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Many years later, I worked nights for a book distributor in the area while languishing in a technical sales career during the day. There was an Arcadia News rack near my night gig, so I picked up a copy and read it cover-to-cover every month. In 1997, I resigned from both jobs and embarked on a four-month, spirit-refreshing tour of America in my Jeep. I wrote a book on a borrowed laptop during the adventure and decided once I got home, I was going to pursue a writing career.

The next year, I stopped by the Arcadia News office with some writing samples. This led to the birth of my humor column, Straight Up with a Twist. There were a few ideas knocked around for the name of the column. Greg's Corner, My Turn and a couple other clichés were shot down. Since I was drinking martinis straight up with a twist of lime during that discussion, well, now you know.

Several months after I started writing for the paper, I was hired for advertising sales, which also included some graphic design and

photography. I learned a lot about community newspapers, not knowing that I

was being groomed. A couple years later, the owners (a husband-and-wife duo who started the paper) gave me the opportunity of a lifetime and sold me the Arcadia News.

There have been a lot of changes and enhancements to your neighborhood newspaper since then. We have been blessed with outstanding employees, writers, designers and photographers who have shared their talents with us over the years. This paper has won over 100 industry awards as a result of their hard work.

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Homes Sold -	49 homes
Average Sale Price -	\$2,363,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$654
Average Days On Market -	50 days

There is currently 2 months of home inventory. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 home sales have decreased 14% this year. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 home prices have increased 11%. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 17%. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 homes are taking 14% less time to sell. (based on 2021 sales results)

2022 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS
(1/01/2021-2/28/2022)

Active Homes -	40 Homes
Homes Sold -	30 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$1,164,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$474
Average Days On Market -	54 days

There is currently 2 months of home inventory. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 home sales have increased 37% this year. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 home prices have increased 15%. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 14%. (based on 2021 sales results)
2022 Homes are taking 35% more time to sell. (based on 2021 sales results)



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Bob loves getting assistance from his grandsons, Carter and Noah, who help out during the weekends and summertime.



The root of the word Arcadia can be traced to a province in Greece. Through the years, the name has become a poetic synonym for utopia. This Arcadia, in Phoenix, Arizona, was named by its creators in 1919, who marketed it as a “garden-like area, bathed in golden sunshine and reflected from the gray and purple shadows of the surrounding desert.”

We aren't the only Arcadia in the U.S.A. Here are some other places and things that have the same name!

1. ARCADIA, CA

A city in California, located about 13 miles from Los Angeles. The city had a population of 58,152 at the 2019 census. In 2016, Arcadia was ranked the 5th most expensive housing market in the United States by *Business Insider*, with an average list of \$1.7 million for a four-bedroom home.



2. ARCADIA, FL

City and county seat of DeSoto County, Florida. The population was 8,072 as of the 2019 census. Arcadia's Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



3. ARCADIA, IL

An unincorporated community in Morgan County, Illinois. Arcadia is seven miles north of Jacksonville.

4. ARCADIA, IN

Town in Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. As of the 2019 census there were 1,591 people residing in the town.

5. ARCADIA, IA

A city in Carroll County, Iowa. The population was 507 at the 2019 census.

6. ARCADIA, KS

A city in Crawford County, Kansas. As of the 2019 census, the city population was 364.

7. ARCADIA, LA

Town and parish seat of Bienville Parish in north Louisiana. The population was 2,774 as of the 2019 census. Arcadia has the highest elevation of any town in Louisiana.



8. ARCADIA, MD

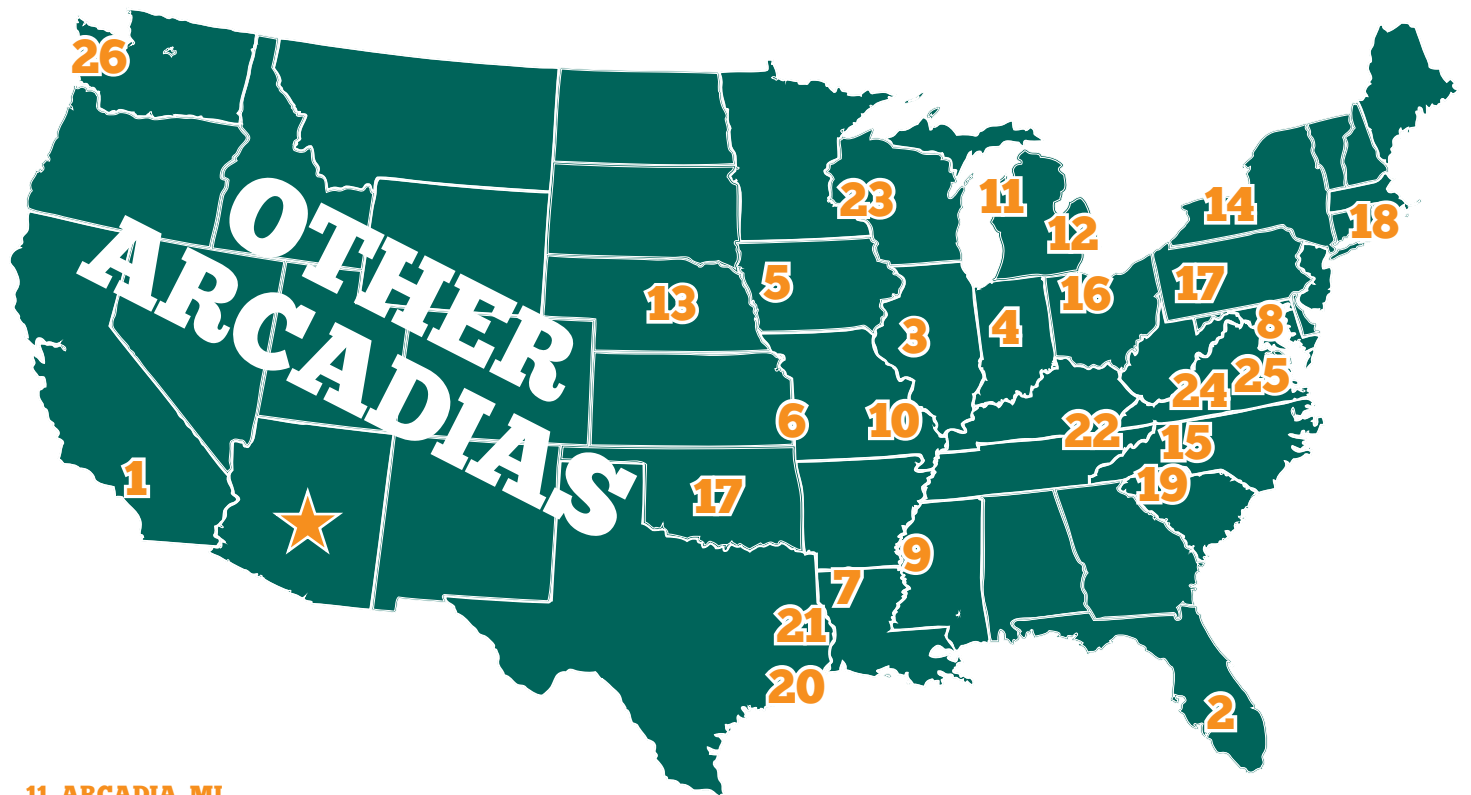
A city located in Baltimore County, Maryland. The population as of the 2019 census for zip code 21155, part of which covers Arcadia, was 3,034.

9. ARCADIA, MS

A ghost town in Issaquena County, Mississippi. Formerly a postal town located on the Mississippi River, it is now called Arcadia Point and is located on the east side of an unpopulated island.

10. ARCADIA, MO

A city in Iron County, Missouri. The population was 702 at the 2019 census.



11. ARCADIA, MI

Michigan has two Arcadia Townships. One is in Manistee County, with a population of 621 (2019 census) and another in Lapeer County, with a population of 3,106 (2018 census).

12. ARCADIA, NE

A village in Valley County, Nebraska. The population was 271 at the 2019 census.

13. ARCADIA, NY

A town in Wayne County, New York, east of Rochester. The population was 13,564 at the 2018 census.

14. ARCADIA, NC

An unincorporated community in Davidson County, North Carolina. The East Arcadia population is 446 as of 2022, and Arcadia Township has a population of 11,042.

15. ARCADIA, OH

A village in Hancock County, Ohio. The population was 582 at the 2019 census.

16. ARCADIA, OK

A town in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, and a part of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The population was 203 at the 2019 census.

17. ARCADIA, PA

An unincorporated community in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1900 as a coal town. Fun fact: Beaver College in PA changed its name to Arcadia University in 2001.

18. ARCADIA, RI

A village in Rhode Island, this Arcadia is located near the towns of Richmond and Exeter – which happens to be the name of the second largest road in our Arcadia here in Phoenix!

19. ARCADIA, SC

A census-designated place located in Spartanburg County in South Carolina. The population according to the 2019 census was 3,370.

20. ARCADIA, GALVESTON COUNTY, TX

Established in 1889, this unincorporated area had as many as 300 people residing in it. The last surviving business closed its doors in 1985, and in 2014 Arcadia had population of 51, primarily made up of descendants of the original founding families.

21. ARCADIA, SHELBY CTY., TX

An unincorporated community in Shelby County, Texas. It sits at an elevation of 351 feet.

22. ARCADIA, TN

Originally known as the Reedy Creek Settlement, this unincorporated community in Sullivan County was one of the earliest settlements in Tennessee.

23. ARCADIA, WI

City in Trempealeau County, along the Trempealeau River. The population was 3,031 at the 2019 census. It is the largest city in Trempealeau County.

24. ARCADIA, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

A very small unincorporated community in Botetourt County, north of Roanoke.

25. ARCADIA, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Another very small unincorporated community in Botetourt County, north of Richmond.

26. ARCADIA, WA

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Kaitlin Long, Keaton Brown, Emme Fuller, Essie Hustedt, Naomi Hall, Olive Shaeffer, Ever Granger and Rosie Frederickson made their Variety Show debut as Austrian wind-up dolls.



Keaton Hancock, Grant Fuller, Andrew Hunsaker and Ty Gerlach spent two months learning the Haka, a traditional Maori dance. In the background is their teacher and guest performer Alvin Aiono.

Hopi Variety Show takes audiences on tour around the globe

By Mallory Gleich

The Hopi Variety Show has become a time-honored tradition within the Hopi Elementary School community. It started in the 1980s, initially run by Hopi staff and performed in the school's cafeteria. In the 90s, more students were eager to participate, and a new name was running the show.

Sheryl Cooper (yep – wife of rock star husband Alice!) and her team moved the show to Arcadia High School's auditorium in 1996 and staged a production with more lights, sounds, props and a bigger audience. Since then, the show has only grown in popularity – and after not being produced the past two years, this year's performances were bigger than ever.

In coming up with this year's theme, the PTA – volunteer parents who run the show – recalled the craziness of the past few years; one thing they all agreed on is how much they missed traveling to their favorite destinations. With this came Hopi World Travel.

"As directors, we were missing the joy that comes with excursions far and wide. We had a feeling our Hopi community felt the same," PTA parent and director Liz Ord said.

Once the theme was chosen, Hopi students got right to work coming up with skits and helping with costumes and set designs. Then it was time to practice.

Almost 400 kids participated this year, spending three months perfecting their acts. The fifth grade emcees practiced five mornings a week, before school, to prepare for their roles.

On March 10-11, 2022, the audience was invited to board Hopi Airlines Flight 2020 with "non-stop service around the world."

"Our captain was Hopi principal Tamara Jagodzinski, and our flight crew was the emcees. During the show, we 'traveled' to some pretty amazing places: Africa,



These kinder kids weren't in Arizona anymore after performing as penguins from Antarctica, breakdancing to the song "Ice, Ice Baby."

Spain, Ireland, China, Norway, France and Australia, to name a few," Ord said.

Here are some of this year's acts:

A Chinese Ribbon Dance – according to Ord, the actors learned about some of the celebrations of the Chinese New Year and waved ribbons in synchronized movements. They also showcased a giant dragon chasing a pearl. The dragon was assembled by third-graders, each carrying a part.

A group of third-grade boys performed the Haka. The group spent two months learning the ceremonial Maori posture dance from the nephew of a chief from Samoa. He made an appearance in their act and closely consulted the group to make sure they accurately portrayed their costuming and movements in accordance with the Maori culture.

There was also a Norwegian Clap Dance, Irish dancers, Paris street performers, kindergarten boys dressed as penguins from Antarctica dancing to "Ice, Ice Baby," bullfighters from Spain, a "Battle of the UK Bands," a vocal solo to "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and a World Cup act with fourth-graders bouncing soccer balls in a coordinated rhythm. Fifth-grade teacher Mr. Banister even made an appearance as the Queen of England.

Some of the acts used props like go-kart taxis, skyscrapers, lit-up palm trees, a framed Mona Lisa and a boxing ring. In total, there were 38 skits during the two-hour performance.

"This has become a welcoming stage for all types of students, whether performance art comes naturally to them or not. For some, this show might provide their only opportunity to feel the satisfaction of expressing themselves artistically and creatively in front of an audience. Seeing that type of kid shine is a win for us," Ord said.

Directors Emily Blais, Nicki Ess, Susie Ning and Jordan Reasy echoed the sentiment.

"We were blown away by how happy people were to have the show back. As directors, we spent the first three numbers trying to gain our composure and hold back happy tears. It felt so healing to see Hopi faces smiling on stage and hearing our community's collective applause and laughter once again," they said.

Ord also mentioned that a secondary theme took shape while in the planning stages, one focused on love and concern for people worldwide.

The emcees waved giant flags for part

of their choreography in the opening number. The students personally chose the 14 flags on display, each one representing something: the birthplace of a grandparent, a country where loved ones live, or simply a favorite spot to travel.

The show ended with the emcees dancing to Louis Armstrong's song, "What a Wonderful World."

"...and that's pretty much how performers and audience members felt by the end of the show, lucky to live in this 'wonderful world,'" Ord said.

This year's performance was significant for fifth graders because this was their last opportunity to perform at Hopi; in contrast, first graders didn't have a chance to experience their first Variety Show in 2021.

"I felt so thankful to have the Variety Show back in person this year, especially as a fifth-grader. It's Hopi's most wonderful tradition, and I was happy to be on stage," Avery Morrison said.

"We couldn't believe how much we missed those sights and sounds, and our audience felt the same way. There were lots of tears of gratitude for the opportunity to see our Hopi community come together again," Ord said.



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Boxed Up Project helps youth unpack their grief

By Mallory Gleich

When Milan Coraggio-Sewell was six years old, she experienced something no child should have to go through: she lost her best friend in a tragic accident while on a trip to California. A few short years later, she lost two of her grandparents. At such a young age, Milan wasn't sure how to process what had happened. She kept her feelings boxed up.

"All I knew was that one day we were playing on the beach together, and then I never saw him again. I didn't know how to express my feelings in the weeks that followed. I just felt sad, angry and confused," Milan said.

These feelings inspired her to create the Boxed Up Project – a nonprofit focused on helping grief-stricken youth realize that they aren't alone.

Milan, a junior at Phoenix Country Day School, has volunteered with various organizations around the Valley, including Best Buddies and Gardens of Scottsdale.

"I wanted to do something even more meaningful to help the community by figuring out what felt most personal and authentic to me," she said. "I asked myself what event in my life had the most impact on me, and the first thing that popped into my head was when my best friend died."

Milan knew she could help others going through the same experiences she did, so she started researching grief help for children and found a company selling boxes in Canada. She noticed that the boxes were primarily adult-based and had a higher cost.

"That sparked my idea for the Boxed Up Project. I was going to create special boxes for kids at no cost, to help them unpack their feelings," Milan said.

She believes that part of not dealing with her grief is due to the societal stigmas around the embarrassment of showing emotions.

"I want to address this issue. The only way to cope with grief healthily is to talk and freely express yourself. Instead of keeping



Elina Ferrigno, Milan Coraggio-Sewell and Sinclair Tzick host boxing parties where they put together the items that will eventually go to youth organizations around the Valley.

your emotions 'Boxed Up inside of you,' we are here to help you 'unpack your grief,'" she said.

After coming up with the idea, Milan wrote up a mission statement and business plan outlining her goals and objectives. She also registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission and the IRS for 501c3 nonprofit status.

She then reached out to other organizations to gauge their interest in handing out boxes to their youth members. The first organization was Billy's Place, which uses the boxes for workshops with kids and teens.

Boxed Up is also partnering with New Song Center for Grieving Children, Stepping Stones of Hope, Open Hearts Wellness, Ryan House and the Navajo Nation.

"The Boxed Up Project will be a wonderful new resource for families who are grieving and will provide a practical guide to

encourage the children and the parents in that process," Lisa Betcher, who works at New Song Center, said.

Milan worked with grief experts to figure out what should be included and decided that the best items would correlate with different feelings.

They came up with two unisex boxes: one for ages 5-10 and another for 11-17. They contain many of the same items catered for each age group: art supplies, journals, a stuffed animal, comfort cards and exercise/positive affirmation cards, a grief book, fun activities, a picture frame and album, stickers and an instruction manual on how to use the box.

Milan also recruited two team members to help: Arcadia High sophomore Sinclair Titzck and Xavier Prep junior Elina Ferrigno. The pair focus on fundraising and organizing box assembly parties.

"Sinclair and Elina reach out to other organizations so we can expand and provide boxes for more kids who are struggling. We all go together to deliver the boxes so that we can present them and learn more about each organization," Milan said.

In starting the project, Milan said she's learned so much about how different people process grief – and the ups and downs of a nonprofit.

"Everyone grieves differently, and we need to learn to accept that," she said. "Today's world makes teens feel anxious to express how they feel and truly open up. I've learned that you need not be afraid and go through the process."

She said that running a nonprofit is complicated, time-consuming and she faces new challenges every day.

"I learned how to manage my time and stay organized, how to make presentations and interact with business people," she said.

Being a teenager also has its share of challenges. Milan said that people have been kind and helpful in offering their services and advice. At the same time, she said that not everyone took her seriously at first, so she had to work extra hard to prove herself.

"I'm so glad I created Boxed Up Project because every time I meet with an organization, they are so excited about what we are doing. Helping others makes all of this so worthwhile," she said.

"New Song and Hospice of the Valley are honored to advise and support Milan as she develops her nonprofit. She is an extraordinary young woman who truly wants to comfort children, and we're inspired by her heart and vision," Betcher said.

Milan and her team hope to expand the Boxed Up Project in the future to include other types of grief, such as separation, anxiety, trauma and mental health struggles.

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A teacher in need set one student's plan in motion

By Cliff Summerhill

When Ingleside Middle School social studies teacher Mr. Howard fell through his ceiling while trying to fix the alarm system in his home, he never expected that one of his students would take it upon herself to help him out. But that's exactly what Ashlyn Goldstein did.

After learning of her teacher's predicament, the sixth-grader decided to launch a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for repairs.

"It is so sad to have a hole in your ceiling. No one can live like that," Ashlyn said. "And knowing that teachers don't make much money, I had an idea to set something up to help."

With guidance from her mom, Sydney, and the generous donations of 41 people, Ashlyn raised \$3,000 for Mr. Howard. She presented the campaign and funds as a surprise.

Howard was given an envelope that read "Late Valentine's Day Gift," and at first, he didn't think anything of it. He thanked Ashlyn, set it on the desk, and started his class on their next assignment. After opening the envelope during a free moment, he discovered a handwritten letter and a check.



Mr. Howard and Ashlyn Goldstein.

"We tried to keep it a secret as long as we could because we didn't want him rejecting our idea," Ashlyn said. "But we finally had to tell him once we reached our goal."

"It's a remarkable thing when you see a student do something so kind and meaningful like this," Howard

said. "Doing good things for others is something we talk about in my class every day, so to be the recipient of such a thoughtful gesture by one of my students in a time of need is overwhelming, to say the least!"

After realizing what the money was for and how Ashlyn raised it, Howard needed a few days to process.

"Being the recipient of such kindness and generosity from a community of people (most of which I've never actually met) and led by one of your students does stop you in your tracks and makes you realize the impact you're having in the world," Howard said.

The money raised covered the cost of a new ceiling and helped pay for a new alarm system.

"I am both proud and impressed with Ashlyn's heart and character," Howard said. "I also cannot thank her and all those people in the Ingleside community enough for contributing to help make my life a little bit easier."

According to Sydney, this act of kindness is not surprising, as Ashlyn always thinks of others, something she attributes to their family's ongoing mission to give back to their community. Ashlyn is involved in choir, theater and art at Ingleside and hopes to become a zoologist when she gets older.

MAY 5 - 22

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Meteora: Islands in the sky

Now that world travel can somewhat resume to its former state, many will make plans to visit Greece, and rightfully so. The ancient ruins at Athens, Delphi and Olympia are impressive, awe-inspiring, and everything I had expected from reading about them as far back as grade school – which was several years ago, maybe even longer ago than that.

But the site that affected me the most was the Meteora, located on the Plains of Thessaly in the central part of the country. The Meteora is several monasteries built on top of enormous rock pinnacles centuries ago by monks using nothing but hand tools, ropes and pulleys. Writing for the Life World Library, Alexander Eliot described them as “monasteries perched upon the pinnacles like storks’ nests on chimney pots.”



The Lowe Road

BY SAM LOWE

A former Valley newspaperman who now writes about his travels across Arizona, the U.S. and the globe.

It is mind-boggling, and that’s putting it mildly.

The rock pillars themselves are almost beyond description. They rise abruptly and tower more than a thousand feet above the plains, standing like impassive guardians over the fertile land below. Early inhabitants believed they were meteors hurled to earth by angry gods. But in reality, the spires were initially split and contorted into their fantastic shapes by the erosive power



of a prehistoric sea, then textured and groomed by wind, rain and time.

The Meteora guide book, on sale at the ubiquitous gift shops in the nearby town of Kalambaka and the monasteries, describes it like this: “For centuries now, an otherworldly calm has pervaded the towering grey rocks that provide eagles’ aeries high above the encroaching plain while great monasteries, humble chapels and now-deserted hermitages cling to their pinnacles.”

The rocks have been there seemingly forever; the monasteries not quite that long but long enough to stagger the

imagination, considering the perils and difficulties involved in putting them there. Historians and archaeologists suggest that the area may have been inhabited as long as 50,000 years ago. Still, it wasn’t until the ninth century that a group of hermit monks ascended the rocks and took up residency in caves, fissures and hollows.

The remoteness of the area, coupled with the steepness of the rocks, kept everyone else away, a much-desired factor by the determined monks, who wanted solace, not companionship. Around 1344 A.D., Athanasius Koinovitis, a religious leader, brought a group of his followers to the Meteora (Greek for “suspended in air”) and founded the Meteoran monastery on Broad Rock.

It was a perfect setting for the holy men: they were safe from political upheaval and had absolute control over entry to the site. The only way to get there was by climbing long rope ladders, which the monks hauled up whenever they felt threatened. But according to legend, St. Athanasius, the founder, didn’t have to make the strenuous climb because he was carried there by eagles.

Over the following centuries, 24 religious structures were erected atop the pinnacles; only six remain today. Construction must have been inspired by faith and unbelievable amounts of determination because access was so difficult. Getting there required a perilous trek on long ladders lashed together or in large nets used to bring up building materials, food and people.

In the early years, the monks did the

hauling themselves, tugging the ropes up from the ground below to their sanctuaries. Later on, they developed a system of winches that eased their burden, but it was still human-powered. Some necessary materials still arrive in baskets today, but the winches are powered by electricity. Modern roads also lead to most structures, further reducing the need for back-breaking labor. War, invasion and infighting brought about the demise of the monastery system. German and Italian occupation during World War II resulted in the looting and destruction of several sacred sites. Today the six remaining monasteries are sparsely populated by a few monks and nuns and serve primarily as museums and tourist attractions.

Getting there is no longer a problem. Tour buses and rental cars traverse the switchback roads in less than 20 minutes and deposit visitors into parking lots below the commune sites. However, the trek from there to the top can be a little strenuous. My legs were on agony alert after climbing the 164 steps up to the chapel at St. Stephens, one of the sites open to visitors.

Once there, the magnificent view and appreciation for the design and work involved in creating these structures caused all the pain to vanish. The craftsmanship that went into the churches and chapels is unbelievable, considering they did it by hand. The artworks that adorn the walls are equal to those hanging in first-class museums. And the 360-degree view of the Thessaly plains below is breathtaking.



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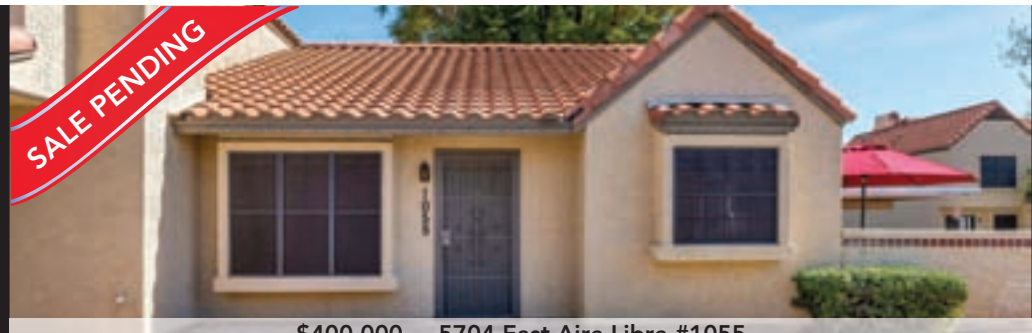


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Behind the Business

with **Lucia Schnitzer**, co-owner of **Luci's Marketplace**

LUCI'S MARKETPLACE

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By Mallory Gleich

Through trials, tribulations and life itself, Lucia Schnitzer and her husband, Ken, have emerged triumphant with the success of Luci's Marketplace, which also serves as a café and coffee bar. Read on to learn more about a business born from heartbreak that has since found happiness.

Where are you from?

I'm originally from Tucson and moved to Phoenix when I was 20. Tucson was a fun, small town at the time, but I was looking for independence and a bigger city. I went looking for that and found it in Phoenix.

And you're the owner of Luci's Marketplace?

My husband and I are the initial owners. Three years in, we took on a partner, Jerry Mansoor. Jerry and Ken now take on the day-to-day operations at Luci's.

About 16 years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I had a six-month-old baby at the time. It was a complete shock, and we found ourselves in a vulnerable situation, but I knew I had to get better. My husband was on the sidelines watching and felt so hopeless. He came up with the concept for a marketplace while I was in the chemo lounge – I guess it helped him cope? *[laughs]* So we talked about it, and from there, the concept became what it is now.

Is it named after you?

Yes – and I wasn't happy about that at first. We were working with initials, but it didn't flow. I'm a fourth-generation Lucia, and growing up, my nickname was Luci. To this day, I still have family members that call me Little Luci or Baby Luci! But the name is fitting. I'm a warm person, so the name demonstrates that. It's a big virtual hug you get when you come into the establishment.

It also represents the strength and hope that we had during the fight of our lives. From the start, we wanted our businesses to be community-based. I had an open-door policy for people who would come in with familiar stories – to offer them some hope.

Did you always know you wanted to be a business owner?

Yes – since I was a little girl, I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur. My family is Latin – we're from Mexico and Morocco. We have this snack food called saladitos, which is a dried, salted plum. It's so delicious.

Anyway, it was a hot commodity in my elementary school, so when I was a kid, I made a special batch with different fruits and chili sauce, marinated the saladitos, bagged them, and brought them to school. I sold them for \$2, and then there ended up being bidding wars – I was selling them for as high as \$5! I was making good money and caught the fever.

My parents were also entrepreneurs, and I watched how hard they worked – my mom raised us, and then she opened a storefront at one point. I saw the struggle, but they made it happen. I took that and made it my reality.

What about before Luci's?

I worked in corporate America, at First Interstate Bank and then for American Express. I did that and just got tired of it, so I started working for a local company and met my husband. After the cancer battle, I realized how much I had missed with my daughter at the time – from six months to a year – and I just really wanted to stay with her, so I opened a Montessori-based daycare so I could create a learning environment for her.

I ended up with ten kids and three employees who helped run it right before Luci's opened in 2009. I learned a lot and spent time with my daughter. It was great.

There are three locations?

Luci's at The Orchard is on 12th St. and Glendale. That's where Pomelo and Splurge are – but Pomelo is no longer in business. During the pandemic, we had a chance to reevaluate our business, and we realized that it's not going to work – we wanted to bring in more comfort and familiarity, so we're in the process of opening The Orchard Tavern in place of Pomelo. There will be an expanded patio and outdoor seating – we're just waiting on permits and the green light. It'll be a place you can come every day to enjoy time with friends and family.

The original location is 16th St. and

Bethany Home Road. That's where the blood, sweat and tears – and me chucking Power Bars at my husband – happened. We were able to give it a facelift and open the Other Bar – the theme is “everyone has a story,” and now, our stories and paths will cross. At 3 o'clock, the door between Luci's and Other Bar closes, and it becomes its own entity. It's a cool, small bar with drinks and a menu.

Luci's at The Grove is the newest, located at Hayden and McCormick Ranch.

What was it like to open a business?

I had no plans on doing day-to-day operations at Luci's at all, and I had just given birth to my son when we opened. My husband called me and said, ‘I need your help,’ so I brought my son with me every day, feeding him in the office, and after that, it just didn't stop. It's so unpredictable, but it didn't deter us from growing the business and growing our family. We became a husband and wife team.

Three months after we opened, we had a fire and lost everything inside. Our amazing employees worked every day to help rebuild, and we did. We rebuilt everything. I remember feeling so defeated – putting our lives, money and energy to open it and feeling helpless. It was like the earth was going to open and swallow us, but then, in the next minute, we knew we had to be strong, get through it, be there for our kids. They are our “why.”

Of course, I don't have to explain the effects of the pandemic. We had just opened our third location at The Grove, and it takes time to establish your roots in a community. We were six months in and boom! The pandemic hit.

We had fine dining and our catering business and had to lay off 120 employees.

It was so hard, but we kept looking for the silver lining and thank God, we got through it. There's also the guilt – like being a cancer survivor, you feel guilty that you survived and someone else didn't. Our business survived, and the small businesses didn't – it's a punch in the gut. We could not do what we did if it weren't for the community.

What is the best part of owning a business?

Seeing the effect that it has on our customers. We're there to make sure the numbers are correct and that everyone is happy, you know? Most important is what comes out of the business. We've had people get married at Luci's, proposals, business ideas birthed there. To hear and witness these things happening in something we created – that's the best.

What does a day in the life of Luci look like?

We have four kids – 15, 12, 11 and 9 years old – so my day is carpooling, driving to sports and activities, fitting in yoga when I can, going to appointments. It's a crazy day every day, but it's the best job I could have asked for.

I still do some consulting for the business and do cooking demonstrations on Channel 12. I also opened up a real estate transaction company – I go over the forms, notarize and work with title companies. It gives me a lot of freedom to be with my children and be part of their lives.

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How Teachers We Love was born

By Mallory Gleich

Nearly everyone has an exceptional teacher who made a difference in one way or another, but not everyone has a chance to convey their gratitude. In 2010, *Arcadia News* developed a way to help people express their appreciation and give those special teachers the recognition they deserve, a way to give back to the community and reward their dedication to education.

High school was a difficult time for *Arcadia News* publisher Greg Bruns. He had no intention of going to college after graduation.

“In my mind, geography and math were instruments of torture, and I barely made it through those two subjects. I planned to forego college and work my way up the corporate ladder,” Greg said.

His father suggested taking night classes at Scottsdale Community College to keep busy and stay fresh. After a couple stagnant years, that college degree looked like a good idea, so Greg took off to NAU, where his least favorite subjects awaited.

“I decided to tackle geography my first semester. I convinced myself I would hate it, but I could at least get a passing grade and be done with it. I ended up with a geography professor who thought otherwise and took a specific interest in me, challenging me while motivating me in the realm of higher education,” he said.

Three years later, Greg graduated from NAU with honors and a bachelor’s degree—

in geography. His major involved computer cartography and this eventually led him to *Arcadia News*, designing ads and writing copy. Ten years later, after finding success in a field he loved, Greg tried to track down that geography professor to say thank you, to no avail.

With that, the Teachers We Love program was created to encourage others not to wait too long to say thank you. It has been a great success, allowing more than 200 students and families to publicly praise a special teacher who has made a difference.

After coordinating with the nominator and school administration, *Arcadia News*

staff makes a surprise visit to the teacher’s classroom to present the award. The smiles, happy tears and genuine surprise we capture are some of the best parts

of the presentation, especially when the nominator is there to help us present the award.

We provide an official “Teacher We Love” certificate, gifts to local restaurants and spas, and invite the winners to a special teacher’s luncheon at the end of each school year. Entry forms are available on our website, and one winner is selected every month.

Arcadia News is thankful for our sponsors, Postino Arcadia, The Joffe Group and The Phoenician Spa, who help make each teacher award extra special. It has been an honor to bring joy to these teachers since we started this program over 15 years ago.



Our Scholarship Program

For the past 17 years, *Arcadia News* has offered a scholarship to students at Arcadia High School who are interested in studying journalism, broadcasting, communications or other media-related fields. Since 1993, over \$17,000 has been distributed to AHS students as they continue their scholastic careers.

To apply for the scholarship, students must submit at least one written recommendation from a current or former teacher, counselor or community leader who is familiar with the student and his or her drive and determination in the pursuit of knowledge.

“My *Arcadia News* scholarship helped support my pursuit of a future writing career,” 2019 winner Isabella Fratesi said. “I am currently studying fiction and nonfiction creative writing at Columbia University and I hope to one day turn

writing from a passion into a profession. Thank you, *Arcadia News*!”

Applicants must also write a one to two-page essay about their educational and career aspirations and what they’ve done so far to prepare for their educational pursuits. Include any related awards, recognitions, media classes, etc.

The winner of the scholarship will have their own story published in the next edition of the paper. Arcadia High seniors interested in the scholarship should contact Pam Mynars, Arcadia High’s college and career coordinator. All submissions should be given to the College and Career Center no later than 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022.

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I have first-hand professional experience with Mrs. Y and have gathered testimonials from those I would bump into in the community telling me how she was a mentor to them and greatly impacted their lives. The view from the other lens is the more personal side of things, where I have witnessed the unwavering commitment to her profession and devotion to children. From staying positive during the uncharted waters of online learning to rarely taking a day off, she is truly the definition of a selfless woman, tirelessly devoting her life to the service of others.

How does it feel to be a Teacher We Love?

The best part was the letter that my daughter—who nominated me—had written on my behalf. I feel very privileged to be in the company of such extraordinary educators who help me learn from them and make me want to do a better job. I am honored to be one of the Teachers We Love recipients. Thank you for allowing me to think about excellence in education.

What did you feel when you first saw your husband and former students?

I saw my husband first, and I was thinking, “did I forget my phone at home again?” And then I saw the Marinick family. They have always been very fun and supportive throughout the years, and I truly appreciated that they took the time out of their day to make it even more special. I was shocked, nervous and emotional.

How long have you been teaching at Hopi Elementary?

I have been teaching here for nine years. I started at Val Vista Lakes Elementary School in Gilbert and was there for 14 years. I have had a plethora of different teaching positions: second, third and sixth, and now fourth grade.

What is your favorite part about being a teacher?

The satisfaction I get from being able to educate my students and see them make something of themselves. That, and the fond memories I build alongside my colleagues.

How do you connect your lessons to the real world?

Encouraging my students to be mentally and physically active. I like to use current events to help students become aware of global issues and make connections between what is being taught in our classroom and what is happening in the real world. Just recently, my class was buzzing with excitement during the Winter Olympic Games. We used math concepts to total and graph the medals won in ten different countries. I also shared my favorite sport and had them discuss their favorites with me, and we also watched events and learned about Beijing and the history behind the mascot.



Laura Yarkosky

THIS MONTH’S WINNER:
Laura Yarkosky, fourth-grade teacher at Hopi Elementary
Nominated by Megan Pearson

What are some unique techniques you use for teaching?

One technique is an Objective/Reflection sheet for lessons. The students write down the topic for that lesson, our objectives, and then a reflection piece at the end of the lesson for understanding. They turn this in like “a ticket out the door,” which allows me to see who might be struggling or feels great about what they have learned in that lesson. We also just finished a realistic fiction literature study called *The Homework Machine*. The students really love this book because they become the characters in the book. They read the chapters like a play.

How do you motivate your students?

I like to develop a meaningful and respectful relationship with my students. Knowing them on a personal level, know their interests and hobbies, who they hang out with, their family situations, and what gets them excited. I also like them to know that I am not the sole holder of knowledge, and they need to be active participants in creating their own knowledge in the classroom.

Did you grow up in Phoenix?

I’m from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I came here to attend Arizona State University (go Devils!), graduated and stayed here to pursue my career.

What is your favorite part of the Arcadia area?

Oh my gosh! I had loved this place long before I lived in this area because of all the activities my family and friends love to do here. Biking, hiking, local restaurants, shops, and “the vibe” are so fun.

Winning teachers receive an award certificate and special prizes. Thank you to our sponsors: Postino Arcadia, The Joffe Group and The Phoenician Spa.

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The Dining Scoop

By Mallory Gleich

THE GENUINE

Jim Riley and Jeremy Pacheco are no strangers to the process of opening new restaurants. As one of the managing partners – and the head chef – of Genuine Concepts, the restaurant group that includes all five The Vig locations, their experience came in handy with opening their latest concept: The Genuine.

“The Genuine will deliver a unique and refreshing twist to the neighborhood eatery, focused on wood-fired specialties including local ingredients from some of

Arizona’s best producers,” menu-creator Pacheco said.

Highlights include shareable items such as artisan meats and cheeses, wood-fired prawns and octopus, local beef, artisan pizza and handmade pastas.

“This modern eatery will feature a wide selection of local craft beers, wines and cocktails to go along with the creative dishes,” Pacheco said.

The Genuine is owned by Tucker Woodbury and Jim Riley and is scheduled to open in the first week of April.

But before that, the eatery – formerly a Vig location on 16th St. and Bethany Home Road – underwent a three-month restoration process.

The new layout features a 1960s Ralph Haver-design (The Vig actually used to be a bank) and will showcase the original layout, including the vault, with its “egg crate” pattern, that now serves as the back bar.

“We are excited about so many parts of the menu,” Pacheco said. “We do not doubt that our guests will



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NEIGHBORLY PUBLIC HOUSE/ST. URBAN

One of the familiar names in Arcadia cuisine, Chef Christopher Collins, recently opened his eighth and ninth restaurants in November 2021 and April 2022 at The Colony on 7th St. and Missouri Ave.

Collins, who runs Common Ground Culinary Restaurant Group (The Collins, The Macintosh, Sweet Republic and Wally’s Pub), said that both spots serve elevated American fare.

Popular items from Neighborly Public House include the cast iron cornbread (a family recipe with hatch green chilies, jack and cheddar cheese, sweet corn, cornmeal and whipped honey butter), broiled oysters Rockefeller and the Collins Bros. prime rib.

Upstairs at St. Urban, guest favorites include the Jamon (dry, cured ham) deviled eggs, giardiniera chopped salad and the Provencal flatbread (fresh mozzarella, vine tomatoes, capers, roasted garlic, olives, extra virgin olive oil and herbs).

“We designed Neighborly to feel like you’re walking into a friend’s home,” Collins said. “One unique aspect is our



Oysters Rockefeller

30-foot gallery wall along the south wall of the dining room. It is one of the coolest areas of the restaurant.”

St. Urban also has a mural along the north side of the building that stretches from Neighborly Public House on the ground floor up to St. Urban. The mural transforms from an angular graphic downstairs into a flowering, flowing graphic upstairs.

The restaurants each have a unique, extensive drink menu that includes local and national spirits. St. Urban is the patron saint of wine, so Collins followed suit and offers an expanded list to choose from.

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The end of an era: Saying 'aloha' to Big Surf

By Melissa Hirschl

Many Valley residents were sad to hear the latest news about Tempe's behemoth Big Surf waterpark – which permanently closed its doors this year.

When the park opened in October 1969, it immediately became a mecca for summer fun-seekers. The Polynesian-styled palms and high-roofed huts had a distinct character and a loyal following.

Known as the first of its kind, the Waikiki Beach Wave Pool held 2.5 million gallons of water and used a unique wave generator that made surfing possible, 350 miles from the nearest

ocean. Every 40 seconds, a single traveling wave rose that could carry 30 surfers.

Big Surf resulted from the tenacity of one man: Scottsdale construction engineer Phil Dexter, a visionary who looked at 20 acres of Arizona desert and saw the potential for a water park, complete with surfing. The idea evolved while Dexter was on a business trip in California. As he gazed at the rising waves and surfers, he continued toying with the idea of re-creating a surfing scene in Arizona.

Before long, enthusiasm for the

project solidified, and Dexter spent a year making hydraulic propelled wave generator prototypes in his backyard. The following year he refined the project inside an abandoned billiards hall. He sought out investors and eventually found a company as excited about his idea as he was – Clairiol, Inc. It was a win-win, since the company used surfing as a motif to promote hair coloring.

Clairiol was so impressed by his concept that they invested two million dollars. Soon after, Dexter enrolled engineers, began a patent process, and Big Surf was on its way to becoming a local, national and international icon.

In 2013, the waterpark was designated as an American Society of Mechanical Engineers Landmark for the design and construction of the wave pool – which, when it opened, was the only attraction at Big Surf. Initially, it looked just like a beach: real sand and waterfalls surrounded the pool; unfortunately, the heat and the sand weren't a good mix for patron's feet, so they replaced it with grass and watered-down sidewalks.

The park later added a variety of towering slides and attractions to enhance the park experience.

Phoenix resident Susie Mallory was a frequent visitor.

"My friends and I went on weekends and enjoyed riding the waves," she said. "We also saw great concerts: The Beach Boys, Elton John and Pink Floyd. We even had a high school senior class party there in 1976. With the park closing, another part of our youth is gone."

According to Bob Pena, who worked as Big Surf's manager for over 30 years, the pandemic was one of the factors in the decision to close.

"Another factor was the challenge of finding 350-400

lifeguards," he said. "It's the end of an era, but I have great memories of the park, and so do my kids, who worked there every season."

Marianne Orlowski, Dexter's daughter, reflected on the closing: "It was a very magical experience for me,"

she recalled. "It was great being a teenager and going there every summer with my friends.

We just hung out, swam and surfed. It brings a tear to my eye every time I think about the closing."

The park auctioned off plumbing supplies, swim tubes, bike racks, boogie boards, and more from January to mid-February. That sale was the closing chapter for a park that brought joy to so many.

No word yet on the park's future or what may go in its place.

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Find a little peace of mind with this Arcadia fun run

By Rachael Bouley

Two Arcadia sisters are turning a dark path into a light at the end of the tunnel by starting a fundraiser that supports Mental Health Awareness Month in May.

Created by Elizabeth Birch and Christina Ramirez, the inaugural Peace of Mind 5K Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Arizona Falls. Birch and Ramirez invite the local community to get involved in a cause that benefits social, emotional and mental health support for both adults and youth.

After moving to Arcadia from Goodyear in 2019, Elizabeth and her family fell in love with the neighborhood. That sense of community prompted an idea for an event that would raise awareness for mental health.

“The idea came from my passion for giving back to those affected by everyday social-emotional challenges,” Elizabeth said. “Growing up and not knowing how to manage my feelings quickly led to a path of addiction during my teens. The support of my family was imperative in my recovery, and I am immensely grateful for them.”

Learning from these challenges left Elizabeth feeling empowered and passionate about making resources more available for those who may not be as fortunate, which also resonates with her sister.

“Elizabeth has always had this vision to create a fundraiser/fun run to help bring positive awareness toward mental health,” Christina said. “There is such a stigma around it, and this vision was to bring more light and positive solutions to the topic.”

Having worked in education for over a decade, the pair was inspired by ongoing conversations about students’ and teachers’ mental health, noting that it’s tough for people to thrive without stability.

“These conversations have also translated over to our



Co-creators Elizabeth Birch and her sister, Christina Ramirez.

community, and how if mental health doesn’t get addressed early on, it just ends up being this perpetual cycle of unresolved trauma, untreated symptoms and eventually long-lasting issues,” Christina said. “We are both motivated and passionate to help bridge this gap by supporting youth and adults, as everyone deserves peace of mind, body and soul.”

The sisters aren’t fazed by their first time directing a 5K, either, and plan to make it an annual event in Arcadia.

“It has been a fun journey. We have surprisingly been learning a lot more about each other and growing together throughout this unfamiliar planning phase,” Christina said. “In a lot of ways, it’s brought us closer and we have a newfound respect for each other’s strengths.”

The duo hopes to see a strong turnout of local participants and supporters, as half of the funds raised will benefit the Choose Love Movement, which provides a free social-emotional curriculum for schools. The other half will fund scholarships for preventative and treatment programs, which are out of reach for many people without the financial means or insurance coverage.

Elizabeth and Christina agree that while they don’t know what to expect from their first event, they are grateful for the support and interest they’ve received so far and said that it’s an honor to support people as they make positive changes in their journeys.

PEACE OF MIND 5K

WHO: All ages are welcome.

WHAT: The first annual Peace of Mind 5K.

WHERE: Arizona Falls, 5802 E. Indian School Road.

WHEN: May 7, 2022, 7:30 a.m. start time.

HOW: Registration is \$35 at [raceroster.com](https://www.raceroster.com)

Wearing ties and tutus to help make a difference

By Sabrina Proffitt

Feeding Students USA is a nonprofit dedicated to providing nutrition and meals to families in need around the Valley. They host a weekend produce pop-up, a weekend lunch program, and distribute emergency food boxes – but one of their most successful programs is their food pantry.

In their efforts, FSUSA often partners with Arizona schools, businesses and volunteers to collect food in order to stock the pantries, and Tavan Elementary students got the chance to help this past February during a special day: 2.22.22.

The school hosted the “2.22.22 Feeding Students USA Donation Drive” and celebrated not only the donations, but the palindrome (a word, phrase or sequence that reads the same backward and forward) itself, by dressing in tutus and ties.

The school collected over 700 items, including canned vegetables and fruits, soups, milk, chicken and tuna, cereal, peanut butter, reusable grocery bags and other pantry safe items.

Students Luciana, Dior, Pablo and Max – second graders in Ms. DeVenuto’s class – all had the same feeling after participating:

“We felt very kind and happy, and really nice on the outside. The drive made us feel like good people,” they said.

Fourth-grader Joelle shared the

sentiment: “I donated to the food drive because people need food and water to survive. It made me feel good because I’m helping people who don’t have enough,” he said.

Founder and chairman of FSUSA, Joni Sucato, said they were honored to help and be helped.

“We have partnered with Tavan for the last six years,” Sucato said. “They are so gracious and wonderful. Our main goal and mission are to make sure that no student comes to school hungry or that they have enough food in their pantry for lunch and dinner at night.”

Vice president of Tavan PTO Cheri Pierce echoed the mission of the FSUSA pantry, citing that it is important all year-round.

“People will donate around the holidays – which is great – but our community tries to support this organization throughout the year,” Pierce said. “Tavan has needed financial help in the past, and because of this, we believe in giving back to the community in any way we can. I want to shine the light that Tavan has taken some help along the way, and now we’re giving back.”

Tavan and FSUSA will partner up again in May for another food drive.

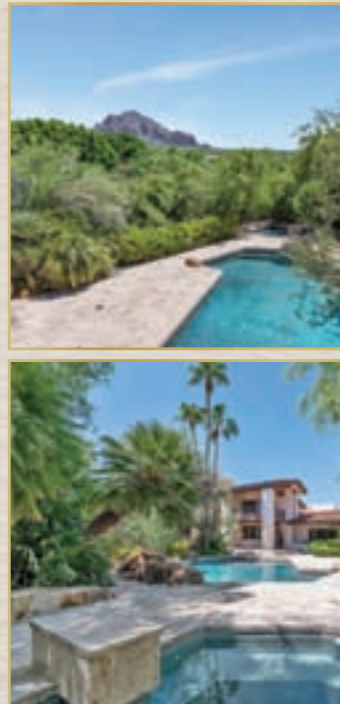
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These students picked out their own ties and tutus to partake in the 2.22.22 donation event.

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BRIEFS

Arcadia High and **Hopi Elementary** are hiring. These schools have openings for those looking to work in the education industry. Positions include track and tennis coaches, instructional support para-educator and senior nutritional services worker at Arcadia High and school crossing guard, support assistant and facility service worker at Hopi. **Veritas Prep** is also looking for lunch volunteers. The middle school shift is from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and high school is 12:30-1:30 p.m.

susd.org or veritaspreppso.com

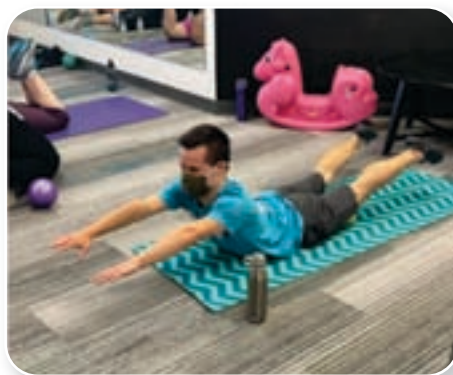


Hospice of the Valley's Dementia Care and Education Campus is now offering caregiver support and socialization at their **Memory Café** for people living with dementia. Sessions will be held on Monday mornings from 10-11:15 a.m. and are offered for both residents and their caregivers free of charge. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

dementiacampus.org

urbAna Home Goods, located in the Camelback Village Plaza at 44th St. and Camelback, is launching a new brand called Arcadia Toys. This classic toy store is "for the neighborhood" and includes a fully-functional play house with a slide, a stage area for activities and storytime for Arcadia littles. The grand opening celebration is set for early April.

urbanashop.com



GiGi's Playhouse, an achievement center for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, announced the opening of the **GiGiFIT Studio**, a program designed for children and adults to help them improve low muscle tone. GiGiFIT will be offered to all ages at their studio in Scottsdale. GiGi's Playhouse, which is 90 percent volunteer-run, serves 800 families and supplies 9,000 hours of free programming for its community.

gigisplayhouse.org

The third annual **Arcadia High Senior Parade** is happening soon! Seniors will decorate their cars and be driven on the designated parade route at Hopi Elementary School. The community is invited to cheer and celebrate the Class of 2022. Save the date: Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

To celebrate Spring Training, Executive Council 70 presents **Cantina** – an all-inclusive VIP experience for this year's game attendees. Guests will enjoy shaded mezzanine seats, a ballpark buffet and various beverage options. EC-70 is a nonprofit whose mission is to support local youth-based charities and programs that help youth overcome adversity. Individual tickets are \$150.

springtrainingvip.com

Phoenix math experts and brother-sister team Kevin and Jessie Kemper recently launched an online one-on-one math tutoring program called **My Math**

Experts. All instruction is online, and tutors are former math teachers or have 10+ years of verified tutoring experience. My Math Experts focuses almost exclusively on homework and standardized test prep materials for students. Before sessions are set, students meet with a director and take a skills assessment.

mymathexperts.com

Author, educator, counselor and stay-at-home Phoenix mom **Susie Garlick** released her latest book, called *The Parenting Backpack: Strategies and Tools to Help You Parent with Confidence*, as a guide for parents to help identify parenting style, how parental reaction affects children's behavior, ease daily tensions, deliver guidance in a nurturing way and more. The book is available on Amazon.

susiegarlick.com



Outdoor furnishing company **Neighbor** is partnering with **Local Nomad**, a gift and clothing shop at Uptown Plaza (100 E. Camelback Road) to host a pop-up shop featuring their sustainable products. Neighbor will have their outdoor living room set up on-site on April 9 and 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitors can also enter to win various giveaways.

localnomadshop.com

Duet, a Phoenix nonprofit that promotes health and wellbeing with services to homebound adults, is looking for volunteers to help with grocery shopping, rides, paperwork, visits or phone calls to homebound seniors in Scottsdale, Phoenix and Paradise Valley. After volunteer orientation, Duet pairs the volunteer-based on their availability, interests and location. They currently have 70 people waiting to be matched.

duetaz.org/volunteer

If your teen is looking for a fun workplace this summer, the City of Phoenix is still looking for **summer lifeguards** for the public pool. Teenagers must be at least 15 years old and complete a lifeguard certification course before starting. Interviews will take place after the course.

phoenix.gov/lifeguard

Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee is holding an International Competition for Writers with

Disabilities. Phoenix residents 19 years or older are encouraged to submit a poem on the topic of "World at Peace Through the Eyes of Disability." Submissions are due by May 2. Cash prizes for first, second and third place and Certificates of Participation will be awarded. Awards will be presented at an event in Phoenix on June 10.

phoenixsistercities.org

EVENTS

FRIDAY 4/1

Rent 25th-anniversary farewell tour

7 p.m. at the Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix. This Pulitzer Prize-winning show follows a year in the lives of a diverse group of artists and friends struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. The 25th anniversary "Farewell Season of Love" is the last chance to experience the production – if you know the show, you won't want to miss it. Tickets are \$65-\$95.

themadison.org

SATURDAY 4/2 – SUNDAY 4/3

Orchid Festival

9 a.m.-4 p.m., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Berridge Nursery, 4647 E. Camelback Road. If orchids are your favorite flower, you might want to make a stop at Berridge's Orchid Fest this weekend. There will be various displays, workshops on growing and culture topics, a plant sale, a raffle and a judge's vote for Best in Show. This event is free for all ages.

dvos-az.com

SUNDAY 4/3

Puppies, Pilates and Prosecco

10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Wrigley Mansion, 2501 E. Telawa Tr., Phoenix. This event starts with a 30-minute Pilates class – covered in puppies – and ends with prosecco, local vendor shopping and a raffle. Did we mention the puppies are adoptable? Tickets are \$85 per person.

almosttherescue.org

Copperstate 1000 Roadrunner

7:30-11 a.m. at Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe. Come check out 90 vintage automobiles participating in this year's Copperstate 1000 car rally – for free! Before they leave to cruise the scenic highways of Arizona during the four-day event, the public can check out vehicles like a 1952 Cunningham C2 Le Mans and a 1953 Studebaker Commander. All ages are welcome.

mensartscouncil.com

TUESDAY 4/5

Arizona Good Business Summit

9 a.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe. The Arizona Good Business Summit brings

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businesses and community leaders together to discuss doing business in today's world. The conference features keynote speakers, workshops, business training, panel discussions, networking opportunities, and local and national experts' presentations. The event includes lunch, happy hour and a closing reception. Tickets are \$75.

localfirstaz.com

THURSDAY 4/7

Kids in Focus Opening Exhibit

5:30-7:30 p.m. at Park Central Mall, 3121 N. 3rd Ave., Phoenix. Kids in Focus is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering at-risk youth through the restorative power of photography. This event is the 10th annual exhibit opening, where 40 kids will showcase their photos after nine weeks of exploration and work. Guests can meet the photographers and also enjoy music, food and beverages. This event is free, but registration is required.

kidsinfocus.org

SATURDAY 4/9

Fried Festival

11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. Let's be honest, one of the best parts of going out for a burger is the french fries that come with it. The second annual festival is all about the side dish. There will be more than 20 local restaurants on-site sharing their french fry goodness with \$2-\$3 samples, as well as beer gardens and a lineup of indie, folk and rock musicians for your listening pleasure. Tickets are \$12.

friedfestival.com

Mimosas and Monet

9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hermosa Inn, 5532 N. Palo Cristi Road, Paradise Valley. Calling all painters, beginners and experts alike. Hermosa Inn welcomes Carrie Curran Art Studios for a morning of art and mimosas. Carrie will teach and guide guests with an acrylic on canvas painting of Monet's Sunny Days. Enjoy a mimosa and snack on pastries while creating your masterpiece. Registration is \$85.

hermosainn.com

SATURDAY 4/9 – SUNDAY 4/10

Art in the Garden and Sparkling Tea Event

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Art in the Garden is back, featuring a colorful display of garden-themed vendors showcasing the latest florals, botanicals, ceramics, wood and wearable art. There will also be live music, demonstrations, snacks and drinks and a silent auction. At 1 p.m. Shemer will hold the sparkling tea event, set under colorful umbrellas on the garden patio. There will be live music and a set menu (with tea from White Lion



Copperstate 1000 Roadrunner at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

Tea Company), plus a program with guest speakers. Art in the Garden is free. Tea is \$50 per person.

shemerartcenter.org

SUNDAY 4/10

Team Taylor Family Fun Run

8 a.m. starting at 48th St. and Canal. The 10th annual Team Taylor Arcadia Fun Run is here. Starting near O.H.S.O., participants will run or walk through the Arcadia neighborhood in remembrance of Taylor Paige Cosmas and other children who lost their lives to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Proceeds benefit SIDS research, education and prevention. Registration is \$50, and this event is for all ages.

teamtayloraz.com

SATURDAY 4/16

Bunny Hop Blast

5:30-9 p.m. at Salt River Fields, 7555 N. Pima Road. Spend the Easter holiday with an inaugural event that's up in the air. There will be hot air balloons from around the country on display, air balloon rides, 4,000 pounds of candy to give out, over 30 games and activities for kids, a scavenger hunt and the Easter Bunny will be on-site ready for photos. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids.

bunnyballoonblast.com

Hide and Peep Egg Hunt

11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Scottsdale Quarter, 15059 N. Scottsdale Road. The public (okay, mainly kids) is invited to search for colorful eggs hidden throughout The Quarter to unlock the secret location to a bag full of treats. After the egg hunt, kids can enjoy music and visit our artists for face painting and balloon-twisting fun. And, of course, the Easter Bunny will be hopping around, so make sure to bring a camera! Tickets are \$5 to participate in the egg hunt.

scottsdalequarter.com

Uptown Easter Egg Hunt

9 a.m. at Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road. This shopping center is hosting its

first-ever Easter Egg Hunt, where the public is welcome to search for 200 pre-filled Easter Eggs – and a limited number of Golden Eggs – stuffed with fun prizes from participating businesses: Hi, Skin, Camelback Sports Therapy, Huss Brewing Co., Sweatshop on Camelback and Shake Shack. This event is free for all ages.

uptownplazaphx.com

SUNDAY 4/17

Brunch at the Princess

9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort, 7575 E. Princess Dr. Easter



Bunny Hop Blast at Salt River Fields in Scottsdale.

Brunch never looked so good. Featuring selections from four signature restaurants, guests can end their meal on a sweet note with desserts from the pastry team. An Alice in Wonderland-themed Easter egg hunt and themed photo ops will be available. Tickets are \$124 for adults, \$59 for kids. Reservations are required.

scottsdaleprincess.com

SATURDAY 4/23

Casino Royale

6-10 p.m. at The H.U.B., 2832 E. Bell Road, Phoenix. The Singletons is an

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thesingletonsaz.org

SATURDAY 4/23 – SUNDAY 4/24

Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Road. More than 160 local and national artists, curators and vendors will be on-site showcasing their wares – everything from vintage to handmade. There will also be live music and food trucks. Sign up for early admission and receive a reusable shopping bag. Tickets are \$8 online and \$10 at the gate.

junkinthetrunkvintagemarket.com

SUNDAY 4/24

A Day in Wonderland Fashion Show

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort, 5402 E. Lincoln Dr. The 15th annual Childhelp Fashion Show is back with a goal of \$150,000. Guests can enjoy a silent auction, diamond dig, fund a need and the themed fashion show. Proceeds benefit children and families who



Taste of the Garden at Spaces of Opportunity in Phoenix.

have suffered the effects of child abuse in Arizona. Jennifer Archuleta and Jamie LeVine will chair this year's event. Tickets start at \$150 per person.

childhelp.org

THURSDAY 4/28 – SUNDAY 5/1

Wrigley Mansion Wine Festival

Times vary, at the Wrigley Mansion, 2501

E. Telawa Tr., Phoenix. The second annual Wrigley Mansion Wine Festival is a four-day celebration that includes dinners, live music, interactive masterclasses, master sommeliers and tastings. Friday kicks off with a winemaker's dinner. Saturday's events are the Grand Wine Tasting, where guests will have the opportunity to sample more than 100 wines from across the world, plus four interactive masterclasses. The

festival closes with brunch on May 1. Ticket prices vary.

wrigleymansion.com

SATURDAY 4/30

Scottsdale Jazz Festival

3-10 p.m. at Scottsdale Civic Center Park, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. The Scottsdale Jazz Festival is a tribute to International Jazz Day. This year's lineup includes Richard Elliot, Rick Braun & Nayo Jones, Jaleo Afro Cuban ensemble, The Molina's 32nd Jazz Band, all-star youth jazz orchestra, and trumpeter Jesse McGuire. Proceeds go toward music programs for at-risk youth. General admission is \$25 with VIP packages available.

scottsdalejazzfest.org

Taste of the Garden

6 p.m. at Spaces of Opportunity, 1200 W. Vineyard Road, Phoenix. Project Roots, a local nonprofit focused on providing food and a more sustainable way of living for urban neighborhoods, is hosting its first fundraiser. The dinner features chefs from Local First Arizona and foods grown and harvested by Project Roots AZ volunteers. Proceeds will help support programs like gardening classes and cooking demonstrations. Tickets are \$100 per person.

projectrootsaz.org

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Team Taylor hosts 10th annual (and final) 5K

By Jennifer Marshall

Katie and Mark Cosmas experienced every parent's worst nightmare 12 years ago when their five-month-old daughter, Taylor, passed away from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. In the wake of their grief, the pair decided to honor Taylor and other babies by creating a 5K run for the community to raise awareness for SIDS and, in that, help others grieve.

"On April 18, 2010, our beautiful, healthy baby girl went down for a nap and never woke up," Katie said. "Team Taylor was initially set up in 2011 at Pat's Run as a team to honor Taylor Paige. After two years at Pat's Run, we had gathered so many participants and raised a lot of money for SIDS research, so we decided to start our own race in Arcadia."

April 2022 marks the tenth and final run for the Team Taylor 5K. The event has raised more than one million dollars for research in its decade of success. They have been supported by family, friends, neighbors and parents who have lost a child to SIDS. The running course is peppered with photos of babies who lost their lives as their families set up teams in honor.

"In 2020, we surpassed \$1 million," Cosmas said. "It was a huge milestone, and we know Taylor is so proud of what we've accomplished. At the end of this year's race, we hope to exceed \$1.3 million in total."

The Cosmas are also excited to share that their Three Butterflies SIDS Foundation, "was acknowledged in a recent article published by Boston Children's Hospital with the findings our funds have helped to support," Katie said.

The family decided not to host the Team Taylor Run in 2020 and 2021.

"Being without it has forced us to create new ways to remember Taylor, and we realize that we don't have to



PHOTO: GOOD VIBES MEDIA

As of 2022, the Team Taylor Fun Run has raised more than \$1 million for SIDS research.

have the run to keep her memory alive," Katie and Mark said. "Taylor lives within our hearts each and every day. Our children know they have an angel looking over them, and our family and friends are amazing at acknowledging what an important part of our lives she is."

Cosmas said that several groups have contacted them about taking over Team Taylor in the future.

"In the meantime, we plan to enjoy every day with our son, Cade, and daughter, Addison," Cosmas said.

teamtayloraz.com

TEAM TAYLOR FAMILY FUN RUN

WHO: All ages. Run, walk, scooter or bike. Bring your four-legged friends, too.

WHAT: The 10th annual Team Taylor Fun Run.

WHERE: Starts and ends at 48th St. and the canal. There will be an after-party at O.H.S.O. Brewery with breakfast and beverages.

WHEN: April 10, 8 a.m. start time.

HOW: Registration is \$50 at teamtayloraz.com.

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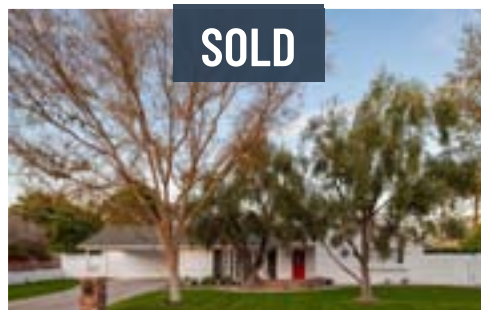
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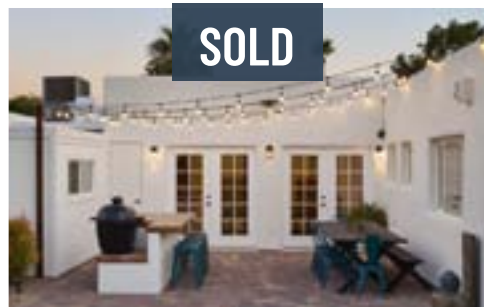
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As a monthly publication, the Arcadia News only has 12 chances a year to make a first impression on readers. Our cover format is unique as far as newspapers go, since we allot 65% of it to photo space. So that cover photo better be special. It needs to encourage readers to dive in and see

what else we have to offer. It needs to set the tone, whether it's seasonal or a part of one of our feature stories.

We have won several national awards just for our covers. I think many of the overall "Best of Show" and "General Excellence" awards were decided because

we stood out with our unique appearance. The cover might make all the difference to the judges for the content inside, (insert joke about judging a book by its cover) whether it's for a contest or a reader.

Here are some of our favorite covers from the last several years that won

national awards. Along with some comments, for a peek behind the scenes at what went into these creations.

— Greg Bruns, Publisher
— Mallory Gleich, Editor



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1. READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

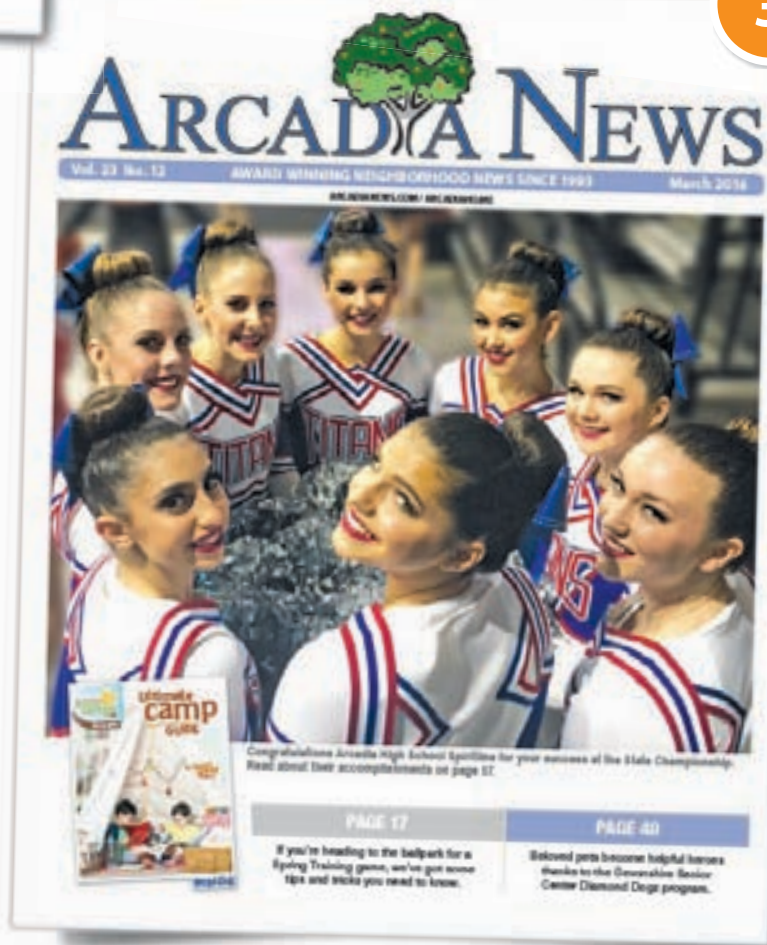
(Greg): This was my first photo shoot from the field at a Titan football game. I had only a few seconds to get the shot before I had to get out of the way as the young men busted their way onto the field. If #77 wasn't injured, he would've been wearing a helmet like the others – and we would've missed his expression, and the appeal of the photo. This image won first place from the International Free Papers Association in 2015.

2. 25

(Greg): Much like this anniversary issue, we spent a lot of time brainstorming a special cover to help share the news about our 25th anniversary. I don't recall exactly how much photo studio and photoshop time went into this but I know it was a lot. Our designer, Gabe, always does a great job of bringing our crude sketches and scribbled brainstorming notes and ideas to life. This front page won awards from both of our national newspaper associations in 2017.

3. SPIRITLINE

(Mallory): They've got spirit, yes they do! The Arcadia High School Spiritline has been on a roll since their first tournament, which Arcadia News featured in March 2016 – their first time competing at the AIA Championships won them a top 10 placement. 2020 was monumental. In just four years, the teams' hard work paid off when Cheer and Pom took first and second place at the Arizona State Championships. In 2021, the Pom team earned their very first state championship win. This cover won an Honorable Mention at the Association of Free Publications Awards Show in 2017.



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4. MARSHALL SHORE

(Mallory): I was putting events in the July 2019 calendar when I happened upon Marshall Shore, aka: The Hip Historian. I was intrigued by his super-fun outfits and his presentations on Arizona, so we reached out to do a story on his upcoming presentation. This cover won first place at the ACP Awards in 2020. In 2021 Shore was featured on an episode of the Arcadia Podcast, proof that he can be entertaining on any platform.

5. ROLLER DERBY

(Mallory): Before this story emerged, I had no idea that roller derby was a thing in Arizona. What's cool about this photo is that I was at the event, where I saw the "guts and glory" these women put into their sport. The power and strength they have is otherworldly! The ladies I interviewed looked intimidating, but they've all got hearts of gold. The action-packed cover photo, featuring The Runaway Brides and the Schoolyard Scrappers, bagged us second place for Best Front Page at the 2021 ACP Awards.

6. MY FAVORITE DOG

(Mallory): This photo helped us earn second place for Best Front Page at the 2021 ACP Awards. It also happens to be one of my very favorite covers that we've printed thus far. Something about a happy dog makes a happy human, right? Our September 2020 Summer Vacation Photo spread was smaller than usual as families attempted to return to normalcy after the events of the past year. Travelers made the best of national and international trips – like regal-faced Loki and Cole Krawczyk, who were enjoying the views at Yellowstone National Park.

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Janie Dalrymple

Life circumstances can redefine our lives, just as they did for Janie Dalrymple.

The Indiana native never imagined becoming a nurse because the corporate world held her interest while growing up. She watched her grandfather, mother and uncle operate a family-owned trophy company and became intrigued with how it all worked.

“After college, I worked as an office manager in a hospice facility and soon realized that I wanted to go into nursing. Seeing the compassion that nurses had for the patients was so compelling for me,” Dalrymple remembers.

She began as a bedside nurse in the cardiac unit of a Fort Wayne hospital and later went into home health. Eventually, Dalrymple started “dabbling” in travel nursing, which brought her to Arizona.

“You could make a lot of money if you were an R.N. and willing to travel, and I thought why not? Especially when I could escape those Midwest winters for Arizona’s sunshine,” she said.

In 2009, Janie and her husband, Kirk, moved to the Valley for good. Her husband often considered opening his own business but shied away from the risk. When he unexpectedly died eight years later, she took the opportunity to fulfill the dream he always had.

“I found it difficult to go back to my current position after his death, so I changed directions and got certified as a legal nurse consultant,” she said.

Today, Dalrymple is a board-certified patient advocate – a certification that came about from another death in her family.

“My mother was very ill and had to be on a ventilator, preventing her from being able to speak and explain what hurt or what she needed,” Dalrymple said. “It was in that moment that I needed to advocate for my mom.”

She has supported many others since opening her business, Your Patient’s Advocate, four years ago.

“It’s amazing and unfortunate how a patient’s needs and personal choices are often overlooked,” Dalrymple said. “As advocates, we can educate a client on their diagnosis and treatment plan and give them the tools necessary to make informed decisions in their healthcare. We bridge the gap between the system and the client to make sure their voice is heard.”

Janie also works with ALS patients, helping to address their unique needs. She is the Nurse Educator for the Arizona chapter of the ALS Association and started their bereavement program, understanding how difficult it can be to lose a loved one.

More recently, Dalrymple has become certified as

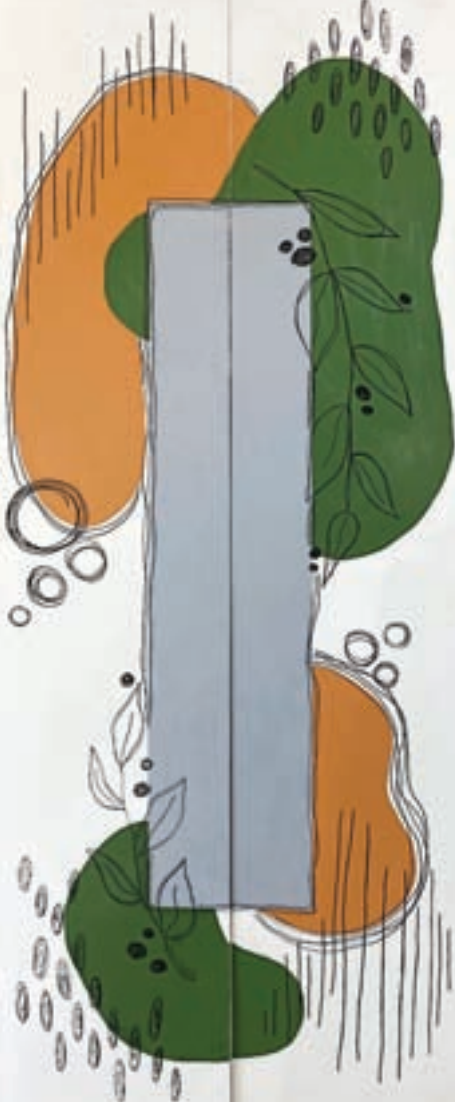


an end-of-life doula, helping people with what she calls “legacy planning.” That includes everything from creating a living will to making funeral arrangements, communicating final sentiments to family and friends, and even writing a person’s eulogy.

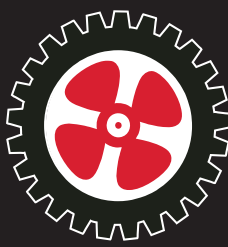
“This role allows us to give our clients undivided attention. If they have 15 questions, we have time for 15 answers,” she said. “We ask them what they want and then do our best to make it happen.”

Running your own business is not easy, but Janie has help.

“My fiancé, Ryan, is handling all of the ‘back-of-the-house’ support systems, and that really helps. We’ll probably become partners,” she says with a grin.



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Add some color to your Easter dishes

Plant-based Wellness



BY MIRIAM HAHN

Owner of YouCare-SelfCare, a private wellness practice specializing in plant-based lifestyle and disease prevention. youcare-selfcare.com

Did you know that adding color to your meals can help you live a longer, healthier life? The compounds that give plants their colors are called phytonutrients. They have potent anti-cancer and anti-heart disease effects, and each color provides various benefits. No one color is superior to another, which is why balance is important. Buy organic when you can and try and avoid peeling the skins off of produce – that is where the phytonutrients are most concentrated. Next time you go to the store, try to fill your basket with all the colors – white is important too! Here are a few examples:

- Red: strawberries, cranberries, raspberries, beets, watermelon, grapes, peppers, onions
- Orange/yellow: carrots, sweet potatoes, peppers, oranges, bananas, pineapple, pumpkin
- Green: spinach, avocados, asparagus, artichokes, broccoli, alfalfa sprouts, kale, cabbage
- Blue/purple: blueberries, blackberries, elderberries, grapes, raisins, eggplant, plums
- White: onions, cauliflower, garlic, leeks, parsnips, daikon radish, mushrooms

Asparagus Pea Spring Soup

Ingredients

- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1 shallot, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 ½ cups almond or oat milk
- 1 ½ cups vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp. nutritional yeast
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- Juice of one lemon



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Trim ends off of asparagus and lay on a baking sheet. Spray with avocado oil and shake on salt and pepper. Roast for 15 minutes.
3. Sauté the shallot and garlic in a soup pot for three minutes, stirring constantly.
4. Add the peas, milk, broth, nutritional yeast, salt and pepper. Cook for five minutes, then add soup to a high-speed blender and blend until smooth.
5. Put the soup back in the pot and simmer until ready to serve.

Serves: 4

Vegan Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

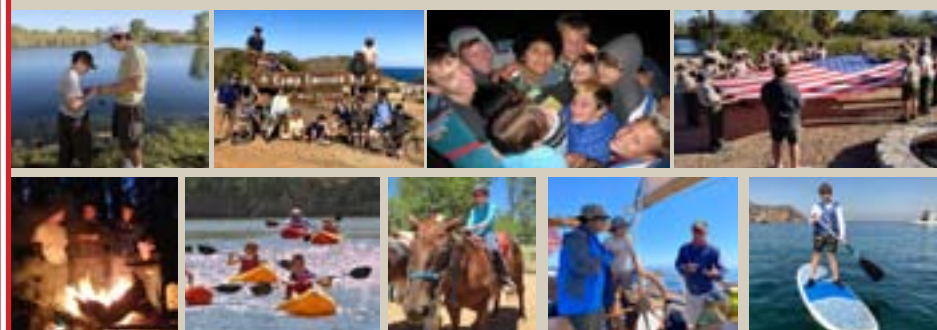
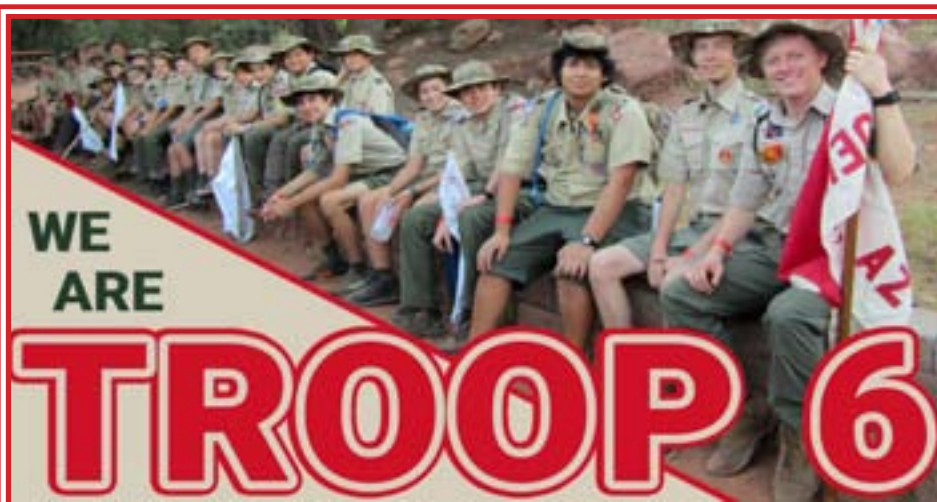
- 12 small Yukon potatoes
- 6 cups ice + water to cover
- 3 tbsp. yellow mustard
- 2 tbsp. vegan mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. turmeric
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. fresh dill, chopped
- 1/8 tsp. smoked paprika



Directions

1. Add the potatoes (whole) to a large pot of water and boil for 25 minutes.
2. Put the ice in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Drain the potatoes and add them to the ice bowl. Let sit for five minutes, then drain.
3. Cut the potatoes in half. Using a melon baller, scoop out some potato in each half, positioning it off-center to resemble an egg. Put the potato that you scoop out in a medium bowl.
4. Mash the potato, then add the mustard, mayonnaise, vinegar, salt, turmeric and pepper. Stir and mash until the mixture is very smooth.
5. Put the filling in a piping bag with a tip (or a Ziploc baggie with the end snipped off). Fill each potato hole with the egg mixture.
6. Sprinkle with the smoked paprika and fresh dill. Ready to serve.

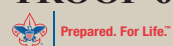
Serves: 12



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Youth-led and very active, Troop 6 Scouts select our activities and adventures. We are frequently camping, backpacking and experiencing special locations like Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, Philmont Cavalcade, Colorado River Runs and our summer camp at Geronimo near Payson in 2022. Along the way, Scouts have a lot of fun, make new friends and learn valuable skills that will help them Be Prepared. For Life.

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Bunny Almond Cookies

Ingredients

- 2 cups almond flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ¼ cup water
- 6 tbsp. coconut sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. sugar
- Black or brown decorating gel

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Mix the almond flour, coconut sugar, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Add the water and stir until well blended.
4. Shape out six round balls and flatten to form the bunny face. Now form out two ears for each cookie.
5. Sprinkle a small amount of sugar on each cookie. Then, using a butter knife, make a crisscross design on the face and ears. Make the eyes and mouth with the decorator gel.

Serves: 6



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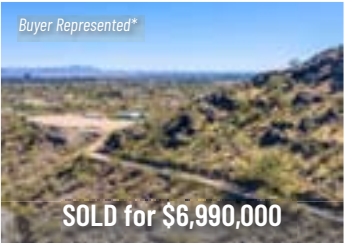
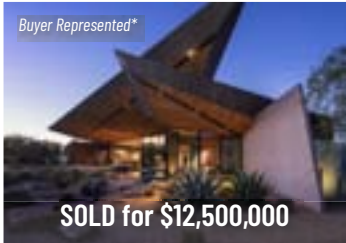
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azpoppyfest.com

SATURDAY 4/2 – SUNDAY 4/3

Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair

10 a.m. at 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson. This family-friendly event is over 50 years old and brings over 300,000 people to the Old Pueblo every year. The fair will host artists from around the world, various food options and local entertainment. Funds from the event are used to support local neighborhoods and nonprofits and produce events that promote arts, culture and community. Admission is free for all ages.

fourthavenue.org

Arizona Renaissance Festival

10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the festival grounds, 12601 E. US-60, Gold Canyon. It's the last two days of Ren Fest! Guests can enjoy entertainment, music, jousting tournaments, games, activities, mermaids, acrobats and food fit for a king. Dress up in your best 16th-century costume and head to Gold Canyon to eat, drink and be merry. Tickets are \$29 for adults; \$19 for kids.

arizona.renfestinfo.com

SATURDAY 4/9

Blessing of the Vineyards

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Sonoita Vineyards, 290 Elgin-Canelo Road, Elgin. It's the 44th annual Blessing of the Sonoita Vineyards. Guests will enjoy wine tastings, a souvenir giveaway, wine and food pairings, and factory and vineyard tours. Guests will also



Easter Bunny Express at the Verde Canyon Railroad.

receive a souvenir wine glass to bring home. Tickets are \$25.

sonoitavineyards.com

Celebrate Mesa

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 526 E. Main St. Come one, come all to this free family festival! Celebrate Mesa will have bounce houses and games for kids, live entertainment and various food trucks with snacks like mini donuts, cereal shakes and roasted corn. There will also be carnival rides available for a \$5 wristband.

mesaparks.com

Mimosas & Palomas Brunch

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mesa Arts Center, One E. Main St. If Saturday morning mimosas sound enticing, this one's for you. The fourth annual Mimosas & Palomas Brunch is sponsored by Mesa Arts Center's Creative Catalysts. It will feature live music performances, including House of Stairs, art-making activities, live painting by Miguel Angel Godoy, artist vendors, food, and of course, mimosas and palomas. This event is free.

mesaartscenter.com

Track Laps for Charity

9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Phoenix Raceway, 7602

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phoenixraceway.com

SUNDAY 4/10

Tucson Taste of Chocolate

2-4 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel 445 S. Alvernon Way. Local chefs will showcase their favorite chocolate creations, and attendees get to vote for their favorites. There will also be a raffle and wine and beer tastings. All proceeds benefit Rotary Local, a Rincon Rotary Foundation program that supports teachers through service and financial assistance for their classroom needs. Tickets are \$15.

visittucson.org

SATURDAY 4/16

Easter Bunny Express

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale.

Make Easter an adventure with the Easter Bunny Express. Guests will enjoy face-painting and photo ops with Peter Cottontail before boarding the train and experiencing spectacular views. There will also be plenty of candy to be had, along with a jelly bean counting contest. Registration is \$109 per person.

verdecanyonrr.com

Easter Eggsperience

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Vertuccio Farms, 4011 S. Power Road, Mesa. Enjoy the springtime air and celebrate Easter with Vertuccio Farms. This event includes an egg hunt, craft time, pictures with the Easter Bunny (bring your camera!), a petting zoo, and unlimited play on the farm. There will be food, drinks and a pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$13.

vertucciofarms.com

Easter Celebration

8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave. Come out and enjoy the 46th annual Dolly Sanchez Easter Celebration. Cottontail Lane lets children pass through with their Easter baskets to collect goodie-filled eggs, toys, trinkets and crafts. Attendees can also enjoy live music by Brock Pro Entertainment, playing hits from the 50s and 60s, and there will also be a variety of food trucks if you're looking for a snack that's not jelly beans. This event is free.

peoriaaz.gov

SATURDAY 4/30

Verde Valley Wine Festival

12 p.m. at the Old Town Activity Park, 187 E. Pima St., Cottonwood. Vinolovers, this one is for you. Guests can peruse Cottonwood's wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants "committed to creating homegrown products." General admission gets guests a commemorative wine glass, eight tasting tickets, food samples, music, art and live entertainment. There are VIP packages available. Tickets start at \$35.

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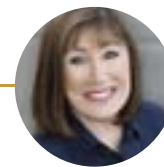
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April 25, 2015, will forever be one of my most memorable days, as it was my wedding day. It was also a monumental day for two guests because as they were waiting for the bride and groom to make their way to the ballroom, they struck up a conversation that turned into a match made for Broadway.



Robin's Adventures
BY ROBIN SEWELL

Host and executive producer of Arizona Highways Television, Saturdays and Sundays on CBS.

That one meeting turned into many, and one idea led to another. About a year later, these two acquaintances-turned-creative collaborators knew they had the makings of an incredible story in an inspirational musical called *Americano*.

Michael Barnard, the co-author and director, has a long, experienced history

in musical theatre. He’s entering his 20th season with Phoenix Theatre Company and has directed more than 560 productions in Phoenix and worldwide. So, what made him think *Americano* could be the next Broadway hit?



The cast of *Americano* performing at Phoenix Theatre.

“It is relevant, human, hopeful, patriotic and inspirational. The music is fresh and original, and it just seemed to be a story that came at the right time,” said Barnard.

Americano is the true story of Tony Valdovinos, a young man dreaming of becoming a Marine and serving his country. On his 18th birthday, Valdovinos, full of hope and determination, walked into the Marine Corps recruiting office ready to enlist, only to find out that he was undocumented. His passion was further fueled as he watched the Twin Towers collapse to the ground during the worst terrorist attack on American soil.

Devastated but not broken, Valdovinos channeled his passion for serving by fighting for people’s rights and a better America. *Americano* premiered at Phoenix Theatre in 2020 to sold-out audiences. So began the challenge of bringing it to a bigger stage – in New York City. That meant finding investors and raising three million dollars in three months.

Enter Chicanos Por La Causa, a Phoenix organization formed in 1969 to fight discrimination against the Mexican-American community.

“*Americano* aligns perfectly with our values,” David Adame, President and CEO,

said. “We believe in empowering lives, and dreamers are a part of that mission and call to action. We saw this as a unique opportunity to tell a Mexican-American story on a big stage, which truly is historic.”

Chicanos Por La Causa always looks for unique, out-of-the-box, creative ways to further their mission. They believe *Americano* gaining national attention could be beneficial for Arizonans.

“We want people to come away with a better understanding of the Mexican-American culture of Arizona and the southwest, which is different from the Latino experience in Florida or New York. We want theatergoers to gain a sense of pride, urgency and a call to action concerning dreamers, and we want them to be entertained. We believe *Americano* can serve those purposes and more,” Adame said.

Barnard and Adame’s dream became a reality, now that *Americano* is the first Arizona-born musical heading to the Big Apple. Barnard described it as exhausting, exciting, terrifying and almost surreal and believes this is a show everyone should see.

“It is a human story about one individual representing hundreds of thousands of individuals. Dreamers want to give back to this country and be the best citizens. It is a story of hope,” he said.

Americano will open at the New World Stages in New York City in April.

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The cost of remote work

Throughout my career, I've been both a full-time salaried employee and a self-employed business owner. Some pros and cons come with each. For example, you typically have perks like health insurance and vacation time when you're an employee. When you're self-employed, you can select your hours of operation and decide which clients you will or won't take on.

There's also another big difference between these two types of employment. When you're self-employed, you pay for your business expenses. If you have an office or purchase office furniture, pens or paper, that's a business expense.

As a full-time employee, your company typically pays for anything related to doing your job. That could include anything from the office chair to electricity to the internet connection.

Has anyone noticed this trend shifting a bit? Part of the reason people are now working remotely is that there are significant cost savings to companies. After all, companies were paying so much in rent for office buildings and the expenses that come with them.



Career Corner

BY ANGELA COPELAND

Career expert and founder of Copeland Coaching. copelandcoaching.com

I've heard from employees who have moved to a larger living space to accommodate a home office. They've invested in home office furniture and upgraded their internet package. However, it seems unclear whether

employees benefit financially the same as remote employees.

In this virtual world, it's become essential that employees are self-sufficient. On top of having a great workspace, employees are now expected to use their personal phones for the business. The lines between work and home have blurred more than ever before.

Most people aren't talking about this issue because who wants to go back to work in person? But who is paying for all these home office upgrades? In many cases, it's the employee. Occasionally, I have seen businesses mail out office supplies and furniture, but it's not the norm.

Most companies send employees a monthly stipend to cover their home expenses – typically, between \$50 and \$150 per month. For some, this amount might cover the cost of their cell phone and internet. But rarely will it cover any of the other expenses employees are sinking into being productive workers.

So what is the real solution? This work-from-home revolution certainly wasn't planned. It's tough to blame employers for not being more prepared for it. That said, two years into work from home feels like a good time to reevaluate. We need to have conversations about the actual cost of remote work. Otherwise, it begins to feel as if we're all self-employed small business owners.

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THERE'S A GATOR IN THE RINK AT BROPHY PREP

By Cliff Summerhill

Xavier senior Marissa White isn't a stranger to the ice – even though she lives in the desert.

Marissa has been figure skating since she was seven. As she got older, though, she realized she was craving a change, and decided to switch her figure skates for hockey skates.

When Athletic Director Sister Lynn Winsor reached out about an opportunity on Brophy's hockey team, Marissa jumped at the chance and was accepted to the squad earlier this year.

There have been three girls on the team since its inception – the last in 2014.

"The first time I was on the ice with a puck, I loved it," Marissa said.

"Xavier is very proud of Marissa for making the hockey team," Winsor said. "We all salute her for her contributions to Brophy and congratulate her successes."

It took Marissa a while to get accustomed to the sport, including navigating her new skates. Figure skate blades have a toe pick at the front that helps with jumps or pivots. Hockey skates are lightweight and allow players to skate, stop and change direction quickly. Hockey blades have more curve at both ends, instead of a toe pick.

Marissa also decided to join the Arizona Kachinas, an all-girl hockey club sponsored by the Phoenix Coyotes, to better her skills.

After participating in a practice with Brophy's team, she was hooked and became an

honorary Bronco for the JV squad. She played forward on the left and right-wing.

"It's been a pleasure to watch our new skaters progress throughout the season. By the end, the drills were smoother, the skating improved, and it's all due to the hard work they put in," Brophy Head Coach Ryan Ricci said. "Marissa has lived up to her skills, making it to every practice and putting in the work to improve constantly. The boys on the team have rallied around her."

According to Ricci, the last few games of the season were a joy to watch as every player was trying to get Marissa the puck in a scoring position. By season's-end, she had three assists.

"It was awesome to watch them interact," Ricci said.

The JV team finished their regularly scheduled season and headed into the playoffs, where they beat Flagstaff with a score of 6-1 in the Championship Game. Both the varsity and JV teams won the State Championships – this is varsity's first state title since 2012.



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Brophy's JV squad won the State Championship game against Flagstaff with a score of 6-1.



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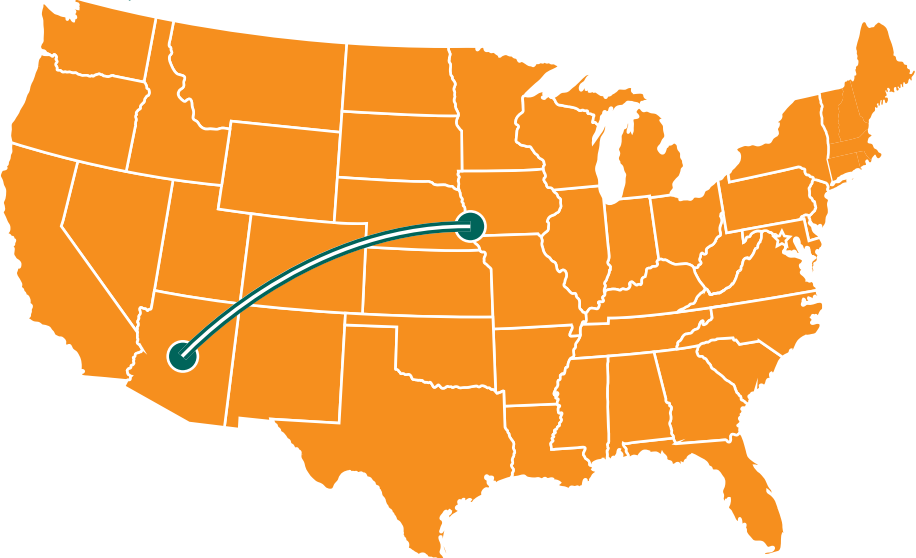
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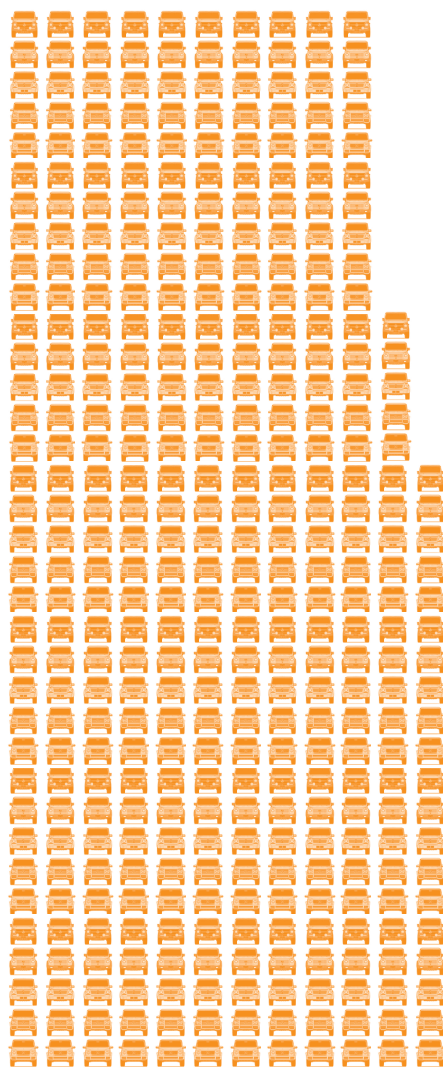
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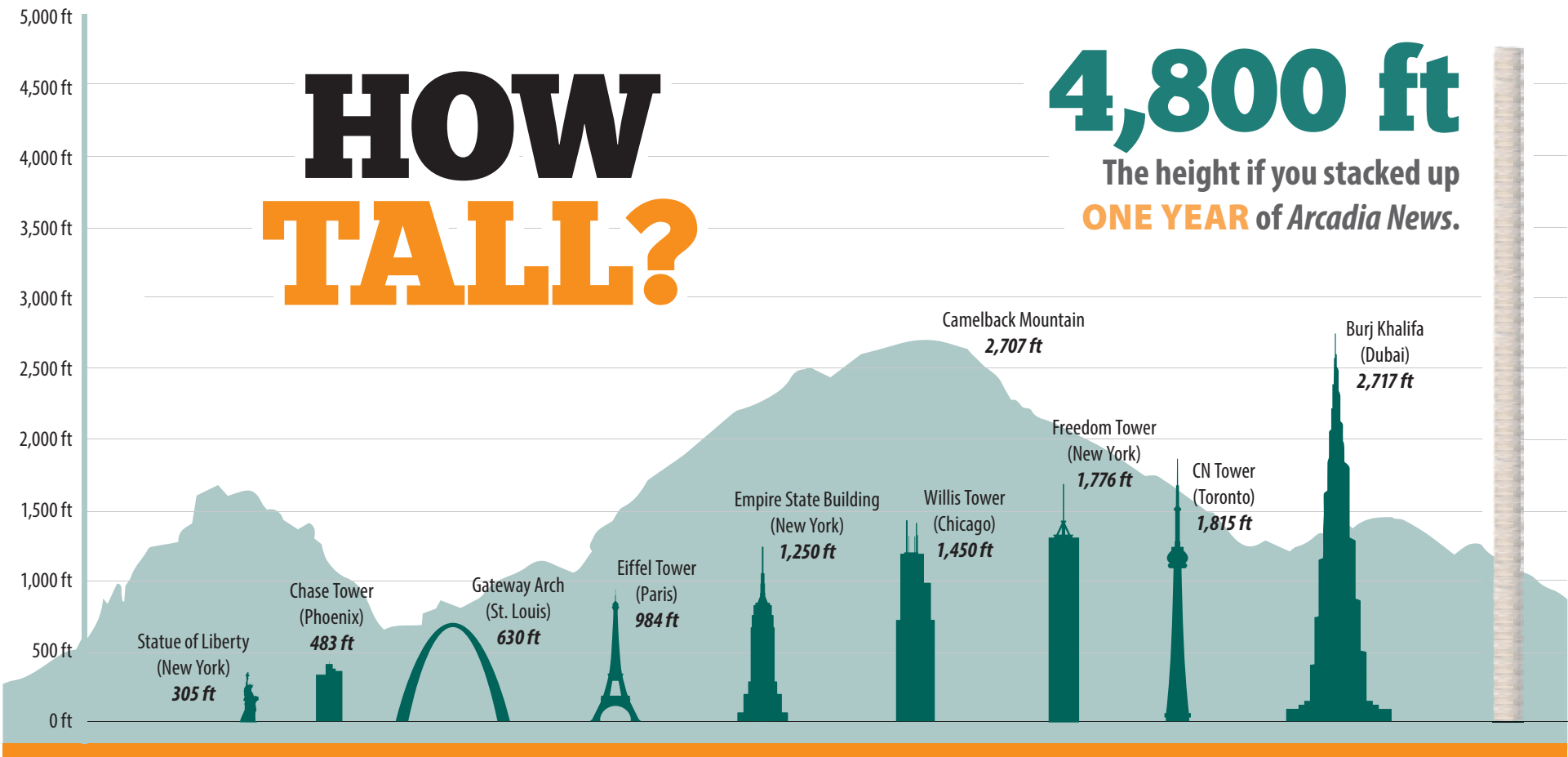
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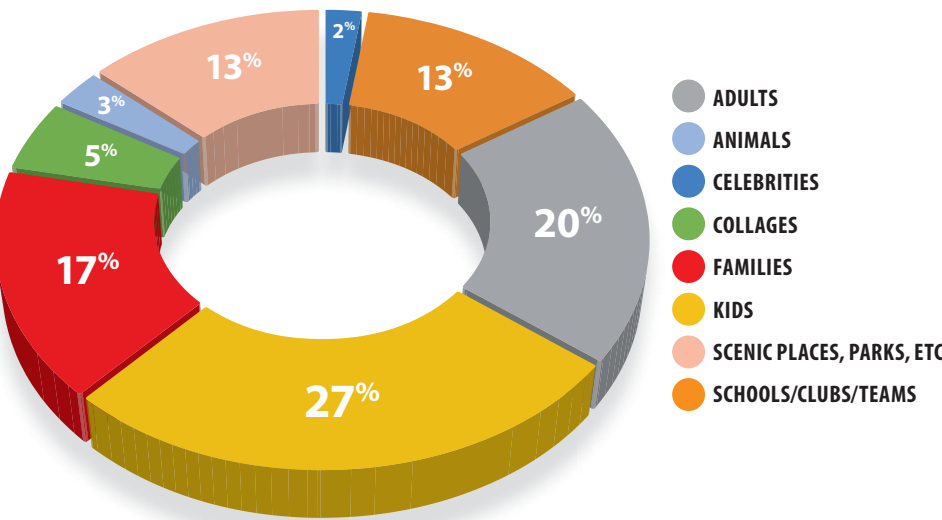


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In softball, good girls steal (bases)

By Rachael Bouley

The 2022 high school softball season is in full swing for local schools, and teams around Arcadia are working hard to make the most of every game. Here's the latest news for the Arcadia High Titans, Xavier Prep Gators and Christ Lutheran Lions.

ARCADIA HIGH

The Titans got off to a 6-4-1 start in the 5A Northeast Valley conference, hoping to build on the solid foundation they focused on last season when softball resumed.

"We're looking to improve on attitude and effort this year, trying to stay positive through tough times," Coach Jason Foster said. "Our goal is to improve in our region and look to compete for a title this season."

The Titans aim for consistency as the season runs for about two months from the end of February through April

before playoffs and state championships occur in May.

"We are still working to improve our defense, which is coming along well and should be in top-notch form during region play," Foster explained. "We learned a lot in our first tournament, going 4-1-1 and making it into the semi-finals."

The team's 14-player roster features a few teammates who started playing softball in Arcadia Little League as kids and stuck with the sport throughout school, giving them a strong foundation for staying competitive, even in a challenging conference.

Coach Foster said that some of the key players this season include seniors Josephine Cariveau, Mia Mavoides and Charlotte Wylie.

Jo leads the team in hits, with an average over .500, and the others are not far behind.

There's Arcadia's notable pitching strength, as well, with Izzy Abalos, Kailyn Montoya and Avery Wahl staying in control

on the mound to keep the Titans in most games, which is vital as the team strives for steady improvements.

"We are looking to continue to have fun playing the game and get a little better every day," Foster said.

XAVIER PREP

The reigning 6A champions are riding the momentum of last season when they brought home the school's first softball state championship. The Gators went 19-2 in 2021 and are off to a strong start in the 6A Premier region this year, with 10 wins and three losses so far.

"We have an experienced group of players, all of whom contributed to last year's success," Coach Bradley Bledsoe Downes said. "We rely heavily on pitching from Riley Flynn, hitting from the returning seniors and Lauren Putz, and contributions from returning and new players. A number of our younger players have grown and are exciting to watch."

Xavier's success in recent years made MaxPreps' list of the best high school softball teams in the U.S. One of the key reasons is the return of Bridget Donahey and Riley Flynn, two of the top senior soft-ballers in the state, who were regional leaders last year.

Donahey plays shortstop and is batting above .500, while 2021 All Arizona Softball Team pitcher Flynn picked up six wins within the first ten games with an ERA under 2.00.

Five of the Gators' 16 varsity players are experienced seniors, with outfielder Elliot Smith hitting over .650 and Emma Petersen adding depth at first base and on the mound.

The younger players are stepping up, too. Sophomore Lauren Putz batted .594 in 10 games, while second-year outfielder Tabitha VonKolen has been reliable in relief.

"Our strengths are good pitching, experience, team speed and strong hitters," Downes said. "Every game is a challenge

that prepares us for the playoffs, and I'm excited to watch the team grow together."

CHRIST LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran School also found success in softball this year as their seventh-grade squad took first place at the Catholic Youth Athletic Association tournament while playing against other Christian schools from across the Valley.

CLS boasted two softball teams this year: a fifth-sixth grade team and a seventh-grade team.

"It was great seeing them win first place. These girls are such a dedicated and athletic group," Coach Sergio Ramos said. "In sixth grade they would play baseball with the boys almost every recess, so I loved watching them play for their school this year."

Coach Ramos reflected on highlights of the final game, saying that the pitcher did really well and made it tough on Saint Louis the King Catholic School's batters.

"The girls were hitting the ball hard and making great plays in the field, and they never stopped encouraging each other. The final play of the game was a great catch in the outfield," Ramos said. "They were determined to get that championship banner to hang in the gym."

The girls went undefeated in both season and tournament play; many games were played against eighth grade teams.

"We've been blessed to be able to coach such a fun and competitive group. We've known most of them since t-ball and it was rewarding seeing their hard work over the years pay off," Ramos said.

The Lions had the same feeling as their coach:

"It felt like we deserved it because we worked really hard and it was exciting to represent our school in that way," Mia Calihan said.

"We worked really hard and it was really nice to take home a win," Riley Tezanos echoed.

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Sixty-five years of fast balls, home runs and fun

By Jennifer Marshall

The players have grabbed their gloves and bats and have taken to the field!

Arcadia Little League – which has been around since 1957 (65 years!) – started its official season with practice sessions in February. The first game was held on March 21. Games are played each day until the championship rounds begin in early May.

“We’re seeing enthusiasm from parents new to the league who are bringing their little ones to their first experience by playing tee-ball,” ALL President Cheri Pierce said. “Health and safety continue to be a concern among parents, so we are trying to bring confidence by adhering to SUSD guidelines.”

Pierce said that equipment shortages have compelled the league into being creative in sourcing catchers’ gear and other items. The league has also struggled with finding a solution to keep all three snack bars open for the season. For now, they will remain closed.

Regular practices teach and build upon fundamental softball and baseball skills. Warmups, pep talks, drills, skill-based exercises, scrimmages and batting practice are common. ALL typically keeps team rosters at nine to 13 players – with each age bracket, a total of 935 kids will play this year.

“I’ve been playing since kindergarten and I’m in fifth-grade this year,” student Caden Lewis said. “It’s a fun sport and I get to play with all my friends. We once got introduced at a Diamondbacks game!”

“We are always guiding our players toward the tools they need to succeed in life, both on and off the field, such as sportsmanship, team play, respect and fairness,” Pierce said. “We allow players to experience valuable life lessons, how to act as winners, and how to learn from failure.”

This is Pierce’s third season as president and 13th year with the league.

“In 2020, the board prepared as they normally would, and unfortunately, had to cancel. It put a strain on the league and volunteers. Not only were we worried about our families, jobs, and the world around us, we were trying to keep alive a little league that our community loves and our children need,” Pierce said.

Pierce explained that many Arizona little leagues never reopened because of financial strain.

“The reason we were able to reopen in 2021 and 2022 is because of our banner donors, families that opted out of their partial refunds, and all the managers that gave back equipment so we could reuse. I am so proud and grateful for the volunteers; without them, this league would not exist,” she said.

Arcadia Little League uses nine fields across three locations: Camelback Christian Church, Echo Canyon and Ingleside Middle School.

Catcher Jalen Knighton said his favorite part of being on the team is getting to play with his friends and rooting for their teams.



Arcadia Little League's 2021 All-Star team.

“My favorite memories are winning the state championship and going undefeated in the tournament,” he said.

Pierce also mentioned that ALL is looking for volunteers. Current opportunities include commissioner, communication

officer, director of concessions, player agent, scholarship committee and social media officer.

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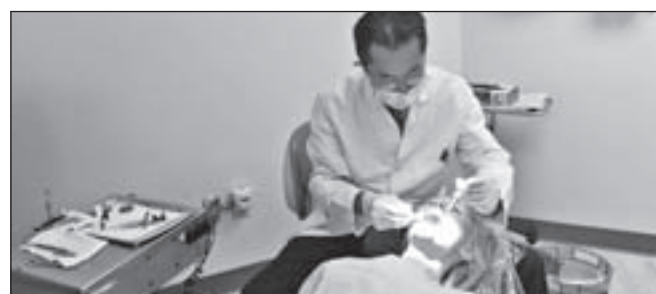
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Xander Black, Matthew Linhart, Samuel Steiner and Michael Bendok at one of the first coin drive events held in 2016. Three years later, the group donated \$30,000 to T-Gen's Center for Rare Diseases.

What's the latest with Kidz 4 Causes?

By Jennifer Marshall

Arcadia News has been keeping tabs on four Phoenix Country Day School alumni since 2018. Readers might recognize them as the founders of Kidz 4 Causes, a nonprofit established back in 2015, when the boys were freshmen.

Matthew Linhart, Xander Black, Samuel Steiner and Michael Bendok started the nonprofit after Samuel's brother, Harry, was diagnosed with a rare disease called obliterative bronchiolitis.

"Our community rallied around Harry, only to discover that he was one of more than 30 million Americans with a disease that had no FDA approved treatment," current President McKinley Paltzik said. "From this, Kidz 4 Causes was born, uniting classmates and friends to raise money for rare disease research through a partnership with T-Gen's Center for Rare Childhood Disorders."

But this group of industrious and compassionate students didn't just stop with supporting rare diseases. Since its inception, the group has broadened its focus to encompass the many needs within its community and around the globe.

"In 2019, we raised money for the underfunded speech and debate programs," Paltzik said. "In 2020, we raised money for humanitarian aid to Lebanon following the Beirut port explosion."

That same year, in six months, Kidz 4 Causes raised \$15,000 for COVID relief, focusing on Navajo communities that received only minimal federal assistance. This year, they're again focusing on rare disease research.



To date, that brings the total raised to around \$180,000. So, where are the founders these days?

"Matthew is attending the University of Georgia, and Xander is at Michigan, where he runs on the track team. Samuel Steiner is attending ASU," Founder Michael told *Arcadia News*. "As for myself, I am studying energy at Stanford, working on an energy startup called Fundusol and doing research at Stanford's Precourt Institute for Energy."

The current board members at Kidz 4 Causes are excited to continue their annual Run for Rare Disease Research, which they plan to host in the near future.

"After putting this tradition on pause, we can't wait to get the community back together to participate and support rare disease research," McKinley said.

Check out *Arcadia News*' stories about Kidz 4 Causes in the March 2018, February 2019 and April/August 2020 editions at arcadianewsarchives.com.

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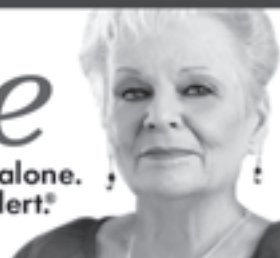
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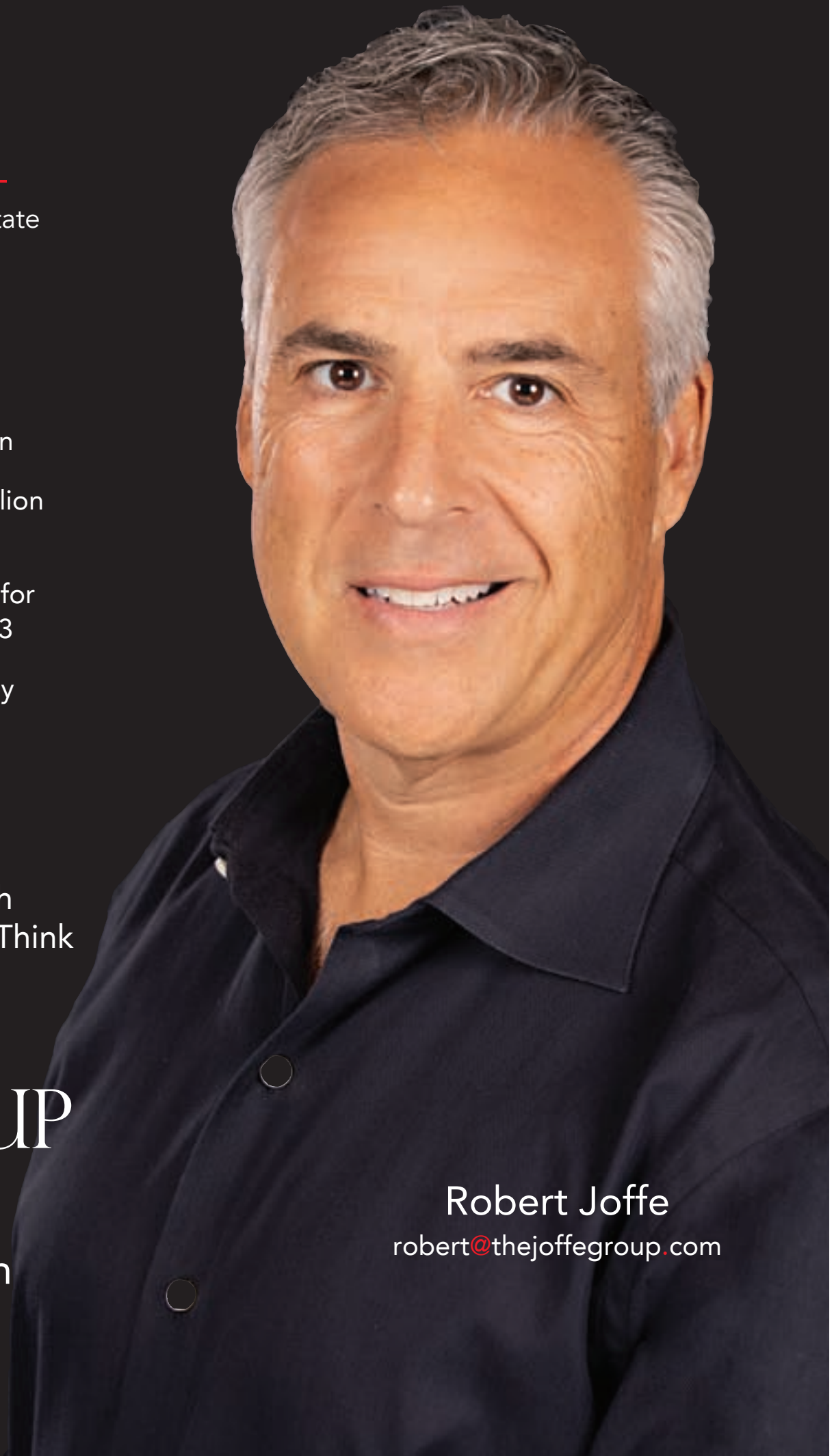
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There's always something happening in the Valley of the Sun, and with plenty of suggestions, our list can help you decide what's next for fun.

8 WHAT'S THEIR SECRET?

With almost 100 years of collective experience, these camp staffers know what it takes to run a successful program to keeps kids coming back.

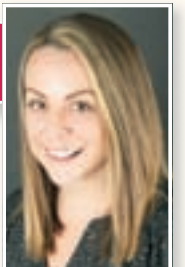
7 GET IN THE GAME

With these camps, kids can forgo the controller (for a little while, at least) and learn about the technology behind online games – and how to build their own.

10 GROOVIN' TO THE BEAT

For the singer, rock star or actor in the family, we've got a few camps that provide experience, activities and plenty of music in the performing arts field.

EDITOR'S NOTE



Summer 2022 is just around the corner! I'll admit, it wasn't until I started writing the *Arcadia News Summer Camp Guide* that I realized how many summer camps are available in Arizona and around the country – or what summer camp truly means to our youth.

The benefits are plenty: making friends, learning new skills, finding new passions...these days, camps even offer educational "classes" to keep kids fresh and up-to-date on their studies.

This year, we focused on camps that grow those passions: kids can learn about different animal ecosystems with six animal camps, hone their musical skills or learn a new instrument with music camps, and get their energy out with a variety of sports camps. Don't take too long to decide – camps tell us they are filling up fast.

We hope you enjoy our 2022 *Arcadia News Summer Camp Guide*. Please reach out to editor@arcadianews.com with any feedback or future ideas. Happy summer camp days, and thank you for reading *Arcadia News*!

—mallory



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Animal Camps

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CAMP OCEAN

Odysea Aquarium,
9500 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale
Ages: K-8th grade
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dates: May 30-July 29
Fee: \$325 per camper, per week

Camp Ocean provides three separate camps:

Fins, Feathers and Fur: All about Animals is for grades K-2, where campers learn about aquatic and terrestrial animals that are dependent on the oceans and their ecosystems by exploring their characteristics.

Land, Sea and Sky: Habitats of the World is for grades 3-5.

Campers take a tour around the world, exploring the planet's animal habitats. This camp will provide interactive and close-up experiences in some of OdySea Aquarium's habitats. Campers will learn about ecosystems within each habitat and how animals within them are interdependent.

Junior Marine Biologists: Care and Conservation is for grades 6-8.



Campers will better understand oceans and their inhabitants and what we can do to help protect them. This camp will facilitate behind-the-scenes experiences that will teach what it takes to care for underwater animals.

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CAMP ZOO

Phoenix Zoo,
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
Ages: K-8th grade
Time: 8-11:45 a.m. for kinder kids, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for first-eighth graders
Dates: June 6-July 29
Fee: \$140-\$310 depending on time and membership.

Phoenix Zoo offers the Build the Zoo program, where each grade level will be asked to build an exhibit or an item for an animal (examples are building a habitat, building a boot camp, etc.). Campers will spend mornings on the trails, enjoying close encounters with the animals, learning from their care teams and enjoying the splash pad. Afternoons will be spent working on design challenges.

Incorporating STEAM principles and going through the design, build, test, and revise process, campers will use what they've learned about the animals to create real-world solutions and finish out the week by presenting their designs.

phoenixzoo.org



KIDS RIDING CAMP

Arizona Cowboy College,
30208 N. 152nd St., Scottsdale
Ages: 5-16
Time: 7 a.m.-12 p.m.
Dates: May 25-August 10
Fee: \$450 per camper

If horses are your child's favorite animal, this camp might be perfect. Campers will learn different riding styles, grooming, bathing, lunging and basic medical treatment of horses and cattle, livestock behavior, training techniques – and yes, there will be plenty of riding! On the last two days of camp, there will be a sleepover in a real cowboy bunkhouse – with swimming, movies, a BBQ dinner and a performance for parents so kids can show off what they've learned.

cowboycollege.com



POWER PAWS...UNLEASHED

Power Paws Assistance Dogs,
8250 E. Rose Lane, Scottsdale
Ages: 9-12
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Friday
Dates: June 7-July 15
Fees: \$600 per two-week session

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azpowerpaws.org



WILD WONDERS

Arizona Humane Society,
1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix
Ages: 6-8 and 9-12
Time: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dates: June 20-July 15
Fee: Early bird is \$300 until April 22, then \$345 per camper

Wild Wonders is the Arizona Humane Society's most hands-on camp and focuses on the importance of wild and domestic animal sanctuaries and rehabilitators. Campers will interact with hedgehogs, snakes, rabbits and alligators and learn about wildlife with the Arizona Humane Society, Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary and other nonprofits as they gain knowledge on coexisting and keeping pets safe.

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butterflywonderland.com



CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN

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4925 E. McDonald Dr., Phoenix

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phoenix.gov/parks

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castlesncoasters.com

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

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childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

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1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix

Admission: \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids. Along with a plethora of events, there's always something going on at Desert Botanical Garden. Guests can walk along five different trails while admiring the flora and fauna of our environment.



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dbg.org

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escapetheroom.com

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greatwolf.com



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hallofflame.org

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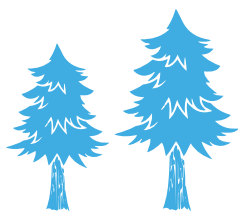
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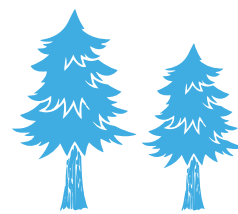
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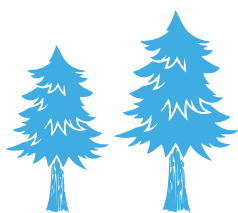


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Prescott Valley

Admission: \$25 with different pricing for each attraction. Open Monday through Thursday, 12-8 p.m.; Friday, 12-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There is something for everyone at In the Game: an arcade,



a climbing wall, laser tag, mini-golf, mini-bowling, axe throwing and a playhouse complete with tunnels and slides. When you get hungry, head to the café for a bite to eat or something cold to drink.

prescottvalley.inthegame.net

I.D.E.A. MUSEUM

150 W. Pepper Pl., Mesa

Admission: \$9 a person. Free for members. This children's museum contains over 20,000 feet of engaging, interactive space, including ArtVille, a larger-than-life "town" designed to help children develop their artistic side.

The museum also offers a spring and summer camp, plus ArtVille Academy, an eight-week program for kids 3 to 5. They're closed on Mondays but open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. during the week.

ideamuseum.org



THE MINI TIME MACHINE MUSEUM

4455 E. Camp Lowell Dr., Tucson

Admission: \$11.50 for adults, \$8 for ages 4-17, children three and under free. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. It's a museum of miniature proportions! The gallery contains over 500 miniature houses and room "boxes," and other collectibles.

Explore the Enchanted Realm, full of fairies and woodland creatures, or check out Rudy Flores and Teresa Estrella's Army Man Project, Volume 2, an exhibition of 187 Tucsonans created using 3D printing as plastic green army men.

theminitimemachine.org



VERDE CANYON RAILROAD

300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale

Admission: \$99 per person. Available on certain days, times vary from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Get ready to take in all of the beauty of Verde Canyon with a classic train ride. Depending on where you'd like to sit, Verde Canyon Railroad offers packages for each part of the train, from the locomotive to the caboose. Guests can order snacks and drinks during the ride, and there will be photo opportunities along the way.

verdecanyonrr.com



ZIPLINE ROUTE 66

200 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams

Admission: \$15 for solo rides, \$12 for tandem. During the summer, the zipline opens at 8 a.m. Time to fly across Route 66! This zip line flies through the town of Williams and over Grand Canyon Boulevard. Fliers will be seated over 110 feet high and reach speeds up to 30 miles an hour. Don't worry; you're strapped in the entire time. Enjoy the scenery of Williams while flying above it.

ziplineroute66.com



SIX FLAGS HURRICANE HARBOR

4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Glendale

Admission: \$38 if you buy online, \$46 at the gate. This is the largest theme park in Arizona – and the one with the most water rides! There are over 30 attractions, including a wave pool, lazy river, slides and kid-friendly play areas. There are multiple snack areas with food and drinks when you get hungry, plus beverages for grown-ups.

sixflags.com/phoenix



SLIDE ROCK STATE PARK

6871 N. Highway 89A, Sedona

Admission: \$20-\$30 per vehicle. Open daily from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Explore the beauty and scenery of Slide Rock State Park and make sure to bring a swimsuit. Slide Rock is 80 feet long and boasts one of the top swimming holes in the United States. There is a half-mile of Oak Creek where visitors can swim, slip and slide down the slippery rocks. There are also fishing areas stocked full of Rainbow Trout for those who want to cast a line.

azstateparks.com






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ChildrensMuseumOfPhoenix.org

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Game & Tech

A LITTLE TECH, A LOT OF FUN

It's a fact that online gaming has taken over the popularity of the board game – but have no fear! There are learning opportunities within the gaming realm. The camps below are focused on creating, coding, engineering and playing online games. Oh – and we included a classic if your child is looking to learn about an actual board game this summer!

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS STEM CAMPS

Locations vary

Ages: Pre-K to eighth grade
Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Dates: May 31-July 29
Fee: Camps start at \$165 per week

The focus of Engineering For Kids Summer Camps is to provide campers with a hands-on immersive learning experience. Those who like to ask questions and solve problems may find what they're looking for with these interactive camps. EFK partners with various locations around the Valley – Sky Zone, Mavrix and Octane Raceway, to name a few – to provide campers with activities in a variety of fields,



such as robotics, technology and code, Minecraft, augmented reality adventures, physics, cartoon animation and Esports league. EFK also offers virtual camps.

engineeringforkids.com

ID TECH CAMP

Arizona State, Tempe Campus

Age: 10-12
Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for day camp
Dates: June 27-July 1
Fee: \$1,129 for day camp, \$1,828 for overnight camp

These camps are more about creating rather than playing. In Video Production: Start your own YouTube channel, campers will learn to establish their brand and curate their online presence. After learning about pre-production and composition, creators will produce video content, use professional cameras to capture footage, create a unique online brand and practice “digital citizenship” – which they will learn all about! Tuition includes a customized curriculum and take-home project, an Official iD Tech diploma and course transcript and a limited edition t-shirt. Overnight camp includes room and board and meals.

idtech.com



LIFE SKILLS CHESS CAMP

*The Chess Emporium,
7000 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale*

Age: 5-18
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dates: May 30-June 3
Fee: \$240 for three days, \$290 for four days, \$334 for five days

For those looking to learn more about the game of chess – or those looking to sharpen their skills, Chess Emporium has the summer camp for you. Offered for three, four or five days, campers will learn tips and tricks while playing fun, chess-themed games like Bughouse and Chess Blitz. There will be lessons, free time and brain breaks throughout each day.

chessemporium.com



MINECRAFT CAMP

*Jones-Gordon School,
4800 E. Doubletree Ranch Road,
Paradise Valley*

Age: 6-12
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Date: June 20-24, June 27-July 1
Fee: \$350 a week, per camper

Jones-Gordon School Summer Camps offer a wide variety of themes, including Minecraft Camp, where students can learn about coding, engineering, game design, survival, and animation tips and

tricks for all those Minecraft adventures. Groups will get time to play the game together, build with Minecraft LEGOs, make crafts and more. Insider tip: Percy Jackson and Harry Potter camps are also available if those are more your style.

jonesgordon.org



VAULT EDUTAINMENT SUMMER CAMP

4227 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale

Age: 5-13
Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dates: June 6-July 29
Fee: \$500 per week, per child

The Vault is a brand-new camp that offers gaming, activities and fun while practicing reading, writing and other school topics with certified teachers to keep kids fresh during the summer. Weekly themes include Under the Sea, Creepy Crawlers, Natural Disasters/Weather and Monster Mash. Also included will be keyboarding practice and time to “game” with Minecraft, Roblox and Fortnite. Vault also has Oculus virtual reality goggles where kids can mini-golf or bowl. They offer one-on-one tutoring throughout the week and two-hour sessions for “non-camp” kids just wanting to game for a bit.

thevaultedutainment.com





What's the secret?

THESE CAMPS KNOW HOW TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE

As summer approaches, kids are eagerly waiting for the days when they can head out off to camp to enjoy their break by learning new crafts and sports, meeting new friends and hanging by the pool. Collectively, these six camps have been around for over 170 years and they know the secret to keeping their campers safe, happy and active for summer break.

SHELLY SCHEURING BROPHY SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Brophy's Summer Enrichment program has been ongoing for the past 15 years, and typically they serve more than 800 students each summer.

Summer Enrichment Director Shelly Scheuring said that the athletic camps (football, basketball, baseball and soccer) are popular because the current Brophy coaches help teach the camps. This year, they've also added lacrosse. STEM classes such as engineering & experiments, computer coding, innovation camp, robotics, and Esports are popular with boys and girls.

"We want our participants to have fun and get a break from hanging around the house," Scheuring said. "We really want to engage them, make sure they learn and grow, and that they feel they are part of something bigger. In this case, they are part of Brophy, even if it's just for four weeks. Many come back year after year."

brophyprep.org

KARYN MILLER CACTUS DAY CAMP

Karyn Miller spent her childhood summers attending camps in New York and Chicago. When she moved to the Valley, she noticed that Phoenix didn't have traditional day camps, so she decided to open her own. Cactus Day Camp has hosted summer programs for 16 years.

There are over 20 activities, arts and crafts and classes for kids to choose from. Miller said that swimming is definitely a favorite activity among counselors and campers. She said kids are also excited about archery and climbing, especially if they've never tried it before.

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- Sessions are 9:00AM - 2:00PM
- Tuesdays through Friday Only (Mondays Off)
- Sessions:
 - June 7 - June 17
 - June 21 - July 1
 - June 5 - July 15



* Dog must be non-aggressive around other dogs. Dog must be under 61 pounds. Dog will be evaluated before camp. Payment for camp required to schedule evaluation. Each day camper and dog will receive a one-hour training basic obedience class each day (Canine Training Value \$1,000). If during camp any dogs shows signs of aggression toward dogs or child. Dog will be removed from camp for the remainder of session. Camper can complete the remainder of the session.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HUBBARD SWIM

“I believe that safety as a priority is one thing that makes a successful camp. Kids get exposure to a multitude of activities. I think that’s why parents choose us, because we’re a place to try new things; a place where kids can be kids and build friendship,” Miller said.

She mentioned that accreditation and year-round planning also play a part in the success of Cactus Day Camp.

“I live and breathe Cactus Day. I’ve been here from the start, and our leadership is consistent. I think that’s another thing that makes us so successful,” Miller said.

cactusdaycamp.com

ADAM ESPOSITO

FRIENDLY PINES OVERNIGHT CAMP

Friendly Pines Camp has been owned and operated by the May family since 1941 – four generations with over 80 years of experience. Program Director Adam Esposito has been part of the Friendly Pines family for seven years and has a surprising statistic to share:

“You’d never guess it, but the single most popular activity at Friendly Pines is sewing! As a whole, though, encompassing five different activities, our horseback riding program is a favorite,” he said.

Esposito said that keeping campers happy

and providing them with opportunities for genuine human connection is the key to a successful camp.

“There are many campers that when it’s time to go home, wish they could spend just a little more time here. They’ve made new friends in a world away from technology that is far more engaging than any screen could ever be,” he said.

friendlypines.com

ANN MARIE SUNDERHAUS

HUBBARD SUMMER SWIM CAMP

Hubbard Family Swim School was opened in 1998, and the camp has run every summer for the past 24 years. At Hubbard, campers play sports games and participate in a different theme each week. Camp Director Ann Marie Sunderhaus said that dodgeball games are a camp favorite.

“In my opinion, exceptional staff, fun, organized, creative curriculum and consistent safety procedures make a summer camp successful,” Sunderhaus said. “Creating an environment in which campers feel safe is extremely important. Focusing on impacting the campers, developing them while allowing for the freedom of play and fun makes campers want to return each week!”

hubbardswim.com

for kindergarten and first-grade students provide school readiness with a good dose of fun.

“What makes our camp successful is the variety of activities we have for kids, the mix of academic activities, sports, arts, enrichment, the daily choices for afternoon electives, and our fun, friendly, caring camp counselors that go out of their way to make our campers’ summer program experience phenomenal,” Hall said.

pcds.org/summer

SHONNA JAMES

SHEMER SUMMER ART CAMP

In 1984, Martha Shemer purchased a home and land in Arcadia and donated it to the City of Phoenix. Since then it has been showcasing and supporting Arizona artists – and is known as the Shemer Art Center. Since 2016, Shemer has hosted over 100 children every June for their Summer Art Camp.

“Each day, our students get to spend two hours learning new drawing skills, two hours with our painting instructor, and two hours doing ceramics – the ceramics classes are often the most popular,” Executive Director Shonna James said. “Summer camps are something children remember for the friends they make, the experiences they have, the interesting things they learn, and the amazing works of art they create.”

shemerartcenter.org

CHRIS HALL

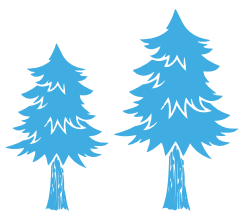
PHOENIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

PCDS’s Summer Camp has been open for more than 30 years. Chris Hall, director of communications, said that cooking classes, hands-on science, and indoor sports are popular. The self-contained classes

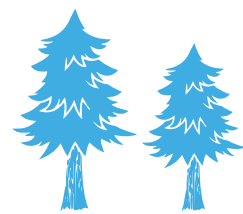


IN MY OPINION, EXCEPTIONAL STAFF, FUN, ORGANIZED, CREATIVE CURRICULUM AND CONSISTENT SAFETY PROCEDURES MAKE A SUMMER CAMP SUCCESSFUL.





Music CAMPS



COME ON, PLAY US A TUNE

Are the speakers constantly bumpin' at your house? Is there a room dedicated to instruments somewhere? Does your child know all the songs to *Mamma Mia*? If so, a music camp could be the right choice this summer. Here are four camps dedicated to keepin' the tunes flowing:

MUSIC MAKER WORKSHOPS; SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

3233 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix

Age: 5-10

Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates: June 13-July 21

Fee: \$185

This one is only a half-day camp, but it still packs lots of fun and music into those three hours! For a total of five days, campers will get to try their hands at a new instrument: piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, voice or drums. Each week, there are different themes, such as Fiesta Fun and Crazy Country Western, with activities, games, giveaways, crafts, contests and teacher features mixed with learning or practicing an instrument.



mmwaz.com

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Age: Pre-K-12th grade

Time: Times vary

Fee: Museum admission is \$20, classes are separate.

The Musical Instrument Museum houses 8,000 instruments from more than 200 countries around the world. While they don't have a specific summer camp, they offer music classes and activities year-round and for every age group.

Kids up to five years old can enjoy Mini Music Makers class. Here, kids explore music from around the globe while singing, dancing and playing instruments. Designed for children and caregivers, each class explores a new musical culture and touches on motor, pre-language and musical skills. \$12 per class.

Ages 6-10 can pick up an MIMkids Passport and embark on a journey with MIMkids Musical Adventures, where attendees can discover new cultures by actively participating in music-making, crafting musical instruments, and exploring MIM's exhibits. Each class focuses on a different continent and music from around the world, with



an opportunity to collect MIMkids passport stamps. \$12 per class.

Students in grades 6 through 12 can become Junior Museum Guides. Students can learn about cultures while also participating in music-making. Junior Guides will train to lead tours while exploring MIM's galleries and exhibits. Participants who complete all four classes will have the opportunity to lead group tours for upcoming events. \$40 per session – four in total.

mim.org

SCHOOL OF ROCK SCOTTSDALE

13610 N. Scottsdale Road

Age: 7-18

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee: \$500

School of Rock offers music camps throughout the summer, focused on every genre imaginable: classic rock, punk rock, pop hits, pop legends...the list is endless. Here are just a few examples:

June 6-10, Modern Rock Camp:

Students will learn and perform songs from some of the most popular artists of the 21st century, including Foo Fighters, Amy Winehouse, Imagine Dragons, Paramore and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Monday through Friday will be spent learning and rehearsing songs culminating in a live performance at the end of the week.

June 13-17, Green Day Camp: Throughout this 5-day camp, students will explore hits from some of Green Day's most popular albums, such as "Warning," "Insomniac," and "American Idiot." At the end of the week, there will be a live performance. Great for students who have had some previous instruction.

July 11-15, Songwriting and Recording Camp:

Students will learn how to write their own songs by researching some of the greatest compositions of the last 60 years to develop their own tunes. Topics include chord progressions, arrangements and other tricks of the trade. Students will perform their original work at the end of the week.

July 18-22, Beatles Camp: Celebrate the best songs from The Beatles' collection of hits and Billboard-topping classics. Students will spend Monday through Friday learning and practicing songs and performing their own Beatles tribute at the end of camp.

schoolofrock.com



SUMMER COMPANY – MUSICAL THEATRE AND FINE ARTS CAMP

Do Re Mi School of the Arts,

8050 E. Mountain View Road, Scottsdale

Age: 4-8, 9-18

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for Fine Arts, 11 a.m.-1 and 4 p.m. for Musical Theatre

Dates: July 11-30

Fee: \$350-\$500 for three-week sessions

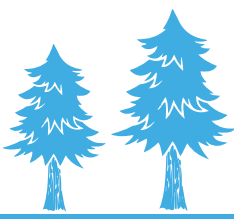
This camp is more about theater and performance, but music still plays a huge part! For those who want to dance, act AND sing, Do Re Mi might be the camp for you.

The Fine Arts Camp focuses on theatre, music, dance, and art instruction. Kids aged 4-6 will learn song, dance and acting for songs and scenes from *Peter Pan*, and first/second-grade students will learn songs and scenes from *Hercules*. The camp concludes with a full production.

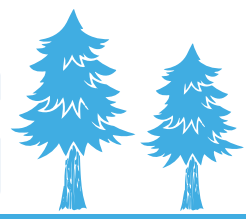
For the older kids, this 3-week summer camp engages students in a hands-on musical theatre experience, from auditioning, learning lines and staging the show with props, lights and costumes. Third through eighth-graders will produce *Grease*, and ninth-12th graders will produce *Urinetown*. The entire process happens in 12 rehearsals – culminating with a public show.

doremischool.com





Sports CAMPS



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

One of the integral parts of growing up is participating in sports or activities that help kids stay active and get rid of some of that never-ending energy supply. Below are five camps so youngsters can tumble, throw, climb and dunk throughout the summer.

AZ ON THE ROCKS

16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale

Age: 6-12

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for half-days, 3 p.m. for full days

Dates: June 6-August 5

Fee: Half day is \$58-\$68 daily; \$290-\$325 weekly; full-day is \$70-\$80 daily; \$350-\$385 weekly.

AZ on the Rocks, where “it’s okay to climb the walls!” This year’s summer camp will include rock climbing, along with yoga classes and ninja course obstacles. There will also be themed activities and games throughout the day. Camp starts with a morning meeting and stretching session. Campers rotate through stations, to get a break from climbing and participate in other physical activities.

azontherocks.com

HI-FIVE SUMMER CAMP

Victorium

9219 E. Hidden Spur Tr.
Westworld

16601 N. Pima Road

Age: 5-12

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: June 6-August 5

Fee: \$325 for five days

Looking for a camp that encompasses a variety of sports? Look no further than Hi-Five. This year’s campers will experience basketball, baseball, football, volleyball, floor hockey, soccer, even lacrosse. Each day begins with team meetings, prizes and a theme of the day. Then, it’s game time. Campers will practice and play actual games,



pick-up games, and have free playtime. Oh, and there are contests each day, complete with prize giveaways.

hifivesportsclubs.com

IMPACT GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

7812 N. 12th St., Phoenix

Age: 3-15

Time: Full day is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., half-day 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-3 p.m.

Dates: May 31-August 5

Fee: \$60-\$80 per day, \$250-\$335 per week

Impact Gymnastics offers fun, themed weekly sessions throughout the summer, including Hawaiian Luau, Hollywood, Party in the USA, Disney Days and Mad Science. Campers will be in small groups and rotate through various activities, including structured gymnastics events like vault, bars, beam, Tumble Track, Ninja Zone and open gym. There will also be crafts, special guests and mat fort building.

impactgymnaz.com



SALT RIVER FIELDS BASEBALL CAMPS

7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

Age: 5-12

Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates: June 13-17, July 11-15

Fee: \$300 per participant

This five-day camp features three hours of hitting, fielding, pitching, catching, base running and more. Campers will learn the tips and tricks behind a successful baseball game, take lots of swings and learn the fundamentals of the sport. This camp will be hosted in the Colorado Rockies Batting Cages and the adjacent field. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and a chance to win fun prizes throughout the week. The clinics are also available as a night camp from 6-9 p.m. at \$125 per camper.

saltriverfields.com/
srfbaseballacademy



SUNRAYS SUPER CAMP

3923 E. Indian School Road

Age: 4-13

Time: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dates: May 31-August 5

Fee: Single day \$89, full week \$336

Super Camp is all about movement! Campers can participate in various

gymnastics circuits, dance and Ninja Zone (an obstacle course where campers can run, jump, climb and flip!). There will also be special guest demonstrations, trampoline time, group activities, water games and more.

arizonasunrays.com



Camp Dates: June 6-July 29



- Ages 4-13
- Full Day Program
- 5 days a week
- 2, 4, 6, or 8 weeks
- Two pools on campus
- Friday special events
- Extended hours available
- Optional lunch program
- & MORE!!

- Swimming
- Archery
- Rock Wall
- Cooking
- Tumbling
- Arts & Crafts
- Dance
- Gaga
- Rocketry
- Game Show
- Team Sports
- Improv
- Water slide
- Game Room
- Mini Golf
- & MORE!!



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BROPHY SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Be a Bronco this summer, from June 6-July 1, on Brophy's campus. Our Summer Enrichment program is open to any boy or girl going into 5th-8th grade. Get creative with art and music; channel your inner scientist with STEM classes; stay active with sports and fitness camps, and much more! Enjoy Brophy's spacious facilities which include an aquatic center, state-of-the-art gyms, art studios and other learning spaces. We've got a fun four weeks planned for you! Find registration information below.

brophyprep.org/summerschool



CACTUS DAY CAMP

A "traditional" summer program for ages 4-13, five days a week for 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks, where safety is the priority, friendships are fostered, healthy lifestyles are encouraged and your child's fun is unlimited. Each day is filled with over 20 activities, including archery, swimming, gaming, team sports, tumbling, crafts, climbing, gaga, dance and more. Fridays culminate with a special camp-wide event. Transportation options available to/from camp. Accredited by the American Camp Association. Email info@CactusDayCamp.com or call 480-836-CAMP (2267) for more information or to schedule a tour of the camp.

cactusdaycamp.com



CAMPS AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

Give them a summer packed with hands-on learning and fun! Each unique camp includes games and activities designed to cultivate the minds and muscles of children ages 5-8. Campers will also have plenty of time to play within all three floors of the museum's imaginative exhibits. Here they'll build confidence and self-esteem, and make friends and lasting memories. Extended care available. Call 602-648-2777 or register online at childrensmuseumofphoenix.org, click Experiences.

childrensmuseumofphoenix.org



STEM CAMPS WITH ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

When school is out, camp is IN at Engineering For Kids of Phoenix Metro! We offer an extensive, diverse list of STEM curriculum for kids 4 to 14. Camps are held at the coolest kid-friendly venues around town. Campers design, build, test, and improve their projects while making new friends and using the hottest new tech. We offer full-day, half-day, and select drop-in enrollments on top of extended care if you need a late pick-up. No-interest payment plans and no-hassle cancellations ensure a smooth and simple registration process. View our course catalog today to snag a seat in Phoenix's favorite STEM camp!

engineeringforkids.com/phoenix



GREASEPAINT YOUTHEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

We offer a LOT of EVERYTHING! We have professional directors, educators and the best kids around! Great TRAINING and great FUN - just what you want for YOUR kids. Camps are open to ages 6-13 and run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Upcoming classes include: Musical Theatre Broadway Revue Camp, June 6-17; The Royals Camp, June 20-24; Superheroes Camp, June 27-July 1; Treasure Trunk, July 11-15 and Dance, Dance, Dance, July 18-22. Call 480-949-7529 for more information or register on our website.

greasepaint.org



CAMP HUBBARD

Camp Hubbard offers Summer Day Camp for kids ages 4.5-14. Each day we focus on fun, sports, games, and building life skills and confidence through PLAY. We offer small group ratios and different themes each week! Engaged and well-trained staff ensure every day is safe and fun. All skill levels welcome. Locations: Scottsdale, Saint Bernadette, 60th St., south of Bell; New Way Academy, 52nd St. and Oak St.; and Sunnyslope High School, Central & Dunlap. Weeks run May 31-Aug. 5. Full day and half-day options, weekly and single-day options available.

camphubbardaz.com



POWER PAWS UNLEASHED

If your child loves dogs, wants to learn how dogs help people with disabilities and is looking for a fun way to spend the summer, sign up for "Bring Your Dog to Camp!" Power Paws works with campers and their dogs in a fast-paced, interactive class that will teach your child basics skills to train their dogs. Ages 9-12, Tues-Fri 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and in-person or virtual sessions run: June 7-17, June 21-July 1 and July 5-15. Call 480-970-1322 or visit our website.

azpowerpaws.org/programs/just-for-kids



SCOTTSDALE ARTISTS' SCHOOL

Join us for our week-long Youth Academy Fine Art Summer Camps. Programs are taught by professional artists and are designed for all skill levels from ages 6 to 18. Projects include: Painting, 3D Sculpting, Designing, Studio Art, Drawing, Anime, Recycled Art and much more. Our studios are set up so each student has a personalized space equipped with individual supplies for a fun and creative fine art experience. Camps run daily Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Before and after art is available for an additional fee, for students who need an extended day.

scottsdaleartschool.org



SHEMER ART CENTER

Summer Camps are offered at the Shemer Art Center every year in June, and they are so popular that this year's camps are already SOLD OUT! After-School Art Clubs for kids ages 6-11 and Art Classes for Teens are offered year-round. The Shemer Art Center is the perfect place to experience art, develop new skills and have fun! 602-262-4727 or shemerartcenter.org.

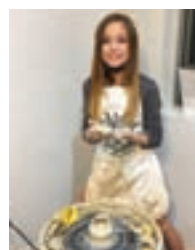
shemerartcenter.org



SUMMER ETIQUETTE CAMP

Would you like your child to get a few helpful and fun-filled lessons in manners and proper etiquette this summer? Certified etiquette instructor, SueAnn Brown, owner of It's All About Etiquette, will offer four-day summer etiquette camps for three different age groups. There will be a camp for ages 6-8, ages 9-12 and teens 13-18. Camp runs June and July. For more information and to register, visit our website itsallaboutetiquette.com and scroll down to Summer Camp, or call 480-510-6346.

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SUNSHINE SUNFLOWER ART CAMPS

Join Laurie, a certified K-12 art teacher, this summer for Kids Art Camp for ages 5-10. Kids create projects such as clay sculptures, painting on canvas, paint your own pottery, drawing, and other weekly themes. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Early bird registration discount through 5/1: \$230. After 5/1: \$255. We also offer a 5-week Teen Wheel Throwing Camp for ages 13-17. Early bird until 5/1: \$230. After 5/1: \$255. Class sizes are limited to observe social distancing and masks required. Register on our website.

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THE HILLS SCHOOL & ATELIER

"Nothing Without Joy!" is our motto. Our Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool serves children 2 to 5 years old. The "great little preschool in the heart of Arcadia" has highly-educated teachers in a loving, play-based environment. Our small morning classes are peaceful and unhurried, connected to nature, and based on the latest brain research. We view children as natural researchers; infinitely competent, curious, and creative. Join us for an exemplary early education! Call 602-952-2616 or visit thehillsschool.org.

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THE VAULT SCOTTSDALE EDUTAINMENT HUB

Give your incoming K-5 student a summer they will never forget! The Vault Edutainment is a kid-friendly, safe space located in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale. Our week-long thematic summer camps go Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Campers will keep their brains stimulated with a mixture of fun, technology, and academics. Certified teachers, each with over 25 years of experience, and Game Masters are on hand to engage, educate, and entertain the campers. Call us at 602-718-3105 or visit our website for more information.

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TUTU SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Imagine spending fun-filled camp days exploring the enchanted and enriching world of ballet! On any given day at Tutu Camp, a child might take a ballet class, decorate costumes, learn the story of a famous ballet, or take part in a production of their own creation. Camp sessions focus on a different ballet story from the classical repertoire, and favorites include: Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, The Firebird, and Cinderella. No ballet experience required. For 3 to 8-year-olds.

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