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Liberty Wildlife's Eagle Team Director
and Wildlife Manager Joe Miller.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The holiday season is upon us, and there's no better time to get out and experience the winter events happening all around our neighborhood.

Whether it's light displays (page 49), ice skating (page 25), or Hanukkah events (page 34), the *Arcadia News* has all the information you need to have a memorable time with family and friends this holiday season. December is also a month for giving back, and we've assembled a list of places where you can make a difference this holiday season (page 26).

If you're curious about our eye-catching cover for this month, turn to page 32 and read about Liberty Wildlife, an organization that is helping to rehabilitate local wildlife and teach students about what they can do to help.

One of the most iconic and well-known aspects of the Arcadia community is the mountain that overlooks it. Camelback Mountain is the natural wonder of our neighborhood, and residents are doing their best to make sure it remains taken care of and protected. Check out our story on the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council (PMPC) and their plan to designate the mountain as a preserve (page 40).

The Arcadia Titans football team had a successful turnaround season this year, but you may not know that the very first Arcadia High School team was pretty good too. We visit with four members of the only undefeated team in Titans history (page 50).

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any story ideas, suggestions or feedback. Many of our best neighborhood stories are made possible by readers who contact us. We hope you enjoy the December 2018 edition – and thank you for reading the *Arcadia News*!

— Nick Smith



THIS MONTH'S WINNER:

Mrs. Sherril Hunter — Second grade teacher at Tavan Elementary
Nominated by: Guisella Ford Boniche

What made you want to become a teacher?

I knew I always wanted to be a teacher, but I didn't actually become a teacher until after my career as a meeting planner and hotel catering manager. After my first son was born, I was inspired to teach and enrolled at ASU. It took me over five years to get my degree — it was a lot harder with children. I received my degree along with an endorsement in Teaching English as a Second Language.

Have you always lived in the Arcadia area?

What high school did you attend?

I actually live in Old Town Scottsdale, and I grew up in Tucson. My father was in the Air Force and we lived on the base (Davis-Monthan) when I was in high school. I graduated from Santa Rita High.

Have you always taught second grade?

When I first started teaching I taught fourth grade. I worked as a first grade teacher too, and twice I looped with my students — teaching them in first and second grade — and I fell in love with second grade. I've been teaching second for over ten years. I have also been an English Language Development teacher most of my career, which is teaching students who are learning English.

Did you teach anywhere else before working at Tavan?

I taught keyboarding, word processing and other business courses to adults at a business school years before I got my

teaching degree. It was very different from teaching kids! After I got my degree, I went to work at Tavan. I've been there for 21 years, and I love all of the staff and teachers. We all work hard and love what we do!

What do you most enjoy about teaching your second graders?

My favorite part of the day is when I get to read with students. I love finding new stories to read to them. I also love teaching science which I think is my students' favorite thing to do. I have a great connection with my students. I like to be funny and make them laugh.

Do you have any special techniques for teaching that you use?

I think second graders are fun. They are eager to learn and they love

school. Some days I have a reading dog that comes to visit and read with the kids. They really love Copper and love to read to him. I like to sing (even though my family thinks I am terrible). I like to dance and I'm determined to learn the "Floss" dance before the end of the year!

Winning teachers receive Arcadia News gift items, a gift certificate for the Phoenix Spa and a gift certificate to Postino.

All winners are invited to an end of school year celebratory luncheon.

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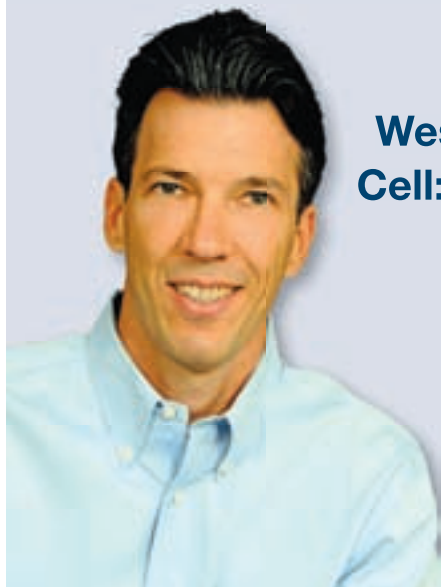
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Active Homes -	153 homes
Homes Sold -	265 homes
Average Sale Price -	\$1,275,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$355
Average Days On Market -	133 days

There is currently 7 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 home sales have increased 15% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 home prices have increased 11%. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 6%. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 homes are taking 13% more time to sell. (based on 2017 sales results)

2017 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	276 homes
Average Sale Price -	\$1,140,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$332
Average Days On Market -	116 days

2018 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2018-10/31/2018)

Active Homes -	85 Homes
Homes Sold -	188 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$640,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$270
Average Days On Market -	84 days

There is currently 4 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 home sales have decreased 1% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 home prices have increased 4%. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 5%. (based on 2017 sales results)

2018 Homes are taking 7% more time to sell. (based on 2017 sales results)

2017 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	241 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$612,000
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Both Dr. Jain and Dr. Hill are Arizona natives and Arcadia residents who are looking forward to sharing their experience and expertise with their neighbors. They will continue to provide individualized, high quality allergy care at their sister affiliate practice, San Tan Allergy & Asthma, in Gilbert.

Opening in January of 2019, Arcadia Allergy & Asthma will be the first of its kind with a dedicated food allergy center, a severe asthma clinic, and an eczema clinic. Stay tuned for information about an open house scheduled for the first week of January!!!

Both Dr. Jain and Dr. Hill are accepting new pediatric and adult patients.

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The magic of cinnamon

By Sara Lemons Vaules

With the holidays around the corner, the smell of cinnamon beckons and there are so many wonderful ways to use it, such as a natural health aide or even as an air freshener. This potent spice has been used medicinally around the world for thousands of years. It is used daily in many cultures because of its benefits and ease of use in recipes.

So, what exactly is cinnamon and where does it come from? It is actually made from the *Cinnamomum Verum* tree and the unique smell, color, and flavor of cinnamon comes from the oily part of the tree. The health benefits of cinnamon come from the bark. This bark contains several special compounds which are responsible for its many health-promoting properties, including cinnamaldehyde, cinnamic acid and cinnamate.

The many health benefits of cinnamon can be obtained in the form of essential oils, ground spice form (bark powder) or extract form. These compounds make cinnamon one of the most beneficial spices on earth, giving it antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, anti-microbial and immune-boosting properties. Including it in many sweet and flavorful recipes is easy, or it can

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certainly be taken as a supplement.

The smell of hot cinnamon rolls baking in the oven is certainly a wonderful way to get the natural smell of cinnamon in the home. You can also simply simmer cinnamon sticks in a pan of hot water. For something longer lasting but a bit more detailed, here is a recipe you can try.

Ingredients

- 1/2 whole nutmeg grated
- 1/4 cup ground cinnamon or 5 whole cinnamon sticks
- 1/4 cup pumpkin pie spice or apple pie spice
- 1/8 cup cloves ground
- 4 zested oranges or frontier orange peel

Instructions

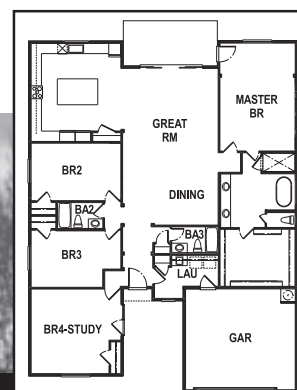
Zest and dehydrate orange zest in oven. Use parchment or foil and bake at 230 degrees for 20-30 minutes. Watch the oranges so they don't burn. Mix together spices and orange zest/peel. Using a small sauce pan boil 3 cups water. Once at a rolling boil, lower heat to simmer. Add spice/orange zest mixture.

— Sara Lemons Vaules is the founder of *Lemon and Light*, which offers consulting, products and strategies for moving with ease into an organic, chemical-free lifestyle.

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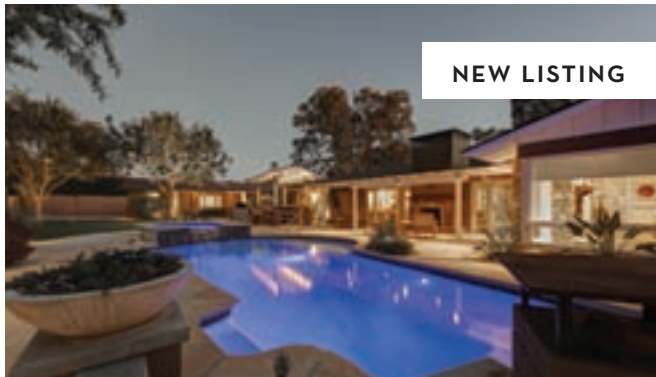


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SATURDAY 12/1

A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail

3 p.m. at the Valley Youth Theatre, 525 N. 1st St., Phoenix. In its 23rd year of production, the Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail is a classic loved by all. Join all of your favorite characters – Winnie, Eeyore, Piglet, Tigger and Christopher Robin as they search the snowy grounds to find Eeyore's tail. The theatre will be transformed into a winter wonderland, with singing and dancing for all to enjoy. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more: vyt.com.

Wine Fest

1 – 5 p.m. at Wasted Grain, 7295 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale. The holidays can get a bit hectic, so why not take some time to unwind and head to Wasted Grain for an afternoon of wine tasting? There will be over 25 wines from all over the world to sample, plus giveaways, a photo contest, and good old fashioned fun. Tickets are \$25. For more: wastedgrain.com.

Winterfest

5 – 8 p.m. at the Avondale Civic Center Complex, 11465 W. Civic Center Dr., Avondale. You know what Winterfest



Winterfest at the Avondale Civic Center Complex.

means – Santa and Mrs. Claus are on their way. This family fun event will have snow, kids games and crafts, live entertainment, food vendors, and a tree lighting ceremony to kick off the countdown to Christmas. This event is free. For more: avondaleaz.squarespace.com.

Sweets Throwdown

5 – 9 p.m. at Park West, 9744 W.

Northern Ave., Peoria. If sweet treats are your favorite guilty pleasure, then you won't want to miss this throwdown. Ten food trucks will be on site wielding samples of their best treats for you to sample and choose which will win the title of best sweet treat. There will also be fun kids activities, music and Santa might just make an appearance. For more: ediblephoenix.ediblecommunities.com.

SUNDAY 12/2

Holiday Tea

2 – 3 p.m. at the Phoenician, 6000 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale. Enjoy the quiet tranquility of the Phoenician and enjoy a drink or two at the Holiday Tea event. This afternoon tea event not only comes with three options for drinks, but also a three course meal, complete with finger sandwiches, pastries, and a glass of champagne, if you're in the mood. Registration starts at \$75 per person. For more: thephoenician.com.

FRIDAY 12/7

Crafeteria

6 – 10 p.m. at Frances Boutique, 10 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Head to downtown Phoenix and rejoice in a local boutique craft show. Over 30 of the Valley's best local artisans will be on site showcasing and selling their products, from jewelry, toys, beauty products snacks and of course, holiday décor. There will also be food trucks and live entertainment. This event is free. For more: shopfrancesboutique.com.

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SATURDAY 12/8

World Bazaar

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Camelback Park and Ride area, 1813 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix. The World Bazaar Phoenix is back again for another event filled with culture, cuisine and community. There will be over 50 vendors selling food, art, and homemade goods, plus dance performances from Africa, Asia and Latin America. This is a free event. For more: rescue.org.

Breakfast with Santa

8 – 10 a.m. at the Children’s Museum, 215 N. 7th St., Phoenix. What could be more fun than having breakfast with the jolly man himself? The Children’s Museum presents Breakfast with Santa, where you can take a photo with him and

then enjoy a pancake breakfast, and then run all that energy off at the museum. Tickets are \$40. For more: childrensmuseumofphoenix.com.

Journaling – Art & Observation Series

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Hermosa Inn, 5532 N. Palo Cristi Road, Paradise Valley. Let off some steam from the holiday madness and join the Scottsdale Artists’ School for Journaling – Art and Observation Series: In the Spirit of the Holiday. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced artist, this class will teach you tips and tricks to hone your sketching abilities, with mimosas and pastries to keep you sated while you sketch. Registration is \$85 per person. For more: hermosainn.com.

SUNDAY 12/9

The Spirit of Christmas

2 p.m. at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler. The Christian Dance Company invites you to share in their 31st annual Spirit of Christmas extravaganza. Over 100 dancers will take to the stage, sharing all the classic Christmas songs



World Bazaar at the Camelback Park and Ride area in Phoenix.

we know and love. The costumes, the dances, the music will make you wish Christmas was a year-round event. Tickets are \$30. For more: chandlercenter.org.

Indian Market

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Celebrate the Indian

culture at the 42nd Annual Indian Market. Attendees will meet with artists and participate in hands-on activities, with hoop dancing performances, over 100 booths of fine art and collectibles, music and authentic cuisine such as fry bread, tacos, cactus chili and burgers. Tickets are \$10. For more: pueblogrande.org.

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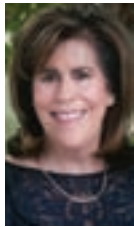
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FRIDAY 12/14

KLove Christmas Tour

7 p.m. at ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe. If Christmas music is your jam, this is one concert you won't want to miss. Special guests Big Daddy Weave, Kim Walker Smith of Jesus Culture, Brandon Heath, and Sarah Reeves will be bringing the Christmas music to your ears all night. Make sure to bring your dancing shoes – you probably won't be in your seat very long. Tickets are \$27. For more: asugammage.com.

SATURDAY 12/15

Christmas Fever

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Arizona Jewish



Drumline Spectacular at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Historical Society, 122 E. Culver St., Phoenix. The Abaka Foundation presents its first annual Christmas Fever celebration. It's a day filled with live music, entertainment, Christmas carolers, a food and drink court, Christmas activities, games, pictures with Santa and Elsa and Anna, and a

vendor village. Anything you dream about Christmas can be found here. Tickets are \$25. For more: abakafoundation.org.

SUNDAY 12/16

'Tis the Season

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix.

Everything about this event is merry and bright. This annual event will feature hands-on games and activities for the family, plus live performances of your favorite Christmas jingles. Tickets are \$20. For more: mim.org.

MONDAY 12/17

A Drag Queen Christmas

8 p.m. at the Van Buren, 401 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix. Get ready to rock the catwalk with a Drag Queen Christmas. Featuring guests from Ru Paul's Drag Race, the queens will be providing the laughs and the Christmas spirit with their own twists. Tickets start at \$37 with VIP packages available. For more: dragfans.com.

FRIDAY 12/21

Drumline Spectacular

7:30 p.m. at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler. If you've ever seen a drumline, you know how much the music amps you up – now imagine it will all of your holiday favorites. Drumline Live is a full marching band ready to perform modern holiday hits, classics and everything in between. Get ready to jam out. Tickets start at \$38. For more: chandlercenter.org.

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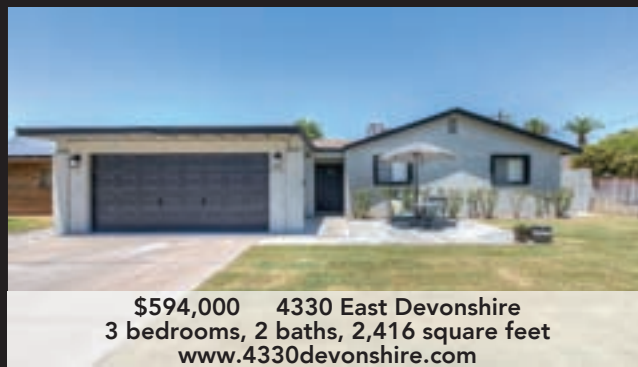
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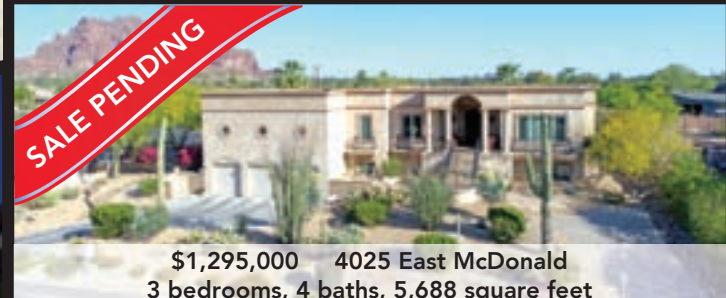
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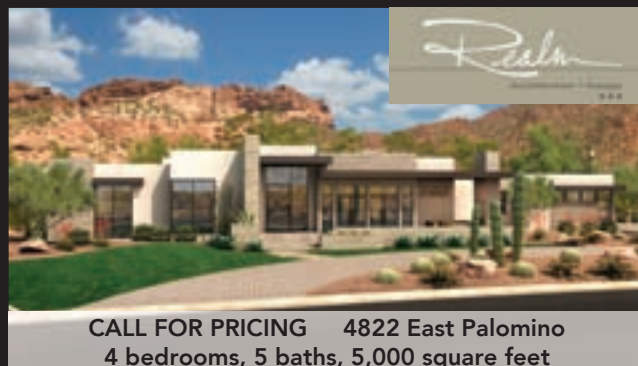
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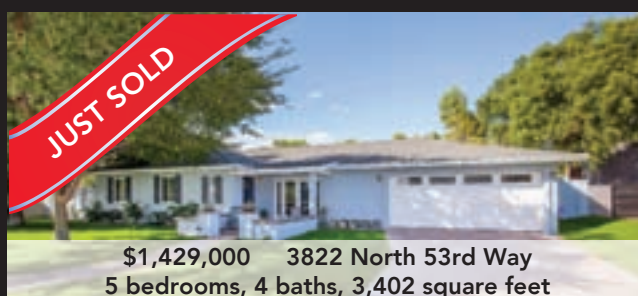
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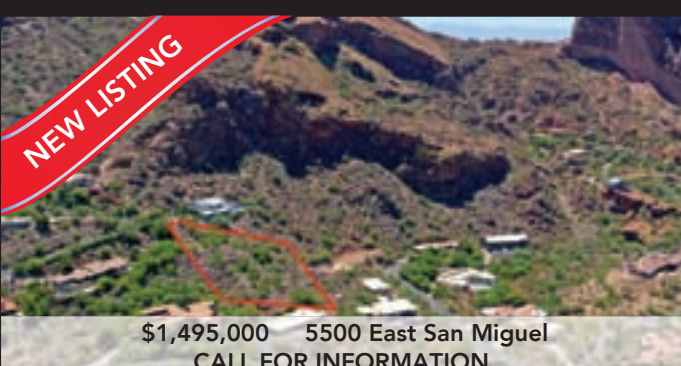
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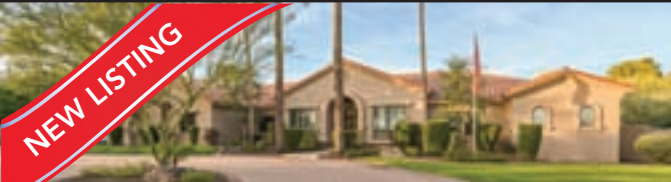
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Arizona Vegan Festival

10 a.m. at the Centennial Plaza, 9875 N. 85th Ave., Peoria. Come get educated and learn about the vegan lifestyle at Arizona's Vegan Festival. This two day festival will have multiple speakers, classes, live music and entertainment, cooking demos, pet adoptions, yoga classes, and sample of vegan based food and drinks. This is a free event. For more: azveganfest.com.

Selfies with Santa Holiday Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Main Street and MacDonald in downtown Mesa. Finish up your last minute shopping and support local businesses at the Selfie with Santa event. There will be a vendor village filled with local treats, décor, household items, and more. Bring the kids along to get their photo taken with Santa and enjoy doughnuts and coffee while checking out the homemade goods. This event is free. For more: momnationaz.com.

WEDNESDAY 12/26

Winter Camp for Kids

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Little Gym, 4848 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale. Looking for something to keep your little ones busy during winter break? Have no fear,



Snow Week at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix.

the Little Gym is here. During the week of Christmas two four-hour camps will be filled with arts and crafts, group activities, skill building and adventures like the snowmen slumber party and treasure of Blizzard Mountain. Camps are \$45 a day. For more: thelittlegym.com.

THURSDAY 12/27

Snow Week

10 a.m. at the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix. We don't get much snow down here in the Valley, so the Science Center is bringing the snow to us. Heritage and Science Park Hill will be covered with over 75 tons of snow for the

last week of December. Get your sledding gear on, participate in science demos, and experience ice-themed shows in the theater. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for kids. For more: azscience.org.

FRIDAY 12/28

Las Noches de las Luminarias

5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. The 39th annual Las Noches tradition is back again at DBG. The gardens will be lit up by over 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags and thousands of twinkle lights. Walk along the trails and be serenaded by nine entertainment ensembles. Grab a cup of cocoa or cider and enjoy the beautiful weather and trails at Desert Botanical Garden. Tickets are \$25. For more: dbg.org.

MONDAY 12/31

Noon Year's Eve

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. Get ready to ring in the New Year early this year at the Phoenix Zoo. There will be 30 tons of snow for snow fun activities, bug-themed games and activities, bounce houses, snowball targets, a DJ and dancing, countdown to noon and a cider toast when the ball drops. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$17 for kids. For more: phoenixzoo.org.

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SATURDAY 12/1

Prescott Chamber Christmas Parade

1 – 3 p.m. in historic downtown Prescott, 120 S. Cortez St., Prescott. Time to officially kick off the holidays with the 36th annual Prescott Christmas Parade. Support the local community and cheer along with other spectators while watching the floats and listening to your favorite Christmas songs. Then, after the parade, get your picture taken with Santa – and maybe play in the snow too while you're there. For more: Prescott-az.gov.



Prescott Chamber Christmas Parade in historic downtown Prescott.

WEDNESDAY 12/5

The Flagstaff Poetry Slam

7:30 – 10 p.m. at the Firecreek Coffee Company, 22 E. Route 66, Flagstaff. Get ready to get your world rocked by some poetry. The Firecreek Coffee Company presents the Wednesday Poetry Slam, where contestants brave the stage and present their best work to be graded by five randomly selected audience members. If you've got what it takes, you can sign up to perform as well. Tickets range from \$2 to \$5. For more: flagstaff365.com.

FRI. 12/7 – SAT. 12/8

Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering

Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. at Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 N. Frontier St., Wickenburg. Join featured artists Matt Robertson, Juni Fisher and more for the 30th annual Cowboy Christmas Poetry celebration. There will be a cowboy reception where you'll get a little taste of Saturday's event with cocktails, food and music. On Saturday the featured artists will serenade with stories, poems and ballads of the old west. Tickets are \$10 for Friday's reception and \$15 for Saturday's performance. For more: wickenburgchamber.com.

TUESDAY 12/4

Irish Christmas in America

7 p.m. at the Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W. Congress St., Tucson. Bringing a little bit of Irish culture to the Christmas season, this Irish Christmas performance is sure to have you tapping your toes the whole time. Irish traditional musicians and Riverdance performances will take you through all the Christmas traditions and have you in the holiday spirit in no time. Tickets are \$30 - \$47. For more: foxtucson.com.

Queen Creek Holiday Festival & Parade

12 – 7 p.m. around Ellsworth and Ocotillo Road, Queen Creek. Head to the 36th annual Queen Creek Holiday Festival and Parade to get your holiday spirit going. Start the day by browsing through local vendor and craft booths. The parade starts at 3:00. Then, grab a bite to eat, listen to live local entertainment, kids zone, Santa sightings, and a tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. For more: queencreekparade.org.

Loko Bandito Obstacle Run

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Desert Sun Stadium, 1440 W. Desert Hills Dr., Yuma. We all know the holidays are filled with deliciousness – why not run off some of the holiday cooking with an obstacle course? The Loko Bandito run will get you running, jumping, climbing and crawling, sometimes through mud, to get to the finish line. There are kid and adult courses. Registration is \$5 for kids, \$15 for adults. For more: visityuma.com.



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SATURDAY 12/8

Christmas in the Park

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sedona Heritage Museum, 735 Jordan Road, Sedona. Get your mind off the holiday hustle and head to Sedona for Christmas in the Park. Visit with the tumbleweed snowman, enjoy hot cider, holiday cookies, holiday décor, storytelling, make and take activities, and local authors having meet and greets. This event is free. For more: visitsedona.com.

FRIDAY 12/14

Kids Night Out

6 – 9 p.m. at the City Campus Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, Show Low. The Christmas hustle is in full swing by now and it's time for a night off. The City Campus Teen Center has just the solution – Kids Night Out. Kids ages 5 – 11 will have the opportunity to create their very own dinner, also known as pancake creation night. Once dinner is done, there will be a movie put on, with games and activities also at the ready. This event is free. For more: showlowaz.gov.

SATURDAY 12/15

Jolly Holiday Food Truck Movie Night

4 – 8 p.m. at Sundance Park, 22865 W.

Lower Buckeye Road, Buckeye. Grab your blankets, pillows and chairs and get ready for a family fun movie night. There will be a holiday movie up on the big screen, but also pictures with Santa, hot cocoa, cookies, food trucks, a holiday dance party, kids activities, and a vendor village. It's the perfect family night out. For more: westvalleypopup.webs.com.

SATURDAY 12/17

Stocking-Stuffer Bazaar

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Prescott Activity Center, 824 E. Gurley St., Prescott. The last thing on your Christmas to-do list is to stuff the stockings, and what better way to find the perfect gift than at the non-profit Stocking Stuffer Bazaar? More than 50 organizations, school and service groups will be selling their gifts, crafts and baked goods. There will be carolers and a chance to meet Santa. Support your local non-profit agencies and find that perfect last minute gift. For more: stocking-stuffer-bazaar.com.

SATURDAY 12/22

Festival of Lights

6 p.m. on the London Bridge, Lake Havasu City. Looking at Christmas lights is part of the holiday tradition – why not go somewhere where the lights set



Festival of Lights on the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City.

the water aglow? Take a stroll under the London Bridge and gaze at over 500,000 lights set up on the shores of the lake. Plus, you might catch a glimpse of Santa Claus, so make sure you bring your Christmas list along. For more: golakehavasu.com.

MONDAY 12/31

Pinecone Drop

10 p.m. at the Weatherford Hotel, 23

N. Leroux St., Flagstaff. We've all seen the iconic ball drop in NYC on New Year's Eve, but have you ever seen a gigantic pinecone drop to celebrate the New Year? If not, head to Weatherford Hotel, where a massive pinecone will mark the New Year twice – once at 10 p.m. to coincide with New York, and again at midnight for Arizona. Bring your mittens and hat, it's going to be a cold welcome to 2019. For more: flagstaffarizona.org.



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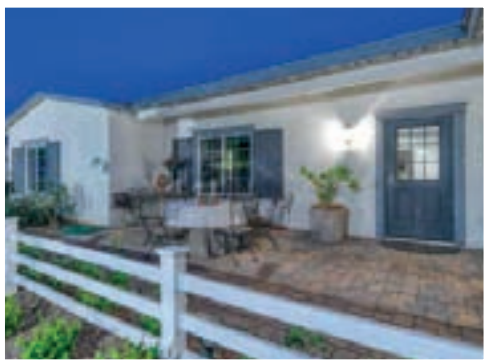
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Over the years Dyer Electric has been a great opportunity for my brother Phil and myself. We both made our careers at Dyer Electric and were very fortunate. We are a union shop out of Local 640 that has been very good to Dyer Electric over the years. I had the privilege of going through the electrical apprenticeship in the early 1980's. My brother, Phil was President of NECA for many years. On June 11, 2018 my brother, Phil passed away. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the electrical industry.

My dad told me I would know when it's time to hang it up. Sadly, that time has arrived. As of December 2018, Dyer Electric will be closing, but our loyal office manager, Dona Dolezal will be continuing under the Dyer Electric name and phone number. Please give her your full support. I know she will do a great job of carrying on the Dyer Electric legacy. Dona as well as our superintendent, Marty Wood have been with Dyer Electric for 25 years. Marty will be retiring in December as well. Thank you both from the Dyer Family. In closing, I would like to thank all of our customers for their support over the years, as well as current and former employees. You are the reason we served the valley for 72 years. Our family takes pride in the reputation we have built and Dyer Electric being the oldest license in the valley.

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Traditions worth making

By Robin Sewell

I had barely finished putting away the spiders, cobwebs and Halloween pumpkins when my daughter enthusiastically asked if we could start listening to Christmas music. No, I emphatically said, it's not even Thanksgiving yet.



See, in our house, the tradition is to at least wait until we come out of our turkey coma to fully appreciate the hard work of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!

Making memories and creating traditions is something I always knew would be the cornerstone of my relationship with my daughter, and that's because it was something I deeply coveted when I was a kid. My mom did everything she could to give me the best life possible. However, as a struggling, single mom juggling multiple jobs, paying the bills took priority over making traditions. We were fortunate to have friends who warmly welcomed us to participate in their holiday traditions, but I must admit, I secretly wished we were forging our own. I didn't crave anything lavish. Just the simple things I would constantly overhear at these festive gatherings such as grandpa carving a turkey, grandma's special stuffing, kids opening presents first, white elephant parties and leaving out cookies and milk for Santa.

The truth is, it doesn't matter what holiday



Holiday traditions can be big, like a family dinner, or small, like Elf on the Shelf.

you celebrate or whether you are into the holidays at all. What matters are the traditions you make with your family and friends that will forever be remembered, cherished and hopefully passed down through the generations.

In my quest to create my own family traditions, I discovered that every family puts their own individual twist on memory making. Sometimes it corresponds with your religion or cultural heritage, like lighting a Menorah and eating latkes to celebrate Hanukkah, or the lighting of lamps, stringing of lights and sparklers that are symbolic of Diwali, India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. When it comes to Christmas, anything goes from Christmas cookies, caroling, the Elf on the

Shelf, to getting ready for that all-important visit from the Big Man himself, Mr. Claus.

I frankly love the Arizona-themed traditions, like having the whole family participate in a turkey trot, hiking Camelback Mountain on Thanksgiving, heading to Williams to ride the Polar Express, or driving to Prescott for the annual Christmas tree lighting and a drive through the valley of the lights.

We have had our family holiday traditions that started before my daughter said her first word. One of my favorites has always been our tree decorating. Each ornament has a story, from a place we've been, something homemade, a gift from someone special or an one that simply represents a significant time or memory in our lives. As time goes on, we add to our collection, as if our story is being told on our tree.

Every year, our family gift to each other is to all go out to a musical, ballet, or some live performance simply to relax and enjoy

spending time together. This year I'm thinking about "Elf" at the Phoenix Theatre. We always adopt a family from UMOM and the fun of shopping and picking out presents for those in need is honestly the best gift we

feel we give to each other. And after all those years of feasting at other people's homes and basking in their traditions, I get to finally host my friends and family at our home making memories year after year and our very own unique traditions that my daughter joyfully anticipates as December approaches and talks about long after the holidays are over.

So when my daughter asks me for the thousandth time when we can start listening to Christmas music, I will smile and repeat, "It's our tradition to wait until after Turkey Day."

— Robin Sewell is the host and executive producer of the Emmy Award winning Arizona Highways Television.

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Car tech can be expensive to repair

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

Automakers continue to race toward a self-driving future, adding a multitude of high-tech safety systems aimed at preventing crashes. These advanced driver assistance systems (also known as ADAS) are considered the building blocks toward fully automated vehicles and are available on many cars today, helping drivers stay in their lanes, detect vehicles in blind spots and even avoid crashes by applying the brakes.

But, what happens when one of these high-tech vehicles is involved in a minor collision? Or, even more likely, gets a chip in the windshield during the daily commute? Does the increased technology equal an increase in repair costs?

AAA evaluated three popular vehicle models equipped with the latest technology to understand the costs of repairing these systems. To “see” the world around them, these vehicles rely on sophisticated cameras and sensors in bumpers, side-view mirrors and behind windshields. If damaged, not only do these components have to be replaced, they must also be recalibrated.

This type of specialized fix can add up to an additional \$3,000 in repair costs.

Windshields, one of the most common types of repairs with 14.5 million replacements annually, can cost three times more to replace on a vehicle equipped with these systems.

If faced with repairs, it is important to select a facility that is equipped to handle these types of systems. Replacing sensors and cameras is relatively straight-forward and can be performed by most mechanics. However, the calibration needed to return ADAS to full operation is a specialized task requiring special information, training, tools and facilities. It is important to verify the facility selected is able to properly repair and recalibrate the damaged system, and AAA recommends requesting proof of the work once complete.

As technology continues to evolve, drivers need to be better educated and more aware of their vehicle’s capabilities. This includes understanding how the vehicle systems work as well as how much repairs may cost if damaged.

AAA recommends drivers review their insurance policy regularly to ensure they have the appropriate coverage to cover the cost of repairs for any damage and that deductibles are manageable to minimize out-of-pocket expenses.



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Sara Dial

By Ray Artigue

True enough; the holidays put us in the mood for giving and for most that means wrapping gifts aplenty.

However for some people, the holiday tradition of giving and sharing is simply an extension of what they do throughout the year. Sara Dial is such a person.

No, she doesn't reside at the North Pole; rather she lives just around the block and performs her rendition of “Jolly Old St. Nick” through her tireless community service.

“My mom was my role model growing up and she was an incredible woman,” says Dial with unbridled adoration. “She would always tell us to pay attention to opportunities that come our way as you never know where they will lead.”

Sara obviously took that advice to heart as her personal and professional life has been full of exploration, achievements and contributions.

After graduating from Stanford University with a degree in international relations, she moved to Phoenix in 1986 and started her career in investment banking.

“The desert was so very different from Puget Sound where I grew up, so I suppose that's why I fell in love with the lushness of Arcadia.” She and her husband, Patrick, raised their three children — Tyler, Wyatt and Tatum — in the neighborhood and have no plans of leaving.

In 1991, Dial took her finance expertise to the Arizona Department of Commerce and two short years later she was appointed director of the agency by Governor Fife Symington. Thereafter, she started her own economic development consulting firm and for the past 22 years has represented clients such as Google, Facebook, GoDaddy and Avnet.

“Starting my consulting business was a conscious decision to allow me to be both a mother and a working professional. And for all that I may have accomplished in my career, my proudest achievement is my three children,” she says with conviction.

That's saying a lot, as Dial has achieved a great deal in her career and has given back to the community in generous proportions. She has served in leadership roles

on dozens of non-profit and for-profit boards and has been lauded with numerous awards and recognition, including being chosen “Top Ten Most Influential Women” by the *Phoenix Business Journal*.

“My personal mission is to serve others. I want to lend my abilities to make things better,” said Dial, crediting her give-back philosophy to

her upbringing and faith.

When asked if politics might be in her future, she hesitates and then admits, “I think I'd be good at it. Then again, you have to have a certain fire in your belly. I'd rather get things done by working through others.”

She says she most enjoys pursuing “big ideas” and predicts “I have another really big thing left in me to accomplish.”

One can only imagine what a gift that will be.

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We are so fortunate to call this beautiful community home and I try to *never* take that for granted.

So as we prepare for another year, I just want to take this moment to thank my wonderful clients for their business and my amazing friends for their referrals.

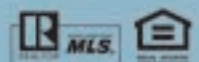
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Ice in the desert: 5 places to skate in the Valley

By Megan Forrester

There are many things that qualify as a white Christmas, typically sub-zero temperatures and lots of snow. Now, those characteristics may not apply to central and southern Arizona in December, but we can fake it a little bit.

Here are some temporary ice skating rinks that can help bring that white Christmas feeling to the Valley.

MERRY MAIN STREET
20 E. Main St., Mesa
merrymainst.com

Mesa is once again hosting its holiday event, Merry Main Street, which showcases its Winter Wonderland Ice Rink.

This 4,000 square-foot outdoor ice rink allows everyone in the family to rent skates and glide along the ice while listening to Christmas music.

There are also many opportunities to get a discount on admission, like Ugly Sweater Day on Wednesdays and Two-Fer Tuesdays. After skating, be sure to check out the many other activities, like Jack Frost's Food Truck Village, Santa's sELFie Village and Mesa's four-story tall Christmas tree.

DESERT ICE SKATING RINK
7575 E. Princess Dr., Scottsdale
scottsdaleprincess.com

A perfect combination of the beautiful desert landscape and a little touch of winter is what many will experience at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess this holiday season. Its 6,000 square-foot ice rink gives people a true feeling of an Arizona Christmas by viewing the Scottsdale desert

as they skate. Several Ice Den performances occur as well on the rink throughout the holidays along with a special appearance from the Coca Cola Bear on December 2. Also, there will be slight sprinkles of snowfall along the rink nightly to add even more magic to Christmas at the Princess.

CITYSKATE
1 Washington St. #300, Phoenix
phxicerink.com

One of Downtown Phoenix's most beloved holiday traditions has returned. CitySkate is an outdoor ice rink presented by APS which lights up the downtown area with holiday spirit. Skate your cares away

with beautiful string lights above and a stunning Christmas tree at the center of the rink. After hanging up your skates, check out the hot cocoa stand as well

as visits from Santa on every Saturday and Sunday. Also, join CitySkate for its brand-new event, City Lights Movie

Nights, which allows families to gather on December 14 under the lights and watch holiday movies including "Home Alone" and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" for free.

WINTER WONDERLAND: SCHNEPF FARMS
24610 E. Rittenhouse Road,
Queen Creek
schneppffarms.com

The feeling of walking in a winter wonderland will become a reality at Schnepf Farms. There is something to do every day at the farm this year, including its ice-skating rink which opens on December 6.



CitySkate in downtown Phoenix.

The farm offers special days for discount pricing, like 2 for 1 skating on Monday, Family Nights and Date Night Skate Night every Friday night, which includes ice skating and two cups of hot chocolate for \$20. After skating, be sure to check out the countless other holiday activities offered at Schnepf Farms, including train rides, hotdog roasting and drive-in movies. Want to get a little sporty with your friends on the ice? The farm also offers pond hockey to those interested.

AZ ICE ARCADIA
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If you're looking for a year-round skate spot, look no further than Thomas Road. AZ Ice Arcadia boasts skating classes for those who are just starting out, hockey classes as well as free hockey tryouts for kids 5-9. Public skating sessions are held seven days a week. Open hockey and lessons are also available for all ages and skill sets. Skate rentals are \$3.50. Admission is \$8.50 for kids and \$9.50 for adults.



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Volunteer to help those in need this holiday season

By Jennifer Marshall

For most of us, the holiday season means sharing gifts, joy, laughter and delicious meals with family and friends. For many people in our community, though, Christmas is just another day to survive, hoping to find food and warmth.

This December, when we volunteer our time and donate our money, we can help these families in our community enjoy the holidays a little bit more.

To learn how you can help, check out the following charities.

ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK

firstfoodbank.org

St. Mary's Food Bank is the world's first food bank.

"We serve 250,000 meals a day through a network of about 600 agency partners," said Jerry Brown, director of public relations for the Bank.

St. Mary's depends on both food and cash donations. Volunteers are needed to assemble the food boxes and assist those who pick up their meals, especially the elderly.

THE PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION

phoenixrescuemission.org

The Phoenix Rescue Mission works to stop hunger and homelessness. Every year, it sponsors a Toy Drive to collect gifts for kids. On Saturday, December 15 from 8 a.m. to



The Phoenix Rescue Mission Turkey Drive.

1 p.m., the Mission will host its annual Winter Wonderland. This event allows parents to select Christmas gifts for their children, which are then wrapped by volunteers.

"This makes gifting more of a personal experience," said Nicole Peña, chief development officer for the Mission.

Children are able to pick out presents for their parents too, and at the end of the festivities, families are given a food box containing a turkey and all the trimmings

for a traditional Christmas dinner. Volunteers are needed to fill these boxes.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

stvincentdepaul.net

"Our goal is to feed, clothe, house and heal," said Mary Chou-Thompson, the Society's marketing director.

From a central kitchen, volunteers prepare meals that are then allocated to its five dining rooms across the Valley, where more

volunteers serve the hungry.

It also runs the Adopt-A-Family program, which pairs families in need with volunteers who are responsible for providing these families with Christmas gifts and a holiday meal.

PRINCE OF PEACE

popphoenix.org/home

Prince of Peace is a Lutheran Church that's focused on community service.

"We have various service projects every month," said Audrey Cox, the church's director of youth and family ministry.

Prince of Peace sponsors two holiday drives. People adopt a child on an Angel Tree and purchase Christmas gifts for their little angel. The second program is operated in cooperation with Feed My Starving Children. Handmade Christmas ornaments from Swaziland are sold, and for every ornament purchased, Feed My Starving Children is able to prepare 45 more meals.

All charities appreciate the help they receive during November and December, but the needs don't disappear with the removal of the Christmas tree. When planning New Year's resolutions, consider volunteering to help those in need. Hunger knows no date, so people who don't have food are as hungry in March as they are in December.

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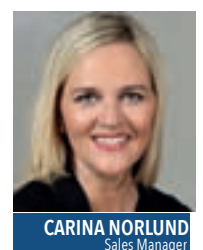


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Feed Our Babies provides food for thousands of families

By Elaina Verhoff

When Joni Navarro-Sucato started volunteering to read with students in the Wilson School District – just north of Sky Harbor Airport – years ago, she would bring in treats as a special surprise for the kids.

“The kids would put their treats in a backpack!” says Navarro-Sucato, explaining that she was surprised the kids wouldn’t devour them immediately, until she realized they were bringing the goodies home, so they wouldn’t have to go to bed hungry.

“I got a couple girlfriends together and we started contacting local businesses and went to a couple of food pantries and supplied food that families needed,” she explained.

This was the start of Feed Our Babies, an organization that has now been in operation for eight years, becoming a 501(c)3 about three years ago, and moving to its current location at Monte Vista Church of the Nazarene (3313 N. 40th St.) one year ago.

“We not only wanted to make sure our kids are well-fed and no children are coming to school hungry, but also that they have nutritious food,” Navarro-Sucato said.

The Wilson School District schools and local businesses were extremely supportive of her efforts. Today, the Wilson School District is completely self-sufficient, and she has since expanded her organization’s work to serve the Scottsdale Unified and the Creighton School Districts.

The mission of Feed Our Babies is to provide healthy food for families in the school system.

“We let teachers or community specialists identify the need for us. They give us a call and we provide food boxes to the families. They either come and get food or send families to the pantry,” she said.

The Midwest Food Bank and Resurrection Ministry provide food free of charge to the organization. Fox Restaurant Concepts is also a major partner.

Most families receive assistance from the organization for one or two weeks.

“Usually they get back on their feet or the community specialists help them get jobs, or we connect them with other nonprofits. The main focus is that they are self-sufficient within two weeks,” she said.

While most food banks have a certain maximum income requirement, Feed Our Babies does not identify income. “We identify based on need, which sets us apart,” said Navarro-Sucato, “and we work within the school system.”

She was surprised to learn that Scottsdale has 7,000 working families with food insecurities.

“Who would have known that Scottsdale has such a big problem?”

The organization is run by volunteers, and 100 percent of donations go to children and families and food.

One of the largest events the organization puts on every year is a Thanksgiving dinner, held at Ingleside Middle School in the past, and now held at its pantry on 40th Street.

For more: feedourbabiesusa.org.

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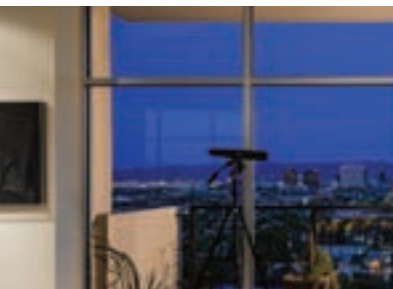
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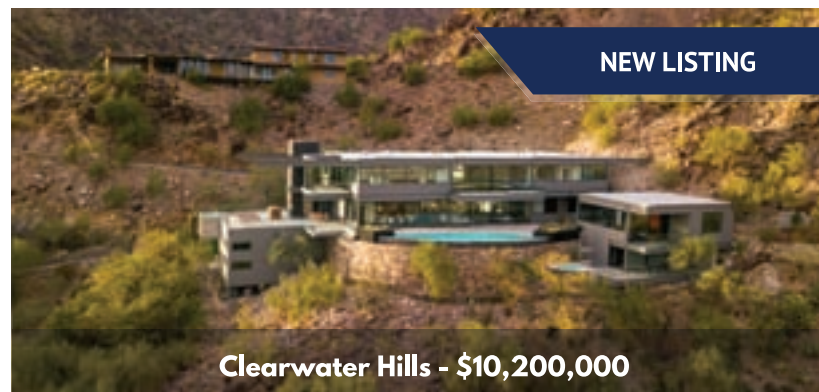
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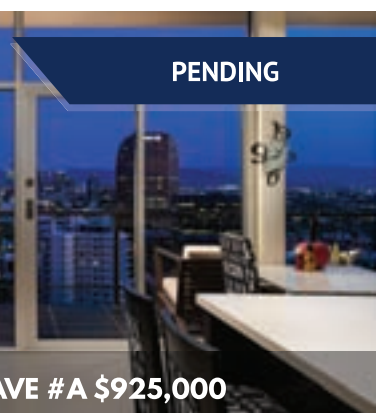
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LIBERTY WILDLIFE CENTER

Saving animals and educating kids throughout the Valley

By Mallory Gleich



Liberty Wildlife is a rehabilitation, education and conservation nonprofit organization that aims to “nurture the nature of wildlife in Arizona” through education and sustainability.

The center was started in 1981 by Dr. Katherine Orr, a veterinarian who specialized in the rehabilitation of wild birds. Orr saw the need for a facility that would care for injured wild animals and started Liberty Wildlife as a not-for-profit that was dedicated to caring for wildlife and wildlife education.

The current facility was opened in 2016 and is located at the Rio Salado Restoration area near 24th St. and Broadway Road. Before that, Liberty Wildlife operated out of Orr’s property in north Scottsdale. The organization only became public after moving to the Rio Salado area.

Liberty houses a rehab center as well as a hospital for animals. Once the animals are rehabilitated, they are sent to enclosures and then released back into the wild when they are ready.

There is also an educational facility on the site where some of the animals live. There are reptiles, mammals and birds who call the Liberty Wildlife building home. The public is welcome to come see these creatures during educational programming that happens on site.

Staying true to its name, Liberty Wildlife hosts various wild animals, such as lizards, snakes, owls and eagles. There have also been California condors, terns, and even a pelican at the rehab and educational centers. At some point, Liberty plans on adding coyotes to the list.

The educational aspect of Liberty is not limited to just on-site learning, but is also offered throughout Valley schools.

“Part of our educational programming is bringing animals into the schools and teaching them about the natural history of the animals and the roles they play in the environment,” said Megan Mosby, executive director at Liberty.

Trained handlers and teachers will go to classrooms, bringing with them raptors, tortoises and snakes, and teach kids with lectures and STEM activities. As of today, the facility has visited nearly 500 venues with the goal of teaching conservation and sustainability.

“We have animals that are trained to go outside the facility and into schools and give kids an opportunity to see animals up close that you would normally never, ever get to see,” Mosby said.

Teachers can schedule Liberty Wildlife to come to them, with presentations lasting up to 45 minutes. Liberty also hosts field trips where classes can come to the facility and see how the rehabilitation process works as well as learn about and see the animals that are on site.

Kids are also invited to come out during the summer for Liberty Wildlife’s summer camp, which had its inauguration just this year. Students were able to learn about birds through hands-on activities, games and discoveries.

Liberty Wildlife also holds public programs at its facility during the week. Each month focuses on a specific



On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, folks can come out and learn about the conservation and rehabilitation of eagles and other wildlife.



animal and the programming centers on education about that animal through lectures, speaker series, and events like movie nights. On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, folks can come out and take part in a bald eagle feeding.

Director Mosby has been with Liberty Wildlife since 1984. She started as a volunteer and was appointed executive director in 1996.

She believes that wildlife education should be a vital and important part of children’s education.

“Kids are spending less and less time outdoors and they need to know the importance of nature,” Mosby said. “If there comes a day when they have to vote on whether or not to save something, they need to know the importance of saving it.”

Liberty Wildlife is in the process of building a wildlife enclosure for mammals, as well as expanding its butterfly garden and rehab center.

This year, Liberty Wildlife has taken in and rehabilitated almost 8,500 animals, including releasing more than 100 bald eagles back into the wild.

For more: libertywildlife.org.

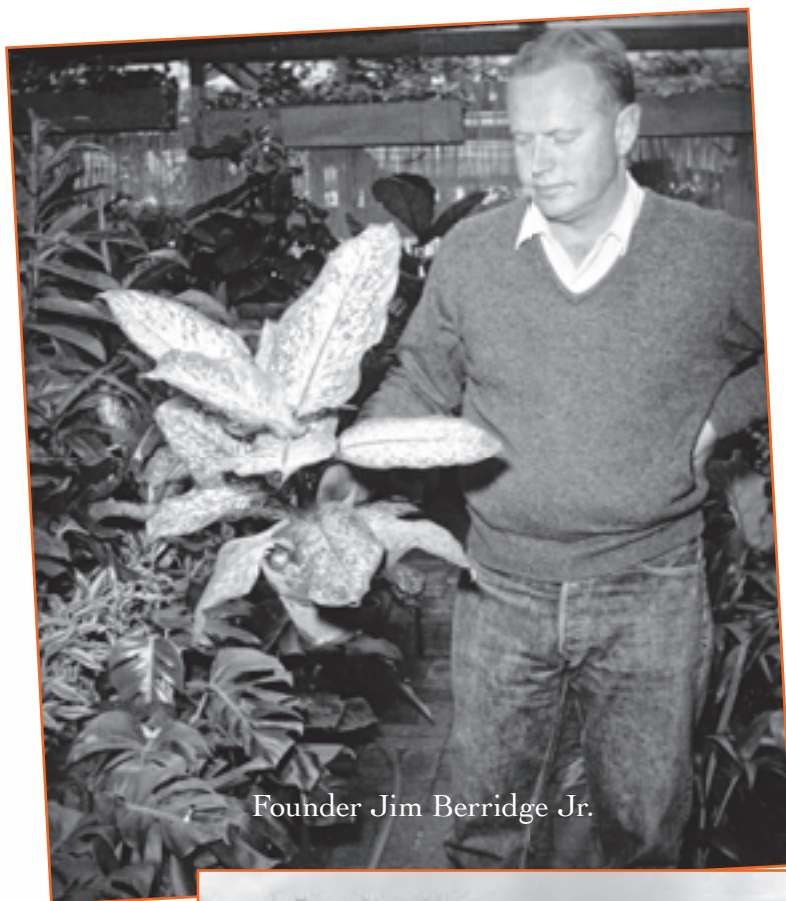
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The new menu at Jewel's Bakery & Cafe features more than two dozen "Just Brunch" items, including the hot fried chicken sandwich, which was the People's Choice winner at the 2018 Hot Chicken Throw Down.

New all-day brunch menu is a hit at Jewel's

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

Justine Dachel is a second-generation Arcadia native who grew up in the kitchen. Coming from a big family who loved to cook, her passion for food was ignited early on by her mother and grandmother.

After her younger sister was diagnosed with celiac disease, she and her mother, Julie Moreno, started recreating traditional recipes without gluten, a natural food binder that helps foods such as bread stick together.

"Sometimes you can tell the difference between gluten-free and non-gluten-free foods, but that isn't what we're about," Moreno said. "We set out to change the game."

Realizing their efforts could help others, they began selling their gluten-free creations at Valley farmers markets. The popularity of their baked goods led them to open a brick and mortar restaurant, Jewel's Bakery & Cafe, located at 4041 E. Thomas Road, five years ago this month.

Earlier this year, Moreno retired from the restaurant, leaving it in her daughter's hands.

Recognizing that business had plateaued — with the exception of Sunday brunch — Dachel got to work creating a new "instagramable," all-day brunch-focused menu, which debuted last month.

Jewel's new menu includes more than two dozen brunch options ranging from \$4 to \$15.

Highlights include sugar "sinner" fries, which are described as a hangover cure, and braised chickpea chilaquiles, which were inspired by Sous Chef JD's Mexico City roots. If you're a chicken and waffles aficionado, the cafe serves up its "cluckin" best version of the dish, starting with classic crispy fried buttermilk chicken sitting atop a Belgian waffle, then drizzled with honey hot sauce and warm buttermilk syrup.

To compliment the new menu, the restaurant serves

Press Coffee and offers an assortment of brunch cocktails, including bottomless mimosas for \$12 and bloody marys for \$13 when you buy an entree.

Recognizing that gluten-free products can be expensive, the menu also features a sliding scale breakfast, created for families on a budget.

The on-the-go breakfast bag ranges from \$4 to \$7 and consists of the chef's choice of four items, including eggs, potatoes, bacon, fruit and pastries. Dachel is on a mission to change the perception of gluten-free food and create an atmosphere where someone with food allergies can bring their friends to enjoy a great meal.

"Sometimes people hear the words gluten-free and just assume it's going to be bland and flavorless," Dachel said. "Go ahead, I'll bet you. You won't be able to tell the difference."

Celebrate Hanukkah at these four Arizona spots

By Megan Forrester

Eight days of celebration have finally arrived. With Hanukkah beginning on December 2, it is time to pull out the menorahs, dreidels and latkes.

Here are four ways to gather with loved ones, fulfill old traditions and make new ones during this special holiday.

COMMUNITY HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

9500 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, 85256
jewishphoenix.org

One of the traditions of Hanukkah is lighting the menorah each night of the holiday. Usually people gather with their loved ones, but why not gather with the entire community? Come to the OdySea in the Desert on Sunday, December 9 for a night filled with holiday-themed activities suitable for the whole family, including a latke making competition and Hanukkah sing-alongs. This event, which is from 3 – 7 p.m., is the perfect way to finish off this year's Festival of Lights before it ends.

MAZELPALOOZA

7295 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale, 85251
mazelpalooza.org

The annual traditions of Hanukkah may end on the eighth night of lighting the menorah, but the party itself isn't over. The



Mazelpalooza in Scottsdale.

20th anniversary of Mazelpalooza is made for young Jewish adults looking for something to do on Christmas Eve. This party, hosted at Wasted Grain in Old Town

Scottsdale, features a live band and DJ, drink specials every hour, a Hanukkah-themed photo booth and a garden party with patio games. This isn't an average holiday

party, but it's a place for people to gather and develop new memories with others who also share a love for Hanukkah.

HA HA HANUKKAH

214 W. Main St., Mesa, 85201
nctphoenix.com

The holiday season can get stressful at times, so why not get a few laughs out? Get your giggle on at the National Comedy Theater Phoenix during its Ha Ha Hanukkah: The Festival of Laughs event. Spend the evening of Friday, December 7 with local improv comedy teams while also having the chance to win prizes by spinning the dreidel.

HANUKKAH HOT CHOCOLATE RUN

3800 E. River Road, Tucson, 85718
tucsonjcc.org

You will need to take a drive for this one.

The cold may be starting to fill the air, but that doesn't mean Hanukkah can't be celebrated outside — and the Hanukkah Hot Chocolate Run strives for exactly that. This third annual event on Sunday, December 2 features a way to enjoy the crisp morning air by participating in either the timed 5k or non-timed 1k run/walk. The flat race course allows all ages and abilities to participate. The run is followed by a light breakfast with, of course, a fresh batch of hot cocoa.

BUSINESS BRIEFS



LOS TAQUITOS NOW OPEN

The painter's tape has been stripped off and a new Mexican restaurant has been revealed on the northwest corner of 32nd Street and Indian School Road. Los Taquitos opened their doors the first weekend in November, the fourth location from a family-owned business that started in 2000. The menu looks pretty straightforward, with tacos, burritos and bowls, etc., and some cerveza and margaritas to boot. The address is 3176 E. Indian School Road.

GINO'S EAST OUT, NEW BAR CONCEPT IN

After just a year and a half in the Valley, Gino's East has shuttered their operation near Arcadia. A new bar concept is coming from Barter & Shake, a Phoenix bar group who operate UnderTow in the basement of Sip Coffee next door. The 4400 square-foot building will reportedly house a dual-concept of sorts, split between a neighborhood and high-end cocktail approach. Look for something to be unveiled at 3626 E. Indian School Road in Spring of 2019.

JOANN

A new JoAnn store has opened in the Arcadia Fiesta shopping center at 3049 E. Indian School Road. JoAnn is known for sewing, fabrics, crafting, art supplies, home decorating and other household concepts.

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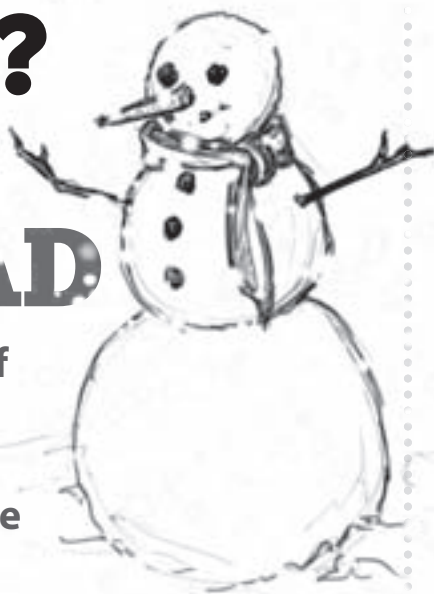


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HOW OLD?

1380 AD

The first documented man of snow was made in medieval times; the medieval Book of Hours from **1380** contains the very first illustration found of a snowman.



HOW SMALL?

0.01mm

In 2009, the scientists at the National Physical Laboratory in West London used the tools and knowledge at their disposal to create the tiniest snowman known to mankind. Their creation stood at only **0.01mm** tall, and used technology that was created for nano-particle manipulation.



HOW TALL

122 ft

In 2008 the world's largest snow person was created in Bethel, Maine. Thirteen million pounds of powder were used to create an approximately **122-foot-tall** entity dubbed Olympia.



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FUN FACTS: SNOWMAN

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The Zuriyama Observation Field located in Akabira, Hokkaido, Japan, created 2,036 snowmen by hand in only one hour.

Laboring for an hour to build a snowman burns approximately 238 calories. That's more than dancing and not far from what you'd burn going for a bike ride.

Locals in Zürich, Switzerland, explode a snowman to predict the arrival of spring.

A "perfect" snowman is best attempted when snow is around 30 degrees to provide for ideal moisture content.



SAY WHAT?

IT WAS A SYMBOL OF FRENCH RESISTANCE.

During a lull in the Franco-Prussian War in December 1870, several soldiers in the French National Guard who came from artistic backgrounds decided to mount a monument to their pursuit of independence. Under the leadership of Alexandre Falguiere, they crafted a 9-foot-tall snow woman dubbed La Resistance.

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PROTECTING AN ICON

Effort underway to designate Camelback Mountain a preserve

By Anthony Wallace

The top of Camelback Mountain may look much different today if not for the efforts of five-term U.S. senator Barry Goldwater, who in 1965 made it a point to shield its higher elevations from commercial and residential development. Shortly thereafter in 1970, the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council (PMPC) was formed with the objective of “setting aside the Phoenix Mountains as a unique wilderness park.”

Over the course of many years, the organization wooed influential city officials with rides through the mountains on horseback, held large public hearings and even managed to successfully campaign for an amendment to the Arizona Constitution

— all in the effort to preserve our natural land from commercial development.

This accomplished group remains active to this day. Despite all the Valley-area parks and preserves the PMPC has helped establish, there remains work to be done. The job of protecting our natural wonders never ends, and the group faces continuous pressures from the increasing demands of a rising population.

As it stands now, Camelback Mountain is not designated as a preserve like South Mountain, Piestewa Peak and Dreamy Draw. Jody Moman of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA) has lived at the base of Camelback Mountain for years.

She says that preserve status would

allocate more funds to the park, enabling better maintenance and marking of the trails, more stringent efforts to keep hikers off non-trail wildlife area, and a new trailhead for Cholla Trail directly off of Invergordon Road.

“In the time that we have lived here, you can tell that the trail has been scarred and wildlife has been lost,” Moman said. “People have been hurt or killed because they don’t know where the trail is.”

In a recent member newsletter, PMPC outlined the importance of keeping hikers on the trail, and how the preserve designation would aid in that effort.

“The Preserves are established with defined pathways for maximum protection of hikers, and to also maintain the natural

state of the desert mountains for plant and wildlife for all our future generations. Going off trail is prohibited within the City Mountains Preserves and those doing so are subject to a citation and fine by the City of Phoenix.”

PMPC recently enlisted the support of ACMNA in its efforts to have Camelback designated as a preserve, and the effort has been going well. The idea was introduced at a Phoenix Parks Board Meeting on September 27 and it was met with wide support and no opposition.

The matter goes before City Council on December 12. PMPC and ACMNA are hoping to secure preserve designation for Camelback Mountain by this spring.

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PHOTO BY DONN NOBLES; ILLUSTRATION BY KEARNEY EGERTON. APPEARED IN ARIZONA REPUBLIC APRIL 28, 1963. Up until the 1950s, preservation of Camelback was not seen as a major concern until someone proposed a hill-top resort, reachable by cable car. An artist's rendition of a Camelback Mountain left unprotected appeared in the Arizona Republic in April 1963, along with an article from reporter Don Dederer, who was one of the influential supporters of the mountain through his columns.

Publisher's note

While researching our story about the preservation of Camelback Mountain, I was reminded of this illustration that was published over 50 years ago, during the height of a rally to protect our local landmark. I dug this out of the archives at the AZ State Library years ago and held on to it for a future story.

Once I saw this idea come across the Arcadia News editorial board, it was time to bring it out. I asked our graphic designer, Gabe, to come up with something similar. With the help of our friend Jim Todd at Todd Photographic, we were able to get an aerial shot of Camelback and Gabe took it from there. It's not to scale, as it's really just to make readers think about what could happen to a mountain left unprotected.

In 1965, after more than a decade of attempts to put an indefinite moratorium on the ever-increasing development, the Preservation of Camelback Mountain Foundation was born. Senator Barry Goldwater

accepted the position of Chairman and used his influence to sway private property owners to sell their holdings to the Foundation. More than 3,000 individuals made donations from 25 cents to \$25,000, totaling over \$250,000, which was used to purchase the properties on the mountain. In 1969, once some federal funds were added, the Foundation turned over deeds and dollars to the City of Phoenix.

— Greg A. Bruns



Barry Goldwater was instrumental in preserving Camelback Mountain.

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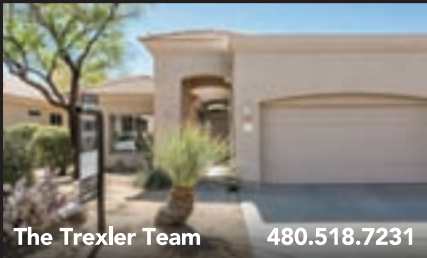
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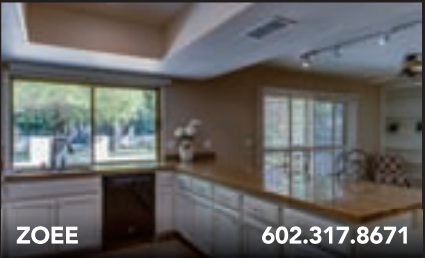
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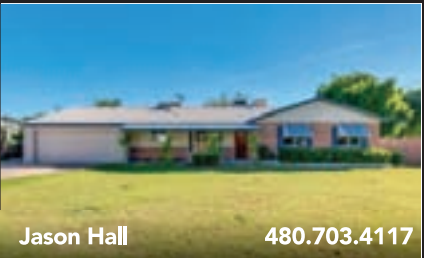
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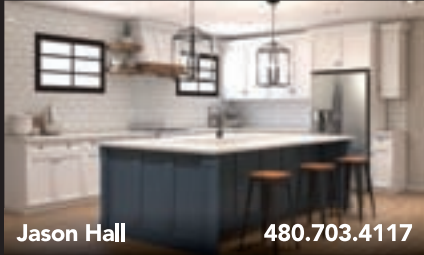
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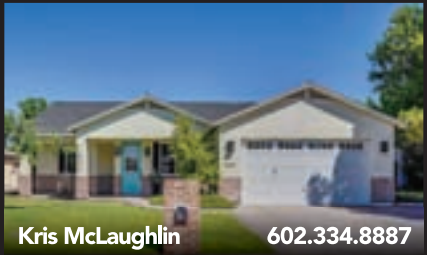
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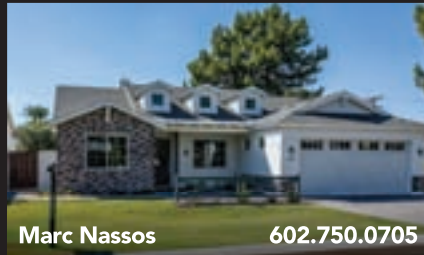
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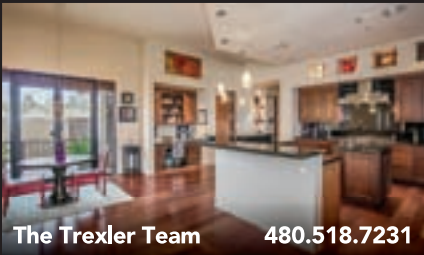
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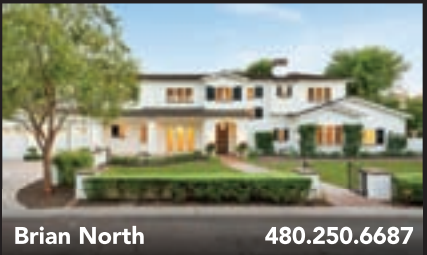
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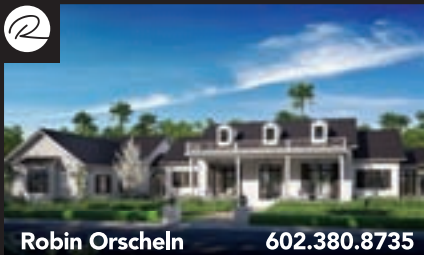
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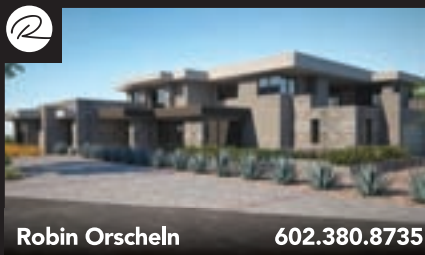
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By Rachael Bouley

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Here are several seasonal gatherings and events hosted by local resorts.

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Nick on December 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Gingerbread Tea and Cookie Decorating sessions will get you in the spirit, as will soulful live music on the weekends and signature holiday cocktails for adults, such as a Gingerbread Martini or Maple Toddy. Even just taking a stroll past Squaw Peak Lawn and checking out the magnificent Christmas Tree in all its glory is well worth it.

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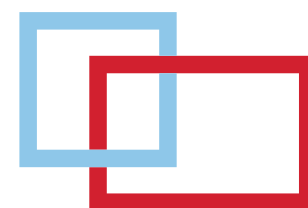
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By Nick Smith

The Collins Small Batch Kitchen opened its doors last month on the northwest corner of 32nd Street and Camelback Road. Tucked into the back right corner of the shopping complex, the Collins is a kind of reinvention of the restaurant it replaced, Twisted Grove Parlor + Bar.

To the right side of the entrance is a seating area, where diners can either look out at 32nd Street, or face the other direction and see what is going on in the large exposition kitchen. Guests can also sit at the bar and choose from an extensive list of beers, wines, cocktails and shandies.

The Collins has a regular lunch and dinner menu, but also features four to eight daily specials that may be limited in quantity. Examples include a Maine Lobster Roll on noble bread pan loaf, a Crab & Corn Chowder, or a Seasonal Pumpkin Pie on graham cracker crust.

It will be tough to skip the appetizers



Crab Cake Eggs Benedict



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while having dinner here. Some of the most popular are the French Onion Dip, with caramelized sweet onions and chives, and the Pecan Wood-Fired Artichokes, with parmigiana-reggiano, citrus aioli and black pepper. But the two that stood out to me were the Salmon Tartare and Charred Brussels Sprouts.

The tartare is a bowl of sushi-grade salmon mixed with avocado, cucumber, fresno peppers and scallion. Lattice chips accompany the main course, and a heaping portion on a chip gives you a

surprising fresh taste of salty and sweet. Speaking of sweet, the sprinkled candied bacon and the balsamic reduction make the Charred Brussels Sprouts seem like anything but a vegetable.

The entrees showcase a wide variety, from omelets to beef short ribs. But believe it or not, the best bite of food in the entire evening may have been from a slice of pizza. They are cooked in a wood fire oven, and the crunchy and doughy crust combination is an immediate giveaway if you have any doubt about the process. Those with

wheat allergies can rest easy, as The Collins has gluten-free dough available too.

There are eight different pizza options, but it would be difficult to imagine beating out the Mushroom + Sausage. The two main ingredients are heaped onto a parmigiana-reggiano white sauce with gruyere cheese. The curveball ends up being the charred Brussel sprouts littering the top. That may give some people pause, but it ends up being the smoky crunch that brings the entire ensemble together.



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The interview feedback loop

By Angela Copeland



CAREER ADVICE

I've been talking to a number of job seekers lately about illegal interview questions. They keep coming up, and I keep asking myself why that is. When you're a job seeker, you may not realize how common illegal questions are because you're

interviewing for only one or two jobs at a time. But surprisingly, they're popping up in job interviews quite a bit.

Common illegal questions include: What is your marital status? How many children do

you have? Are you planning to have more children? How old are you?

Honestly, it's hard to understand why these questions are coming up. I have wondered how hiring managers don't seem to know what not to ask. And I've wondered why they're even asking at all.

In some cases, the hiring manager may be simply trying to make small talk. They may be trying to get to know you. But it's really hard to say. In some cases, the hiring manager is clearly asking the question for unethical reasons. But in other cases, someone may have been trying to make casual conversation and may have unknowingly stumbled into murky waters.

So why does it keep happening? My best guess is this. Hiring managers are rarely trained on what not to ask. Human resources often assumes that in today's day in age, we all know what not to ask. Then, when the hiring manager does ask these questions, the candidate doesn't react negatively. The reason is this: If you want the job, you don't get upset by a potentially off-putting question. That's a fast way to eliminate yourself from the candidate pool. So the hiring manager gets no feedback in the moment. After the hiring process, if you're not selected, you have little to no interaction with the

company. You are at times lucky to get an automated rejection email for your time.

What's a company to do? I propose that companies should install a system to solicit feedback from candidates. This would close the loop on hiring. The company could ask the candidate for anonymous feedback about their interview. It could then be routed to human resources who could be alerted to potential issues in questions. This would protect the company's interests, educate the hiring manager, and improve the experience for the job seeker. It's a win-win-win.

One company that is implementing something similar to this process is Amazon. After a candidate interviews with Amazon, they receive an anonymous survey titled "rate our phone interviews." The survey

asks whether or not the interview experience was frustration-free. It also asks for what they could do to improve, and it gives the job seeker a free form text box to provide feedback.

Implementing this sort of feedback treats the job seeker like a valued player in the process – similar to a customer. And, this is a great foundation of mutual respect on which to build a future working relationship.

— Angela Copeland, a career coach and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

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Brighten your holiday season with these local light displays

By Rachael Bouley

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The Arcadia area is filled with holiday cheer, with many families and local businesses getting into the spirit with holiday light displays. From shiny multi-colored bulbs to figurines and inflatables, there are a lot of seasonal sights to see throughout Phoenix.

Here are five of our favorites:

THE SEPAANEK FAMILY HOME

4415 E. Calle Tuberia in Arcadia, just south of Camelback Road and 44th St.

Lee and Patricia Sepanek have been going above and beyond to turn their Arcadia home into a Christmas wonderland for more than 30 years. This beloved tradition includes 250,000 bright lights, animatronic Christmas characters and incredibly detailed window displays.

Last year was disappointing for the Sepaneks, after a legal dispute with the city of Phoenix and some neighbors ended with Lee deciding not to put up the display. With the controversy over hot cocoa and increased traffic behind them, the Arcadia homeowners are excited to continue their tradition this year.

Expect plenty of joyful and jubilant features to turn this quaint and quiet

neighborhood street into a celebration of all things Christmas. There may be some delicious (and free) treats up for grabs, with donations accepted to help with electrical costs.

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The Phoenix Zoo is a must-see this time of year, with what's arguably the Valley's most well-known holiday tradition. Millions of lights turn the zoo into a glorious spectacle of life-like animals and holiday favorites. Covered in lights, towering trees create a perfect reflection over the zoo's ponds. This year's version will feature a 200-foot-long Polar Slide, live reindeer, Stingray Bay and 4-D Theater, all included with admission.

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What began on a much smaller-scale in the 1980s has blossomed into one of the most unique holiday lights displays in the Valley. This famous 40-acre railroad park, complete with the Paradise & Pacific Railroad train and the historic Charros Carousel, comes alive at Christmastime with thousands of eye-catching lights that

take holiday decor to the next level.

From Friday, November 30 to Sunday, January 6, the annual holiday lights will be on full display from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. every night. Families can climb aboard the train to get a glimpse of all the lights while indulging in snacks and cocoa available for purchase. Admission to the park is free, and train rides are \$5 per person.

WINTER WONDERLAND ARIZONA

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Well-known DJ and holiday fanatic Chris Birkett transforms his home into a spectacular array of brilliant lights, made even better with snow-covered hills and an awe-inspiring holiday castle.

Take one look at this house, and you'll see (and hear) just how much Chris loves music. All of the lights are timed and choreographed to music, leading to epic crescendos and some fun surprises. The lights should turn on in the first week of December and continue through the end of the year. Visitors are welcome to stop by nightly from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated.

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(left to right) Lee Ferguson, Gary Deak, Rick Turner and Michael Lee were all members of Arcadia High School's first football team.



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Looking back: Arcadia's first undefeated football team

By Mallory Gleich

Ah, 1960. It was the year of bell bottoms, tie-dye shirts, and of course, Beatlemania. It was also the year Coach Bob Hendricks led the Arcadia Titans to their first and only undefeated football season.

Between 1960 and 1965, the Arcadia Titans were a bonafide powerhouse, winning two state championships, including the 12-0 1960 season. The team achieved a ranking of No. 8 in the country during that span. Hendricks, along with assistant coaches Ben Anderson

and Lou Hallman, had acquired nine first-team, all-state players and were ranked No. 1 in Arizona in their classification.

Lee Ferguson, Gary Deak, Rick Turner and Michael Lee were teammates on that 1960 team and still beam with pride when recalling those days.

"Beating Sunnyslope was the most memorable because they were one of the few teams that was actually favored over us going in, and they were much bigger than us," said Turner, who scored 14 touchdowns in 1960.

Turner recalls that things didn't look good for the Titans at halftime of the Sunnyslope game, when they found themselves on the wrong side of a low-scoring 6-7 game. But to Hendricks' credit, he didn't yell at his team to get going.

"We waited for the coaches and they never came in. They just let us sit there and stew and it made us think about what we were doing," Turner said. "We came out and beat them 34 to 7."

Running back Quentin Gregory added 1,112

rushing yards to the Titans offense in 1960, cementing the team as a speedy force to be reckoned with.

"The bottom line is this: it was a really special year. We weren't very big, but we'd been playing together, and had a lot of speed," added Lee.

That season's game at Winslow featured some theatrics, but it didn't faze Arcadia.

"We were in Winslow, and they had a big 'W' on the field that they lit on fire. Toward the end of the game, the two arms of the W had fallen off and formed an A," Turner said. Arcadia beat Winslow 47 to 19.

The 1960 Titans were not only fast, but also



Gary Deak



Ricky Turner



Michael Lee

played the game with swagger.

"When we were playing Phoenix Indian School, one of the linemen had a feather on the back of his helmet. By the end of the first play, our lineman was wearing a feather on the back of his helmet," Lee said.

"He stole the feather and taped it to the back of his helmet," Ferguson added. Arcadia shut out Phoenix Indian School 34-0.

It's been 57 years since the men last took the football field at Arcadia High School, but their friendships have lasted through the years.

"We get together every few months. We have a real camaraderie between us," Lee said.

After high school, Lee went to college and entered the steel industry. Turner became a lawyer and moved to Gilbert. Deak played baseball at University of Arizona and eventually made it into the school's hall of fame. Ferguson went to Northern Arizona University and was a combat medic in Vietnam.

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Arcadia Little League accepting registrations for 2019 season

By Jennifer Marshall

Playing little league has been a childhood staple for generations of kids in Arcadia.

Arcadia Little League is registering kids for its 2019 season through January 25. Eligible players must either reside in or attend school in Arcadia. The regular season begins in March with the all-stars playing in June and finishing in July.

Established in 1957, Arcadia Little League has been going strong for more than 60 years.

President Jack Krawczyk attributes the league's success to not only its talented players but also to its many faithful and dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to make play possible for their young athletes. In fact, everyone involved with the League—from managers, to coaches, to team parents—volunteers their time for the betterment of the kids and the teams.

"The Arcadia Little League is still prospering," said Krawczyk, "and what sets us apart is the great community we live in and the facilities we use."

Practices and games are held on fields at Camelback Christian Church, Echo Canyon School and Ingleside Middle School.

"We're really close partners with the church and the Scottsdale School District," Krawczyk said. "Without those people and those connections, our League would not survive."

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"They're a big supporter of our group," Krawczyk said, "and they provide all of our uniforms for the year."

The League works to pay forward the generosity it receives. Because it doesn't have to buy uniforms, it's able to take player registration fees and put that money into field upkeep and scholarships for athletes who cannot otherwise afford to participate.

Arcadia Little League operates baseball

and softball divisions, and all combined, it has from 850 to 900 kids on average playing.

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While t-ball is co-ed, Krawczyk said the

league has had girls play on baseball division teams as well.

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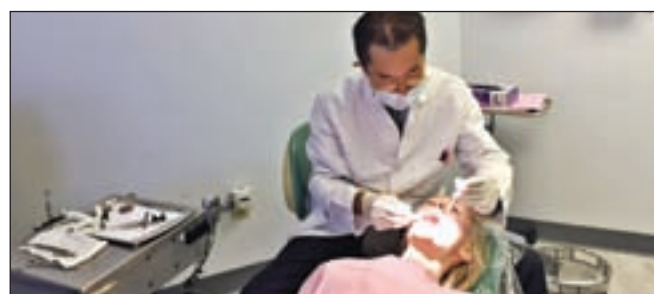
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Front row, left to right: (10) Max Majerle, (2) Jake Albright, (23) James Hodge-Green, (1) Nick Wilber, (4) Jaylin Bibbs. Back row, left to right: Coach Stephen Danford, (34) Andres Pacheco, (12) Owen Shaw, (5) Nick Moren, (33) Kholin Woods, (24) Jake Murphy, (20) Carter Murphy, Coach Brian Ali.

2018 Titans basketball team eyes explosive season

By Mallory Gleich

As the Arcadia Titans Basketball team prepared for its first game on November 19, practices were full of energy and hope for an explosive season.

The boys ran drills up and down the court while head coach Stephen Danford guided from the sidelines. It was clear the boys were excited for their first scrimmage game against Red Mountain in Mesa.

“We’re a young team, but we’re fast and we can shoot the ball well. We’ll be quick up and down the floor,” said senior Carter Murphy.

Murphy has played guard for three years with Arcadia.

“Once we get our mindset right, we can grind on defense and beat some good teams this year,” Murphy said. “Being with the guys makes it fun, makes it easier to come to practice, but the grind and the hard work are what makes us a good team.”

Murphy says the discipline basketball has taught him carries over to other parts of his life.

“I have to make sure I’m practicing outside of team practice and getting better and improving, and that’s carried over into my schoolwork and family life,” Murphy said. Murphy has recently committed to playing basketball at the Air Force Academy, but before, he would like to see his team make it to the final four in the playoffs.

James Hodge-Green is a senior point guard on the team, and some of his thoughts mirror Murphy’s when it comes to this season’s team.

“Our strengths are our chemistry and our speed,” Hodge-Green said. “One of our weaknesses might be our size, but that’s a small/big problem.”

Hodge-Green says the easiest part of being on the team is building relationships and the most difficult is balancing basketball life with school life.

“Basketball is about hard work. If you want something, you have to put in the repetition, like with a math problem,” Hodge-Green

said. Before each game, he watches previous game videos, practices to make 100 shots, says a prayer, and listens to “Dreams and Nightmares” by Meek Mill.

Before Hodge-Green heads out into the post-high school world, he would like to bring Arcadia basketball its first state championship.

Danford, who has served as head coach at Arcadia since 2012, says the defense is really looking good this year.

“We can shoot the ball really well, but we need to be more physical. That seems to be changing along with the mentality of the team,” Danford said.

This year’s team has five seniors. The younger team doesn’t have a lot of experience, but the boys are continuing to learn about depth and all aspects of the game.

Danford says patience is learned throughout a basketball career, as well as the fact that nothing is predictable.

“This group is pretty new together, so we’re tweaking our philosophy to fit them. ‘Play hard and do well on and off the court,’” Danford said.

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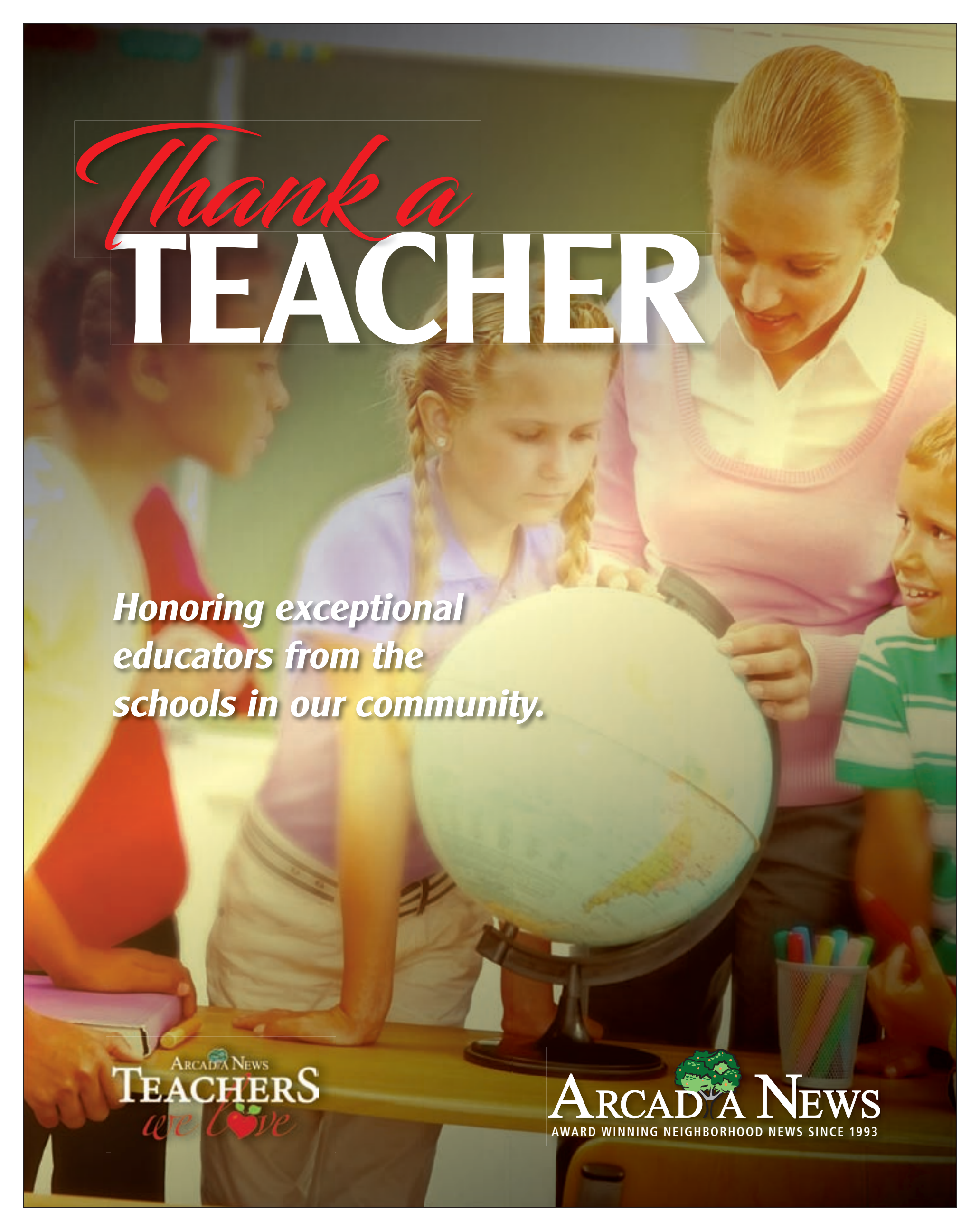
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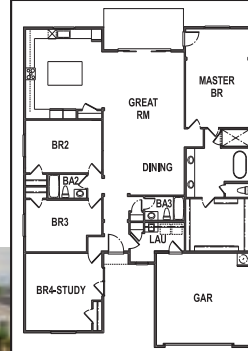
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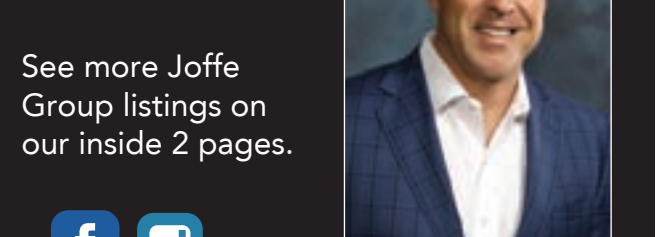


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