**Russo and Steele Celebrates Twenty Years**

Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions returns home to Scottsdale Jan. 15–19 at the epicenter of Arizona Car Week. Celebrating its 20th year, Russo and Steele will offer an ultra-rare 1985 Lamborghini Countach QV Downdraft at its 2020 Scottsdale auction.

Known as the most powerful Countach variant ever built, this particular model offers 455 bhp and was used as a factory press car and was the photo subject of the Downdraft brochure distributed at the 1985 Geneva Salon.

Fewer than one-third of all Countach models built were Downdraft variants and Russo Steele says that this model is without question the very best example of this variant to ever be presented at public auction anywhere.

“This is probably the most beautiful example of a Countach Downdraft you will see anywhere,” said Drew Alcazar, president and CEO of Russo and Steele. “Even by today’s standards the car is quite powerful and even though it’s almost 35 years old, it’s design is timeless and the stuff of supercar fantasy.”

Running Jan. 15–19, Russo and Steele will provide hundreds of top-quality collector cars for a variety of buyers at their new site in Scottsdale, just off the south side of the Loop 101 Freeway. Featuring the equivalent of five football fields of tents with easy access off the Scottsdale Road exit, acres of contiguous and close proximity parking will greet attendees along with valet parking directly at the main entrance.

For information about Russo and Steele, visit www.russoandsteele.com or like them on Facebook and Instagram @RussoandSteele.

For more Arizona Car Week events, read: “49th Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction Rolls Into Town” on page 8.
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Wishing You A Hopeful New Year!

“Hope
Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering ‘it will be happier’...”
- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Editor's note: This editorial originally ran in the JANUARY 2013 issue. While I have updated the years, many of the events of 2019 sadly mirrored those of 2012, but, fortunately, the sense of optimism has maintained a toehold.

I don’t know about you, but 2019 was an exhausting year — too many tragedies, too much tumult, an overload of politics and disasters... not to mention the day-to-day challenges of this hectic world we live in. And as satisfying as it would be to just slam the door on 2019 and move on, the remnants of this past year will carry us into the new. In the face of such a year, optimism can be stubbornly scarce; the silver lining seems tarnished; where are the happy endings?

And yet...every day, all around us, there are small acts of kindness, chance glimpses of beauty, unexpected opportunities that can help us renew that sense of optimism. We just need to be open to seeing them — and where we don’t see them, we need to create them.

Despite the difficulties of the previous year, it’s time to begin a new one. It’s here, fresh, open and ready for us to make our mark. It will be up to each of us to find the extra possibility in each day, to move forward, to bring the luster back and to craft a better story.

It’s 2020 — go write the year you want!

Until next month, all my best.

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On the Northeast Valley cover: Riders of the Purple Sage documentary; Photo: Robert Pflumm
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MAYOR LANE WRITES...

Scottsdale Named a Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community

Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane
City of Scottsdale

The League of American Bicyclists awarded Scottsdale by designating it a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) for 2019–23. The award recognizes Scottsdale for its efforts of building better places to bike as well as its commitment to creating transportation and recreational resources that benefit its residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transportation choices.

There are currently 488 Bicycle Friendly Communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. More than 850 communities have applied for recognition by the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which provides a roadmap to making biking better for communities of all shapes and sizes. While the award process considers visible elements such as bike infrastructure, other essential elements include efforts around education, encouragement, evaluation and enforcement all through the lens of equity. The application process includes an opportunity for local bicyclists and active transportation advocates to provide input on their experiences and perceptions of bicycling in their community.

Scottsdale is one of only 39 communities nationwide to achieve the gold-level or higher designation. Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards and community-driven best practices.

Demonstrate! … And Doughnuts ArtWalk — On The Edge

On The Edge Gallery will host talented artists who will be demonstrating creative processes in real time Jan. 16, during the Thursday evening Scottsdale Gallery Association’s (www.scottsdalegalleries.com) Demonstrate! … And Doughnuts ArtWalk in Downtown Scottsdale.

In addition to viewing the works of more than 40 artists and enjoying refreshments, visitors will have the opportunity to meet and interact with artists Valerie Hildebrand, Barbi Niblick, Shelly Taylor and Cal Vander Kooi.

Hildebrand will be demonstrating her contemporary batik techniques; Niblick will be creating work that is reflective of the human condition and of her vision of the contemporary world; Taylor will bead weave, demonstrating the art of beaded kumihimo, a contemporary adaptation of the ancient Japanese art of trading with fibers; and Kooi will be turning local Arizona woods into stunning creations on his lathe.

See these artists create their own unique works of art and learn how they do what they do. The gallery encourages the aspiring artist or art patron to connect with their own creative inspiration.

The Jan. 16 ArtWalk event will be held 6:30–9pm. On the Edge Gallery is located 7050 East 5th Avenue in the Downtown Scottsdale Arts District. For additional information, call 480.265.8991 or visit www.ontheedgegallery.com/home.

Scottsdale Honors Cultural Heritage with Western Week

From Saturday, Feb. 1, to Sunday, Feb. 9, the City of Scottsdale turns back time to recognize its past including its cultural influences from the “Wild West” and Native Americans and more with the return of Western Week. During this nine-day celebration, the city and organizations within host a breadth of educational and entertaining activities and events to honor the city’s heritage.

“Western Week is always a fun time in Scottsdale with all the events dedicated to celebrating and honoring our Southwestern heritage and the city’s Old West history and roots,” says Karen Churchard, director of Tourism and Events for the City of Scottsdale. “It also serves as an interactive way to educate and inform residents and visitors alike of the rich blending of cultures and traditions that remain a vibrant part of who we are as a city today. We are very proud of our heritage and enjoy sharing it with all our residents and guests.”

Kicking off the activities Feb. 1 is a screening of the feature length documentary Maynard Dixon Art & Spirit, hosted at Western Spirit: Scottsdale’s Museum of the
Western Week, continued from page 5

**West (SMoW), 3830 North Marshall Way.** The documentary profiles the art and complex life of artist Maynard Dixon (1875–1946). Narrated by Oscar-winning actress **Diane Keaton**, it provides a revealing look at Dixon’s life through his paintings and drawings, family photographs by celebrated wife and photographer **Dorothea Lange**, and interviews with his two sons, his granddaughter and Dixon scholars and friends. The screening, held at 2pm, is free for members; included with museum admission for guests.

Other Western Week events include Wyatt Earp: A Life on the Frontier (Feb. 5), Western Week Gold Palette ArtWalk (Feb. 6), Hashknife Pony Express arrival (Feb. 7), 67th Annual Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade and Trail’s End Festival (Feb. 8), Arizona Indian Festival (Feb. 8–9) and Arizona Native Edible Experience (Feb. 8).

The City of Scottsdale’s rich past dates back more than 130 years, to the original farming and ranching operations that eventually inspired its nickname as “The West’s Most Western Town.” While Old Town has become significantly more sophisticated with an array of local boutiques, art galleries, fine dining establishments, wineries and craft breweries, the city maintains its Old West charm and heritage, which is celebrated during Western Week. For more about Western Week, visit www.scottsdalewesternweek.com.

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**Arizona Fine Art Expo Kicks Off This Month**

A parcel of desert in North Scottsdale will once again magically transform into a vibrant arts community for 10 weeks as renowned artists from across the globe set up their studios and create original pieces of fine art in what has come to be known as Arizona’s premier venue for collecting fine art.

The Arizona Fine Art Expo begins Friday, Jan. 10, and runs through Sunday, March 22, from 10am to 6pm daily under the “festive white tents” at 26540 North Scottsdale Road, on the southwest corner of Scottsdale and Jomax Roads. Season passes cost $10; season passes for seniors and military are $8; and children under 12 are free. Parking is free.

The event will feature 124 patron-friendly artist studios within a 44,000 square-foot space, where guests have a rare chance to meet the artists, see them in action and learn about their passion, inspiration and techniques. While the fine art show features several local artists, some artists will travel from Israel, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Holland, China, Canada, France and throughout the United States to participate in the show.

Throughout the 10 weeks, artisans will sketch passionately in radiograph, pencil, charcoal and pastels; sculpt and fire clay; chisel, carve and shape stone; and saw and carve wood sculptures and fine furniture. Artists also will paint in all media; stain and etch gourds; design lost wax casting; solder and weld jewelry; and assemble mosaics. Art is for sale and commissions are welcomed.

Patrons can stroll throughout an enhanced two-acre sculpture garden, which will feature stone, metal, glass and mixed media sculptures.

For more details about participating artists or events during the show, call 480.837.7163 or visit www.arizonafineartexpo.com.
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Barrett-Jackson will throttle up the excitement for Ford Performance and Shelby American vehicles, fueled by the new Hollywood film Ford v Ferrari in theaters worldwide. From classic Shelby Mustangs like the 1967 Shelby GT500 (Lot #1348) to a 2017 Ford GT (Lot #1392), some of the best examples of Ford and Shelby performance vehicles will cross the auction block this January at No Reserve.

“The 1-2-3 LeMans win by Ford and Shelby in 1966 is one of the greatest success stories in racing history,” said Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. “Not only did Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles, led by Lee Iacocca and Henry Ford II, dethrone Ferrari at Le Mans, they also inspired generations to believe that anything is possible. Their legacy is immeasurable and their passion can be found in every vehicle they inspired. We’re proud to have some of the very best examples Ford Performance and Shelby vehicles cross our block in Scottsdale.”

Ten Ford GTs are currently consigned to cross the Scottsdale auction block, including Lot #1396, the first 2005 Ford GT that was ever offered to the public for sale. Completed June 29, 2004, this GT carries VIN 003 and features Carroll Shelby’s iconic autograph on the dash. A 2017 Ford GT (Lot #1417) is finished in a special Verde Mantis exterior and features the Extended Carbon Fiber Package and Dark Energy Interior Package. Wearing the Gulf livery celebrating the 1966 Le Mans-winning GT40, Lot #1353.1 is a 2006 Ford GT Heritage Edition. This Gulf Heritage GT is one of only 343 produced and has only 2,384 actual miles.

“This is an incredible time to be a Ford and Shelby enthusiast,” said Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson. “The film Ford v Ferrari has brought their stories to life on the big screen in pure Hollywood style. These two iconic brands have forever impacted the world of performance driving. Their racing DNA runs through every vehicle Ford Performance and Shelby American builds today. We couldn't be more thrilled to help build on that legacy in January.”

Classic, late-model and custom Ford Shelby Mustangs will also be a part of the 2020 Scottsdale Auction, among the more than a thousand others in a staggering variety of makes and models. The Scottsdale Auction preview docket is now available to view online.

The 49th Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction takes place January 11–19 at WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 North Pima Road. For complete event information, visit www.barrett-jackson.com.
Camp Bow Wow Scottsdale North Opens This Month

Camp Bow Wow, a “doggy day care” and boarding franchise, announced the opening of its newest Camp located in at 7000 East Mayo Boulevard.

All members of the community are invited to celebrate the opening of the new Camp at their “Decade of the Dog” themed Grand Opening party Saturday, Jan. 4, from 11am–2pm. To celebrate the “New Year, New Decade, New Camp,” the event promises a fun-filled day of activities with the chance to tour the facility and discover the pet care services that Camp Bow Wow offers to hundreds of communities throughout the country.

The family-friendly event will feature on-site adoptions with local rescue shelters, such as Almost There Foster Care, Foothills Animal Rescue and Angels for Paws Animal Rescue, which Camp Bow Wow Scottsdale North works closely with to foster local pups and help them find their fur-ever homes. In addition to the available adoptions, the Camp is hosting numerous pup-related activities, including bobbing for balls, RunBuddyMobile’s climate-controlled van for dog exercise and microchipping by Angels for Paws. On-site face painting by Fair Maidens & Masks will be available, as well as hot dogs from Michael’s Place the Good Place — a local business that donates a portion of proceeds to veterans and serves Sabrett New York style hot dogs and beverages. The Camp will also be executing a series of raffles at the grand opening for a chance to win prizes from businesses such as Bark Box, Chick-fil-A, KONG, and many more.

Leading up to the grand opening, Camp Bow Wow Scottsdale North will also host a ribbon cutting ceremony, performed by the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, Friday, Jan. 3, from 11:30am–1pm. Further, in conjunction with the week-long celebration, Camp Bow Wow Scottsdale North will be offering consumers 10 percent off all daycare packages during the Grand Opening.

For more information about Camp Bow Wow Scottsdale North, visit www.campbowwow.com/scottsdale-north.
Documentary Film Celebrates Collaborative Power of Art

A documentary about the artistry behind Arizona Opera's new opera, Riders of the Purple Sage, will celebrate its world premiere at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts Feb. 5. The event is hosted by Scottsdale's Museum of the West (www.scottsdalemuseumwest.org) with partners Quantum Leap Productions (www.qldigital.com), Arizona Opera and honorary chairs and executive producers Billie Jo and Judd Herberger.

The opera Riders of the Purple Sage marks an unprecedented collaboration between the work of author Zane Grey (1872–1939), American composer Craig Bohmler and librettist Steven Mark Kohn, and Arizona’s “visual poet laureate,” painter Ed Mell (www.edmellgallery.com). In 2012, Bohmler discovered Zane Grey’s most famous novel when he duked into the Zane Grey Cabin Museum in Payson, Arizona, to escape a thunderstorm (www.zgcm.org). Five years later, the musical adaptation of Grey’s beloved Western celebrated its world premiere as a fully staged grand opera with a state-of-the-art set designed by one of America’s preeminent landscape painters.

Since Grey’s novel was published in 1912, Riders of the Purple Sage has been translated into 20 languages, made into five Hollywood movies, and earned a spot on the Library of Congress list of “One Hundred Books that Shaped America.” Grey’s fondness for the Grand Canyon State, which he frequently referred to as “my beloved Arizona,” inspired the settings and characters for many of his novels.

The opera is the first time Grey’s work has been adapted for the live stage. “An opera as monumental and well-crafted as Riders of the Purple Sage, can now lay claim to a rightful place in the canon of works about the American West,” said Broadway World in its review. “Riders is literally and figuratively blazing new trails, demonstrating the relevance and value of the age-old genre.”

Joseph Specter, president and general director of Arizona Opera, says, “Riders of the Purple Sage absolutely transformed our organization and our community’s perception of our art form. We’re proud and honored to have a documentary of this caliber capture the creation of Arizona Opera’s first world premiere as we mount the first revival of Riders on our Main Stage this season.”

Emmy Award-Winning filmmaker and Arizona native, director Kristin Atwell Ford, is fascinated by how the landscape is translated into art. “Riders is a provocative story of the settling of the West,” she says. “It’s our story told through the writing, music, and paintings of some of our nation’s finest artists. In centuries to come, it will be known as Arizona’s distinct cultural contribution to the art form of opera. That’s what this film premiere celebrates.”

The film premieres at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7pm, as a celebration of Arizona’s arts, culture and community. A limited amount of tickets is available to the public for $18 each. Proceeds from the evening will support the film’s global distribution. Residents can also donate a ticket for a film student at the ASU’s Herberger Institute for $12. Tickets are available at the Scottsdale Arts box office: www.scottsdalearts.org or 480.995.3263. For additional information, visit www.azopera.org or www.ridersoperafilm.com.
Why Coyotes Howl

By Lorianne Busser ~ Docent, Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

Are you one of the many who think coyotes howl when they make a kill? It may surprise you to learn this is not true. When coyotes are hunting, they are quiet, not wanting to spook their prey. Once they make the kill, they must stay silent for fear another predator will come and take their dinner! Not usually pack hunters, coyotes prey mainly on rats and small mice, eating as many as 25 each day! That doesn’t leave much to share as each catch takes just one bite, so gulp, it’s gone!

So, why do coyotes howl?

Well, it depends. Not every vocalization is a howl. They also bark, growl, yip and whine. At least a dozen vocalizations have been identified. While some howling may relate to food, most howling is simply a way for the pack to check in with each other when they are separated.

Howling may occur when a pack reunites, at which time they may also whine or yip-howl. Such vocalizations are joyful and strengthen pack bonds. This often sounds like there are many more coyotes present than there actually are. A lone howl may be used by a coyote separated from its pack.

Usually yips or yip-hows will be territorial in nature. They may be directed toward coyotes that are not members of the resident pack or indicate the presence of danger. Repeated, high pitched and staccato yips are often referred to as alarm calls. They may last for a few minutes or an hour or longer, depending on how long the perceived danger remains within the territory.

Now, when you hear that coyote howl, you can listen a bit more closely and try to determine what the message may be. Or...you can visit us at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center to learn much more about coyotes and the dozens of other types of southwest wildlife that we have rescued, currently rehabilitate and hope to release.

Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center is located at 27026 North 156th Street in Scottsdale. For information, call 480.471.9109 or visit www.southwestwildlife.org.
Sunday A’Fair Returns to Scottsdale Civic Center Park

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts kicks off its 33rd season of the popular Sunday A’Fair free outdoor concert series Sunday, Jan. 12, with returning favorites, soulful and heartfelt performances by Miguel Melgoza, noon–1:30 pm, and Whitney Jones, 2–4 pm.

A total of nine free Sunday A’Fair events showcasing a diverse group of musical acts from Arizona-based musicians to national headliners are planned, including blues, country, jazz, R&B, rock, pop and more. The concerts take place in the newly renovated Scottsdale Civic Center Park on selected Sunday afternoons through March 29.

Among Sunday A’Fair’s musical highlights are Darryl Tonemah, headliner for Peace and Community Day, noon–1:30 pm, Jan. 19, in collaboration with the City of Scottsdale’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion; Latin Grammy® winner The Lucky Band (formerly known as Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band), 2–4 pm, Feb. 16 as part of A Family A’Fair; The Senators, noon–1:30 pm, March 8; and, closing out Sunday A’Fair on March 29, are The Haymarket Squares, 2–4 pm. Some additional favorites and new to Sunday A’Fair include: Cold Shot and the Hurricane Horns, Scattered Melodies, The Tumbleweeds and Benjamin Cortez.

Along with free musical entertainment, patrons can enjoy pop-up art markets during each Sunday A’Fair. There will be artist-led activities for all ages during Peace and Community Day, Jan. 19, and A Family A’Fair, Feb. 16. Family programming will involve poetry/spoken word workshops, art and activism activities, and a community mural that focuses on Martin Luther King Jr.’s Six Principles of Nonviolence.

Guests are invited to bring a blanket and sit on the lawn to enjoy great food, friends and free live performances. Attendees can purchase food from the grill, gourmet desserts, beer and wine and non-alcoholic offerings. Or they are welcome to bring their own picnic to the park. Pets are also welcome.

For a complete schedule of Sunday A’Fair events, visit www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org or call 480.499.8587.
Two SUSD Schools Meet Growth Goals; Two Others Given More Time

Two of four Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) schools put on a growth plan in October 2018 have met an initial, one-year goal of increasing their enrollments by at least 10 percent. Two schools with extenuating circumstances are being given more time to grow.

Last fall, the SUSD Governing Board endorsed a two-year growth plan for K-5 elementary schools Anasazi, Navajo and Yavapai, and K-8 school Echo Canyon. The schools were each tasked with increasing their enrollment by 10 percent by October 2019 and to more than 400 students by October 2020.

At its Nov. 19 regular meeting, the Board learned that Anasazi, 12121 North 124th Street, and Echo Canyon, 4330 North 62nd Street, both in Scottsdale, have also met the final goal in half the time provided. Anasazi currently has a K–5 enrollment of 403 students and a Pre-K–5 enrollment of 447 students; Echo Canyon has a K–8 enrollment of 400 students and a Pre-K–8 enrollment of 418. The Governing Board accepted administrators’ recommendation to take both schools off the enrollment-monitoring list.

Echo Canyon principal Kat Hughes says succeeding at growing her school’s enrollment over the past year has been a team effort.

“We are thrilled to have the support of our Board, our district office and our community as we continue to provide SUSD students with a unique, hands-on, experiential learning environment emphasizing sustainability. We communicated to our staff and our community what we needed to accomplish, and not only have we seen our enrollment increase, but students’ test scores have improved, as well.”

Likewise, principal Jennifer Waldron credits the Anasazi community with reaching the school’s enrollment goals ahead of schedule.

“Anasazi’s strong academic history as a state ‘A’-rated school and our current pursuit to become a premier International Baccalaureate World School resulted in strong enrollment growth. We are celebrating that achievement, and want to thank our community, dedicated staff and SUSD for their devotion and support of Anasazi and the students we serve.”

Assistant superintendent for Elementary Education Dr. Ibi Haghighat informed the Governing Board that enrollment growth at Navajo, temporarily located at 7501 East Oak Street, and Yavapai, 701 North Miller Road, Scottsdale, has been more complex to achieve due to their special circumstances. Navajo students and staff were forced off their home campus at 4525 North Granite Reef Road, by an Aug. 2018 fire, while Yavapai is hosting Hohokam Elementary School students and staff for the next two years while Hohokam is being renovated.

Navajo, along with Laguna Elementary, is pursuing Discovery Ed certification of its popular STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and music) curriculum. Yavapai growth will be part of a larger, future Governing Board conversation about stabilizing enrollment throughout the Coronado Learning Community.

For details, visit www.susd.org.

Network with the Scottsdale Chamber in the New Year

The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next AM Connect event Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:15–9am at Butterfly Wonderland, 9500 East Via de Ventura in Scottsdale. Its next PM Connect event is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 5–7pm, at Scottsdale Historical Museum’s Little Red School House, located at 7333 East Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale. Both events are free to members and $30 for guests.

In addition, the Chamber will host a “Meet Your Neighbors for Lunch” event at Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Friday, Jan. 20, from 11:30am to 1pm. Ruth’s Chris Steak House is located at 7001 North Scottsdale Road, #290, Scottsdale. The cost to attend is $20 for members and $30 for guests.

For a complete listing of upcoming events, or additional information about the Chamber, call 480.355.2700 or visit www.scottsdalechamber.com.

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MAYOR GALLEGEO WRITES...

By Mayor Kate Gallego

As I reflect back on 2019, I am deeply grateful for all I have been able to do during my first months as mayor of the nation’s fifth largest city. While there is still much work to do, we have many milestones to celebrate.

We brought Mamava nursing pods to Sky Harbor Airport and the Convention Center, making Phoenix a more family-friendly city. In November, the City of Phoenix began the All Fines Forgiven program at all 17 Phoenix libraries — removing barriers for those who have avoided our libraries for fear of fines and overdue books. Here are a few other highlights of the many noteworthy accomplishments from 2019:

- Over 50 new lighted HAWK crosswalks have been installed across the city.
- The metro area added more than 68,000 new jobs this year, up 3.2 percent from 2018.
- The city’s streets department paved more street miles than ever before as part of Transportation 2050 upgrades.
- Council voted to raise the minimum wage to $15 for all year-round part-time and full-time city employees, benefiting almost 700 city employees.
- Phoenix opened its first new fire station in a decade with Fire Station 55 in North Phoenix.
- Downtown Phoenix received their long-awaited grocery store with the opening of the new Fry’s at Block 23.
- Sky Harbor Airport was voted the number one airport in the nation by the Wall Street Journal. Additionally, the airport added three new non-stop international flights this year.
- Creighton University broke ground on the city’s second medical school and UofA College of Medicine-Phoenix expanded their M.D. program to 100 students.
- Phoenix was ranked the ninth best city in the nation for starting a business.
- Phoenix public libraries have all re-opened for Sunday hours for the first time in a decade.
- Phoenix is now the largest city in the nation led by a mom-majority council.
- The City of Phoenix converted all of our city streetlights to LED, saving taxpayers millions of dollars per year.
- Phoenix currently has the third highest small business wage growth in the country.

Going into 2020, I could not be more excited to continue to get things done for our city. Questions about city services? Reach out to our office at mayor.gallego@phoenix.gov.

Desert Botanical Garden Announces Spring 2020 Event Lineup

Spring at Desert Botanical Garden brings wildflowers, butterflies and blooming cactus, but it also brings live music, food festivals art installations and more. Explore what events and exhibits are blooming at the Garden this spring.

Open Now: Wild Rising by Cracking Art

More than 1,000 colorful animal sculptures have invaded the Garden for Wild Rising by Cracking Art. Visitors can engage with these creatures to discover messages of sustainability and conservation. Exhibit entry is included in membership or paid general admission.

Open Now: Elephant in the Room

Visitors are invited to participate in the conversation of Wild Rising by Cracking Art with Elephant in the Room in Ottosen Gallery. Take the opportunity to dig into rotating worldly topics and commit to a positive change that can impact mankind's global footprint.

Jan. 18: Dogs' Day in the Garden

Included with membership or paid Garden admission; $4 admission per dog with proceeds benefiting The Arizona Humane Society. Bring the whole family — dogs included — for a walk on Garden trails. Visitors can meet other dog lovers, heel for family photos, learn about local dog-related nonprofits, shop and enjoy samples with their pup.

Jan. 29, Feb. 12, March 18, April 8, May 6: Think + Drink

Provoked by Wild Rising by Cracking Art, listen to talks and discussions from experts, scholars and industry professionals, as they share their insight about topical issues. Afterward, mingle with friends over drinks, music and yard games (7–9:30pm). Tickets are on sale now (members: $25; general: $35).

Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 19, April 30, May 7: Garden Happy Hour

Celebrate the happiest of hours at the Garden with special offers for visitors to swing back, relax and enjoy the beauty of the desert. Special admission price: 5:30pm.

Looking ahead, Music in the Garden kicks off Feb. 7 with the Big Pete Pearson Blues Band and runs through May 29 featuring other local performers. Through April, doors open at 5:30pm; concert is 7–9pm. Also kicking off in February is the Spring Butterfly Exhibit, which runs through May 10. Hundreds of butterflies native to the Southwest are waiting to greet visitors at the Garden's Spring Butterfly Exhibit. Learn more about the butterfly life cycle in the caterpillar nursery, and see butterflies emerging from their chrysalises. Open 9:30am–5pm, daily.

Desert Botanical Garden is located at 1201 North Galvin Parkway in Phoenix. For information, call 480.941.1225 or visit www.dbg.org.

Photos courtesy of Desert Botanical Garden
City of Phoenix Seeks Input on Proposed Rate Changes
Community meetings scheduled for January

The City of Phoenix is requesting public input on proposed rate change options for trash and recycling services for Phoenix residents.

On Nov. 12, Phoenix City Council was given a presentation with five options, which included recommendations from a Citizen Advisory Committee and a consultant study.

The City is now in the process of seeking public comment on the proposed changes. Residents may take an online survey or contact the City directly by phone or email: 602.262.6824, trashandrecycle@phoenix.gov. Community meetings will also be held in various Phoenix council districts:
- Jan. 16, 6:30pm: D2/D3 — Paradise Valley Community Center Multipurpose Room, 17402 N. 40th St.
- Jan. 23, 6:30pm: D1/D2 — Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
- Jan. 28, 6:30pm: D1/D3/D5 — Helen Drake Senior Center, 7600 N. 27th Ave.

Residents can visit www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/trashandrecycle to find a breakdown of the proposed changes, watch the Nov. 12 City Council Policy Session, download the Nov. 12 Rate Change Presentation or find additional community meeting dates and locations.
Holocaust Association to Bring ‘Holocaust by Bullets’ Program to Arizona

The Phoenix Holocaust Association, in coordination with several organizations, is bringing a community-wide education program to Greater Phoenix beginning this month. **Holocaust by Bullets** (HBB) is a program of **Yahad-In - Unum** (YIU), a non-governmental organization based in Paris and founded by **Father Patrick Desbois**. Holocaust by Bullets will be a three-month program in Greater Phoenix from Jan. 26 through April 27.

With a life devoted to researching the Holocaust and fighting anti-Semitism, Father Desbois will deliver the keynote address April 20 for **Genocide Awareness Week** on how Yahad-In Unum has identified and documented the murders of over two million Jews and Roma in the former Soviet Union at 2,700 execution sites in seven countries and with 6,700 videotaped eyewitness testimonies. Genocide Awareness week is a program of **Scottsdale Community College**.

At the core of the program is a 2,000 square-foot exhibition that showcases YIU’s painstaking research enabling visitors to learn about this lesser-known facet of the Holocaust — which began before the creation of gas chambers — through eyewitness video testimonies, photographs and quotes. The exhibition opens Jan. 26 with a reception and lecture sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum featuring **Wendy Lower, Ph.D**.

Students and the general public will learn about Holocaust by Bullets by touring YIU’s exhibit to be installed at both **Burton Barr Library** and at **Noble Library** on the Tempe campus of **Arizona State University**. There will also be a smaller exhibition of Holocaust by Bullets at the **Arizona Capitol Museum**.

School field trips, teacher training, lectures, films and book talks will also take place throughout the Valley. The lecture series, which will take place at the Burton Barr Library during the month of February, will feature professors from Arizona State University, the Martin-Springer Institute at Northern Arizona University, as well as a Holocaust expert and daughter of a survivor.

“We expect to reach upwards of 15,000 people through our programming,” says **Sheryl Bronkesh**, president of the Phoenix Holocaust Association. “Holocaust by Bullets aligns with our organization’s mission. Our goal is to educate both present and future generations about the Holocaust and the dangers of racism and bigotry through programming that is open to everyone in our community.”

Additional information can be found at www.holocaustbybulletsphoenix.com and www.phxha.com.

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A Sip of Science with ASU Biodesign Institute

Why transplant healthy gut bacteria in children with autism?

Not everyone hosts the healthy gut microbes, which affect brain communication and neurological health. **A Sip of Science** is an Arizona State University Biodesign Institute community series for casual conversation at local restaurants with notable researchers and scientists.

The February speaker is **Rosa Krajmalnik Brown**, PhD, professor, Biodesign Swette Center for Environmental Biotechnology. She will present “Linking Autism and the Microbiome,” Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5–7pm. Join the Institute at **Blanco Tacos & Tequila, Biltmore Fashion Park**, 2502 East Camelback Road, Suite 122, to learn about some of the world’s most fascinating and current scientific issues.

To RSVP, visit www.eiseverywhere.com/485605. For additional information, call 480.727.9386 or visit www.biodesign.asu.edu/sip-of-science.

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Join PVSchools Governing Board for Bagels with the Board

The **Paradise Valley Unified School District** (PVSchools) Governing Board welcomes all members of the community to attend Bagels with the Board events for the 2019–20 school year. These events offer an opportunity to talk with Governing Board members, share feedback, questions and concerns — all while being treated to bagels and caffeine.

These events occur quarterly and are held at various schools throughout the district.

The next Bagels with the Board events will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10-11am, at **Shea Middle School**, and Wednesday, April 29, 10–11am, at **Indian Bend Elementary School**. For additional information about PVSchools, visit www.pvschools.net.
Some Techniques Used In Buying Second-Hand Jewelry

By Indra Jhaveri

Buying second-hand jewelry requires close examination and analysis. One must consider the type and quality of all the gem materials, metals and manufacturing processes to determine value.

Stones must be identified and metal type determined. Identifying stones requires visual examination using a 10x loupe or microscope and frequently, the use of a refractometer, polariscope, dichroscope, spectrometer and/or specific gravity liquids. Some electronic devices exist to help discriminate between diamond and its simulants; C.Z., moissanite, and even synthetic white sapphire. Very specialized equipment exists to separate natural diamonds from man-made diamonds. There are hundreds if not thousands of materials that can be used in jewelry. The value of a gem material depends upon material type, color, inclusions in transparent material and the quality of cutting and polishing.

Metals used in jewelry are typically alloys. Alloys are combinations of different types of metal that affect purity, alter appearance and improve workability. The acid test is a classic technique using different types of acids to test the reaction of a tiny bit of metal, scratched onto a black stone. Each alloy reacts differently to the different liquids used. Modern metal testing methods include devices that test thermal or electrical conductivity. Karat gold and sterling silver are used for fine jewelry and base metals or even plastics are used for costume jewelry.

The type and quality of manufacturing is also an important element of value. Some of the finest pieces are entirely hand fabricated and completely unique and one-of-a-kind. Most jewelry is fabricated on a larger scale. With the casting technique, a master model is made, a mold created and then wax is used to create models that are cast in the required metal. In the stamping technique, a design is carved into steel. Metal placed into this type of mold is shaped using very high pressure to push the metal into the impression. Both of these methods allow the replication of the same image. Different amounts of hand finishing are required to set stones and polish the final product.

These elements of stone and metal types and manufacturing processes all play into the evaluation of worth and value.

To contact Indra Jhaveri, send email to amidiamond@live.com or visit www.amidiamondsandjewelry.com. One can also reach him at (602) 923-8200 or (602) 432-2920.
Celebrate National Cheese Lovers Day at Fired Pie

Fired Pie will offer a buy one, get one free on all mac ’n cheese dishes Monday, Jan. 20. The baked-to-perfection Mac ’N Cheese dish is topped with parmesan cheese and breadcrumbs and baked in a stone hearth pizza oven. Guests can also choose from 40 different toppings. This deal is valid for dine-in only, not available through third-party delivery. Free dish is valid for mac ’n cheese dish of equal or less value.

Fired Pie is a fast-casual pizza concept. The eatery is quick, casual and customizable to patron’s pizza or salad desires. Open for lunch and dinner, visit Fired Pie in North Phoenix at Deer Valley Towne Center, 3049 West Agua Fria Freeway. For other North Valley locations or additional information, visit www.firedpie.com.

Sundae Night Fun at The Screamery

The Screamery ice cream shop at Tatum and Shea in Phoenix is hosting a special, delicious deal every Sunday night in January from 5 to 10 pm. It’s called “Farmhouse Friends & Family Night” and every Sunday night, friends and families are invited to tackle the enormous Farmhouse Sundae together.

The Farmhouse Sundae includes a whopping eight scoops of ice cream loaded with cookies, brownies, butter cake and a choice of toppings. It’s definitely meant to be shared. The shop will offer $5 off the Farmhouse every Sunday night in January. Regular price is $24.50.

Also in January, celebrate “National Strawberry Ice Cream Day” Wednesday, Jan. 15, with $1 strawberry ice cream cones all day. The regular price for a Kids Scoop on a cake cone is $2.95.

The Screamery is known for its old-fashioned simplicity — using premium milk and cream and all-natural ingredients. No chemicals, corn syrup, synthetic hormones, pesticides or anything unnatural is used. Their strawberry ice cream features fresh strawberries infused into their sweet cream base.

The Screamery is located at 10625 North Tatum Boulevard, Suite 136, Phoenix. For more information, visit www.thescreamery.com.

Paradise Valley High School To Host CREST Open House

Eighth-grade students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are encouraged to learn more about the Center for Research in Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST) program Jan. 13 from 6–7pm at Paradise Valley High School, 3950 East Bell Road in North Phoenix.

At the CREST Open House, the following topics will be discussed:

• An overview of the CREST program
• An overview of the CREST curriculum
• A tour of the facility
• Answers to all parent and student questions

CREST is an intensive four-year STEM program in which students apply rigorous academic content to relevant hands-on projects by working in collaborative groups. Students choose one of three strands to study — Bioscience, Computer Science or Engineering.

For information, visit www.pvschools.net/schools/paradise-valley-high/home or call 602.449.7000.
Celebrate Arizona:
JFCS Programs for Seniors

Join the Jewish Family & Children’s Service (JFCS) Center for Senior Enrichment (CSE) for special programming exploring the richness of Arizona during the month of January. The CSE is located inside The Palazzo, 6250 North 19th Avenue in Phoenix, and is open to all seniors, offering a wide variety of fun and stimulating classes and activities in a beautiful, newly renovated facility.

Friday, Jan. 3, at 1pm, join Ed Dobbins as he shares the history of the North Central Phoenix area known as Sunnyslope. This neighborhood, north of the Arizona Canal, was widely known as an early haven for sufferers of tuberculosis. The talk will incorporate the story of its settlement by W.R. Norton and the importance of the Desert Mission to its residents, as well as recent research exploring its development from 1911.

Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 1pm, Jan Cleere will present “Celebrating Early Arizona Women Artists, Writers, Photographers and Songsters.” Some of the finest early Arizona artists were women who wrote, painted, photographed and vocalized the magnificence and history of their communities and their circumstances. Join JFCS to celebrate these artistic visionaries and to learn more about their valuable contributions.

There is no charge to attend the events, but attendees are asked to RSVP: call 602.943.2198 or send an email to carol.goldstein@jfcsaz.org.

The CSE is under the auspices of JFCS and is free and open to all older adults in the community regardless of background. Participants do not have to be a resident at the Palazzo to participate. Lunch is available with reservation. Transportation available within 5-mile radius.

A full calendar and further information about programs can be found at www.jfcsaz.org/cse.
A one-man tour de force, *Fully Committed* opens at Fountain Hills Theater (FHT) Jan. 3 and runs through Jan. 19.

In this comedy, Sam, a struggling actor who earns a living taking reservations for one of Manhattan’s high-end food temples — once known as restaurants — answering with not one or two but three different phones, gives voice to more than 40 characters (all played by one incredibly versatile actor), among them the harried but even-tempered central character, Sam. Coercion, threats, bribes, histrionics — a cast of desperate callers will stop at nothing in their zeal to land a prime reservation, or the right table. While juggling scheming socialites, name-dropping wannabes, fickle celebrities and egomaniacal bosses, can Sam manage to look out for himself?

*Fully Committed* stars Patrick Walsh as Sam. Currently serving as the associate artistic director for the Southwest Shakespeare Company and director of Arts Education for Mesa Public Schools, Walsh holds an MFA from the University of Arizona in Theatre Direction and a BA in Theatre Education from Arizona State University.

*Fully Committed* is produced by Meghan Ramos and directed Peter J. Hill.

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2pm at Fountain Hills Theater on its Mainstage Too, 11445 North Saguaro Boulevard. For tickets or additional information, call 480.837.9661, Ext. 3, or visit www.fhtaz.org.

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Magic Bird Festivals, an arts and entertainment production company, announced its events schedule for January through March of 2020.

These free, family-friendly community festivals feature handcrafted art, jewelry and apparel from local and regional artisans, live music and an assortment of gourmet food vendors.

This year, Magic Bird Festivals will kick off the New Year with *Native*, a celebration of tribal art and entertainment, Jan. 24–26, in Fountain Hills. The event is known for hosting world-champion hoop dancers and live performances of traditional Native American drum and flute music.

The *Art of Chocolate A‘Fair* culinary festival will follow in Gilbert, Jan. 31 – Feb. 2. ‘All about the romance,’ the event is a delectable precursor to Valentine’s Day offering a cornucopia of sweet and savory confections from local food trucks and gourmet chocolatiers.

Magic Bird Festivals will end its season with the *Fountain O’ Green Artisan Market*, March 13–15. Taking place during St. Patrick’s Day weekend, festival goers will enjoy live music, Irish-themed concessions and experience the greening of the fountain in Fountain Hills.

All events run daily from 10am to 5pm and are hosted outdoors, offering attendees beautiful vistas of the surrounding Sonoran Desert and mountains.

“We are thrilled to announce another event year of events celebrating art, culture and the native Southwest,” said festival producer Roberta Toombs-Rechlin.

For information, call 602.332.4257 or visit www.magicbirdfestivals.com.
VICE MAYOR CRANE WRITES...

The Carefree Desert Gardens – A Treat for Everyone

By Vice Mayor John Crane

It may be January, but this is Arizona, and I can guarantee you will find the Carefree Desert Gardens alive and well with at least a few blooms. Many take the wide variety of specimens within the Gardens for granted. To realize just how special the Carefree Desert Gardens are, simply find a quiet corner and watch the faces of those visiting our Town and walking the Garden — for some, it seems they have landed on a different planet. To paraphrase Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, “Crested saguaros and quiver trees and boojum trees, oh my!”

Walking the Gardens in the early morning hours, the warmth of the day, dusk or after dark is always a treat. Depending on the hour, you will enjoy the illuminated Sundial, the silhouette of Black Mountain and the Continentals, and of course, friendly neighbors with their dogs.

Since 2002, when the Carefree Desert Gardens became a reality, a local group of master gardeners has taken pride in educating visitors and residents to the wonders of the desert landscape. The Town of Carefree is pleased to announce the 17th season of our popular annual Carefree Desert Garden Seminar Series, held monthly from January through April on various Saturday’s beginning at 9:30am in the Town Council Chambers at 33 Easy Street. Each seminar focuses on a gardening topic of interest and features an expert speaker. The season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 11, with “Desert Gardening Simplified” featuring guest speaker Noelle Johnson, aka the “AZ Plant Lady” and writer of the popular garden blog, “Ramblings from a Desert Garden.”

These Saturday morning programs traditionally include a plant raffle, and a suggested minimum donation of $5 is requested for the continued support of these programs. Early arrival is recommended. For more information and the complete schedule, visit www.carefree.org/210/desert-garden-seminars or call 480.488.3686.

If you find you need to ratchet up your energy level a bit while enjoying the Carefree Desert Gardens, come on out to the 27th Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, Jan. 17–19. Visit over 155 juried artisans from throughout the U.S. and abroad displaying their artworks, walk the gardens and the streets of Carefree, enjoy a glass of wine and duck into one of the several fine restaurants scattered within our downtown.

And don’t forget the Carefree Farmer’s Market on Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm, situated within the Gardens. Vendors change weekly and may include fresh, local, seasonal produce, herbs and flowers; locally made jams, honey, jellies and salsas; fresh baked breads; a variety of ethnic cuisines and much more!

No matter how or when you enjoy the Carefree Desert Gardens, your time will be delightful and memorable. I hope to see you about town.
Kendrick Partners With Mirabel Club Ladies to Support Area Children

Kendrick Wealth Management, an independent financial planning firm, has partnered with the Mirabel Club Ladies of Scottsdale to support their Eighth Annual Fundraising Luncheon taking place in late January.

A contributor to numerous nonprofit community initiatives, Kendrick Wealth Management will underwrite the philanthropic luncheon.

“We are excited to start the New Year by giving back. It’s an honor to partner with the Mirabel Club Ladies to raise funds that will support school children in our neighborhoods,” stated Noah Kendrick, Certified Financial Planner and founder of Kendrick Wealth Management in Carefree (www.kendrickwm.com).

The Chinese New Year themed philanthropic effort will support the Foothills Food Bank’s “Snack Pack” program that offers school aged children the opportunity to take home a backpack filled with healthy, nutritious meals for the weekend (www.foothillsfoodbank.com). In addition, the nonprofit provides food, referral information and financial assistance to individuals and families.

The Mirabel Club Ladies is comprised of a group of women from the North Scottsdale community who gather together each year to raise funds and awareness for nonprofit organizations. This year’s luncheon co-chairs of the Mirabel Club Ladies are Jill Muth and Cindy Zitney.

Residents who would like to support the fundraising effort, “Snack Pack” donations are also welcome at the Foothills Food Bank with notation to Mirabel Ladies Club.
Carefree Desert Gardens Seminar Series

Saturday, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.
**DESSERT LIVING SIMPLIFIED**
*Guest Speaker: Noelle Johnson*

“AZ Plant Lady” and blog author of *Ramblings from the Desert Garden*

Desert residents can create, grow and maintain a beautiful garden with little fuss. Learn how to avoid and fix mistakes, and create an enticing, long-lasting outdoor space.

*Photo: Noelle Johnson*

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Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m.
**GARDEN INSECTS: FRIENDS AND FOES**
*Guest Speaker: Carol Stuttard*

Adjunct professor at Mesa Community College and instructor at Desert Botanical Gardens

Insects are our benefactors, providing us with food, clothing and dyes, while some are destructive. Understand which ones are garden allies and which ones are its enemies.

*Photo: Carol Stuttard*

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Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.
**BLENDING HARDSCAPE WITH LANDSCAPE**
*Guest Speaker: Judy Mielke*

Senior Landscape Architect with Logan Simpson

Discover how fun and easy it is to create an inviting landscape using organic and man-made hardscape materials in the garden.

*Photo: Judy Mielke*

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Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.
**GARDENING FOR FRAGRANCE**
*Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Soule Ph. D.*

Tucson native, and award-winning author and public speaker

Whether from foliage or flowers, a fragrant garden is alluring. Learn more about the many fragrant plants that thrive while adding enchanting scents to Southwest desert gardens.

*Photo: Jacqueline Soule*

Carefree Town Council Chambers, 33 Easy St. | 480.488.3686 | VisitCarefree.com
It is not easy being an Arizona Cardinals fan these days, especially if you think winning football games is important. I keep telling myself, “It is only football, and not a matter of soul connection.” Yet, something about football must be important to me as evidenced by 25 years of season tickets that included sitting with a small group of die-hard fans on steel benches in temperatures of 100 degrees on Sunday afternoons at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

After moving to the new domed giant flying saucer in Glendale, the temperature and our seats were much more comfortable, and the team began to win more games, even advancing to Super Bowl XLIII in 2009. I remember Larry Fitzgerald sprinting down the field in the fourth quarter — dreadlocks flying — for a 64-yard touchdown reception putting the Cardinals ahead of the Pittsburg Steelers. There were only 2 minutes and 37 seconds remaining in the game. Painfully, I haven’t forgotten the Steelers marching 78 yards to score with a mere 35 seconds left and winning the game.

Ten years later, December 2019, Steeler fans, numbering in the hundreds, invaded Cave Creek for two days. They were served pierogi, a Pittsburg favorite dumpling, and beer at Harold’s Corral, dubbed Heinz Field West. Other local saloons benefitted from the crowds.

On Sunday, thousands of Steeler fans, attired in black and yellow, wildly waving their yellow Terrible Towels, filled the Cardinal’s stadium surrounding the minority of us wearing our Cardinals red. The game didn’t go any better for the Cardinals team and its fans than the Super Bowl game 10 years ago.

Next spring, Kathie and I will discuss again whether to buy Cardinals season tickets. She will vote, “yea,” I will vote “nay,” and, like habituated football fans, we will renew our seats and also renew our hopes for a return to the Super Bowl.

“A Soul from Minnesota,” by Allen Nohre, a collection of CITYSunTimes essays, is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle. Allen can be reached at anoher@cox.net.

Desert Foothills Community Invited to Recovery Education Series

Individuals in recovery from substance abuse, and those maintaining their sobriety, are invited to start the New Year with a new weekly resource dedicated to offering online education and live, in-person support.

24/7 Sobriety Success will present a free introductory session from 7pm to 8:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Christ Anglican Church’s Dorothy Hall, 35500 North Cave Creek Road in Carefree. Ongoing meetings take place every Tuesday, 7–8:30pm.

At the introductory session, facilitator Raymond LaFleur, author of the curriculum, will introduce attendees to the recovery education series that includes live, in-person support and an online curriculum series. The ongoing in-person meetings will allow guests to participate in sharing, and to support each other with their experiences by diving deeper into the essence of the material.

“More than 13 percent of Americans are in recovery or trying to maintain their recovery from drugs and alcohol,” said the group’s spokesperson, Barry Baer. “Participants are always welcome, and can start the series at any time. Drop ins are welcome.”

24/7 Sobriety Success is the publisher of online companion materials for people with substance abuse disorders including alcohol and drug addictions. The organization provides both online and in-person support designed to help bring the light of a peaceful, fruitful and substantive life.

The organization offers two options. The Online Core Individual Series is $60 annually. The Recovery Education Series, including both online and in-person support, is $100. Organizers emphasize that all are welcome, and financial assistance is available.

For information, visit www.247sobrietysuccess.com or call 602.545.7330.
Desert Foothills Family YMCA Hosts Community Day

Saturday, Jan. 11, area residents are invited to head to Desert Foothills Family YMCA as it opens for free to all community members. From 9am to 1pm, community members can join YMCA group fitness classes, children can visit the Amazing Kids Center and make winter wonderland crafts and participate in some pretend snowball fun.

Residents can choose from a variety of available classes:

Yoga: 8–9am
Yoga uses postures and stretches in combination with breath to develop flexibility and relaxation. Modifications will be given for beginners.

Coach by Color Cycle: 9–9:50am
This explosive power-based cycle program combines accurate zonal training with stimulating color zones that are connected to individual fitness level. They will help guide participants through a workout whether they are a beginner or a seasoned cyclist.

Active Together: 9:15–10:15am
This class gives participants all the fitness training they need — cardio, strength, balance and flexibility — in just one hour.

Water Fitness: 9:15–10:15am (Pool)
This class is designed for the general population where all fitness levels are welcome.

Jump Start: 9:30–10am
Jump Start a workout routine with this interval training class. During class participants will alternate between strength and cardio. This is great for beginners.

20/20/20: 10:30–11:30am
The perfect balance: 20 minutes cardio, 20 minutes strength and 10 minutes flexibility.

Cycle 30 Together: 10:30–11am
This is a new class offering.

MIXXEDFIT: 11:45am–12:45pm
A people-inspired dance fitness program that is perfect blend of explosive dancing and bootcamp training.

Also offered during the Community Day event is activities in the Amazing Kids Center:
• Participate in winter wonderland craft activities
• Join YMCA staff in the playground for some pretend snowball fun. Kids can play “storm the igloo” and “Snow in the Chimney.” They will have safe fun for all ages.

Desert Foothills Family YMCA is located at 34250 North 60th Street in Scottsdale. For additional information, call 480.596.9622 or visit www.valleyymca.org/desert-foothills.
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Lecture Series Explores Our Desert Home

Held the first Monday of each month, 6:30-8pm, the Desert Awareness Committee lecture series continues Feb. 3 with “How did Cave Creek’s geologic history create the modern Desert Foothills landscape?” presented by Chad Kwiatkowski.

The rocks and landscapes of the Desert Foothills region have an incredible geologic story to tell. The modern landscapes developed as a result of geologic events in just the last 15 million years, less than 0.5 percent of geologic time. The rocks themselves are older than the landscapes they form and provide insight into the more ancient geologic history of the region. This presentation will take attendees on a tour through space and time to understand how the Desert Foothills region came to be.

Kwiatkowski is a master’s student in geology at Northern Arizona University. He grew up in Cave Creek, and his interest in geology was sparked while wandering the washes and clambering the boulders of the Desert Foothills area. After graduating from Cactus Shadows High School and attending community college, including at the PVCC Black Mountain campus, he transferred to Arizona State University and obtained his Bachelor of Science in geology.

The lectures are held at the Holland Community Center, 34250 North 60th Street in Scottsdale. Registration is not necessary; a $5 donation is suggested for each seminar. For information, visit www.azfcf.org/about-desert-awareness.
Blackwood Brothers Gospel Quartet to Perform at ‘Arts at the Rocks’

Area residents are invited to a free concert at 4pm Sunday, Jan. 19, as part of the “Arts at the Rocks” concert series.

The name “Blackwood Brothers” is synonymous with gospel music. Their music has been heard around the world on radio, recordings, television and in personal appearances.

The Blackwood Brothers have recorded over 200 albums and toured in 47 countries. They have won eight Grammy Awards and six Dove Awards and were inducted into the “Gospel Music Hall of Fame” in Nashville, Tennessee. Billy, the original James Blackwood’s youngest son, sings baritone and is also a song writer. Wayne Little’s crystal clear tenor voice amazes people across the country. Butch Owens’ solid low notes make a great foundation for the group. Jonathan Mattingly, sings lead with youthful enthusiasm. With over 80 years of offering high-quality traditional quartet harmonies, The Blackwood Brothers continue their rich legacy of gospel at its best.

Billy Blackwood will hold an informal workshop prior to the concert from 2:30-3:30pm. Seating for the workshop is limited, so call the office to reserve a spot 480.488.3384. Both the concert and the workshop are rare opportunities.

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Scottsdale Road and Carefree Highway with Sunday traditional services at 8:15am and 9:45am and contemporary service at 11:10am. For additional information, visit www.deserthills.org.
In addition to its January and February 2020 productions, Desert Foothills Theater (DFT) recently announced the hiring of a new managing director — **Terry Temple**.

Temple's roots in the Valley are deep as an Arizona native, ASU alum and local business owner of **Tempe Music and Performing Arts** in Scottsdale.

"Temple's previous 25-year career as a professional music and liturgy director for a large church gives him experience and a deep understanding of the workings of nonprofit organizations, specifically in volunteer management, community building and fundraising," says **Jennifer Rosvall**, executive director of **Foothills Community Foundation**.

Temple served as the national director of Survival School, an organization that trained leaders of large nonprofit organizations whose primary workforce were volunteers. He is a strong advocate of creating a safe, creative learning environment for children and was one of the original trainers of the country's first Safe Environment training programs.

As a musician and theater director, Temple has directed more than 40 shows over the last decade, most recently directing the very successful **Pirates of Penzance Jr.** at DFT.

Kicking off the New Year at DFT is Agatha Christie’s **And Then There Were None**, opening Jan. 17. Christie published the world's best-selling mystery novel in 1939. **And Then There Were None** tells the story of 10 people who are lured onto Indian Island by a man named U. N. Owen. Once all 10 people are in the house on the island, the story picks up when someone is poisoned. Will they discover who it is, or will everybody die before they can figure it out?

**And Then There Were None** plays Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm, Jan. 17–18 and Jan. 24–25, and Sundays at 2pm, Jan. 19 and 26. Performances will be held in the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center Blackbox Theater, 33606 North 60th Street, Scottsdale. Tickets are $25.

**Honk! Jr.** is based on Hans Christian Andersen's **The Ugly Duckling**. The production tells the story of an odd looking baby duck, Ugly, and his quest to find his mother. Soon after Ugly is born, he is seduced away by a wily Cat who wants to eat Ugly for dinner.

Performances of **Honk! Jr.** are Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 14–15 and Feb. 21–22, at 7pm and Sundays, Feb. 16 and 23, 2pm, in the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center Blackbox Theater.

"We are grateful to Phyllis and Peter Strupp, our season sponsors, and to Carefree Kiwanis as show sponsor for **Honk, Jr.**," says Rosvall.

The award-winning Desert Foothills Theater has been presenting live performances in the far North Valley since 1975. For tickets and more information about upcoming events, visit www.dftheater.org or call 480.488.1981.
MAYOR BUNCH WRITES...

Town of Cave Creek 2019 Annual Year in Review

By Mayor Ernie Bunch

This was presented to Council during the last meeting of the year by our Town Manager Carrie Dyrek:

Ended 2018 calendar year having entered into the FIRST Intergovernmental agreement between the Town and City of Phoenix which resolved the problem of the Town serving customers in the PHX water service area, but allowed the development of commercial properties with the Town of Cave Creek along Cave Creek Road and along the south side of Carefree Hwy. That development this year includes:

1. Dutch Bros – opened, Sun Devil Auto is under construction, Sprouts will open in early 2020; other businesses located in the commercial area with Sprouts will be Chipotle, ModPizza, Chase Bank and the Hart Dental office. Jiffy Lube and Dunn Edwards Paint opened on the north side of Carefree Hwy.

2. The Council entered into a 2nd IGA between the City of Phoenix and the Town of Cave Creek regarding water service and infrastructure in July. Under the IGA:
   • Phoenix will construct new water lines and upon completion will take over providing water service to properties located south of Carefree Highway.
   • The Engineering Design is underway for the Phoenix water line construction project.
   • The agreement allows for an interconnect with Phoenix water lines, giving the Town an option to have Phoenix treat and deliver a portion of our CAP water, and greatly improve system reliability.
   • The agreement also allows the Town to work with Phoenix to bank a portion of our unused CAP water allocation, and allows for delivery of water from Phoenix in the event of an emergency.

3. The project to improve the four (4) booster pump station on Town’s 12-mile CAP water delivery pipeline began this year. We have selected the sites and have begun the purchasing process to acquire the land.

4. New temporary Pall Water Membrane units started operation in November to supplement the existing treatment units at the Town’s CAP Water Treatment Plant. The water membranes:
   • Provided an immediate solution for the plant despite constraint/space issues.
   • Allow the utilities department to conduct a thorough engineering study to determine the best long-term solution for the Town’s water treatment needs.

5. Kicked-off the Water Treatment and Supply Optimization Study, which should be completed by August 2020. The study will assess:
   • Existing Trident filter equipment at Town’s water treatment plant and consider the 20-year operational, maintenance and capital costs associated with proposed improvements.
   • It will also determine the best way to make a connection with the City of Phoenix water system as outlined in the recently approved IGA between the Town and Phoenix.

6. The design phase of the SCADA upgrade project was completed. The project will also provide new enhancements to assist the utilities department into moving towards more proactive maintenance of the system.

7. The Rancho Manana Lift Station Improvement work is currently ongoing. This ensures reliable wastewater service in the Town Core.

8. The Joy Ranch Well was put back into production – This well is part of the Desert Hills water system. This is the Town’s largest production well and to took almost two months to clean the well casing and install a new pump and motor at the site.

Cave Creek Rodeo Days Seeks Contestants for Royalty Program

Cave Creek Rodeo Days are seeking contestants for its Feb. 15 Queen Contest, including Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen. Applications to participate in the Royalty contest must be submitted no later than Sat. Feb. 1. In addition, the Royalty program is expanding to include young princesses who may eventually go on to compete for Queen and Teen Queen titles.

Contestants are judged on their horsemanship, personality and appearance. In addition, contestants must be able to communicate a strong understanding of the sport of rodeo.

Young women ages 18–23 are invited to compete for Rodeo Queen, with teens ages 13–17 competing for the Teen Queen title.

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The winner of the 2020 Rodeo Queen competition will receive an Educational Scholarship Award, Cave Creek Rodeo Days belt buckle and other prizes. The Teen Queen winner will receive a Cave Creek Rodeo Days belt buckle and other prizes.

Winners of both the Queen and the Teen Queen titles will travel the Turquoise Circuit representing Cave Creek Rodeo Days at events throughout the Southwest in 2020.

Cave Creek Rodeo Days is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 28 and 29, in Cave Creek. Now in its 43rd year, with Sanderson Ford as the 2020 title sponsor, the event will take place at Cave Creek Rodeo Days with three thrilling PRCA rodeo performances featuring top-ranking Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) and Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) contestants.

This year’s event kicks off Saturday, March 21, starting at 9am with the festive Cave Creek Rodeo Days parade through town. On Monday, March 23, the Cave Creek Rodeo Days Golf Tournament will take place at Tatum Ranch in Cave Creek.

Brooke Smith, 2019 Cave Creek Rodeo Days Queen, and Rylee Anforth, 2019 Teen Queen, will continue their duties through Feb. 15 when a new queen and teen queen are crowned. They have been traveling the Turquoise Circuit representing Cave Creek Rodeo Days.

Cave Creek Rodeo Days is also seeking girls ages 6–12 to participate in the Princess Program. Princesses learn how to be good role models, spokeswomen and friends while promoting the sport of rodeo and the Western way of life. Princesses are accepted into the program year-round.

Applications for Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen can be found at www.cavecreekrodeo.com/royalty-information and they must be submitted to queens@cavecreekrodeo.com no later than Sat., Feb. 1.

Tickets for rodeo weekend go on sale Jan. 31. Ticket prices range from $27 to $200, with discounts available online through March 20.

To purchase tickets, go to www.cavecreekrodeo.com and click the ticket button. For details, call 480.304.5634 or email info@cavecreekrodeo.com.

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9. Entered into a long-term contract to repair, replace and maintain air release valves on the Town’s water and wastewater lines. These valves are required for the efficient operation of the line.

10. Over nearly a year the Utility Director has put together an excellent team of employees with many years of experience, knowledge and professional certifications to assist him with these critical projects and to provide continuous improvement of the water and wastewater utility systems.

FINANCIAL


2. The Town’s financial status is healthy with $13.2 million unassigned/unrestricted funds in our General Fund. The Town has contracted with a financial advisor to work with the Town to assist us with establishing a financial plan to ensure there is adequate funding for our vital projects.

3. Our Wage and Benefit Study for all Town positions is also under way. The study results are important to ensure our position wages and benefits are in line with the market to ensure we are competitive to attract and retain top talent.

DEVELOPMENT

Zoning

1. The Planning Department had to overcome the unexpected and sudden departure of the Director. With the retirement of Ian Cordwell after more than 22 years of service to the Town of Cave Creek due to health issues, Luke Kautzman was hired as the Planning Director.

2. Michael Baker International has been selected as the Town’s consultant for the General Plan Update – the website for General Plan update has been launched (cavecreekgp.com).

3. Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Town Code amendments related to SIGNAGE to achieve content neutral regulation per the Supreme Court ruling in the Reed vs Gilbert case.


5. MICRO Hospital – Another development possible due to the 2 IGA’s with Phoenix-Processed a Zone Change and Site Plan for a Micro-Hospital providing emergency medical services west of the intersection of Cave Creek Road and Carefree Highway. They have already applied for permits with construction starting in 2020.

Building

6. Permit valuations in Town totaled $33,448,776 through November this year, up 18% over 2018 including 47 new homes.

7. The Town entered into a long-term agreement with the Cave Creek Rodeo Committee that provides benefits to both the Town and Committee to ensure the success of the annual PRCA rodeo; providing for needed upgrades to the rodeo grounds and facilities and identifying the responsibilities for the Town and Committee:

   Upgrades and improvements to the town’s rodeo grounds, include:
   • Reconfigured the timed end of the main arena.
   • Added a return alley to the arena, making the facility more user friendly for roping events.
   • Upgraded arena lights to be more energy efficient and enhance visibility.

8. Other Town Sponsored Special events held this year include the Wild West Days one hundred horse ride; the Town produced yet another successful Taste of Cave Creek and this year hosted a new event-the Health and Wellness Fair—all very well done.
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PUBLIC WORKS

1. Public Works Dept and Town Marshal’s office addressed safety issues in the Town Core by having CROSSWALKS improved and/or installed. Speed radar signs were also installed in Town.

2. Spur Cross Road Overlay Improvements were completed in June, paving and sealing approximately 3 miles of road, starting at the intersection with Cave Creek Road to Fleming Springs. And roadway north of Honda Bow Road.

TOWN STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

AND This fall the Mayor and Council along with the Town Manager and Department Directors worked with a facilitator to develop the Town of Cave Creek Mission, Vision, and Goals that sets the direction for the Town and how we do business.

We will roll this out in the new year and will be incorporating this plan into the development of the budget and the functions of each department.

I am pleased that the voters allow me to continue being a part of the forward movement of the Town. Thank You!

Save the Date

Cave Creek Craft Beer Festival

When most people think of Cave Creek, they think of open spaces, mountain biking, Black Mountain, Spur Cross, horseback trail rides, great restaurants and fun bars. Now after years in the making, comes the Cave Creek Craft Beer Festival.

Cave Creek is known for its night life — with biker bars, cowboy bars, Irish pubs and high-end bars, all of which offer some amazing craft beer. So, organizers decided to bring all the top craft beer brewers, mixed in with some cider, some kombucha and some amazing mead, all in one great location, Stagecoach Village, located at 7100 East Cave Creek Road.

The inaugural Cave Creek Craft Beer Festival will be held Feb. 29 from noon to 5pm. Attendees will pay one entry fee, get a cool sampling glass and sample many of their favorite brews in one location. Pub food will be offered for sale throughout the event, as well as live music and, most importantly, an opportunity to speak with the actual brewers and their staff. Find out what goes into favorite brews.

For information or to participate, visit www.cavecreekcraftbeerfestival.com or follow Cave Creek’s official Facebook page for updates: @CaveCreekTownHall.
Library To Host Eleventh Annual Gala in February

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Gala attendees will enjoy hosted cocktails, a gourmet dinner by Creations in Cuisine and a live and silent auction, all within the beautiful facility. Entertainment will be provided by We3, which includes celebrated pianist Nicole Pesce, vocalist Renee Grant Patrick and violinist Suzanne Lansford.

The emcee for the evening is Jo Gemmill, owner of the English Rose Tea Room in Carefree.

“Our 11th annual gala will be a special evening that provides ongoing financial support of the Library’s objective to enrich the community by promoting literacy and advancing knowledge through library resources and lifelong learning,” said David Court, Desert Foothills Library executive director.

To purchase tickets, $200 per person, contact Court at 480.488.2286 or dcourt@dfla.org. The Library welcomes auction donations, and sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds will benefit the Desert Foothills Library.

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Sprouts Farmers Market Hiring 140 for Cave Creek Store

In late November, Sprouts Farmers Market announced it will soon finish construction on its new store in Cave Creek to expand local access to fresh, natural and organic foods.

The nearly 30,000-square-foot store at 5355 East Carefree Highway will open Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7am. Details about the grand opening celebration will be announced at a later date.

The new Cave Creek Sprouts is bringing approximately 140 full- and part-time career opportunities to the area. Sprouts’ “Healthy Living for Less” approach to grocery shopping means potential team members should share a passion for healthy eating and the fresh, natural and organic products offered throughout the store. Sprouts will host a hiring fair with open interviews for potential team members.

The hiring fair will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 8am-6pm; and Thursday, Jan. 16, from 8am-5pm, at Cambria Desert Ridge, 4425 East Irma Lane in North Phoenix.

Details: Applicants are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume and will have the opportunity to speak directly with the Sprouts hiring team about available positions.

Employment opportunities include:
- Department managers, assistant department managers and clerks (Produce, Vitamins and Body Care, Meat and Seafood, Deli, Grocery, Bakery and more)
- Cashiers
- Courtesy clerks
- Backup receiver, administrative coordinator and scan coordinator

To learn more about open positions and team member benefits, or to apply, visit www.sprouts.com/careers or call 866.925.2396 for non-managerial roles.
The Town of Cave Creek is reminding residents that the added precipitation the area has received also brings fire threats in the form of a small, yellow flower known as Globe chamomile.

Globe chamomile, which is an invasive weed, is also referred to as Stinknet because of the odor that emanates from its lacy leaves and causes severe allergy problems. Regrettably, Town staff says that the smell is not the only problem with this weed. Because Globe Chamomile is so prolific, in the last few years it has infested the regional area, and the plant has taken over yards, parks, medians, open desert spaces and any other inch of soil it can lay root in. The blanket of yellow will eventually dry out with the warm weather, leaving behind an abundant fire fuel in its place.

The Town has already been taking a proactive approach to controlling the spread of Globe chamomile and reducing fire risks by applying pre-emergent near Town guardrails and in medians. The pre-emergent stops the plant’s seed from germinating, preventing it from blooming and spreading the hundreds of seeds present in each flower; which proliferates the infestation.

Cave Creek’s Public Works Department is working to use the pre-emergent before the invasive weed and fire hazard blooms and is currently in the process of applying it to the medians on Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road. Additionally, Schoolhouse, Spur Cross, Fleming Springs and Highland roads, as well as Galloway Drive and 32nd Street’s shoulders are slated to be treated next.

The Town says that it has seen success in using pre-emergent as a way to prevent the blooming and spread of Globe chamomile, and the method has become more effective as it is applied regularly year after year. Staff is urging residents to be proactive in managing this invasive weed on their properties, helping reduce the fire risks in Town by using a pre-emergent to stop it from blooming and spreading. They say that there are many different types and brands of pre-emergent, and it is best for residents to speak with their landscapers or pest control professionals about the best option for their property.

For residents who are unable to stop Globe chamomile from blooming and spreading on their properties this spring, it is recommended that they manually remove the weed by mowing it down or pulling it to reduce fire risks this season.

The Town says that it has consulted with the staff at Bug and Weed Mart and Whitfill Nursery regarding how to best treat for Globe chamomile. Bug and Weed Mart can be reached at hello@bugweedmart.com. Whitfill Nursery can be reached at 602.268.9096.

For details, contact the Town at 480.488.1400 or visit www.cavecreek.org.

Blooming Globe Chamomile; Photo courtesy of Town of Cave Creek
Kiwanis Western Night Fundraiser Returns

Residents are invited to polish their cowboy boots, dust off their cowboy hats for the return of Kiwanis “Western Night” — coming to Frontier Town in Cave Creek March 7.

This Kiwanis fundraiser dates back to 1979 in the local community, when 400 fun seeking residents showed up to eat, drink, dance and try to outbid one another for the fabulous prizes. The 2020 event will be a throwback to those memorable times, which went on for 30-plus years. Western Night will feature gourmet cowboy styled food for good eating, open bar drinking, music and dancing as well as both a silent and live auction.

And, again, the Kiwanis Club of Carefree, though it’s Benefit Foundation, will direct proceeds to support many educational and charitable activities in the local area where Kiwanis has donated well over a million dollars over the years.

The good news is that this Western Night is not just for Kiwanis members, but rather for the entire community to join the fun and help raise money for the kids in the immediate area.

Those who would like to donate items for the silent or live auction, buy tickets to attend, or sponsor a table at this March 7 event may contact member of the Kiwanis Hospitality Committee:

Ted Dimon: desertdimons@cox.net or call 480.488.7912
Jackie Brown: perrytales@msn.com or call 505.228.0675
Joyce Jordan: joycejordan151@gmail.com or call 818.667.7486

Learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Carefree at www.kiwaniscarefree.org.

Join the Chamber for Breakfast

Join members of the Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce for an informational monthly business breakfast presentation and early morning networking. This month’s guest speaker is Cave Creek Mayor Ernie Bunch. The breakfast event will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, 7:30–9:30am, at Harold’s Cave Creek Corral, 6895 East Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek. To contact Harold’s call 480.488.1906 or visit www.haroldscorral.com.

The cost to attend is $8 for members and $15 for general admission. To learn more about the Chamber or find other events, call 480.488.3381 or visit www.carefreecavecreek.org.
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FIFTH ANNUAL DOGGIE STREET FESTIVAL
ON JAN. 25

Valley residents are invited to attend the Fifth Annual Doggie Street Festival in Phoenix. Thousands of people attend these not-to-be-missed dog, cat, parrot and rabbit adopt-a-thons and celebrations of companion animals to get acquainted with fantastic products and services.

Attendees (both human and friendly canine) can enjoy music, treats, vet tips, special guests and speakers, a kid’s art area, auction prizes and contests.

The free admission event will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10am to 4pm at Steele Indian School Park, 300 East Indian School Road in Phoenix.

For additional information, including a list of participating rescues that will be in attendance, visit www.doggiestreetfestival.org.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATING DIVERSITY (CCD) is holding its 26th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Dinner Jan. 16 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort. The event reflects CCD’s vision of celebrating, recognizing and managing diversity across the local community with a focus on impacting youth and future community leaders. Herm Edwards, Arizona State University Sun Devil Football head coach, is the featured speaker for the dinner, which has become the signature MLK celebration across the Valley of the Sun.

Coach Edwards spent 10 seasons in the NFL as a cornerback and then another 18 years in various coaching positions, making the playoffs four times as an NFL head coach. He joined ASU Sun Devil Football as head coach in December 2017. Edwards has been recognized by multiple organizations for his work in the community, and has co-authored two books, among numerous other professional achievements.

The annual event takes place Jan. 16 and begins with a 5pm registration and reception, followed by a 6pm dinner and recognition ceremony. The Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort is located at 5001 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Seats can be purchased online at www.scottsdalemlk.org. The cost is $75 per person, and sponsorships are available.

CCD is a Scottsdale-based nonprofit organization that sponsors educational and community events to celebrate and create a greater awareness of the community’s diversity. Its mission is to enhance the perception and understanding of diversity, provide opportunities for citizens to recognize similarities and to acknowledge differences, and to seek respect for the values of others and the oneness of humanity.

For more information, visit www.ccdarizona.org.

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids

Alice and David Are a Dynamic Duo Wishing for a Forever Family

Eight-year-old Alice is fearless as she moves smoothly up the rock climbing wall at Sky Zone in Scottsdale and confidently slaps the buzzer. She then carefully works her way down the wall — and then starts back up. Practice makes perfect and Alice is nothing if not willing to practice.

Cheering her on is younger brother David, 7. And when it’s his turn to tackle the wall, Alice keeps a watchful eye as the protective — and a little bit bossy — big sister.

The siblings form a dynamic duo, says Brianna, a child specific adoption recruiter with Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK).

“Alice is a girly girl,” Brianna says. “She likes all things glittery and sparkly.”

“He is very tidy, and he likes to make his bed every single morning.”

Both are active and giggly. Both do well in school and love routine. Both love macaroni and cheese. The two have never lived without each other.

“They have a very strong relationship together and it’s important that they maintain that relationship throughout their lives,” Brianna says, adding that it is also important the two stay in Arizona.

The siblings would thrive in a forever home that has two parents with an abundance of energy.

“The perfect forever family for Alice and David is one that has the time, patience and understanding to work with them,” Brianna says.

Alice and David would do well in a family with other children, but, because of allergies, they can’t live in a home with cats or dogs.

For more information on children eligible for adoption, call Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) at 602.930.4900 or visit www.aask-az.org.

Annual Event Recognizes Local Diversity Champions
Abrazo Orthopedic Surgeons Hosting Talk at The J

Surgeons from Abrazo Health will present options for treating knee, hip and shoulder pain during a special presentation Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30–7:30pm at “The J” – Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center, 12701 North Scottsdale Road.

Dr. Josh Silver, Dr. Tim Bert, Dr. Russell Cohen and Dr. J. Kent Ferrari, orthopedic specialists on the medical staff at Abrazo Scottsdale Campus, will discuss how to make an epic comeback from joint pain in the new year.

Abrazo Scottsdale’s investment in talent and technology is aimed at creating a destination for patients seeking advanced surgical care. The hospital’s surgical robotics program is one of the most diverse in the state for complex orthopedic and spine procedures.

“We are committed to providing outstanding quality, safety and patient experience,” said Ed Staren, interim CEO. “Our convenient location near the 51 and Loop 101 freeways is easily accessible, and there is much interest in our hospital from patients and physicians alike.”

To register for the free program, visit abrazohealth.com/events.

Derma Health Skin & Laser Now Open at Desert Ridge Marketplace

Since 2004, locally owned and operated Derma Health has offered medical grade aesthetic services to men and women across the Phoenix-metropolitan area.

And now, the company has opened a Derma Health Skin & Laser location at Desert Ridge Marketplace. This 2,700 square-foot space celebrates a transition for the med-spa, evolving from medical clinic environment to a retail-style setting. The space is located on the southwest side of the shopping center near Target.

“We are thrilled to have our highly-trained medical professionals and aestheticians provide a wide range of offerings to the Desert Ridge community and to have our new location at Desert Ridge Marketplace,” said Trish Gulbranson, founder and CEO of Derma Health. “After 15 years in the industry, we look forward to continuing to help the Valley look and feel their best. Our staff is not only here for your skin and physical health, but also your overall wellbeing.”

The med-spa, ranked in the top one percent in the nation by Allergan, is the No. 1 provider of facial fillers and Botox in the Southwest. More than 50,000 patients have received treatments at Derma Health, which also offers laser procedures, body contouring and medical grade aesthetic skin services. Derma Health says that it is dedicated to being a trusted provider in the field, ensuring medical staff has ongoing training and expertise in the most advanced techniques.

“As the med-spa leader in the Valley, we are excited to have Derma Health officially open in our center,” said Jenny Cushing, vice president of leasing at Vestar. “We know North Phoenix residents will enjoy the not-so-typical med-spa experience to reveal their beauty from the inside out.”

Patients are now able to book appointments through a new feature on the Derma Health website. This Derma Health location is open Monday through Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday, 10am to 6pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Learn more at www.dermahalthinstitute.com.

Desert Ridge Marketplace is located in Phoenix just north of the Loop 101 on Tatum Boulevard. For more information, visit www.shopdesertridge.com.

Yoga Studio Expands with Second Scottsdale Location

YogaSix will open its second location in Arizona in early 2020 at the Mercado Del Rancho shopping center, located at 92nd Street and Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale. The boutique yoga studio will offer a broad range of heated and non-heated yoga and boot camp style fitness classes in the 2,400-square-foot space. Arizona’s first YogaSix opened earlier last fall at The Shops at Gainey Village.

“After the community’s enthusiastic response to YogaSix Gainey Village, we are thrilled to bring another studio to the area and provide more classes designed to fit people’s busy lifestyles,” said Hailey Hyde, franchise partner at YogaSix Scottsdale Shea and YogaSix Gainey Village. “With a modern approach to yoga and fitness, our classes address the complete needs of our bodies with strength, agility, flexibility and balance.”

Founded in 2012, YogaSix aims to change the way people practice yoga and delivers its life-enhancing benefits to all ages and experience levels. The locations provide a full sensory class experience, changes in lights and energetic playlists. Six effective, low-impact and strength building classes will be featured — Y6 101, Y6 Stretch, Y6 Slow Flow, Y6 Hot, Y6 Power, and Y6 Sculpt & Flow.

Classes are offered to a maximum of 40 people per class, with approximately 70 time options a week. The studio will have a retail boutique stocked with the latest trends in active wear, mat and towel service and locker rooms for students to get ready before or after class.

Pre-opening rates are now available. The first 100 new members receive 25 percent off their monthly unlimited class fee for the lifetime of their membership. Membership provides access to all YogaSix locations. YogaSix Scottsdale Shea will be located at 9301 East Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale. Additional information can be found at www.yogasix.com/location/scottsdale-shea.
What One Dream Would You Dare to Dream?

By Michele Guy Syne

Brian Tracy, a personal development leader asks, “What one dream would you dare to dream if you knew you could not fail?” What better time to ask ourselves this question than in January of the New Year? We all have some dream that we have envisioned for ourselves. It could be as simple as changing a habit, or a pattern of behavior or releasing a limiting belief that no longer serves us. Or it could be visiting a far-off place, having a child, finding a life partner, starting a business, buying a certain house or car or achieving a certain financial net worth.

We create magic in every moment of every day, and yet we dismiss it. Winston Churchill says that, “Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but usually manages to pick himself up, walk over or around it, and carry on.” Yet it is important to recognize that we do create our reality, and we do create our lives.

Take a moment right now to think of a time in your life when you set out to achieve something, and you did achieve it, and yet you dismissed it as fluke, or chance, or coincidence. For example, you may have decided that you wanted to take a trip. Initially when you thought of this trip, it seemed unrealistic given all the logistics… the time, the money, someone to take care of the animals… but you really wanted to go. So, you planted the seed. God, the Universe, the Source, likes to surprise you when you let go of ‘how’ things should happen, and simply trust in the process. The Universe likes to bring you things in a way you would not expect.

And then somehow, all the pieces fell into place, and you ended up taking the trip. Did you dismiss this creation of yours as luck? If you didn’t dismiss it…great! If you did dismiss it, please now recognize that you created this trip. You planted the seed, and you made it happen.

So, what else can you make happen? Now that you know you can achieve what you set your mind to, you can use this realization intentionally, and ask yourself the question again: “What one dream would I dare to dream, if I knew I could not fail?”

Dream big dreams and have fun with it! This is your New Year. This is your life.

Michele Guy Syne teaches a class each month called “All Hypnosis is Self-Hypnosis.” Visit www.azscf.org/hcc-class-list for more information, and to register. Michele Guy Syne is a professional engineer, and certified hypnotherapist. Her primary areas of focus with her clients are on mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health. She supports her clients in removing patterns of behavior and limiting beliefs that no longer serve them. Hypnotherapy is one the quickest healing modalities, to allow her clients to see changes in their lives in the shortest period of time. Michele has an office in Carefree, and lives in Cave Creek with her 11-year-old son, Jonathan.

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**Jan. 12**
*MusicaNova Orchestra: Rhineland Muses*
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*And Then There Were None*
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*Under the Streetlamp*
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**Jan. 19**
*Verona Quartet with Daniel Hsu*
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**Jan. 22**
*National Geographic Live: Pursuit of the Black Panther*
Mesa Arts Center

**Jan. 23**
*Catalyst Quartet*
Mesa Arts Center

**Jan. 24**
*Tony Danza: Standards & Stories*
Arizona Musicfest Festival

**Jan. 24**
*Bettman and Halpin*
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**Jan. 24–25**
*Herb Alpert and Lani Hall*
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**Jan. 24–25**
*Breaking Ground Contemporary Dance Festival*
Conder Dance at Tempe Center for the Arts
www.tempecenterforthearts.com; 480.350.2822

**Jan. 24 – Feb. 2**
*La Bohème*
Arizona Opera
www.azopera.org; 602.266.7464

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*Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy & Louisa*
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**Jan. 24 – Feb. 9**
*A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*
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www.azbroadway.org; 623.776.8400

Jan. 25
*Patton Oswalt: I Love Everything*
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Jan. 26
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www.phxart.org; 602.257.1880

Jan. 26
*Young Musicians Winter Concert*
Arizona Musicfest Festival

Jan. 26 – March 8
*Elephant & Piggie’s “We are in a Play!”*
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www.childsplayaz.org; 480.921.5700

Jan. 27
*John Pizzarelli Trio*
Arizona Musicfest Festival

Jan. 28
*Anne-Sophie Mutter*
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Jan. 28 – Feb. 2
*Fiddler on the Roof*
ASU Gammage

Jan. 28
*Jacob Jonas The Company with Guest Artist, Okaidja Afroso*
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Jan. 29 – Feb. 23
*Americano!*
The Phoenix Theatre Company
www.phoenixtheatre.com; 602.254.2151

Jan. 31
*Chris Botti*
Arizona Musicfest Festival

Jan. 31
*Alan Parsons Live Project*
Celebrity Theatre

Jan. 31
*Jacob Jonas The Company with Guest Artist, Okaidja Afroso*
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Jan. 31
*Chris Botti*
Arizona Musicfest Festival
**DREAMer-Inspired Musical Debuts at The Phoenix Theatre Company**

_Americano!_ — a groundbreaking, true-story musical on the life of a DREAMer debuting in Phoenix in January — launched new billboards in New York’s Times Square just in time for the New Year’s Eve Ball Drop in December.

The _Americano!_ billboards were seen on two of Times Square’s most iconic sign locations — the Nasdaq sign, the world’s most famous billboard, and the Thomson Reuters sign. The promotion and marketing of _Americano!_ in the home of Broadway is unique and unprecedented for an Arizona-based musical.

The musical debuts Jan. 29 and runs until Feb. 23 at The Phoenix Theatre Company’s Mainstage Theatre. _Americano!_ is a centerpiece of the company’s 100th Anniversary Season.

**The Musical**

The musical is the story of **Tony Valdovinos** and could be one of the most important and impactful American theatrical works of 2020. The production hopes to go to other U.S. cities following the initial run in Arizona.

The Phoenix Theatre Company is producing _Americano!_ with Tony Award winning executive producer **Ken Davenport** and Scottsdale-based _Quixote Productions_ (which is owned by public relations executive **Jason Rose**).

Tony is a DREAMer. His parents brought him to the United States from Mexico when he was 2 years old. Tony did not know that until his 18th birthday when the Camelback High School graduate tried to fulfill his childhood dream of serving his country by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. Valdovinos’ story is one of thousands of stories of families at young ages.

**DREAMers brought to America by their families at young ages.**

**Parking**

Parking is free courtesy of Fry’s Food stores.

**Advance Tickets**

Advance tickets can be purchased at www.phoenixtheatre.com. Shows are $25 for those 60 and older, available only on Festival days at the front gate ticket booth.

Panavision To Donate Top Cinematography Prize for Local Film Fest

Panavision, a leader in camera and optics technology for the film and television industry, will donate a Platinum camera package valued at $60,000 to the winner of the “Best Cinematography” award presented by Panavision for the 2020 Worldwide Women’s Film Festival (WWFF). The award will be given at the awards ceremony Saturday, Feb. 8.

“I am so excited that Panavision has agreed to provide this tremendous award,” says WWFF co-founder **Eva Louis**. “In addition to this recognition and support, we are super-thrilled that Panavision will be participating at the festival to present the award.”

The festival, now in its third year, will screen feature length and short films with a woman in at least one key creative role of writer, producer, director, cinematographer, editor and composer. There are 26 award categories, including for best feature, short, documentary feature, cinematography, visual effects, original music score, sci-fi, web series, with audience awards and more. A complete list is on the Festival website. The entire festival runs Feb. 7–9 at the Harkins Shea 14 Theatres, 7354 East Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale.

“Panavision joins WWFF in championing the many creative and leadership roles women contribute toward the films showcased in this festival,” says Panavision marketing executive **Mike Carter** (www.panavision.com). “We are pleased this award will be used to help support another independent filmmaker achieve their vision.”

Panavision is a world-class provider of “end-to-end solutions that power the creative vision of filmmakers.” Panavision’s offerings include unparalleled optics, proprietary camera and lighting systems and state-of-the-art post-production services.

For details, visit the festival’s website at www.wwfilmfestival.com or follow them on Facebook, @WorldwideWomensFilmFest.

**Save the Date for Renaissance Merriment**

Get ready to be transported back to the 16th century as one of the largest and most picturesque Renaissance Festivals in the nation prepares for raucous revelry below the foothills of the Superstition Mountains. The Festival is celebrating its 32nd season of pomp and pageantry, with the Arizona Renaissance Festival running every Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 through March 29, from 10am to 6pm.

Cheer for brave knights and roam the 30-acre festival village filled with whimsical castles, cottages, pubs and 14 stages of nonstop performances of music, mermaids, merriment, dance, acrobatics and comedy. Foolish pleasures mix with artisan treasures as visitors shop, eat and revel with a cast of nearly 2,000 colorfully costumed characters.

Prepare for new shows, new stage and don’t forget to reserve a seat at the Pleasure Feast — the most exclusive event within the Festival with a five-course dinner and variety show.

Advance tickets can be purchased at www.renfestinfo.com or save with discount tickets purchased at Fry’s Food stores statewide (discount ticket prices are adult $26, children 5–12 $16, children under 5 are always free). Tickets purchased at the Festival are two dollars more. Senior discount tickets are $25 for those 60 and older, available only on Festival days at the front gate ticket booth.

**Worldwide Women’s Film Festival**

The festival is a collaboration of women. Many of the leaders and executives of the film industry hold leadership roles women contribute toward the films showcased in this festival,” says Panavision marketing executive **Mike Carter** (www.panavision.com). “We are pleased this award will be used to help support another independent filmmaker achieve their vision.”

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Johnny A.’s “Just Me . . . and My Guitars”
January 11

MusicaNova Orchestra: Rhineland Muses
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January 12

Atom String Quartet
January 12

Dar Williams
January 13

Victor Wooten with Steve Bailey and Gregg Bissonette: “Bass Extremes”
January 22

Legends: Keola Beamer and Henry Kapono with Moanalani Beamer
January 28

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January 29

And many more!
1917 Immerses You Into the Battlefield Unlike Any Other War Movie

By Kaely Monahan and Tuesday Mahrle

When it comes to the world wars, the Second World War seems to capture much of the imagination and romance of Hollywood. World War I not so much. And perhaps that’s due to there being a “less clear” enemy. There aren’t Nazis in WWI. But the First World War has plenty to offer when it comes to storytelling. Writer/director Sam Mendes proves this in his film 1917.

A truly immersive experience, 1917 follows two British soldiers as they set out on a ride-or-die mission across No-Man’s land. What makes 1917 truly spectacular is the one-shot technique, which makes the film feel like it’s all one continuous shot.

The film 1917 is Rated R. It opens Jan. 10.

Whiskey and Popcorn is a movie podcast by local film critics Kaely Monahan and Tuesday Mahrle. You can hear their full movie reviews on www.whiskeyandpopcorn.org.
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Even though we are just halfway through the school year, we already have much to celebrate. We have 12 students who were named as 2020 National Merit® Semifinalists, 22 National Merit Commended students and an additional six students named as National Hispanic Scholars. ACT® scores for high school students attending PVSchools are once again significantly higher than the state averages, according to the information that was released by the College Board. The percent of PV students ready for college coursework surpassed the state by 34 points in English and 32 points in math.

It’s not just about academics in PVSchools; we are also teaching our students positive behaviors and to be good citizens. Five of our schools earned a 2019 PBISaz (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Achievement Award, including Fireside Elementary School, which earned the Silver Award.

Our students continue to demonstrate their talents in fine and performing arts. PVSchools has three schools in the Top 10 at the Arizona Marching Bands Association Grand Championships, with Paradise Valley High finishing fifth, Pinnacle High School finishing sixth, and Horizon High School finishing 10th overall in the state. No other district had as many schools place as PVSchools.

On the fields and on the courts, our students continue to dominate. The Pinnacle High School Girls Golf Team won the 2019 AIA Division I Championship. Both Horizon High School and Pinnacle High School qualified for the 2019 AIA Open Division Football Championship, ranking among the top eight teams in the state.

There is still time left to attend one of our schools through open enrollment. Final Round applications for 2020–21 for out-of-district families will be accepted through Tuesday, Jan. 21. Applications received during this time frame will be processed and accepted or denied based on remaining space availability at the requested school.

To learn more about these incredible opportunities, award-winning programs, and enrollment options, visit www.pvschools.net/open or call 602.449.2000.

To reach Dr. Welsh or for more information about the Paradise Valley Unified School District, call 602.449.2000 or visit www.pvschools.net.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Enrollment Up at Nationally Recognized Gateway Academy

Gateway Academy, which serves “twice exceptional” students with high functioning autism, reports its highest enrollment numbers to date.

For the 2019–20 school year, Gateway Academy currently has 110 students enrolled in its third through 12th grades, and that number is to expected to increase throughout the year.

Gateway offers students open enrollment throughout the year to accommodate students who want to transfer mid-year. In many cases, parents and students are looking for a safe environment for the student, after they have experienced bullying or being academically disserviced in traditional schools.

One of those students is Hannah Vasquez. Diagnosed with autism in the fifth grade, the Phoenix teen found herself bullied and ridiculed for being “different” to the point that she did not want to go to school. Her mom, Erin, sought therapy to help Hannah with the anxiety. After receiving just about every detention imaginable for not turning in homework, her mom knew she had to make a change, and found Gateway Academy.

Now, four years later, Hannah is a sophomore and is getting straight As, and she has many friends. She also looks forward to going to school now. No more morning stomach aches or feeling sick.

“When planning curriculum, the teachers use creative and multi-modal learning, information exciting, and the students engaged,” said Erin Garett, Hannah’s mom. “Most of the ‘twice exception’ kiddos are very bright, and the Gateway teachers work very hard to make sure that each child gets the attention and positive encouragement they need, in the fashion they need to learn.”

At Gateway, Hannah’s artistic side is also shining. With all the encouragement she receives at Gateway, she has created a logo for the Gateway Parent Organization. The school had it printed on a banner and uses it at events.

Her logo is a symbol of what can happen, when students feel comfortable in their environment. “Hannah talks about going away to college (Gulp!),” her mom sighs. “But with the life skills and education provided by Gateway, I know she can do it.”

Gateway Academy is located at 3939 East Shea Boulevard, Phoenix. For additional information, call 480.998.1071 or visit www.gatewayacademy.us.

Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman of the Year Program

Accepting Applications

The City of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2020 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman (OYMYW) of the Year awards.

The OYMYW of the Year program recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth and raises community awareness of the positive contributions of youth.

This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or live within Phoenix city limits. Here’s how it works:

• One young man and one young woman will be selected as winners from each city council district and receive an award of $500.
• In addition, each district-level winner will be eligible for an additional $1,500 award if they are selected as the citywide winners.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter and proof of legal residence in the United States. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the community. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by Rotary 100, Arizona Public Service and Salt River Project where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply through the online application form located at www.phoenix.gov/education before 5pm Friday, Feb. 28, 2020.
EEG Opens North Scottsdale ‘Neighborhood Hangout’

Chauncey Social is looking to shake up the Valley’s dining and late-night scenes — the North Scottsdale establishment opened inside an all new indoor/outdoor restaurant and nightlife space Dec. 12.

Led by the Evening Entertainment Group (EEG) and located in the heart of North Scottsdale’s fast growing entertainment district on Scottsdale Road just south of the Loop 101 freeway, Chauncey Social pairs chef-crafted American fare with a “welcoming hip vibe,” a wraparound outdoor patio and sporting and special events showing on a 10’ x 50’ LED wall. Chauncey Social offers an extensive menu that has been designed by Executive Chef Joe Absolor, founding chef of Stock & Stable in Phoenix who recently competed at the 2019 World Cooking Championship after winning the Devour Culinary Classic’s Golden Ticket award.

The menu will feature an all-natural, “Never Ever” protein program across the board; meaning that no hormones, anti-biotics or medications of any sort have ever been administered. The kitchen will be serving guests daily for social hour and dinner while remaining open for late night DJ entertainment. Chauncey Social will be expanding to lunch and weekend brunch in the new year.

Housed inside a contemporary, entertainment center on the southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Chauncey Lane, the restaurant is the latest brainchild from EEG owners Diane and Les Corieri.

“We’ve had our eye on North Scottsdale for several years,” Diane says, “because it’s such a fast-growing community home to both businesses and hotels as well as it being a highly desirable place for residents to settle in. When we found this ideal location on a prominent corner just south of the 101 freeway, and a chance to build something from the ground up we were inspired to create a welcoming neighborhood hangout; perfect for casual get-togethers and late night socializing.”

Seating over 130 guests across the spacious interior, including over 30 seats for bar-goers, Chauncey Social also boasts a 50-person wraparound outdoor dining space overlooking Scottsdale Road. Colorful, retro-modern décor overflows with natural woods, iron and eye-grabbing burnt orange and gray accents. Guests can sip on hand-crafted cocktails, a beer selection encompassing all styles, and a well-rounded wine list suitable for any palate, while noshing on elevated modern American cuisine with influences from all over the globe.

Chauncey Social is located at 17767 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 100. For additional information, call 480.565.6488, or visit www.chaunceysocial.com.

Nom on Some Noodles in Downtown Phoenix

Those who love noodles will not want to miss out on the Arizona Nom Nom Noodles Festival at The Pressroom Jan. 18. Held from 6–11pm, the festival will bring a wide array of local food purveyors together for one day of noodles and pasta from around the world.

Guests will enjoy an abundance of flavorful fusion and diverse noodle and pasta options from nearly a dozen food vendors. They can also find boba drinks, desserts and beer/cocktails. In the marketplace, guests will enjoy shopping from local pop culture artists and playing a variety of lawn, board and video games.

Tickets to the Arizona Nom Nom Noodles Festival are available now online at www.tickettailor.com/events/nomnomnoodles/315776. General admission is $8 before tax and fees. Early admission tickets are $13 before tax and fees, with limited quantities available. Children ages 7 to 12 are $4 before tax and fees. Children ages 6 and under are admitted for free with a paid adult. Food and beverages are sold separately.

The Pressroom is located at 441 West Madison Street in Downtown Phoenix.
Sleepaway Camp Information Night Scheduled

Parents who may be thinking of sending a child to a sleepaway camp for the first time this summer are invited to a free information night hosted by Prescott’s Friendly Pines Camp. The Information Night event for families will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7–8:30pm, at the Courtyard Marriott Salt River. Both parents and children are invited to attend.

The featured speakers will be camp directors Kevin Nissen and Megan May, who will offer a fun, informative presentation and discuss all the emotional and physical benefits that children experience when they attend a summer sleepaway camp. Complimentary gifts and door prizes will be given. The grand prize will be $500 off camp tuition. Advanced registration is not required.

Friendly Pines Camp is available for children ages 6 through 13 and offers a wide range of traditional camp activities: sports, horseback riding, waterskiing, rock climbing, performing arts, fine arts, pets, hiking, canoe, kayaking and more. There are one-week, two-week, four-week and six-week camp sessions available. There’s a special discount for siblings. Camp will run May 23–July 18. This nationally renowned sleepaway camp will celebrate its 80th summer this year.

Courtyard Marriott Salt River is located at 5201 North Pima Road, Scottsdale. This Information Night event is open to all new and returning campers. For more information about Friendly Pines Camp, call 928.445.2128 or visit www.friendlypines.com.

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New Decade, New Design Trends & DIY Projects

Maricopa County Home & Garden Show runs Jan. 10–12

The Maricopa County Home & Garden Show, the largest home show in the Southwest, returns to the Arizona State Fairgrounds Friday, Jan. 10, through Sunday, Jan. 12. Back by popular demand, the Tiny Homes Street of Dreams features smart technology, she sheds, man caves, farmhouse and rustic. For three days only, don’t miss the chance to tour the unique collection of tiny home models.

“As we welcome the New Year, there is an exciting sense of change in the air pushing us to try new things,” said Katie Jones, Maricopa County Home Show manager. “People simply love to update their homes. With the help of The Maricopa County Home & Garden Show, you can elevate your living space with the trendiest interior and exterior designs for 2020.”

The show offers plenty of attractions that are included free with general admission:

- 2020 Tiny Homes Street of Dreams: See these cozy “little” homes — featuring custom and luxury mini-mansions, smart technology park homes, off-the-grid homes, man caves, she sheds and even two-story tiny homes. Each model is open to tour.
- Handmade Headquarters: Sign up for free make-and-take crafts, including DIY essential oil rollerballs, succulent terrariums, bath bombs, lip scrubs, wine glass paint parties, custom wine cork keychains and more.
- DIY Demos and Seminars, free at the show all weekend long
- Step-by-step stylish peel-and-stick wallpaper
- Crash course on how to tackle a shower remodel
- Backsplash installation
- Artificial turf installation and upkeep tips
- Ask a Garden Club Aficionado: New this show, several garden clubs from across the Valley teach new ways to enjoy backyards and gardens, including backyard birding, how to build a salad garden, butterfly gardening and seed saving demonstrations. While there, shop household plants, herb and vegetable seedlings, garden aprons and much more.
- Ask a Master Gardener: Receive expert advice and get the answers to gardening questions from the UofA Master Gardeners. Free seminars featuring tips on growing tomatoes, fruit and nut trees, spring gardening prep and several other seasonal tips.
- Use It or Lose It. How to Pack up that Holiday Junk! After a whirlwind holiday, it’s time to get the house back in order. DEA Kitchens & Closets will teach guests how to efficiently repack and re-organize, discuss the difference between cardboard boxes and plastic, as well as the best places to shop for storage containers.
- Impressive Pet Tricks & Obedience Training from the experts at Dog Training Elite

The Arizona State Fairgrounds are located at 1826 West McDowell Road in Phoenix. Hours are 10am–6:30pm, Friday and Saturday; 10am–5pm, Sunday. General admission is $8 daily for adults, kids ages 3–12 are $2, children 2 and younger are free.

Sign up at www.mchomeshows.com to receive deals on admission. For additional information, call 602.485.1691.
Superior Hosts Home & Building Tour

The quaint Town of Superior will open her doors Jan. 25–26 to all who enjoy witnessing how a small, once struggling mining town can make an amazing comeback.

Several older, refurbished homes are being shown during the Superior Chamber of Commerce 12th Annual Home & Building Tour, including an old adobe home, of which there were many “back in the day.” Superior is famous for its re-purposing of things and this adobe is no exception. One of the historic red brick “mine houses” will be shown this year. Solid as can be, this block long row of houses, with majestic views, are sought after by many.

Back by popular demand is the magnificent, historic Hotel Magma, circa 1913, whose doors were open to the public in early 2019. The beauty and detail of the hotel and tearoom are a “must see,” along with the small jail tucked behind the building.

The Magma Club, a community center for Magma Mine employees that hosted dinners, dancing and boxing matches, will house the annual Antique Show, with quality antiques that are sure to please and bring memories to attendees. Relax and listen to live music on the veranda of this historical building.

Interested in more history about Superior? Listen to fascinating stories of the past, including Wyatt Earp, presenting a short play “Life on the Frontier.” Mattie Earp, the common law wife of the legendary Wyatt Earp, is buried in Superior.

Visitors can also view the exquisite, handmade pottery from the village of Mata Ortiz in Mexico. The artists themselves will be bringing a load of this beautiful ware to the event. Weather permitting, pieces will be fired in an open fire during demonstrations.

Two great days for just $13 prepaid, $15 at the door. Bonus: tickets also include a 2-for-1 pass to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and a 2-for-1 pass to the Renaissance Festival. Tours will take place Saturday, Jan. 25, 9am–5pm, and Sunday, Jan. 26, 9am–4pm. Superior Chamber of Commerce is located at 165 West Main Street. For additional information, call 520.689.0200 or visit www.superiorarizonachamber.org.
Having been the youngest hat maker when he began, Eric Watson of Watson's Hat Shop has come a long way. ICMA (International Country Music Association's) 2019 Male Vocalist of the Year, Buddy Jewell has chosen Watson as his official hat maker. Jewell also won ICMA's Song of the Year with his tribute to Gold Star families, called “I'm There.” Watson has designed hats for such series as NETFLIX “Godless,” and “Cole” in the Syfy series “12 Monkeys” fourth season.

Jewell and Watson are a true match. Both men are incredible artists who share a deep appreciation for God, their families and our country. Watson’s artistry in hat making is known worldwide. His hats have gone near and far and will now travel the world with Jewell, as he performs his renowned songs with worldwide acclaim.

According to Watson, “One of my fortes is replica hats, since that is how I started my career. It was Harrison Ford’s Hat in my favorite movie Raiders of the Lost Arc that started me down a path to all kinds of hat creations, from movies to television to musicians. Buddy’s style is perfect for me. I will create and design a hat that fits him impeccably, both in customized size and personality.”

Watson continued, “Buddy’s style is very unique, all cowboy, very spiritual and totally authentic. He likes what's called a ‘Gambler Crown’ with a large brim and a hand-made hatband. I have some very special touches for him that will set him apart from the crowd. My silversmith has already started his personalized hat band too.”

With a growing business, Watson's wife, Emily, traded in her wings as a pilot/flight instructor to help Eric, also a pilot, manage the business while learning the hat making processes from him. They keep each other grounded and focused on their daily business goals and production. Emily has now brought to the shop a whole new line of ladies' hats, “The Lady Watson Collection,” which features unique embellishments, jewels, feathers and even touches of hand-embroidery.

Watson's has grown exponentially over the last seven years. They started with just over 500 square feet of space that was packed to the rafters and have now evolved into a 2,400-square-foot vintage “chic” store, located in Stagecoach Village, Cave Creek.

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Willowbrook Church Hosts ‘Gigantic’ Annual Rummage Sale

Forty-third annual event to be held Jan. 23–25

Valley residents are invited to attend the largest church rummage sale in the West Valley. The Willowbrook Church campus will be overflowing with good quality donated merchandise at reasonable prices Jan. 23–25. Plan on shopping early for the best selection. Hot cinnamon rolls and lunch will be available daily on the patio. Proceeds go to support the church’s Outreach and Mission projects. (Donations will be accepted Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20–21).

Rummage sale hours are 8am–3pm, Thursday and Friday; 8am–noon, Saturday. Willowbrook Church is located at 19390 North 99th Avenue, Sun City.

For information, call 623.974.5637 or visit www.willowbrookumc.org.

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Recently, the Watsons purchased their building and feel very blessed and excited for their continued growth as custom hatters. They have expanded their team as well, with apprentice Alex Cabrera, who comes from a family of master craftsmen. In addition, they have Jerry Hill, a retired corporate executive who handles business relations as well as hat restoration.

No need to travel back in time, hatter Eric Watson cares for his hats with the same precision and respect that hat makers did in the times of the Old West. Hats are completely customized, hand stamped in gold leaf on every hat band with the wearer’s initials, ranch logo, business name or just about anything you can think of — master craftsman/artisan Eric Watson can do it all.

So, no matter where you “hang your hat” you can be sure that it is the finest, most authentic, if it was made by the hands of Watson’s Hat Shop!

Watson’s Hat shop is located at 7100 East Cave Creek Road, #148, in Stagecoach Village, Cave Creek. Hours: Monday 10am-4pm; Tuesday – Saturday10am-6:30pm. For additional information, call 480.595.9777 or visit www.watsonshatshop.com.
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As you read this column, the newest year 2020 has already arrived. It’s the year we will refer to in the phrase “hindsight is 2020.” So, if this newest year *does* grant us the opportunity to reflect on the past, what do we see?

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