonist and Director of Education Dr. Clark Gibson. The session brings musicians of different generations together on stage, giving emerging players the opportunity to perform alongside experienced professionals and carrying forward a tradition at the heart of jazz and the club.

The Nash is located at 110 E. Roo-

sevelt St. For tickets and information, visit www.thenash.org or call 602-795-0464.

Explore local art at Studio Tour

The Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale is a self-guided art sale and shopping experience with 15 stops throughout familiar Phoenix and Scottsdale neighborhoods. The 19th annual event takes place Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8.

The event features many returning studio stops and local artists with global talent, in addition to new participants – 41 artists in total. The experience highlights a wide range of one-of-a-kind art, ideal for collectors and gift-givers alike.

"Each year we as artists strive to create an improved experience for our art community," said Lynn Gustafson, owner of the Camelback Studio Tour and Art Sale and member of the South Scottsdale Art Alliance. "So even if you have been to all of our previous events, we encourage you to return to find something new you love, meet a new artist or connect with our local art community in a valuable and memorable way."

The two-day event began as a small walkable and bikeable tour that has grown to attract thousands of art collectors, lovers and shoppers. Throughout the event, attendees can walk or drive to any of the stops at any time during each day's timeframe. They will be invited to stroll through local artists' home studios as well as meet and mingle with multiple artists who live and work in the area.

The art represented at the event is constantly evolving and ever wide-ranging, including a variety of mediums and handmade works. Guests can expect to view and purchase fine art pieces such as wearable art, jewelry, handcrafted gifts, painting, glass art, sculptures and more.

Studios can be visited in any order over the course of the event, so attendees can begin at any point, visit just their favorites or make their way through all 15 stops at their leisure. The event is open to the public and free to attend.

Find hours and printable guide maps online at www.camelbackstudio-tour.com.

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Herberger celebrates the arts

The free, family-friendly celebration of the arts returns to downtown Phoenix as the Herberger Theater Center presents its 17th Annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown will come alive with music, movement, creativity and community as neighbors, families and art lovers of all ages come to gather at the Herberger Theater Center, located at 222 E. Monroe St., for a full day of artistic celebration.

The festival brings the community together to experience the remarkable talent thriving across the Valley while celebrating the many artistic traditions, creative voices and forms of expression that enrich Phoenix. Guests can enjoy a vibrant lineup of 27 local arts organizations and performers, presented across multiple stages and showcasing a broad spectrum of artistic styles, disciplines, and excellence.

Audiences at the outdoor Pavilion Stage will be treated to captivating performances spanning classical ballet, high-energy rhythm, global dance traditions and theatrical storytelling. The Monroe Stage will offer an exciting mix of musical performances and additional live acts throughout the day. And families will love exploring the



Live art demonstrations will join captivating live theatrical, dance and musical performances, as well as hands-on activities, vendor booths, food offerings at more at the 17 Annual Festival of the Arts on Nov. 14 (photo courtesy of Herberger Theater Center).

dedicated Kids Zone, featuring circus arts, aerial experiences, an enchanting bubble activation and interactive hands-on arts activities led by Valley arts and children’s organizations.

In addition to continuous entertainment, visitors can shop among 30 artisan and vendor market booths featuring local makers and creative

entrepreneurs, enjoy live art demonstrations, sample delicious offerings in the food court, or relax in the beer and wine garden with a Paint & Sip experience.

Admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend. Visit www.herbergertheater.org for additional information.

Shemer hosts annual festival

The Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, will host the 2026 Shemer Arizona Arts Festival Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily.

The two-day festival will once again feature works of art created in a variety of mediums by over 40 Arizona artists. Each day, this event will also feature art demonstrations, Arizona authors, an interactive \$5 Art Zone, live music, food and beverage vendors and a silent auction. Additional activities planned include the fourth year of the Shemer’s signature Sidewalk Chalk Festival.

Initially established in 1988 as Sunday @ Shemer, this long-time event is unique in that it showcases only Arizona artists. Each year it serves as one of four fundraising events held to support the programming and exhibitions held at the nonprofit Shemer Art Center. In addition to welcoming new visitors, this event demonstrates the Shemer’s mission and dedication to showcasing and supporting Arizona artists, which it has been doing since 1984.

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Café Chat

A Phoenix tradition: Durant's Steakhouse

By Marjorie Rice

Some things never change. Nor should they. They are icons that define an era, tie a community to its roots, hearken back to history and immerse us in the warmth of memory while preserving cherished traditions for decades to come.

Durant's Steakhouse is one of those icons, a vivid pink building on Central Avenue, its distinctive sign spelling out a destination for power business lunches and celebratory dinners for generations of Phoenixians.

The famous – Barry Goldwater and Frank Sinatra among them – the power brokers, and regular folks just out for a great meal have been coming in the back door, through the kitchen and into the dimly lit dining rooms for 75-plus years. They come for traditional steakhouse fare – thick porterhouses and New York strips, lobster thermidor and shrimp cocktail, sides of creamed spinach and giant baked potatoes – for martinis and Manhattans, for deft, quiet service, for dinner-table deals and power lunches.

Durant's was founded by Jack Durant in 1950, then operated by Jack and Carol McElroy until early 2025, when it was purchased by the Mastro family – brothers Mike and Jeffrey and their father Dennis – and their business partner Scott Troilo. The group had operated Mastro's Steakhouses in Scottsdale and Beverly Hills, and then Dominick's Steakhouse, Steak 44 and 48 and Ocean 44 and 48 in Arizona. Today, three generations of the Mastro family work in the business.

Marc Lupino, chief culinary officer for the group, has been with the Mastro family since he started as a sous chef in 1999. "They're such a great family," he said. "As intense as it can be, I really love working for people who have such a great passion for the guests, the facility, the food, and then finding my place within that."

The new owners closed Durant's for an update, including extensive kitchen renovations, then reopened last December. It was a restoration instead



Chef Marc Lupino shows off a crispy veal parmesan – a tomahawk steak on the bone, pounded thin, breaded and fried, and served with vodka sauce – his favorite menu items at Durant's Steakhouse (photo by Darryl Webb for North Central News).

of a remodel. Deeply tufted red booths, red walls, intimate lighting, Sinatra on the playlist, and a menu showcasing prime corn-fed beef, perfectly grilled, will bring back memories for long-time patrons.

In one dining area, plaques line the walls, etched with the names of diners who downed 42-ounce porterhouses on their own. "We kept that porterhouse on the menu but today it's 36 ounces and we do it more for two people," Lupino said. There's also a 72-ounce version for four.

"We've had quite a few old customers come in. I want them to feel the same nostalgia. That was the whole point of this. We could have easily taken out the red booths, but why? We want it to be the same iconic brand with a few different offerings."

When he was working on the updated menu, Lupino went through the restaurant's menus over the years. "There was amazing food all across the board over the decades," he said.

"That's what I wanted to do and what we'll continue to do."

Some new items have been added, including veal parmesan. It's a tomahawk steak on the bone, pounded thin, breaded and fried, and served with vodka sauce. "That's my favorite item on the menu," Lupino said.

The caviar service is another new addition. "I'm such a huge fan of caviar," Lupino said. "I connected with a family-owned company that does the Sasanian caviar. I went to one of their farms in Vancouver and harvested caviar with them."

"One thing I love about caviar is that it's very interactive. There are a lot of accompaniments that come with it, and you customize it the way you like it. It's a very social thing. I love that aspect, and I think sometimes we lose the social aspect of dining."

While the menu is extensive, with seafood, salads, rack of lamb and pork chops among the offerings, beef is the star of the menu, and Lupino takes pains to find the best. Most of the steaks are corn-fed from the Midwest.

"I work with packers there for our prime beef, and I do a domestic wagyu program and some Japanese wagyu," he said. "I went to Japan and went to all the farms, from calving all the way through into the packing plant."

He takes the same approach for seafood. "I went to Norway this year and bought king crab for what I'll be doing for the whole year," he said.

Lupino credits his teams, from the valets to the kitchen and serving staff, for helping to create the Durant's experience.

"When everybody enters through the kitchen, it's very important to me that they're met with a smile and 'Welcome in,'" he said. "I really have to take my hat off to the people who run this place every day. They do a fantastic job."

"I'm so lucky to have the people I have. A lot of them are home-grown. The executive chef here, Felix Ruiz, started off as a dishwasher for me and worked his way up through the whole restaurant. He's cultivating a guy who is doing the same thing."

That continuity is an enduring theme for the Mastros, for Lupino and for Durant's itself.

"We had this iconic institution of Phoenix," Lupino said. "Everything we tried to do was so that when you walk in, it should have a very familiar feel. We didn't want to change it; we wanted to refresh it and bring it at least another 75 years. We're just stewards of this brand for now. We want to do our best for Jack Durant, who did amazing things and has been a staple for years."

Durant's, 2611 N. Central Ave., is open for dinner from 4 to 9:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 3:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, and 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; and open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. For information, call 602-264-5967 or visit www.durantsaz.com.

Press Coffee opens Camelback location

Phoenix-based specialty coffee roaster Press Coffee will celebrate the grand opening of its new Camelback Corridor location Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7-8, with complimentary treats, giveaways and fall-themed activations throughout the weekend. The 2,029-square-foot café at 3133 E. Camelback Road is the company's 23rd location and will offer 38 indoor seats and 48 outdoor seats, making it one of company's largest location expansions this year.

During the grand opening, the location will host a food truck and on-site DJ both days and celebrate the season with the launch of its Pumpkin Spice coffees. The first 20 guests each day will receive a \$5 gift card, with additional coffee and treat giveaways planned throughout the celebration.

Visit www.presscoffee.com for more information.



On the menu at Durant's are classics such as the 36-ounce porterhouse steak, mezzi rigatoni with vodka sauce, mushroom caps in wine and butter and jumbo asparagus with Pecorino Romano (photo by Darryl Webb for North Central News).

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Thanksgiving for those on the go

By Kathryn M. Miller

With November comes holiday gatherings with friends and families; however, busy lives don't come to a halt just because the calendar calls for celebrations. For those who have a crowd coming and are looking for a helping hand with meal prep, these three Valley staples have you covered with Thanksgiving to-go packages and dine-in specials.

Sierra Bonita Catering, 8522 N. 7th St., is offering complete take-and-reheat Thanksgiving meals, desserts and sides, portioned to serve up to four. The dinner is \$165 and features oven roasted, off the bone turkey with pan gravy, Boursin mashed potatoes, garlic and herb stuffing, wild mushroom green bean casserole with crispy tobacco onions and citrus-cranberry relish. For dessert, enjoy pumpkin croissant bread pudding with a maple cream cheese sauce and candied pecans for \$32. Side dishes only are also available for \$100.

Orders must be placed by Nov. 18, and they will be ready for pick up on Nov. 25 between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Go to www.sierrabonitacateringcompany.com to place an order.

Miracle Mile Deli, 4433 N. 16th St., is offering a full lineup of Thanksgiving favorites for pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The Thanksgiving Family Feast, \$245, serves six to eight. It includes three pounds of oven-roasted white-meat turkey breast, two quarts of homemade mashed potatoes, one quart of homemade gravy, one quart of homemade stuffing, one pint of cranberry sauce, one quart of baked macaroni and cheese, six Kaiser rolls and one whole pie. The Oven-Roasted Turkey Dinner, \$25, includes a choice of white or dark meat served with homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and Noble Rye bread. Sides and extras are available as add-ons, as are whole pies, including pumpkin, pecan, lemon meringue, Boston cream, coconut meringue, apple and cherry.

Orders must be placed by Saturday, Nov. 21. They will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Visit www.miraclemiledeli.com or call 602-776-0992.

Finally, Chompie's will offer both to-go packages and dine-in specials, including individual Thanksgiving feast at any of the four Valley locations, beginning at 10 a.m. until close on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26. Near North Central, head to 3212 E. Cactus Road.

The individual Thanksgiving meal is \$32.99++ per person, dine-in or to-go, and includes sliced Oven Roasted



Three popular Valley establishments will serve up Thanksgiving classics ready to feed a crowd or for those flying solo this year (photo courtesy of Miracle Mile Deli).

Turkey Breast, stuffing, gravy, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, savory mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, fresh baked dinner rolls and a slice of apple or pumpkin pie.

The Thanksgiving To-Go packages are available for preorder while supplies last and include the Traditional Meal (serves 12 to 15 guests for \$319.99++) or the Basic Dinner (serves 12 to 15 guests for \$269.99++). Both meals include a whole oven roasted turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry relish, dinner rolls and two 9" pies – one pumpkin and one apple. The Traditional package levels up with mashed potatoes, savory mashed sweet potatoes and green beans.

Pick up arrangements can be made with order confirmation for to-go packages. Visit www.chompies.com/thanksgiving-menus to place an order.

Dimaggio's joins Uptown lineup

DiMaggio's Italian Restaurant is officially expanding with a second location, which is expected to open in fall and anchor the courtyard at the historic Uptown Plaza at the corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road. The team says it is building an elegant new flagship designed to build on the momentum of their original concept, located in McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale, with elevated design, classic culinary traditions and an exclusive private dining room complete with a dedicated secret entrance for VIP arrivals.

Led by the restaurant's namesake, Frank DiMaggio, who is a relative of legendary Yankee "Clipper" Joe DiMaggio, along with partners Brandon and Michele Gioffre, DiMaggio's offers a nostalgic take on Italian-American dining to the Valley. The expansion comes at a moment of continued momentum for the restaurant, which recently earned a 2026 Foodist Award for its bone-in veal parmigiana. Hospitality industry veterans Justin Cohen, former COO of Riot Hospitality, and Kyle Carnine, a former Steak 44 manager, have also joined the team, bringing years of restaurant experience and elite front-of-house hospitality to the

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Frank DiMaggio will bring a second location of his eponymous restaurant to Uptown Plaza this fall with a focus on elevated design, classic culinary traditions and an exclusive private dining room complete with a dedicated secret entrance for VIP arrivals (photo courtesy of Uptown Plaza).

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brand as it enters this next phase of growth and expansion.

At Uptown Plaza, the restaurant will introduce a grander, more immersive setting while maintaining the energy and personality that have defined the original Scottsdale location, ownership said. The restaurant is designed to function as both a lively neighborhood destination and a more discreet setting for private dinners, celebrations, and high-profile gatherings, with a private dining room featuring its own dedicated entrance.

“The love and demand for DiMaggio’s has been overwhelming, and we wanted our second location to really elevate what people already love about us,” said Frank DiMaggio. “Having lived in New York, I experienced and ate a very specific style of Italian dining. Uptown Plaza’s historic, mid-century backdrop is the ideal home for this next evolution, as its soul, in many ways, captures an era that we also capture. It’s a step back in time at Uptown Plaza, and a step back even further at DiMaggio’s, and we look forward to being the kitchen that serves the deeply rooted neighborhoods that surround us.”

For updates and opening announcements, visit www.dimaggiosrestaurant.com and www.uptownplazaphx.com.

Emberance to debut at Hilton resort

In late fall, Hilton Phoenix Resort at The Peak, 7677 N. 16th St., will debut Emberance, a new restaurant inspired by the flavors, landscapes and culinary traditions of the Sonoran Desert. The 7,366-square-foot standalone restaurant will bring a “refined yet approachable dining experience to Phoenix, celebrating Arizona growers and producers,” according to Pivotal Group, which acquired the resort in 2024.

Designed as a destination for both Phoenix locals and resort guests, the restaurant will center its culinary identity around live-fire cooking. A signature robata grill will serve as a focal point within the kitchen, using smoke,



When the restaurant opens in late fall, the terraces at Emberance will offer outdoor seating around fire pits, where guests can enjoy cocktails and bites with views of nearby Piestewa Peak (submitted photo).

char and flame to bring depth and character to the menu. Fire will not simply be used as a cooking technique at the new property, but as a defining element of the restaurant’s food, atmosphere and experience, the team said. A curated craft cocktail and wine program will complement the menu.

“Emberance represents the next chapter in the reimagining of Hilton Phoenix Resort at The Peak while carrying forward the hotel’s legacy,” said Julia Najafi, vice president and principal of Pivotal Group. “We’ve created an intimate, relaxed dining room made for memorable experiences, where the food and hospitality capture the spirit of the Southwest.”

The kitchen will be led by Chef Mireya Ryan, who brings 13 years of luxury hospitality and fine-dining experience. Ryan has held culinary leadership positions in both Phoenix and San Diego, overseeing complex, multi-outlet resort operations. Most recently, she served as Executive Sous Chef at T. Cook’s at Royal Palms Resort and Spa, where she helped lead the acclaimed restaurant’s culinary operations.

The restaurant will feature a 22-seat center bar designed for socializing, along with an open layout. Two scenic terraces will offer outdoor seating around fire pits, where guests can enjoy cocktails and bites with views of nearby Piestewa Peak and the resort pool. It will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and also feature an intimate private dining space for dinners, special events and celebrations.

Visit www.hiltonphoenixresortatthepark.com for more information.

Jones brings talents to Upward Projects

In late September, Upward Projects, the Phoenix-born hospitality group behind neighborhood staples Postino, Federal Pizza, Joyride Taco House, Windsor Churn and the upcoming Lado A Lado, announced the appointment of acclaimed Arizona chef Stephen Jones as Culinary Innovation Chef.

A three-time James Beard semi-finalist, Jones brings more than 27 years of culinary leadership experience across top-tier dining destinations. In his new role, the iconic Phoenix chef will oversee the overarching culinary vision and evolution for Upward’s menus, bringing a fresh, hands-on, chef-centric approach to kitchen operations, culinary R&D, and dish development.

“Stephen is a phenomenal chef and a special part of the fabric of the Arizona dining scene,” said Lauren Bailey, CEO and co-founder of Upward Projects. “I’ve known and admired Stephen for years, since his days at Tarbell’s. Bringing Stephen into the Upward Projects family isn’t about getting bigger; it’s about getting better, more focused, and more chef-driven than ever. His culinary mastery, passion for sourcing,

and dedication to kitchen mentorship will elevate our culinary experience to the next level.”

Under Jones’ leadership, Valley guests will see an immediate focus on culinary evolution, starting with Postino. The chef is actively spearheading R&D for new kitchen designs and dinner-friendly offerings, balancing Postino’s bruschetta boards with protein-forward shareables and vibrant seasonal produce. In the meantime, he is preparing for a high-wattage dinner at the James Beard House in early 2027; followed by a larger menu reveal in early 2027.

“Upward Projects has always set the standard for hospitality, culture and community here in Arizona, and joining forces with Lauren and the team feels like a natural homecoming,” said Jones. “My goal is to bring that same hands-on, chef-led energy that drove the larder + the delta into every single kitchen we operate. We’re doubling down on culinary craft, introducing vibrant seasonal rotations and creating memorable, shareables that give our neighbors even more reasons to gather at our tables.”

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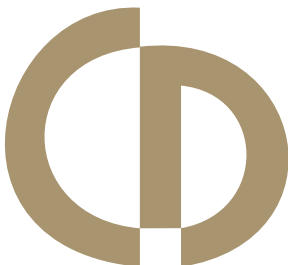
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