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The Renaissance, Reformation and Age of Reason

By Lance Sumpter

It has been a long time since the world experienced a transition like we see today. Every generation faces change, but few experience sweeping transition. Our turmoil feels unprecedented and disorienting. But history bears a record of another period that shines light onto today's events.

History can guide us.

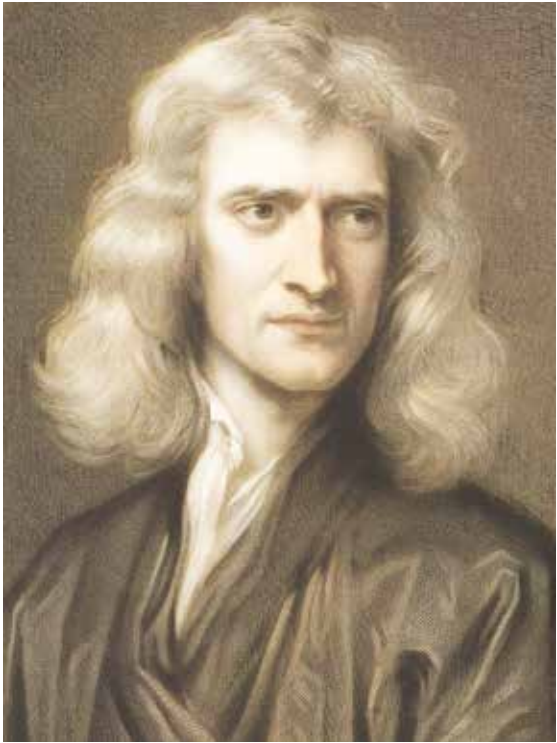
Enlightenment-era philosopher David Hume said, "Pretexts and appearances no longer deceive us ... mankind are so much the same, in all times and places that history informs us of nothing new or strange ..." Writer Henry St. John, of the same era said, "History is philosophy teaching us by examples ... we must ... reflect and meditate on the characters we find described, and the course of events we find related there."

Yes, history is our guide.

Historical precedent of our world is in the wake of Gutenberg's printing press, roughly the years 1500-1800 AD. Societies abruptly changed directions in the periods we call the Renaissance, Reformation and Age of Reason, also called the Enlightenment. Ideas that had been impotent due to isolation became prolific with the rise of movable type. Historian Elizabeth Eisenstein called the advent of printing "a communication revolution." American writer Nicolo Mele calls today's internet "radical connectivity."

Connectivity spread ideas across Europe, uniting people that were ready to act. It was a revolution of innovation, invention and upheaval. Ideas assaulted ordered institutions; monarchs fell, wealth shifted, religious order shook. Embedded institutions crumbled before the wave of released and realized human energy.

Thinkers like Francis Bacon and Isaac Newton established a new basis for understanding our world through reason and process. The scientific method replaced superstitions and technology became the Industrial Revolution.



Sir Isaac Newton, key figure in the Age of Reason.
Illustration by Paul D Stewart

The medieval economy measured national wealth by the amount of money in the king's treasury. Medieval economic models were based on limited commerce, tightly controlled by established guilds. Moral philosopher Adam Smith's seminal work, "The Wealth of Nations," created the basis for a capitalist economy with the idea that a free market would generate wealth and well-being for many individuals as well as for the nation. Laissez-faire capitalism would raise standards of living for the masses.

Indentured serfs moved from servitude to cities brimming with jobs and new opportunities. A middle-class emerged and people who were recently poor became wealthy. The nobility struggled to accept this "new money" as their influence and power waned.

Ideas of government confronted monarchs and the entrenched belief of divine right to rule. Self-determining government installed laws and human rights. The idea that all men are created equal and endowed with unalienable rights swept away eons of aristocratic rule by edict and decree. The rule of law replaced the rule of man.

Corruption in the Catholic Church had been rampant for years as isolated voices called for reform. Martin Luther, an obscure professor of theology posted 95 theses, or arguments, on a church door with the intent of sparking debate. Luther's original intent was to restore the Church from within, not to break away. But a group of like-minded monks printed and distributed the arguments. They found an eager audience and the Protestant Church emerged.

What does it mean to be born into a time whose only precedents are the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Age of Reason? None of us asked to be born into such a time, but here we are. We feel our foundations shift under feet.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Every Sunday	Munds Park Community Church Services	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	9 & 10:45 am
Every Monday	AA Meetings hosted at Munds Park Community Church	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	7 pm
Every Thursday	Spread the Bread - Get some for your neighbors too!	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	10 am
Thursday, June 16	Munds Park Business Alliance Members Meeting	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	4:30 pm
Saturday, June 18	Cruz's Crusaders Dog Adoption Event by Kota's Coffee	17680 S Munds Ranch Rd	10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday, June 21	Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	475 E Pinewood Blvd	3 pm
Tuesday, July 5	Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary Members Meeting - Public Welcome!	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm
Thursday, July 14	Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr.	3 pm
Saturday, July 16	Pinewood Property Owners Association Annual Meeting - The public is encouraged to attend	395 Pinewood Blvd	1 pm
Wednesday, August 17	Munds Park Community Watch	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm

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PENDING

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115 NAVAJO LOT

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Thanks the Community

Pinewood Players thanks the Munds Park community for their generous support of the Garage Sale event held on Saturday, May 28. The good people of Munds Park not only rose to the support of the event which benefits the Pinewood Players Scholarship Fund, but many of them rose very early on a Saturday morning to deliver their donations for the sale, some arriving at 6 am to drop off their gently used treasures for the sale. Our Scholarship Chairperson, Terri Peach, has advised that the proceeds from the sale totaled \$3500. One-hundred percent of the sale proceeds go to support the Scholarship Program which awards up to two \$2000 scholarships to deserving student with strong ties to the Munds Park community each year. The program has awarded ten scholarships since its inception in 2015. The 2022 recipient will be announced later this month at the Pinewood Players June Membership.

Thank you Munds Park for your generous support of Pinewood Players and our Scholarship Program. More information regarding the program is available on our web site at www.pinewoodplayers.com.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Pinewood Property Owner's Association

The board of directors of the Pinewood Property Owner's Association will hold its annual membership meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Pinewood Country Club, 395 E. Pinewood Blvd., Munds Park, Arizona. Guest speakers that have been invited include the Coconino County Sheriff, Pinewood Sanitary District Manager, Pinewood Fire District Fire Chief, Pinewood Country Club President and Coconino County Supervisor Matt Ryan. All property owners are encouraged to attend.



FAMILY SAFETY DAY!

Pinewood Fire is hosting Community Safety Day! There are multiple agencies from all over the region participating in the event, including: Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Coconino County Emergency Management, Coconino County Supervisor's Office, Coconino County Health and Human Services Injury Prevention, Pinewood Fire Auxiliary, Munds Park Firewise Community, Guardian Air Transport, US Forest Service, Coconino County Education Service Agency.

These agencies will be providing information and answering questions to improve safety throughout the community. Some of the main attractions include, Guardian Air Helicopter, and a smoke room for the kids put on by Pinewood Fire Department. Agee's BBQ will be providing coupons for free ice cream for the kids, and the Fire Auxiliary will be serving hot dogs and snacks.

June 25, 10 am - 1 pm
Munds Park Community Church
17670 S. Munds Ranch Rd., Munds Park

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By Larry Metzler

Help us maintain the trails, please join us at our next volunteer event.

Date: July 9

Time: 8:15 a.m.

Where: To Be Determined

What to bring: Work gloves, sturdy dirty shoes, dress for the weather and bring along a good sense of humor. We will provide the trail tools and water.

Please R.S.V.P., via email, before July 2 if you plan on attending the workday and lunch @ mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com

Please visit our website for more information about the MUTS and the trails surrounding the Munds Park community.
www.mundsparktrailstewards.com



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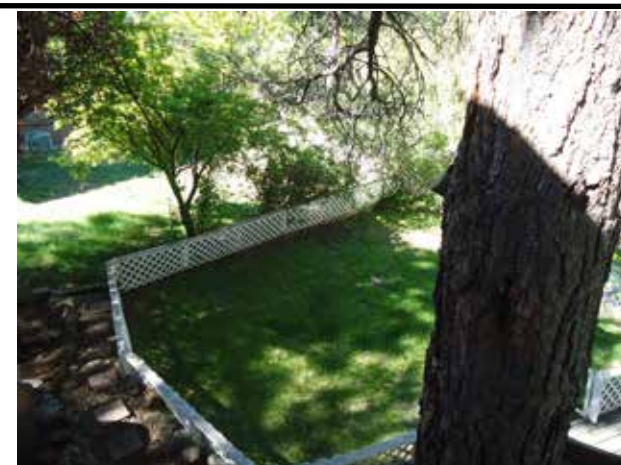
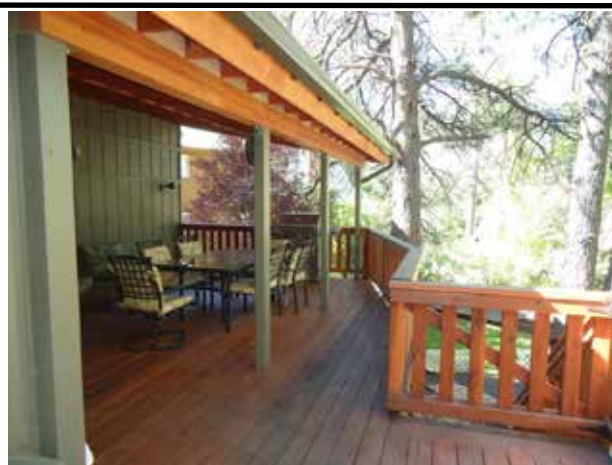


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Approximate number of persons on vehicle/trailer: _____

Return form to Pinewood Fire Station at any time or Munds Park Post Office during open hours. You may also mail to PO Box 17011 here in the park or use the electronic form on www.pinewoodppoa.org.

For Information Call: Len Friedlund at (928) 600-3896



AGEE'S LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER

September 01 - 03

Join us for the Agee's BBQ Family Labor Day Fundraiser to benefit the Pinewood Fire Department.

We will kick off this year's celebration on Thursday, September 1 with a very special night of our Agee's Family Trivia under the stars, offering gift cards and special prizes for our winners and guests. We will carry into Friday with our first ever BBQ Cornhole Tournament and the kickoff of our weekend of live music and performers. Saturday will be the main event with multiple bands and performers live on our Backyard BBQ Stage as well as our Chainsaw Art Carving Demo with Grin and Bear It, fun family games, the DUNK tank soaking our favorite local firefighters and friends, and a few other fun surprises!

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The route map is now online at www.ThePinewoodNews.com 'Things to do' page!

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Stinson Museum - Photo by Stacey Wittig



James M. Flake-home-Photo by Nick Berezenko

WEEKEND GETAWAY: TWO HISTORIC HOME TOURS



By
Stacey Wittig
Travel Writer
Unstoppable
Stacey

Experience Arizona pioneer life by exploring preserved historic homes on two different walking or driving tours offered in the Snowflake Taylor area. Trace the lives of the families and ancestors of early Mormon settlers when you enter a cozy hand-scribed log cabin complete with comfy handmade quilts in Taylor or climb the stairs of a large Victorian home in Snowflake or see the WWII memorabilia in the home of the mother, who waited in vain for her boys to return home from war.

Two distinctive tours cover different areas, and many visitors enjoy splitting the tours up over two separate days.

SNOWFLAKE HISTORIC HOME TOUR

Pick up a map of the self-guided walking or driving tour of over 100 historical homes and buildings at the Snowflake Chamber of Commerce located at 113 North Main Street in Snowflake. Forty-five of the Snowflake Historic Home tour homes are listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places.

Step over the threshold into eight of the homes that experts have restored as mini-museums. You'll come across historical exhibits that help you imagine the lifestyle of the Arizona pioneers, ranchers and the generations that followed. Spend a quiet moment inside one of the preserved homes, which are available Monday (by appointment only) and Tuesday through Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you wish to tour all the homes, allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours. To make an appointment, call the Snowflake Chamber at 928-536-4331.

Stinson Museum: 1873

Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
102 North 1st Street East, Snowflake, Arizona
928-536-4881

Sometime around 1873, Rancher James Stinson built the adobe ranch house that now houses the Stinson Museum. In 1878, he sold his cattle ranch, Rancho de la Plata, to Mormon colonizer William J. Flake for \$1100 worth of Utah cattle. Flake, the founder of Snowflake, transformed the ranch into a township. His first wife lived in the adobe home that is now the museum that contains collections of ancestral Puebloan pottery, antique cowboy gear and ranching tools.

James Madison Flake Home: 1895

First Street and Second Street North, Snowflake, Arizona

Climb the long staircase up to the second level of this three-story Victorian home, complete with a widow's walk. British carpenter Ralph Ramsey who also did fine woodworking for the Salt Lake City Tabernacle created the Victorian brica-brac and other woodwork.

Osmer D. Flake Home: 1890

161 North Main Street, Snowflake, Arizona

This 1890 Greek Revival is now the Heritage Inn Bed and Breakfast. Built by the son of Snowflake founder William J. Flake, this home is impeccably restored and filled with period antiques and all the latest hotel amenities.

John A. Freeman Home: 1893

110 North Main Street, Snowflake, Arizona

This beautifully restored home has been called "one of Arizona's best and most intact examples of Gothic Revival style." You'll want to spend a little extra time inside the peaceful and relaxing space of this historic pioneer home made of locally fired red brick. Although John A. Freeman was born in 1860 while Abraham Lincoln was in the White House, he lived to see modern conveniences. He was an early adapter, buying the first automobile in Snowflake, helping to bring electricity to Snowflake, enjoying airplane rides and serving the community as Arizona State legislator and county commissioner.

Jesse N. Smith Home: 1906

Second West Street and Center Street, Snowflake, Arizona

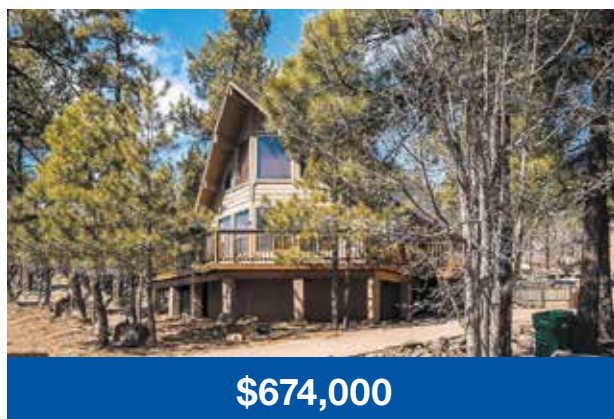
This pretty Georgian Colonial Revival is only one of four homes that Jesse N. Smith built for his four wives who lived in Snowflake. In 1878, he came to the Arizona Territory with Erastus Snow to explore the area for suitable places to establish Mormon settlements. Later Smith was called to serve the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Snowflake, and he returned. He is depicted on the Snowflake Monument at the corner of Center and Main and was known for quieting unrest among cattle thieves and outlaws.



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17440 S Peyote Drive

MLS 189327 Updated and ready to move into. 3 beds, 2 bath, remodeled and updated kitchen and primary bath. Central electric heating/cooling. New kitchen that includes new appliances, granite counters and cabinets (self closing). Extra large skylight over the kitchen area. Newer carpet thru out, newer asphalt shingled roof. Covered front deck with an additional party deck off the back of the home. New double pane windows thru out. Propane fireplace in the living room. Large 7000 square foot lot. Plenty of room for off road parking including room for your RV.



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90 W Pinewood Boulevard

MLS#188919 Beautiful two bedroom, one and 3/4 bath chalet located on a residential/commercial piece of land. Large wraparound deck. Open views. Great exposure to I-17. Zoned CG-10,000 Commercial General Zone. This zone is intended for the location of general retail and Wholesale commercial activities or the property could be used as residential/rental. Previously used as a Salon. Home is currently rented and all showings to be approved by tenants.



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1395 E Lobo Lane

MLS 189359 A FRAME with two bedrooms on the main level (Primary on main), updated kitchen with propane cook stove, Large living room, woodburning stove. Ceiling fan, washer and dryer located in the bedroom closet. Large primary bedroom and bath. Double sinks in primary bath, new double pane sliding doors. Large front and back decks with easy access off the living room or out thru the back door. The home has an oversized garage that will fit a large ATV/Utv.



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MLS 189345 Brand new & ready for move in. Offers an open living room, kitchen and dining area. Kitchen island with storage, high cabinets, tall kitchen white cabinets thru out. Pantry room. Washer and dryer hook-up, This unit has 2 x 6 construction, 12 inch overhangs, 9' high ceilings. Walk in closets. Primary bath is a full size shower with double sinks. A separate water closet. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living area. Driveway will be new ABC rock from side property lines. Plenty of parking across the front. Mobile will be covered with a one year manufactured defect warranty.



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505 E Hillside Drive, 6

MLS 189985 Two story log sided cabin in the woods. Large open living room, full kitchen with walk in pantry. Back deck that leads to a utility room that holds washer, dryer and hotwater heater. Full bath on the main level. Up stairs to a large loft/bedroom with its own balcony, half bath and bedroom with plenty of extra storage. Beautiful corner lot with parking for all your toys.



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1169 E Caribou Road

MLS#188274 Well maintained two bedroom, one and three quarter baths, newer very efficient pellet stove. Large open split floor plan. Single car carport. Majority of the remaining furnishing will convey. The original mobile was manufactured in 1984 with the additions added in 1994. Property is easy to show. Just a phone call and Seller will vacate for your showing.



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CALL SAM OR BOB



\$260,000

17310 S Zia Place

TAKING BACKUPS MLS# 189790: 1983 14'X 60' Single Wide Palm Harbor with 2 bedrms and 1 Bath. The paneling is a lighter shade offering a feeling of openness. The Kitchen has a large window over the sink and a pantry and an area for your Dining Table and Chairs. The Primary Bedroom is at the end of the hall with windows across the back and built-in drawers and workspace. Just before that Bedroom is a spacious full bath. The deck is partially open and partially covered with screening on the top half and lattice on the bottom half. Great way to enjoy the open air in a rainstorm.

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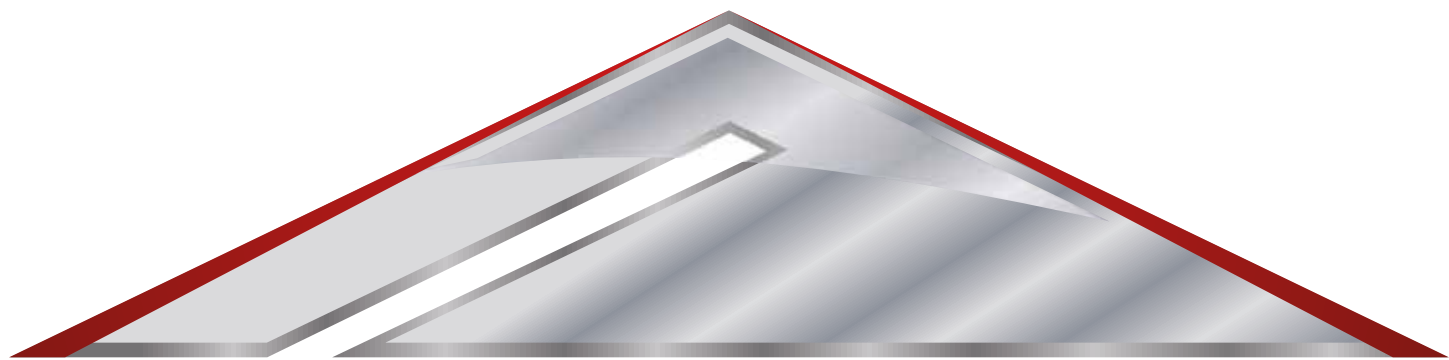
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THE VIEW FROM HERE

A BOBCATS LAMENT



By William L. Cowan

When I was a kid in the late fifties, my Dad was a classic Arizonan and drove a well-worn International Harvester pick-up. The truck was equipped with a 30-06 and a 222 rifle in the gun rack behind his head, a Shakespeare casting pole along with a couple of vintage bamboo fly rods folded up behind the seat; a .22 pistol, a pair of binoculars, and a carton of Sir Walter Raleigh Cigarettes in the seat beside him. Under the seat were miscellaneous boxes of shells, reels, fishing lures, flies and a couple of replacement fan belts, just in case we had some trouble.

I remember one fall morning, probably about 1958 or 1959, coming over the back road from Mormon Lake to Munds Park. We had just dropped down the hill from Bert Lee Park into Casner and the old “Binder” was rattling along over the rocks and bumps in the road. There was virtually no traffic over that road back then and we surprised a bobcat that darted across the road and up the hill to the right in a flash. My Dad stomped down on the brakes and in an instant we slid to a stop. In a single fluid motion he crushed out his cigarette in the ashtray on the dash, had the door open, his rifle out of the gun rack and crouched low as he ran up the hillside in the direction the bobcat had run. My mother and I sat in the seat waiting, anticipating, listening for the shot. I’m sure we were both mentally rooting for the bobcat. “Run fast Baby!!” The shot never came.

The bobcat, *Lynx rufus*, also known as the wildcat is the most common of the cat family to be encountered in Arizona’s deserts and mountains. Rufus means red and this refers to the rust-colored tinge of their glossy coat. While they are fairly common, like all wild felines, they are very intelligent and extremely reclusive. This, combined with their tawny spotted coloration which blends well with their environment makes them very seldom seen. A mature tom bobcat will stand 16 inches at the shoulder, weigh up to 40 pounds and measure up to 36 inches long. Females are generally slightly smaller. They have large pointed ears and a characteristic fringe behind their cheeks, making their head seem much wider than it actually is. They also have a wirey stub tail that twitches as they hunt. These cats have long muscular legs and very large feet. They have retractile claws and leave a characteristic round track with four toes showing in the footprint.

You are more likely to hear a bobcat than to actually see one and male yammering, sounding much like a domestic tom cat on steroids, and can most likely be heard during the mating season. Bobcats mate once a year, usually in February or March, and when the kittens are born the mother drives the male away. Male cats of all species are known for killing their young. The female will select a den, usually in the rocks on the side of a canyon, but sometimes in a hollow log or under a fallen tree. Depending on the age and condition of the female, two to four kittens are born with their eyes closed. Looking much like domestic kittens at first, the young nurse for the first six weeks or so.

The mother cat continues to hunt and slowly weans the litter onto solid food. As the kittens develop, the mother will bring back live catches so the kittens can learn to hunt for themselves. Bobcats eat a wide variety of insects, cottontails, jackrabbits, rats, mice, chipmunks, rock squirrels, and birds. They will also occasionally kill deer and antelope fawns. If the kill is large the family will feed on the carcass for a number of days caching or trying to camouflage what’s left.

In Arizona, trappers account for most bobcat mortality and the skins are highly prized because of their soft downy fur. My dad killed a bobcat once during javalina season down in Bloody Basin, but the Casner bobcat got away clean. I recently came across one of his descendants on a hike up to Crystal Point. I came around a corner and we spotted each other about the same time. He turned in a silent blur and left me to feel a surge of adrenalin, my quickened pulse and a true sense of joy at our meeting. Something I will not forget any time soon.

If you get out into our spectacular mountain backwoods, please don’t litter and try to leave the place better for your presence.

Enjoy Northern Arizona!

Bill Cowan’s Arcadia book on the History of the Verde Valley is available at Candy’s Creekside Cottage in McGuireville, Arizona and also from Amazon, Ebay and at various other retailers including the Verde Canyon Railroad.



My father’s family were farmers who used Farmall tractors. When he could afford it he bought a brand new 1955 International Harvester pickup from Powell’s International in Scottsdale.



Lloyd Cowan came to Arizona from the Ozarks during the depths of the depression via a Pacific Fruit Express boxcar. During World War II he built Barracks first at the Kingman Airfield and then at the Navajo Army Depot at Belmont west of Flagstaff. He loved the outdoors and began volunteering as a Boy Scout leader in 1947, the year after I was born.



This is a Bob Cat and looks like the one I met at the top of Crystal Point 30 plus years ago. Courtesy of Tony Subia



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Snowflake Bed and Breakfast - Photo by Stacey Wittig



Jess N. Smith Memorial Home



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TAYLOR HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The historic and engaging Taylor Historic Home Tour includes five different Arizona heritage sites. First, visit the log home of a Mormon pioneer midwife who delivered over 1,400 babies. Next, get a sense of Arizona Territory life inside the thick sandstone walls of an authentic home. Finally, view the vintage bass drum that was hauled across the plains on the back of Brigham Young’s carriage with the first company of Mormon Pioneers in 1847.

The Taylor Museum

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Housed in the restored A.Z. Palmer & Sons/Hatch Brothers Store in the center of Taylor, the museum depicts the history of Taylor from its settlement to the present. Initially a community-gathering place, the A.Z. Palmer & Son Store provided nearly everything local ranchers needed, including ice cream and food supplies to gas and insurance. Today, some Arizona history artifacts are gathered with recorded narrations to add detail to your guided tour. For example, you’ll view the over 180-year-old Jennings Drum brought to the West on the back of Brigham Young’s horse-drawn carriage in 1847 and the anvil used for Taylor’s unique Independence Day celebrations.



Margaret McCleve Hancock Log Cabin: 1884

Southeast corner of East Willow Street and Main Street, Taylor, Arizona
In 1879, Margaret McCleve Hancock and her husband Mosiah L. Hancock left Utah to help settle Taylor. Upon her arrival, she ministered to the needs of the sick and served as a midwife.” Born in 1838 in Belfast, Ireland, Margaret McCleve married Mosiah in Utah after making the 1300-mile journey from Illinois to Utah with the 1856 Mormon Handcart Company. Mosiah and Margaret raised thirteen children in this small hand-scribed log cabin. Later, the place served as a schoolhouse for first and second-grade-schoolers during the 1914/15 school year. In the grove behind the Margaret McCleve Hancock Log Cabin stands a small fort built with logs transported from Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

Standifird Home: 1890

304 S. Main Street, Taylor, Arizona
John Henry Standifird and his children co-founded Taylor in 1878. In 1905, John’s son, Aquilla Standifird, purchased the distinctive 1890 stone house that the Brimhall family built. In 2004, Aquilla’s son, Jack Standifird, donated the Standifird Home to the Taylor Heritage Foundation. Walk through the Standifird Home with a guide and see original family heirlooms donated by the many Standifird descendants.

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TRAVEL

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Pioneer Museum and The Jane Hatch Camp: 1930

50 S. 400 East Street, Taylor, Arizona

Originally built to house meetings held by the local branch of Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP), it now contains treasured artifacts of pioneer settlement times. Soon after completion, DUP President Kate B. Carter dedicated it as “The Jane Hatch Camp.” Townsfolk adopted the house and contributed building materials, labor, and maintenance over the years. In November 1987, the LDS Church deeded the building to the 20-30 Club, a Taylor social group. A decade later, the 20-30 Club collaborated with the Taylor/Shumway Heritage Foundation to create the “Pioneer Museum.” Filled with authentic pioneer memorabilia, doors to the Pioneer Museum opened to the public on July 5, 1997.

Shumway Schoolhouse

One block east of State Highway 77 on the Old Shumway Road, Taylor, Arizona

Built from locally-fired soft red brick, the restored 1900 schoolhouse remains in the heart of Shumway, Arizona, less than five miles/eight km south of Taylor. The voices of its frontier children have grown quiet, yet today visitors can see their names etched into the soft bricks. With its vintage furnishings and treasured photographs, the Shumway Schoolhouse has been recognized as a living legacy.

The Taylor Museum

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BE EMBER AWARE!

By Derek Day, Engineer Pinewood Fire Department

Will your home survive when the embers arrive? During a wildfire, thousands of embers can rain down on your roof and pelt the side of your home like hail during a storm. If these embers become lodged in something easily ignited on or around your home, the house will be in jeopardy of burning. Embers coming into contact with flammable materials are the primary reason homes are destroyed during a wildfire.

By being ember aware and taking action ahead of time, a homeowner can substantially reduce the ember threat. Your home can survive when embers arrive. Munds Park is a Firewise community and has always been proactive in wildfire prevention. When it comes to wildfires, Munds Park residents have been fortunate and know how real the danger is.

It’s essential to create a defensible space around your house to improve its chances of surviving a wildfire. A few tips on what you can do to protect your home:

- Remove leaves and pine needles from your roof and gutters.
- Remove “ladder fuels,” which include tree limbs, so the closest limb is 6’-8’ from the ground.
- Move woodpiles at least 30’ from the house.
- Remove leaves, pine needles, and other combustible materials from under decks.
- Use a non-combustible material like gravel up against your house and choose plants and flowers that are deciduous, herbaceous, low resin, or non-resinous.

These are just a few ways we can protect our homes against wildfire. To learn more about what you can do to protect your home, please come to our **Community Safety Day Event on June 25, 10-1 pm at Munds Park Community Church.**

The Pinewood Fire Department offers free Firewise home assessments that help educate the homeowner and provide suggestions on Firewise mitigation recommendations. To schedule your assessment, please go to our website at www.pinewoodfire.org and click the tab about, scroll down to Firewise and fill out the form with your contact information. Once the form has been submitted, we will contact you to schedule a time to assess your property.



FOOD

BBQ BRISKET TIPS FROM MATT AGEE

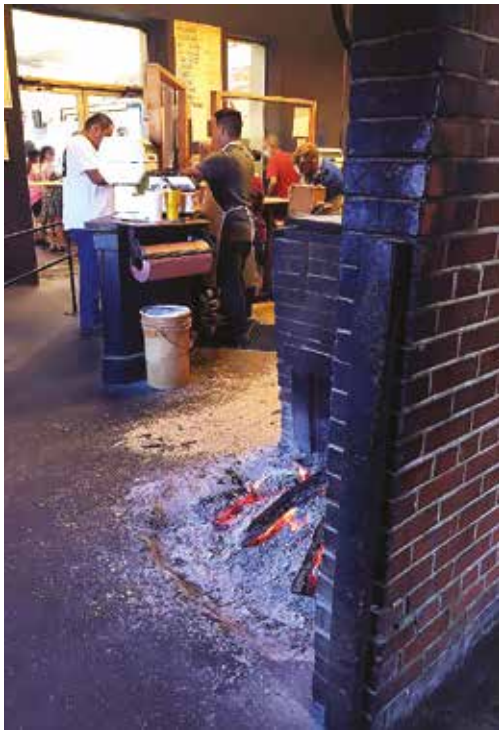
By Matt Agee

Central Texas is known for many things, from the balmy summer weather to the notorious biting gnats that caused an itch only soothed by a coat of clear nail polish and, of course, incredible BBQ. My best memory of that beautiful area was my introduction to barbecue.

When I was a kid, I walked into what looked like an abandoned building with my parents, passed an open fire pit, and stood in line for a meal. I watched the man behind the counter expertly slice off brisket slabs, placing them on a sheet of brown butcher paper, and asked us if we wanted a slice of bread with the meat. The business, back then, was called Kreuz’ Market in Lockhart, Texas, and, even with a name change (it’s now called Smitty’s), the establishment remains one of the top five barbecue restaurants in the entire state of Texas. When we returned to Lockhart last summer, I was pleased to see that very little had changed other than the name. The brisket was just as good as my boyhood memory.

When Kim and I decided to bring barbecue to Munds Park, memories of Kreuz’ Market became my inspiration. Building an open pit at the entrance was something that, unfortunately, would have been frowned on by county officials, so we compromised by installing a twenty-eight-foot smoker. And we are proud to report that our customers, who are familiar with Lockhart barbecue, tell us that we are right up there with the city’s best.

Choosing the right cut of meat is an important element in preparing and serving brisket. Cuts are graded as Select, Choice, and Prime, with each grade further broken down into lower, middle and upper grades. We use



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We commonly smoke a whole brisket called a Packer Cut that weighs between 10 to 18 pounds and has a layer of fat, referred to as the fat cap, on one side. Both sections of the brisket, the flat and the point, are attached by another layer of fat. We look for a brisket with a constant layer of fat on the top side and a thicker, flat (at least an inch thick) side.

Trimming the brisket is a crucial step that can affect the smoking process. The fat cap has to be trimmed at, approximately ¼ inch thick. Any thin areas of fat must be trimmed off. We use a rub of equal amounts of kosher salt, coarse salt, and ground pepper before smoking.

Smoking the brisket is, of course, a very important element in the quality of the final product. The cuts are smoked for five to six hours to preserve the bark, then removed and wrapped in peach paper and placed back in the smoker for an additional five to eight hours. The temperature must be monitored to keep it as close to 250 degrees as possible. Each portion of the brisket is served fresh daily because we never hold over any left-over meat from one day to the next.

We hope these BBQ tips help you with your 4th of July BBQ, and if you feel like just kicking back this holiday, we are open!

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GOODFELLAS

The Next Generation of Munds Park Small Business Owners

By Sandee Caviness

Emily and Mike Felton, young newlyweds, full-time locals, and owners of Goodfellas Junk Removal are capturing the hearts of all who have met them. Their sweet dispositions, friendly and fast service, and commitment to our community have earned them a good reputation.

This energetic young couple lived and worked in Phoenix before moving to the Park. Emily worked for a vacation rental agency, and Mike was a realtor. They quickly fell in love after meeting at a work conference and have been inseparable since 2014.

Mike decided he preferred supporting realtors rather than selling properties. Realtors have lots of needs like placing for sale and open house signs, installing lock-boxes, cleaning homes preparing them to be listed and hauling out unwanted items. Servicing realtor's needs became Mike's niche and how Goodfellas was born.

Tired of the cubical life and certain the fluorescent lighting was depleting her of all her vitamin D, Emily left the corporate world and joined Mike in the Junk business.

Mike's parents have a cabin in the Park and have been enjoying the summers here since he was about eight years old. They spent their time snow skiing, hunting, and hiking, creating a lifetime of memories. Naturally, Mike wanted to share these experiences with Emily, so they would escape the hustle and the heat of the Valley as often as possible to visit Mike's parents. It wasn't long before they yearned to move to the Park full time.

As they laid plans to uproot their Phoenix ties, they wondered what they would do for a living. Was there enough business to support Goodfellas? They were unsure, so they worked the market from two angles. They brought Goodfellas up north and also started Munds Park Mobile Mart. They thought the Mobile Mart would be the money maker, but consumers in the Park needed stuff moved more than late-night snacks. So after one season, they allowed the mobile mart to fade away.

Like all the locals, Emily and Mike have a special love for Munds Park and for community members they connect with through work and play. This unique connection, where customers are your neighbors, brings meaning to their job in unexpected ways.

Hauling off unwanted items like construction debris from a remodel, pine needles piled high preparing for fire season, and trash left behind in recently sold cabins is labor-intensive and seemingly inconsequential. But the junk removal service is much more than that. Sometimes it's husbands and wives whose kids have moved on, and the parents begin to part with items no longer needed as they adjust to their new lives. Couples who are fortunate enough to grow old together discover there are things they can no longer do and as their world gets a little smaller, they learn to let go and downsize even further. It's families who have lost a loved one and have the heartbreaking task of deciding which tangible memories to keep and which to let go. These are not easy loads to haul away and require a sympathetic ear and respectful removal of their items. These jobs taught the young couple that time is the most important commodity.

Mike told me of a sweet older couple who were downsizing. They had gone through the task of deciding what to keep and what to let go, and everything was stacked and ready for pick-

up. As Mike gathered their items, he noticed a putter. Not just any putter. It was a Scotty Cameron putter. Thinking this was an error Mike returned the putter to his customer. She thanked him and said she would check with her husband while Mike and Emily continued to load the trailer. After completing the job, her husband walked out and asked Mike if he played golf. When Mike said yes, the husband explained he could no longer play the game and wanted Mike to have the putter. It was a bitter-sweet moment for the two as the aging golfer passed on his valuable putter to a young man.

Later the two ran into each other, as it's easy to do in the Park, and the older gentleman asked Mike how he liked his new putter. Mike was happy to report that it improved his game, and he now can beat his father! That made him chuckle and brought a smile to his face.

I asked Mike and Emily what were the strangest or most interesting items they hauled away, and that simple question took us through the Great Depression to today—the throwaway economy.

Our younger generations are deeply concerned about the amount of waste that pollutes our planet and poisons our land and oceans. Mike and Emily are no different in this regard. This isn't a political statement, so please don't interpret it as such—It's just a fact. Americans over-consume. We can have a perfectly working appliance, piece of furniture, or clothing, but if something new and shiny passes our eyes, what we have is no longer acceptable and tossed out without even a second thought.

Because Mike and Emily are keenly aware of the problem, they work at being good stewards of our land and repurpose and donate items that are simply too good for the dump. They support non-profit thrift stores by delivering resellable items slighted for the landfill—A huge win. Artists, gardeners, and repurposer's are jumping for joy because Emily and Mike will look out for requested items. They will alert you once that old wheelbarrow, seasoned wood, old pallets, wood table, metal stand, or whatever your little repurposing heart desires have been picked up. Genna and I just made raised garden beds from pallets from Goodfellas. I can tell you from experience that it's exciting to get that call! Not to mention, Mike and Emily love it when Mundsies show them how they transformed a piece of 'junk' into something new and wonderful.

Emily and Mike are all about working hard, enjoying what they do, loving their community, and giving back. They are members of the Munds Park Business Alliance. They donate their time to work with the Bear Jaw Crew, and the items they can re-sale, the profits are given to the Derek Felton Foundation.

The future looks bright for this young couple, and Munds Park is fortunate to have them in our community.



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The Pinewood Players theater group was started in 1990 by a group of Pinewood Country Club members who wanted to bring live theater and an opportunity to participate in the performing arts to the community. The popularity of Pinewood Players and their events grew throughout the 90's and early 2000's. Plays were staged in the library of the Pinewood Country Club (now the Elk Run Room). The events became so popular that the overflow audiences began spilling out into the lobby. It became increasingly difficult to accommodate all those who wanted to attend the plays.

By 2001 it became obvious that a different venue was needed. The library was no longer adequate to accommodate the audiences or productions. There was a vacant building on the country club campus that had previously been used as an activities center. It was a far cry from a theater, but it was large enough and with imagination one could envision the conversion of the building into a real theater. The leadership of Pinewood Players entered into discussions with members of the Country Club Board and negotiated a long-term lease of the building for a very nominal annual fee.

Once the building was secured, the community stepped up to support the project with donations and volunteers. Among many other donors, the Pinewood Property Owners Association donated a significant sum to the project. Then the work of converting the building began. With the assistance of local resident and architect Don Cross and local contractor Larry Lambrecht the plans took shape. Many volunteers contributed

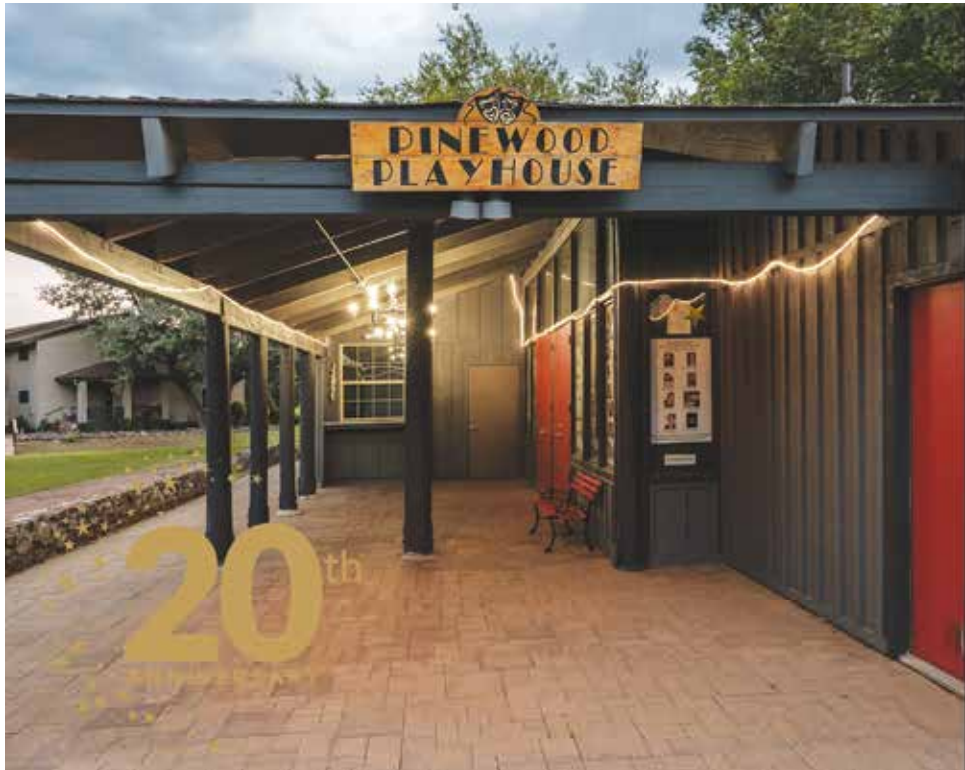
countless hours to the project. By the summer of 2002 the Pinewood Playhouse was christened and Pinewood Players began performing on the "main stage." After over 10 years of performing in the country club library Munds Park finally had its very own "Theater in the Pines" with a large stage, professional sound and lighting systems and graduated theater seating for over 100 theater goers.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary there will be an Open House at the theater on Sunday, June 26 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The entire Munds Park community is invited to stop by any time during the Open House hours to enjoy complimentary refreshments. Pinewood Players volunteers will conduct guided tours of the theater building allowing visitors to see areas of the theater not normally open to the public such as the make-up room, dressing rooms, backstage area and control booth. Bring the entire family and join in the fun celebrating 20 years of Pinewood Players performing in the Pinewood Playhouse. The Playhouse is located on the Pinewood Country Club campus just east of the pool area. Parking is available on the east side

of the country Club parking lot, then proceed south past the activities center building and cart barn to the theater. And don't forget to buy your tickets for the Pinewood Players production of Deathtrap. There are only two remaining performances on June 17th and 18th at 7 pm. For Pinewood Players event schedules, tickets, membership and other information please visit www.pinewoodplayers.com.



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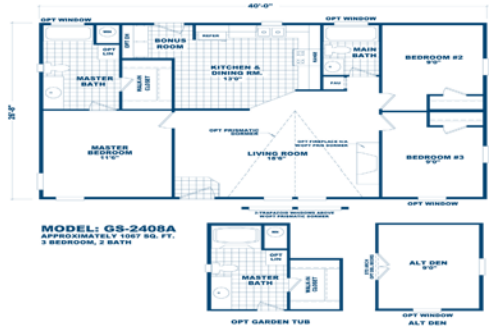


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GARDENING IN THE PARK

MONSOON SEASON & SUMMER WATERING TIPS



Here's the good news for your garden:
This year's monsoon season, which officially begins June 15 but usually doesn't show up in northern Arizona until about Independence Day, is predicted to be a wet one. The National Weather Service says the odds are good for greater monsoon

activity and a normal (perhaps even above normal) level of rainfall.
It's not just the extra water that's wonderful: monsoon season also brings cooler temps, higher humidity in the air and cloud cover. It's a welcome relief given that the "new normal" for northern Arizona is hotter and drier summers.

And now for the bad news:

Monsoon rains, even when plentiful, typically don't provide enough water for your garden to thrive. There are few plants (mostly native or extremely acclimated to our local weather) that can live on what nature provides alone. The rest require that we learn to water well.

Rainwater Harvesting

However, the monsoon rains can be part of your watering well strategy. With the prospect of a decent amount of rain this monsoon season, it might be time to invest in a rain barrel if you don't already have one.

There are two main reasons to use rainwater harvesting systems. The first is water conservation, of course, and being able to use the water that comes from nature instead of turning on your tap. But the other reason is to manage and store rainwater runoff and prevent flooding on your property.

While there are several water reclamation methods available, rainwater barrels are probably the quickest and easiest water conservation method you can set up for your home garden.

First, you need to choose your location on a level, elevated surface so you can get pressure out of the hose at the bottom of the barrel. The next step is to align the barrel with your downspout to capture the rain from your roof. Then connect the hose and place it in your garden. It's that simple.

Warner's will be having a class on Saturday, June 18, on rainwater harvesting and how to set up and store this precious commodity. You can find more details at warnersnursery.com.

But you can't just count on rain – even rain captured in barrels - to keep your garden green all summer long. This is particularly important for newly planted trees, shrubs, flowers and veggies waiting for monsoon season. They need water now.

Hand Watering vs. Drip Irrigation

You can try hand-watering, but this takes a lot of time and effort and will waste a great deal of water. Why? Because water rushes out at such a high rate from a hose (an estimated 400 gallons per hour) that you lose most of it to runoff. Most of the water will not get more than an inch or so down into the soil.

Your garden needs moisture that's delivered slowly and steadily so that it penetrates further and gets down to the roots. That encourages them to grow deep, which makes for healthier and stronger plants.

That's why we are big fans of drip irrigation at Warner's Nursery. Drip irrigation systems fully soak your plants and have a higher efficiency rate than overhead sprinklers or hand-watering.

Plus, using a drip system lets your plants "breathe." In addition to water, roots need air. Sprinklers and hand watering produce puddles that can displace air in the soil, but because drip irrigation works slowly, drop by drop, it never displaces the air in the soil.

Drip irrigation is not as expensive as many people think. For 100 feet of watering, it will cost you upwards of a few hundred dollars to have a system professionally installed. You can also do it yourself for about \$100. With the gallons of water saved and the plants gardeners don't have to replace because they have dried out, the cost can be recouped very quickly.

Watering Guide

Although watering requirements can change depending on weather conditions, here's a general guide of how often you need to water different types of plants.

For trees and shrubs, the first three weeks after transplanting are probably the most vital and require the most water. During that time, plan to water generously at least once a day, preferably in the morning when it's cooler. If using a drip system, plan to have it on for 20 to 30 minutes. After that, you can plan on watering every other day through the fall and then two to three times a month during the winter.

Small shrubs and perennials should be watered two times a day the first week they are planted, then once a day for the next two weeks, then every other day through the fall and two to three times a month during winter.

In-season vegetable gardens need lots of water. We recommend watering two to three times a day, for 10 to 15 minutes each time.

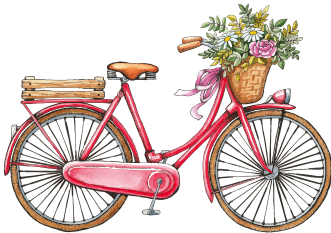
Please stop by or give us a call if you have any questions about rain barrels, drip irrigation or how you can better water your plants to keep your garden lush this summer.



2nd Annual GARDENS IN THE PARK

Last year, the Pinewood News featured gardens here in Munds Park, and we had such a friendly response, we're doing it again. If you would like your garden to be considered for a feature in the Pinewood News, email us a paragraph on why you love to garden in The Park and send us various images to Hello@ThePinewoodNews.com.

We look forward to hearing from our fellow gardeners!



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BIRDS OF MUNDS PARK

Birding in Iceland



By Margaret Dyekman

The first important birding advice I confirmed while in Iceland is that when on a birding trip, you should always have two pairs of binoculars. Fortunately, I had brought two, because on the first day I dropped my best pair, which created misalignment of the lenses and rendered those binoculars unusable. I was grateful to have my spare.

The second important tip was to go with the flow... and that was fairly easy with a planned trip led by a Rockjumper Birding Tours guide. There were eight of us, all very nice, serious birders with diverse backgrounds and reasons for being on the journey. I always learn something new when meeting up with new people. For example, do you know that there is a Facebook page dedicated to birding memes?

Iceland, a Nordic island, is the most sparsely populated country in Europe, with lava fields, glaciers, geysers, waterfalls, and erupting volcanoes. Tourism is an important part of the economy, and the hospitality industry folks speak both Icelandic and English, so it is a very easy country to visit if you are a one-language person like me.

As for birds, Iceland's bird list is small compared to other countries such as Costa Rica, which boasts 800+ species. Iceland's species list is 120, and we were able to see 71 species on this trip. Some of the Icelandic birds we saw are also found in northern Arizona and include the Peregrine Falcon, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Merlin, Mallard, Starling, and Rock Pigeon.



Harlequin Duck

Iceland does not have warblers like we have in the States, but they do have many species of waterfowl. The highlight was several great looks at the Harlequin Duck, a bird that rivals the beauty of the Wood Duck. The Whooper Swans were numerous, we easily saw over a thousand, and Arctic Terns were plentiful as well, often nesting in fields that were fenced off by landowners so sheep and Icelandic horses would not disturb them.

Besides the Atlantic Puffin, one of my favorite birds was the Common Snipe. It is a squat shorebird with an extremely long bill for probing in muddy ground, and it is hard to detect on the ground because it is camouflaged so well. But in the air it is easily recognizable with its long bill and the sound made by air passing through its fanned tail. Throughout the U.S. we have Wilson's Snipe, but the Common Snipe may only occasionally be seen in North America in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska.

We saw a pair of White-tailed Eagles, the female sitting on the nest and the male nearby. The White-tailed Eagle is a massive raptor, all dark brown except for its white tail and light brown head. Its wingspan is seven to eight feet. In an earlier article I reported that Bald Eagles have a wingspan that wide, and a reader replied that comparison was a bit of an exaggeration. I agree, a better Bald Eagle wingspan comparison in a typical house is the length from the top to bottom of a door frame, about six and a half feet. That is still mighty big!

Upon returning to Munds Park and yellow pollen everywhere, I was happy to see our resident birds busy with their lives: Red-Winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds at the golf course ponds, House Wrens filling up multiple nest boxes to the top with sticks, Mountain Chickadees nesting in in our front yard nest box, Steller's Jay yakking at us, a Cassin's Vireo calling from the very top of the trees, the American Robin taking a long bath in the bird bath, and the ever-present and opportunistic American Crows. The crows are rather quiet now, but wait until August when the fledglings have left the nest and are begging loudly and constantly to be fed by their parents.

Lastly, I thoroughly enjoyed the food in Iceland: salmon, char, lobster hotdogs, licorice ice cream, and fish and chips. If you go, take warm clothes and a camera – the geysers, waterfalls, coastlines, fiords, and glaciers are amazing.

You can reach me at margaretdyekman@cox.net or by text at 602-620-3210. Read all about Backyard Birding in Northern Arizona at backyardbirdingaz.com and order the book online or get one directly from me. I welcome your questions, reports of sightings, and your suggestions for future articles.

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- First Place:** Patty Frey, Kathy Vogt, Teri Billington
- Second Place:** Yvonne Brooks, Cindi Sheppard, Sandi Lough
- Third Place:** Megan Reeves, Deanna Madeya, Pat Dembowski
- Fourth Place:** Lori Prescott, Norma Dokken, Cindi Armstrong

Results June 3, 2022 – Low Gross, Low Net game

- Flight 1:** Kathy Kemp, 1st place gross; Robin Alvarez, 2nd place gross; Yvonne Brooks and Lori Prescott, tie for 1st place net
- Flight 2:** Andy Harper, 1st place gross; Cindi Sheppard, 2nd place gross; Margaret Dyekman and Bev Robb, tie for 1st place net
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CRESCENT MOON CROSSING features a murder that could be ripped from today's tension-laden border conflict headlines. The story:

Staff Sergeant Jace Merrick has two short-term goals--join the Army Intelligence unit, and kill his wife.

He hatches a scheme to make her death look like a Mexican cartel smuggling operation gone wrong. But before he can carry out his plan, she is shot, and he becomes the prime murder suspect.

Rumor Vargas is determined to find her best friend's killer, even after Sheriff Cooper Jones warns her to keep her amateur nose out of his investigation. She's a sexy, persistent diversion, one who dredges up memories he'd rather forget of his own murdered wife.

But when his investigation turns to her older brother as a possible suspect, Rumor has reasons beyond their physical attraction to keep Coop close.

The Sheriff suspects Alberto Vargas has Cartel ties, and this looks like the Sinoloan gang's work.

Following the killer's clue, "An eye for an eye, a wife for a wife," Rumor and Coop delve into a single decision in Jace's past that has resulted in cold-blooded revenge.

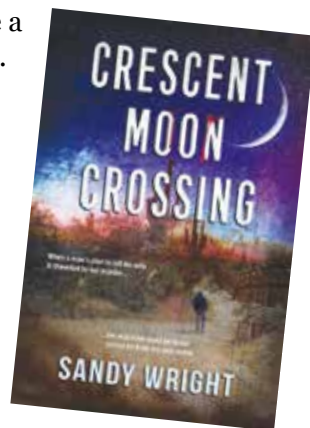
Fans of C.J. Box's Joe Pickett, J.A. Jance's Joanna Brady series, or Craig Johnson's Longmire series should enjoy CRESCENT MOON CROSSING. I hope you find the two sides of the border conflict an interesting book club discussion!

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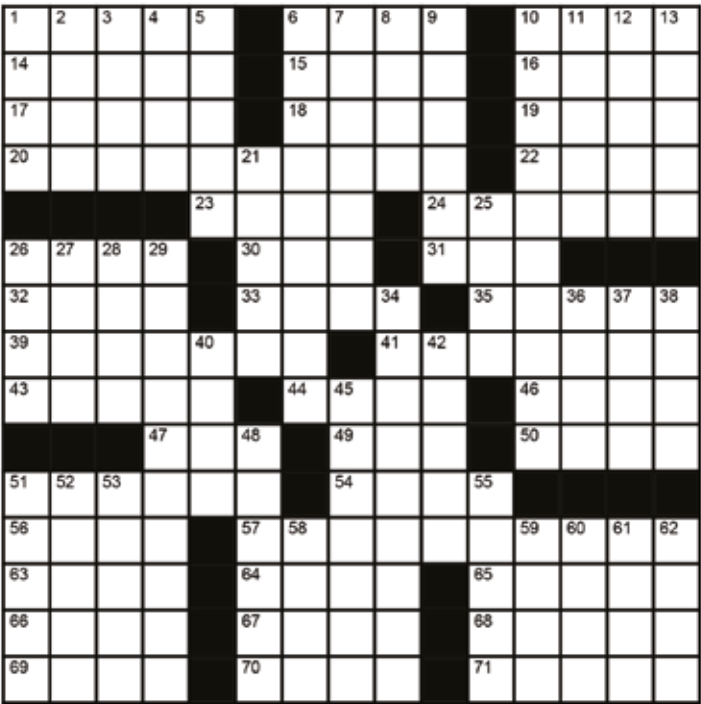
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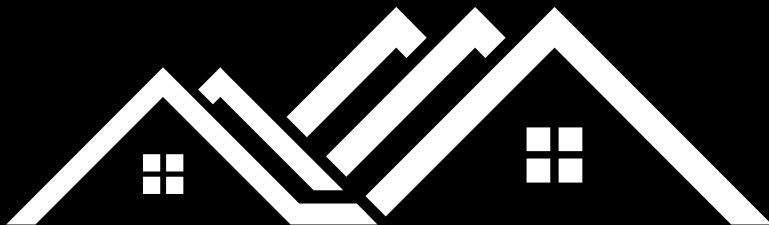


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- 26. Wood sorrels
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- 32. Drop down?
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- 44. ____ Major (constellation)
- 46. Affirm
- 47. Cousin of an ostrich
- 49. Be in a cast
- 50. Proceed
- 51. Beach acquisition
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- 57. A device that partly or wholly eliminates electrical interference
- 63. Antioxidant berry
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- 65. Strain
- 66. Gym set
- 67. "God's Little ____"
- 68. Be in harmony
- 69. Gaelic
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Down

- 1. Beach, basically
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- 6. Off-the-cuff
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- 11. Culture mediums
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- 29. Smart in a worldly sense
- 34. Followers
- 36. Take the plunge
- 37. Gathering clouds, say
- 38. Voting district
- 40. Dalai ____
- 42. Irrigate
- 45. Camaraderie
- 48. Open
- 51. Daunt
- 52. Gastric woe
- 53. Some tides
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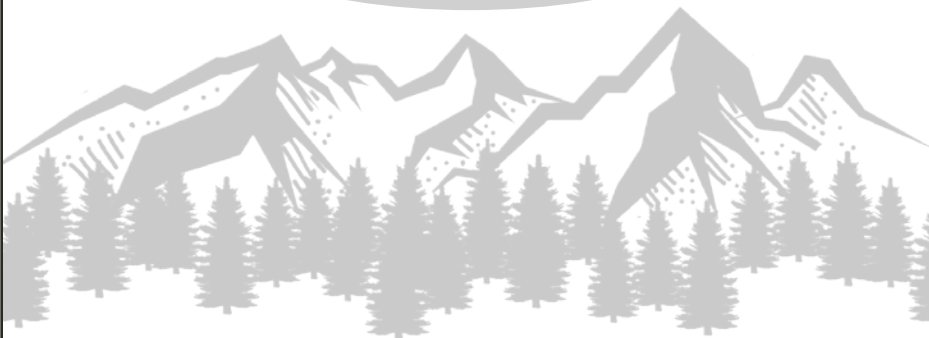
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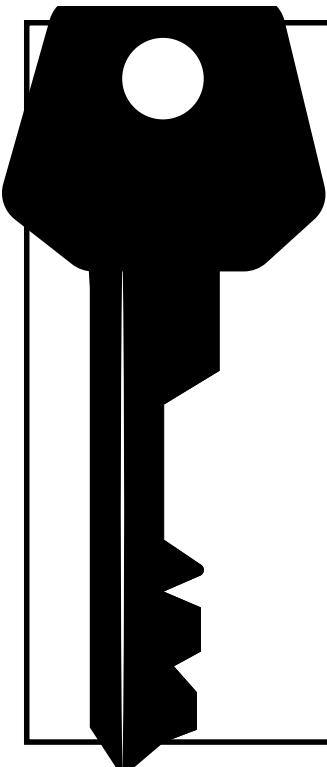
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is taking the lives of others. While the individual perpetrators are solely responsible for their actions, our society is responsible for the environment we create where these people grow up and live. We have got to do something. But if we do the wrong thing, we will not solve the problem. We will make it worse.

Do we need another law? Are guns and bullets the problem? Or knives in the case of the hospital in Tulsa? Here is an idea: how about a law that makes it illegal to kill someone? Oh, wait...

We have a gun violence problem in our society. If you are a thinking person, you know guns are not the sole problem. We also have a mental health problem, emotional health problem, and spiritual health problem that must be addressed.

We glorify violence in our society. We cannot think that the amount of graphic violence in our movies, music, and video games will not have an impact on the minds of the people who interact with them. When will we do what we need to do to eliminate these images from the minds of our young people?

The traditional nuclear family has been blown up. More school shooters grew up in homes without both their birth mom and dad than used AR-15s to perpetrate their crimes. Maybe we need a law that makes it illegal for parents to split up before their children leave the home.

The most harmful issue we face is the systematic removal of God from our society. He is a polite God. He will not force His way in where He is not welcome. The void that is left when God leaves the building is filled by evil.

In creation, one of the things God did was bring order to the chaos. All the atoms were bouncing around chaotically. When God organized the atoms that became stars and planets, He did it in such an orderly way that they have remained in their orbits without bouncing into each other.

We have got to do something. Buffalo, Uvalde, Philadelphia, Tulsa, Chicago, Sandy Hook, and too many other cities are reeling from individuals deciding the solution to their problems

So, as we push Him away, the farther away we get from God, the more chaotic our lives and our society become. And chaos unsettles us mentally and emotionally.

When Jesus showed up on the scene almost 2000 years ago, the religious leaders of the day believed they needed more rules, more laws. They believed if they just had enough laws everything would work out just fine. They had rules for Saturdays, the Sabbath. No plucking gray hairs, that is harvesting. No moving furniture around the room. That would create a rut in the dirt floor or carpet and that is hoeing a row. They could only walk a short distance during that day, about a half mile, called a Sabbath Day's journey. Too far would break the law.

As a thinking person, do these laws make sense? Would keeping them alleviate your stress? Would they keep a troubled young man from killing someone? Jesus was asked, "What is the most important law?"

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mark 12:29-31

"The most important one,"

answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mark 12:29-31)

We do not need any more rules. These two are enough. What we need are better relationships. And these two rules help make them happen.

We need more people to acknowledge there is only one God and love Him more than anything else in their lives. We need more people to love more people at least as much as they love themselves, especially those who are not like them.

We must do something. But if we do the wrong thing, we will only make the problems worse. Do we need more rules? We certainly need better relationships. Love God better. Love each other better. If we do this, then we will change our society for the better and reduce the number of families grieving the loss of their children to senseless violence. It is the right thing to do. It is what we must do.

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