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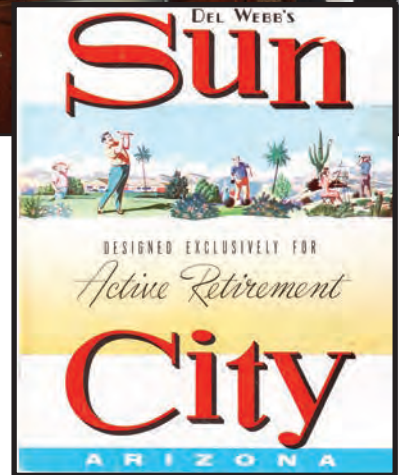
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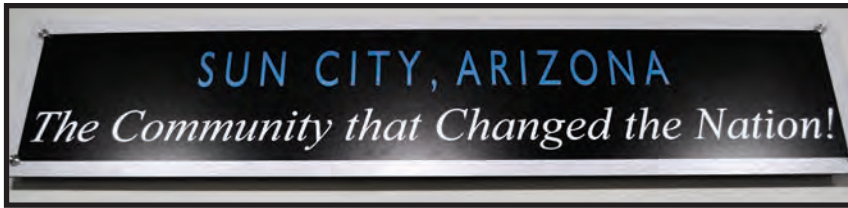
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A REVOLUTION IN RETIREMENT

Museum makeover reflects how Sun City became 'The Community that Changed the Nation!'

By Bret McKeand

When Sun City first opened on Jan. 1, 1960, there was literally, nothing quite like it in the entire world.

The world's very first active-adult retirement community was, for all intents and purposes, an experiment. No one at the time -- including developer Del Webb, whose company built the new community -- had much confidence in its long-term success.

But, of course, it was successful.

Not only did Webb sell 237 homes during the three-day opening weekend in 1960, but Sun City would continue to grow over the next two decades and launch a brand new industry: the active-adult retirement community.

The popularity and growth of Sun City played a key role in how society envis-

aged growing old in America. Thanks to Sun City, the perception of retirees changed from one of sedentary seniors sitting in rocking chairs to a vibrant image of active adults enjoying their retirement having fun and meeting new friends.

Sun City literally changed the way Americans thought about retirement and senior citizens.

Recognizing the important role Sun City played in the creation and growth of the retirement industry in America, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum has undergone a total makeover and installed several new exhibits to reflect the theme, "The Community that Changed a Nation."

Exhibits focus on the history of Sun City and how the community led the way in redefining what "retirement" means to

most Americans.

The museum has been closed since early last spring when it was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum's board of trustees and volunteers used the downtime to revamp the entire building to reflect the new theme: installing new exhibits, adding new signs, and upgrading the overall facility.

The museum is housed in one of the first five model homes unveiled on the day Sun City first opened to the public on Jan. 1, 1960.

"Most people know Sun City and Sun City West as great places to live," said Bill Pearson, a member of the board of trustees and a past president of the museum.

"Unfortunately, too many new buyers aren't aware of the remarkable history that comes along with their purchase.



“A New Active Way of Life” is how Sun City was billed when it first opened in 1960 -- and it lived up to the billing in every way, shape and form! Above left, Jane Freeman and Glenn Sanberg, authors of the first official history of Sun City ever written and published in 1985, are recognized. Above right, Museum Trustee Bill Pearson, left, and President Don Tuffs stand in front of a new exhibit showcasing the dramatic growth of Sun City during the 1960s. The museum is located in one of the first five model homes constructed in Sun City. Two early three-wheel golf cars welcome visitors outside in the carport. Opposite page: Visitors to the museum are greeted with an updated exhibit showing how Sun City looked on opening day in 1960 and welcomed by a life-sized photograph of Del Webb, the community’s founder.

Since 1989, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum has been working to help people understand how influential their communities were in shaping the age-restricted marketplace.”

Although there were a few adult-only retirement communities in existence when Sun City first opened in 1960 – neighboring Youngtown being one of them -- Sun City was the first to bill itself as an “active-adult retirement community.”

Unique to Sun City was its focus on recreation and activity. Rather than promise home buyers what would eventually be built in terms of recreational amenities, the Del Webb Corporation took the then-unheard-of-step of physically constructing those facilities prior to opening the community.

When home buyers visited Sun City on opening day, they were greeted by five model homes, a shopping center, a recreation center and a golf course.

The response from the public was overwhelming: Over 100,000 people visited the community over the first 72 hours and company sold 237 homes worth \$2.5 million. By the end of the first month, all 400 home lots had been sold.

The active-adult retirement industry was off and running.

The museum’s new theme and exhibits celebrate that initial success, but also document how the community’s continued success over the years helped redefine what it meant to retire in America.

For instance, early Del Webb Corporation advertisements promoting Sun City generally depicted retirees sitting in rock-

ing chairs or sitting in a chair reading a newspaper. Once they experience a “new way of life” in Sun City, those same retirees are shown jogging, golfing, playing shuffleboard and most important, having fun while surrounded by new friends.

Whether the ads accurately depicted life in Sun City was irrelevant. The images created a reputation and a brand that remains strong 60 years later.

A display of the early advertisements used by the Del Webb Corporation to promote Sun City throughout the nation is part of the new exhibit.

“Virtually every ad featured the ‘new active way of life’ mantra,” said Mr. Pearson.

“The homes were nicely appointed, but buyers were most excited by the concept

Sun City completely changed how Americans viewed retirement. No longer were you given a gold watch and set off to pasture. Sun City was a new beginning and just the start of your golden years – and for many, the best years.

Don Tuffs, president of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Board of Trustees

of being ‘back in the game.’ Retirement no longer meant being relegated to baby-sitting the grandchildren. It truly changed how seniors thought of retirement.”

The exhibit also showcases hundreds of historic photographs buried deep in the museum’s archives and displayed publicly for the first time in decades.

“Buried in closets, cupboards and closets were all of the original ads, the model home brochures and 3,000-plus digitized photos,” said Mr. Pearson.

Throughout the summer volunteers sifted through the archives in search of the right material to tell the story of how Sun City’s evolution led the way in establishing how retirement communities everywhere continue to operate to this very day.

The move to refocus the museum to depict and promote the community’s role in history was initiated in 2018 when Don Tuffs, president of the board of trustees, created a strategic planning committee.

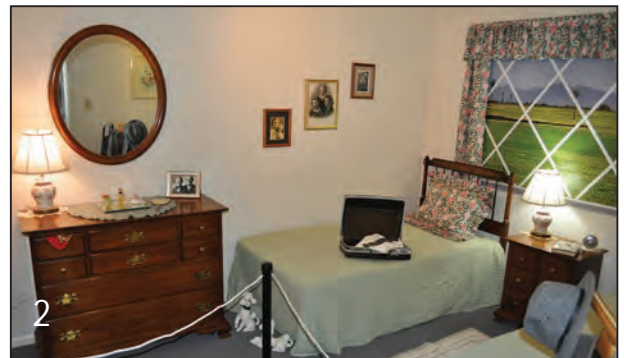
He asked the small group to identify museum goals for the next five years, and the decision was made to lay claim to the one aspect of Sun City that, although obvious, had been generally ignored by most residents.

“While there were other communities (at the time) dedicated to senior living, none focused on an active lifestyle,” said Mr. Tuffs. “Sun City was the first of its kind.”

Mr. Tuffs was a member of the Del Webb marketing team for many years and credits the company’s early vision and promotional campaigns for creating a concept that remains as strong today as it did in the 1960’s.

“Sun City completely changed how Americans viewed retirement,” said Mr. Tuffs.

“No longer were you given a gold watch and set off to pasture. Sun City was a new beginning and just the start of your golden years – and for many, the



Among the changes and new additions awaiting visitors: 1.) Hear Museum Founder Jane Freeman tell the story of Sun City. 2.) One of home’s bedrooms has been restored to how it would have appeared in the early 1960’s.3.) The oldest building in Sun City, the Pathway of Friends and entrance to the Connie McMillin Gathering Place are found on the museum’s west side 4.) A new exhibit celebrates the sense of community found in Sun City, especially through the creation of so many clubs and organizations. 5.) Popular board games from the 1960’s.



best years. It gave a lot of people then – and now – a reason to look forward to retirement,” he added.

Renovations over the summer included restoring the living room and one of the bedrooms to an early-1960’s motif. Returning the bedroom to its original appearance was a labor of love for Museum Trustee Barb Wagers.

Her grandparents once lived in the

house that now houses the museum. She still vividly recalls how the bedroom once looked when, as a young girl, she would spend time at grandma’s house.

Museum tours are limited to small groups. Facemasks and social distancing will be required. Reservations are required to enter the building. Reservations may be made online or by calling 623-974-2568.

The Community That Changed a Nation

A tour of current exhibits at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum



1) Stepping into the museum's gallery room, visitors are greeted with an exhibit showcasing the history of Marinette -- the town that once existed where Sun City now exists. 2.) An exhibit in the gallery also highlights the history of health care in the Sun Cities and the role played by the Boswell family. 3.) A special room is dedicated to the history of Del Webb and contains a collection of the famed builder's personal items and artifacts from his years as owner of the New York Yankees. 4.) The Sun City Saints, a women's softball team, captured the women's softball national championship in 1979. 5.) For over 40 years, the Sun City Poms have been popular ambassadors for the community. A new exhibit features a collection of trophies, photos and uniforms worn by members. 6.) The museum's kitchen provides an accurate reflection of what a modern 1960s-era kitchen would have looked like -- including appliances and pink motif. 6. The Sundome Jr. Theater pays tribute to the former Sun City West performing arts center and has on display several theater seats that once sat in the 7,000-seat auditorium that attracted some of the biggest names in show business.



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The Sun Cities Area Historical Society is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the records and artifacts for Sun City, Arizona, (the world's first Active Adult Retirement Community), and its sister city, Sun City West. The Society's headquarters are located in the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum, in one of the five original Sun City model homes.

Museum Hours: In accordance with current CDC requirements and health restrictions, admittance is limited. Pre-registration is required in advance and may be completed at the museum's website.

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Message from the President

Despite a challenging year, your museum has lots to offer!

The year 2020, with COVID-19, was difficult for all of us -- families, businesses, communities and nonprofit organizations.

Your Del Webb Sun Cities Museum was certainly challenged with our doors closed most of the year. But the pandemic didn't stop us from completing the first phase of our renovation project.

We refurbished one bedroom to represent what it might have looked like in 1960, and we added many exhibits telling the story of how Sun City was the community that changed the nation's thinking about retirement.

Because of this Del Webb Company experiment, there are now hundreds of retirement communities across the country.



Don Tufts 2021 President Del Webb Sun Cities Museum

We have already added new exhibits in 2021.

First, we've added more Del Webb memorabilia to the Webb Room. The big news, thanks to the R.H. Johnson Foundation, is a new permanent exhibit with 13 autographed New York Yankee World Series baseball bats. (For you non-

baseball fans, Del Webb and Dan Topping co-owned the Yankees when the historic franchise captured 10 World Series titles over the 20 years Webb owned the team.)

Our doors continue to be open for private tours by reservation only. Tours can be from one to four persons and masks must be worn in the Museum. Check out our website to find a date and time for you to visit.

If you haven't become a member or renewed your membership for 2021, WE NEED YOU more than ever! Our museum operates on memberships, donations and foundation grants. Please help us get through these unprecedented times.

Join now and refer a friend. We want to continue preserving the history of Sun City and Sun City West.

Museum earns 'Award of Excellence'

The Museum Association of Arizona has awarded its Institutional Award of Excellence for 2020 to the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum in Sun City.

The award is presented annually to a museum that has exhibited leadership qualities by achieving excellence in its work, including in the areas of collection, preservation, research, interpretation, and education.

"Over the past few years, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum has accomplished so much, from its new gallery to increasing mem-



Don Tufts, right, president of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Board of Trustees, and Trustee Paul Herrmann.

bership to its remarkable social media presence and the wealth of information available on its website and in the research center," said Janice Klein, executive director of the Museum As-

sociation of Arizona.

"The museum is truly a model of what dedicated volunteers can do to preserve the important history of their community."

The award was presented Oct. 29.

"We're very honored and pleased to accept this award," said Don Tufts, president of the museum's board of trustees. "It's a recognition of the incredible work done by all our volunteers over the years. This museum simply would not exist without their passion and dedication."



Be a Part of History!

There are several ways to show your support!

- ✓ Become a member (fill out the form below)
- ✓ Purchase a personally inscribed brick on our "Pathway of Friends" sidewalk.
- ✓ Become a major donor and be recognized on our "Donor Wall." (Call the museum for assistance.)

The past comes to life at the only museum in the nation devoted to the world's very first active adult community -- **"The Community that Changed a Nation!"** Located in the first of five model homes built in Sun City, the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the history of Sun City and Sun City West!

Join us in our efforts to celebrate our community's history!
We welcome **YOUR SUPPORT!**



Fill out the form below to make your tax-deductible contribution

Annual Membership

By becoming a member of the museum's parent organization, the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, you will receive newsletters, announcements of coming events, and a 10% discount on items in the gift shop. **Memberships are tax deductible.**

- Turquoise \$25
- Silver \$50
- Gold \$100
- Platinum \$250

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Visit us online at www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

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The Sun Cities Area Historical Society gratefully acknowledges these members and donors for their support in 2020. To show your support for the museum, see advertisement on Page 7.

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Welcoming new members with a family connection

The first residents of the first model home in Sun City were John and Chloe MacDonald. They purchased the house in 1962 and lived there until 1984.

In 1986, the house was purchased by The Sun Cities Area Historical Society to become the museum.

It is an honor and a privilege to have the MacDonalds' son, Rod MacDonald and his wife Hannah, from Richardson, Texas, as new members of the museum.

Their children, Laurie Jeter and Stuart MacDonald, also from Texas, have become members. We want to thank the MacDonalds for their generosity in supporting the museum.

Rod said in a recent email, "I just took the tour of the museum, and was amazed. I had pictured a more or less amateurish effort, but saw a truly professional product. Mom and

Dad would be very grateful and happy with the result. I remember Dad saying there had been thousands walk through the house.

Now there will be thousands more."

This picture was taken in April, 1968 with Chloe MacDonald, Rod, Stu and Laurie on the west side of the house.

Note: The article was written by Barb Wagers, a member of the museum's Board of Trustees and granddaughter of John and Chloe MacDonald.



New exhibit showcases ads promoting ‘Community That Changed a Nation’

By Bill Pearson

Retirement and rocking chairs were synonymous prior to Jan. 1, 1960. Those ending their work lives were excited by the idea of quitting the daily grind -- but often after leaving work, they found themselves bored to tears.

The Del Webb Corporation and its top officials were innovators, and had an idea that would eventually change the definition of retirement as the world then knew it.

When Sun City opened in 1960, it launched the active-adult retirement industry and literally changed the way people thought of senior citizens and retirement in general.

A great deal of credit for this transformation belongs to the Del Webb Corporation marketing team and the creative -- and innovative -- ways in which they promoted the new community.

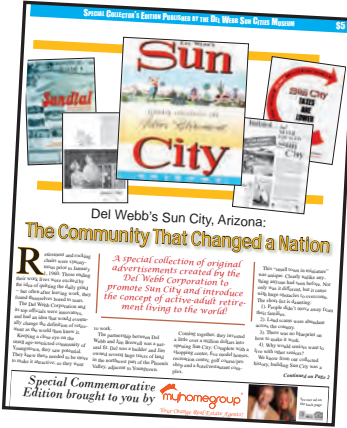
Those early years in Sun City were exciting. The challenges were a constant. One thing we know is the Del Webb Corporation (DEVCO) used print ads remarkably well.

The museum has all of the original advertisements. Sadly, we are only able to display a handful of them.

Rather than leave them buried, the museum has partnered with Tim and Amy Nixon of myhomegroup to bring more of this amazing collection to life. The Nixons have sponsored the printing of a special newspaper showcasing many of these innovative ads. That newspaper is available for purchase at the museum.

In 2010, marketing, advertising and sales people from the Pulte/Webb division visited the museum and saw these ads. They were stunned and delighted. They were that darn good then -- and they remain as powerful today!

Notice how the advertisements depict retirees *before* they moved to Sun City: Senior citizens, sitting in rocking chairs and playing bingo.



A special publication showcasing many of the original advertisements used to promote Sun City during its first decade is available at the museum for \$5. The publication is sponsored by Tim and Amy Nixon of myhomegroup.



Those same retirees after moving to Sun City take on a whole new look: They're smiling, enjoying outdoor barbecues with new friends, participating in myriad activities and, most important -- looking much younger!

And it worked! Before Sun City, retirement meant a gold watch and being sent out to pasture.

Sun City -- and the advertisements used to promote the community -- gave retirement a whole new meaning. And the success of Sun City spawned an entire industry -- the active adult retirement industry -- that continues to

thrive to this day.

And much of that success started with the image created by the ads contained in this newspaper.

Now it's your turn to enjoy them. These ads will make you long for the "good old days."

Advertising and marketing were just one of the ways Sun City became "The Community That Changed A Nation."

Note: Bill Pearson is chair of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum Marketing Committee and a member of the and Board of Trustees.

Thank You To Our Sponsor!



Tim & Amy Nixon: The Nixon Group
Your Orange Real Estate Agents!



The Nixons: Local Realtors and big supporters of ‘The Community That Changed a Nation!’

By Bill Pearson

I'm going to be overly direct here; the first article I wrote for this page of the newspaper was a "soft sell."

I presented it from a historical perspective as I touted Tim and Amy Nixon being singularly responsible for this newspaper being printed.

That is still the case, because without them stepping up financially, the museum could not have afforded to produce it. The difference is, things have changed for them, at least regarding the real estate company they were working for.

It happened exactly at the moment we were putting these remarkable ads togeth-

er and going to print: The Nixons had left their previous firm and were embarking on a new direction.

Leaving the other company was a shock and I immediately put a hold on the newspaper. I wasn't sure of the impact so we took a time-out to let the Nixons get their feet back on the ground.

Within days they re-established themselves and told me to move forward with this project. They believe in supporting the community and especially in helping people understand the history of Sun City. They have easily been the museum's best business partner in the past year or two.

Here's where it gets excit-

ing: The company they went with, My Home Group, has agreed to let them open a Sun City office. They have plans to have a small community gathering spot complete with photos and ads from the museum. It is exactly how Sun City grew -- by nurturing a sense of community.

Unfortunately we've drifted from those tenets. The idea that residents, organizations and local businesses work toward a common good is a tough sell. It's frustrating because we know it works. If you visit the museum you will see how well it worked. Our newest exhibits showcase the concept.

One of the museum's goals is to rekindle those partner-

ships. We can't do it alone. That's why when people like Tim and Amy step up, we open our arms and make sure they are recognized for their support.

If you will be selling your home, buying a home or referring friends or relatives, please think about using the Nixon Group. Not only are they great Realtors, they deeply care about the values that make Sun City a special place to live.

Bill Pearson is a past president of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum and current member of the museum's Board of Trustees.



Tim and Amy Nixon

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Support the museum with personalized brick!

The museum’s new “Pathway of Friends” is an excellent way to recognize a family member, pet, club or organization, or a business with an everlasting tribute.

It’s also an ideal way to leave your name on a permanent exhibit, and to show your support for the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

Located along the sidewalk leading to the Connie McMillin Gathering Place, the pathway includes personally inscribed brick pavers.

The custom walkway pavers can be purchased online at the museum’s website.



— Pathway of Friends Engraved Brick Paver Fundraiser —

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It feels like a private tour ... because it is!

By Barb Wagers

“It feels like a private tour” is one of the several positive comments we have had since reopening our doors in December.

Due to the COVID pandemic, we closed the museum on March 14, 2020. But during the closure, we have been extremely busy planning our reopening for members-only on Nov. 15 and for the public on Dec. 6.

One of the most important tasks was to implement new procedures and policies so we could safely reopen during the COVID pandemic.

In every step of planning, our volunteers, docents, staff and visitors were at the forefront of our decisions. Our No. 1 goal then and now, is to keep everyone as safe as possible so you can enjoy the museum.

Research and resources from

Schedule a tour online: www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org

other museums helped guide us in our decision-making as well as a lot of discussion and thought.

Following are the major changes for your safety:

■ The museum is available to visitors through reservations only. You can go to our website or call the museum to book your tour.

Tours can accommodate one to four people. On the reservation form, there is a contact person with their name and contact information and the names of the others in their group.

We keep these records and ask that if any visitors become infected with COVID to contact the museum and we have their contact information if we need to do contact tracing.

■ Each group is scheduled every 30 minutes so the first group has 30 minutes to go through the house before another group comes in. Therefore, two groups will never be in the same area at the same time.

■ Other safety measures include meeting the group outside, taking temperatures and giving a short talk before going into the house. Sanitizer is available throughout the museum and multimedia is touched by using tongue depressors.

■ Tours are available Sunday through Wednesday every 30 minutes starting at 1 p.m. and the last tour scheduled at 3 p.m.

We hope you will reserve a time to visit your museum in the near future.



Welcome to Sunshine Service

People, meeting needs of people is what Sunshine Service is all about. Sunshine Service lends medical and children's equipment to residents of Sun City and we have been doing so for over 54 years. We are a charitable non-profit Arizona corporation and are funded by voluntary contributions and memorial gifts.

While the equipment is available for the use of all residents or visitors staying with residents, the equipment must not be taken out of Sun City on a permanent basis. As a matter of control, equipment is loaned only to Sun City residents.

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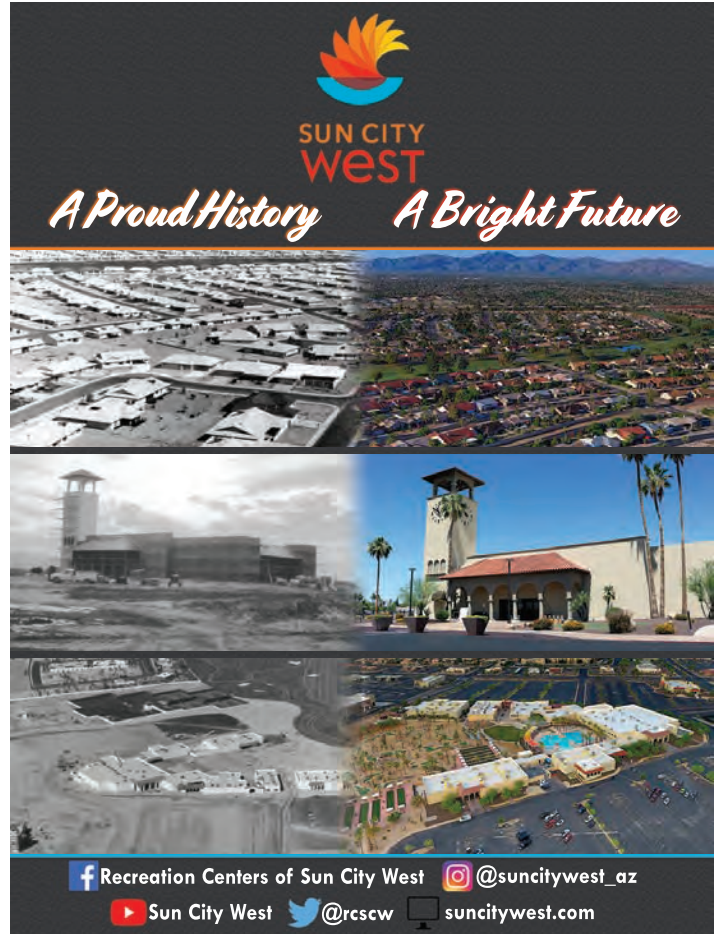
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NY Yankee bats on display at museum

A collection of 13 bats signed by members of the New York Yankees from the 1950s and early 1960s is presently on display at the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.

The collection is on loan from the R.H. Johnson Foundation.

Del Webb owned the Yankees from 1944 to 1964, during which time the team won 10 World Series championships.



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