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HO-HO-HO SANTA CAME TO TOWN! Kids! An exclusive interview with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

We at the Pinewood News were lucky enough to sneak a few moments with Mr. and Mrs. Claus after their headline appearance at the annual Santa's Visit right here in Munds Park!

Santa's Visit to the Pinewood Fire Department has been a tradition enjoyed by Mundsies since before 1993. This year was just as memorable despite COVID-19 restrictions.

Sandee Caviness: Hello Santa & Mrs. Claus! Thank you for finding the time to give this interview. We know it's a very busy and fun time of the year for you!

Santa Claus: Ho, ho, ho! Yes, Christmas is busy and our elves are hard at work, but we always have time for our friends in Munds Park!

Sandee: Thank you Santa! It is always special when you visit. I understand that Engineer Devon Liggett, one of the Pinewood Firemen, drove you around the Park in old Engine 41. Did you enjoy riding in the fire truck?

Santa: Yes! Mrs. Claus loves that the fire truck is red! Ho, ho, ho!

Sandee: That does sound like fun! How did Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen feel about you riding in the fire truck rather than the sleigh?

Santa: Oh, they were fine with it! They need to eat lots of carrots, rest, and build their strength for the big ride on Christmas Eve.

Sandee: Santa, you have visited Munds Park for many years at the Pinewood Fire Department. Is this because Munds Park doesn't have a mall?

Santa: Why yes, it is. However, I have to say, the fire station is my most favorite place to visit. It's been a long tradition and the fire station allows Mrs. Claus and me to spend more time with the kids and their families.

Of course, this year was different, but we still were able to celebrate the season together.

Sandee: Santa, what is your favorite part about visiting kids in Munds Park?

Santa: Oh, I love the look on the kid's faces when they see us! They are happy and bouncy and full of joy! Also, the people of Munds Park are extraordinary and even magical some would say! Something about a small-town that brings a close connection between families and neighbors. Everyone is eager to help one another.

Sandee: I know lots of people feel the same way, Santa. Ok, next question. Have any of the kids pulled your beard?

Santa: Ho, ho, ho! No, not yet! Just lots of hugs around the legs.

Sandee: That's sweet. A hug around the legs is a lot better than a tug on the beard! What is the funniest thing a child in Munds Park asked for Christmas?

Santa: Oh, that is easy! One time a little boy asked for a can of black beans! Ho, ho, ho!



Mr & Mrs Claus Photo by Genna Caviness

Sandee: Black beans? Hahaha! Ok, Santa. I have a very serious question.

Santa: Yes?

Sandee: Is it true you have a naughty and a nice list?

Santa: Yes, it's true. We make a list every year and we check it twice to see who is naughty or who is nice!

Sandee: Oh boy! Any words of advice on how to stay on the nice list?

Santa: Yes, there are lots of ways to stay on the nice list. The general rule for kids is to respect and help their parents, do their chores and homework with their best effort, and always be kind. These simple but important rules will always keep kids on the nice list!

Remember, I see you when you're sleeping, I know when you're awake, I know if you've been bad or good. So be good, for goodness sake!

Sandee: Yes! Yes! Be good! Santa, kids and adults all love getting gifts from you, but we also know that giving as well as receiving brings joy. What do you tell kids about giving?

Santa: We all know how great it feels to receive gifts, but the magic of giving, now

that's the best feeling of all. Our hearts fill with joy when we make others happy and this joy lasts a long time.

Do you remember the last time you gave a gift? Maybe it was a picture you drew in school and gave it to your Mom or Dad, or you gave a friend a toy you no longer used or even shared a piece of candy. Do you remember how you felt? It's that feeling of sharing that brings happiness.

This is why I am so jolly! Ho, ho, ho!

Sandee: That's a wonderful lesson Santa. Thank you and we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Kids! It's not too late to write to Santa!

His address: Santa Claus 123 Elf Road North Pole 88888

Want to track Santa on Christmas Eve?

NORAD, The North American Aerospace Defense Command, will follow Santa on December 24 as he flies from the North Pole to visit children's houses worldwide! Check out the site here: www.noradsanta.org

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Every Thursday	Receive a FREE cup of fresh roasted coffee with your breakfast at Kota's Coffee House	17680 S Munds Ranch Rd	7 - 11 am
Every Thursday	Spread the Bread - Get some for your neighbors too! Munds Park Community Church	17670 S. Munds Ranch Rd	10 am
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Thursday, December 10	Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr.	3 pm
Tuesday, December 15	Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	475 E Pinewood Blvd	3 pm
Wednesday, February 17	Munds Park Community Watch	Pinewood Fire Station	6:30-8 pm
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services Munds Park Community Church	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	6 pm
Thursday, December 31	New Years Party at Agee's follow them on Facebook to learn more!	17730 S Munds Ranch Rd	
Thursday, December 31	New Years Party at Martino's Restaurant & Lounge! Details on page 29.	17612 Fairway Drive	8 pm

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WINTER RECREATIONISTS SHOULD THINK "PREPAREDNESS"

By Larry Metzler, a Munds Park Trail Steward

Soon the Coconino National Forest will be closing motorized access to the roads and motorized trails. Do NOT drive around the roads and trail closure gates and signs. Driving on moisture saturated surfaces causes road damage, soil erosion and the vehicle can get stuck. Unless posted, the CNF lands will remain open for non-motorized travel and snowmobiles. If you have any questions regarding road closures contact Flagstaff Ranger Station at 928-526-0866.

Winter recreationists who plan on traveling in the backcountry areas should think "preparedness." The most important aspect of preparedness is providing someone with a detailed trip plan, including exact locations and expected trip length. When traveling in the backcountry remember to bring, water, food, warm clothes, navigation aids, and a first aid kit.

For more information on the Munds Park Trail Steward, check-out our website at: www.MundsParkTrailStewards.com.



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Hospice of the Valley Volunteer Linda Muller sews hundreds of masks to keep people safe.



Crochet hearts to comfort patients.



By Lin Sue Cooney

2020 has been a challenging year. COVID-19 has forever changed our lives. But in the midst of global uncertainty and sadness over so many lives lost, I am astonished by the kindness and compassion strangers are showing one another. We truly are "in this together." As we give thanks for all the frontline workers who are risking their lives, let's also take a moment to praise the everyday heroes among us. People like Linda Muller, who has a heart of gold and hands of steel.

By day, Linda works in auditing for CVS Health. By night, the Hospice of the Valley volunteer is a mask-making wizard.

At last count, she had donated 545 masks to the not-for-profit agency, so that family members can safely be with their loved ones at the bedside. From start to finish, it takes Linda 20 minutes to complete one cotton fabric mask. "I have an assembly-line kind of system," she chuckles. She aims for 60 masks a week, all washable, reversible — and lined for an extra layer of protection.

Linda started sewing as a teenager — she used to design and create an Easter dress for her mom every year. She had no idea how to make face masks, but taught herself by watching online videos posted by Jo-Ann Stores. When the pandemic hit Arizona, she began sewing like a fiend... turning out dozens and dozens of masks for friends, family and frontline workers across the country. So far, Linda has made 800 masks — even shipping some to "chemo nurses" in South Dakota.

She never sells the masks, but if someone insists on making a donation, she uses the funds to buy more fabric and supplies.

Linda hit the sewing machine as soon as her volunteer visits with patients were suspended due to CDC safety recommendations. Never the type to sit idle, she immediately asked if Hospice of the Valley needed masks. The answer was (and still is) a resounding yes. Linda works full time, but eagerly jumped into action. "I promised to sew as many as I can... working in the evenings, on the weekends, whenever possible," Linda recalls.

Using her own fabrics and paying for many supplies out of pocket, Linda has been on her own mission: To give back to the agency that provided beautiful, compassionate care to her father over 20 years ago.

"I'm happy to be part of it, however little contribution I can make," the humble 66-year-old says. "It's my way of paying it forward."

Linda became a volunteer with Hospice of the Valley in 2016, a year after her sister was moved into a nursing home in Indiana. Linda's sister has been battling a fatal brain disease similar to Alzheimer's since she was in her 50's. She is 64 now. "She no longer knows us," Linda shares. "I can't move across the country to care for her, but as a volunteer, I can provide much-needed respite to caregivers of other dementia patients."

Her matter-of-fact attitude is comforting to families, who are often overwhelmed by the changes in their loved ones as their cognition declines.

"I've seen how dementia works. I understand it, it doesn't upset me," she says. "It's just really rewarding to help them out."

Linda is just one of many heroes making a difference in our community.

Three elementary schools in the Deer Valley Unified School District used their 3D printers to help Hospice of the Valley care teams. They made and donated 500 surgical face mask ear guards -- plus stands to hold them.

Volunteers at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale are crocheting hearts to comfort our patients — something soft and meaningful to hold in the palm of their hands.

Artistic volunteers are making beautiful cards to cheer patients who are feeling alone and isolated right now.

Others are shopping and delivering essential groceries to our patients and families in need. They're providing window visits, playing music on patios, making virtual pet visits, chatting by phone or Facetime — and even recording virtual bedtime stories for medically fragile kids.

Sometimes it takes a little darkness to help us appreciate the light. Our community is blessed to have so many shining heroes. To learn more about Hospice of the Valley's volunteer opportunities, call (602) 636-6336 or email volunteeropportunities@hov.org.

Lin Sue Cooney is director of community engagement at Hospice of the Valley.



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BORRACHO SALOON THE HOT AND NEW GO-TO MUNDS PARK DESTINATION!

By Sandee Caviness

Borracho Saloon, located on the Pinewood strip nestled between the Outpost and Munds Park Salon, is a fully remodeled A-frame, totally hip music bar serving up drinks that deliver both strength and taste.

The Saloon was the town's talk waiting in anticipation while the owners were mashing out details and ideas for their third venue. They already owned two bars—The Wrecked at the Reef in Rocky Point and the Cactus Tavern in Phoenix.

The owners were great and long time friends with Tom Womak and Lannette Dunkeson— Munds Park residents for 14 years. They knew Tom and Lannette were business savvy and that one of Tom's longtime dreams was to own a bar. So after a good meal, a couple or few drinks, they sold the bar and the concept to Tom and Lannette.

Tom and Lannette have been sweethearts for 21 years and are seasoned business owners, successfully owning VIP Flooring in Phoenix for 18 years. In conjunction, Lannette has worked for Dell Technologies for the past 20 years. Both the flooring business and Dell are still in the picture while they run Borracho's. They are no strangers to hard work, and their pioneering spirit will serve them well during this next adventure.

Now, owning a flooring company and a saloon is very different. No fear here! Not even during COVID-19. Tom points out they have excellent mentors, a great concept pulled straight out of Rocky Point, and a passion for outstanding customer service. He's confident the Munds Park community will embrace what they have to offer, and so far, that has proven fabulously accurate.

Borracho's is fast becoming one of Munds Park's premier meeting places to catch up with old friends





Lannette Dunkeson and Tom Womak Owners Borracho Saloon



Taylor Heath, General Manager & Shirley Smith, Bartender

Borracho's has a cozy, warm, and modern-rustic atmosphere. Artwork and old photos of Johny Cash, Bob Dylan, vintage beer displays, and a wild boar that looks like Willie Nelson were hung with care and thought throughout the A-frame structure. Even the lights were strategically placed to create a comfortable ambiance. They hauled diamond plate metal from Rocky Point to make their custom countertops that add an industrial feel to this mixed medium bar.

The patio is outfitted with high-top tables, a large outdoor screen that rolls vintage music videos, a second fully stocked bar with both booze and staff and finally, the La Capilla Stage for live bands and big, big plans for the summer! All this good fun in the pines and fresh air of the Coconino Forest. Yes. It's as good as it sounds. So what are the big plans? Some so secret Tom and Lannette wouldn't share! But they did give us some details for the summer.

Lannette is a music connoisseur and loves live bands. Her tastes range from 80's Hair Bands to Southern and Classic Rock. She has connections with bands

throughout the state and plans to bring new sounds to the Park. The La Capilla Stage will host many artists throughout the summer.

Tom's big bring this summer will be a taco trailer that will sit right outside the Borracho patio. STREET TACOS!!!!!! Not just any street tacos either—gourmet street tacos.

When Tom was recruiting a chef for the bar, he had the chef over to cook for Lannette and Taylor, their General Manager, to sample his eats. Tom says these tacos were so off the hook that he canceled his order for their food trailer, doubled his budget, and went all-in on a custom trailer.

They will carry a limited but excellent menu that is guaranteed to please.

No need to wait till summer to visit! Borracho's has heat and has several screens for music or sports for your viewing pleasure. Stop in and try their killer Bloody Mary's, Spicy Margarita's made with serrano peppers, Moscow Mules, Mexican and Irish hot coffee's, and to really warm you up, try their famous Mexican Candy shot!

Borracho's has a full line of swag too. T-shirts, hoodies, bandanas, hats, and more. Stop by and get some gear and look for the new Swag Shack to open this summer.

Follow them on Facebook@BorrachoSaloonMundsPark for events, specials, and upcoming live entertainment. It's the place to be!













TRAVEL

7 SNOWSHOEING TIPS | A BEGINNER'S GUIDE



By Stacey Wittig Travel Writer Unstoppable Stacey Although we haven't seen much of it yet, I'm expecting some snow this season. When we get the white stuff, head out into the backcountry with the hottest

growing winter sport: snowshoeing. The short learning curve, low impact and high aerobics of snowshoeing will help

you keep in shape throughout the cold winter months. Here are seven tips on how to use snowshoes.

Proper fit for proper fitness – First, select appropriate snowshoes for your terrain. Your weight, the weight of the gear you will carry, and your gender determine your snowshoe's length. Because men and women have different body shapes, experts design snowshoes for each gender. Use larger snowshoes in dry, powdery snow–the larger shoe has more surface area to keep you on top of light snow. Smaller snowshoes are fine if you plan to tramp packed trails. You may

want to rent snowshoes to try out the different styles and sizes before you buy. Arizona Nordic Village rents snowshoes, and you can try them out on their trails. Peace Surplus in historic downtown Flagstaff also rents snowshoes.

Getting in – Put your snowshoes on in a snowy area – not on the road or sidewalk. Buckles for the binding typically go on the outside or top of the foot. Step into the snowshoe and align the ball of your foot to the cleat or traction device. Adjust the straps to fit snuggly around your warm winter boots, but don't overtighten.

Snow Poles – Use the same poles as you would use for skiing or hiking. Adjust the height of your hiking sticks so that your elbows are at a 90-degree angle. Trekking poles are good for balance and testing the snowpack. Remember to keep your



Hubby Dan Wittig snowshoeing on the Crystal Trail near Munds Park

hands in front of you as you stride along.

Ready, set, go! – Snowshoes make your feet longer and wider, so walking in them will take a little getting used to. Although the learning curve for snowshoeing is much shorter than that of skiing or snowboarding, start on relatively flat terrain using a wide stance. Keep the front tips apart and the tails together. On hardpack, lift your foot enough, so the metal cleat doesn't drag. As you step, push down on the cleat for better traction. Off-trail into the powder, lift your knee higher as you sink into the powder. Don't backup – it is much easier to just turnaround if you need to backtrack.

Get back on that horse – Once you fall–because falling is certainly inevitable while snowshoeing–take off your poles and put them aside. Get onto your back and then bend your knees toward your chest. Your feet and snowshoes will come out of the snow. Grab the tips of your snowshoes and roll

back and forth until you get enough momentum to roll over onto your knees and snowshoes. Finally, stand up onto your snowshoes. Voila!

Climb every mountain – Once you are comfortable walking in snowshoes on the flat, try climbing uphill. Dig the toes of your boot into the snow to allow the metal cleats to dig in for traction.

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The Quick Cook

I know that we are all still hunkering down and awaiting the vaccines that will help us return to some normalcy. I'm looking forward to 2021's holiday

celebrations that may look like ones in my past.

By

Sharon

More

But 2020 is about to end (Doesn't it feel like it's been longer than a year?) and that's a reason to celebrate. Whether your pod is just you and your partner (as mine is) or whether it includes a few more people, we shouldn't slump at the oars during the holidays.

Our Thanksgiving was scaled down, but it had all the trimmings. No reason to skimp on the traditional dishes, however. I just made smaller amounts and did some more healthful substitutions (roasted green bean bundles instead of the green bean casserole) since it was going to be a weird one anyway.

The same should be true for Christmas (or whichever winter holiday you may celebrate). No prime rib this year, but a lovely beef tenderloin will be delicious and smaller! Not a large pan of Yorkshire pudding, but instead, Yorkshire pudding muffins.

Which brings me to this point. Celebrate as if you did have a tableful of guests to keep your spirits up and your traditions alive. Doing my part to keep your holiday mood bolstered, I have some wonderful recipes for you to serve over the holidays.

We don't always have appetizers before dinner, but when there is a special meal and/or guests, I put out some goodies. My trio of dips looks festive, tasty, and they are relatively healthful. I know that many people have their own versions of these three, but I'm sharing my recipes for you to cook up or not. It goes without saying, of course, that you can scale recipes up or down depending on how many will be with you for appetizers. Serve with chips, crackers, and/or crudités.

Good food makes the holidays happier!

Trio of Dips: Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, and Tzatziki

Guacamole My Way

Ingredients:

- 2 avocados, mashed smooth
- Large Roma tomato, diced
- Small onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Juice of one small lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- Stir tomato and onion into the mashed avocado. Add garlic and lemon juice. Add in salt and pepper and mix well.
- Cover the top with plastic wrap pressed into the surface to keep all air out. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving.

"Beak of the Rooster" (Pico de Gallo)

Ingredients:

- 3 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon green chilies, diced (I used canned)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Pinch of cumin
- ½ lime, juiced
- 2 tablespoon cilantro, chopped

Directions:

- Salt and pepper to taste, optional.
- Mix together tomatoes, onions, chilies, garlic and cumin. Add lime juice and cilantro. Stir in salt and pepper if using.
- After blending well, refrigerate for at least one half hour.
- This salsa cruda or salsa fresca got it name, Pico de Gallo, because the pieces of ingredients are chopped up finely, as if pecked by a rooster. Make pieces as fine as you can without mashing into a pulp.

Sharon's Tzatziki

Ingredients:

- 1 large cucumber, grated and squeezed dry (some take off the peel-not me!)
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 1 teaspoon dried mint
- 4 tablespoons minced garlic

Directions:

- Salt to taste
- Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly.
- Let stand at room temperature for about a half hour, stirring a couple of times as it sits.
- Even scaled down, there are some dishes you always have more of than you were able to eat at your holiday meal. These leftovers can reappear as re-run dinners or you can use them up in a different way.

CranSwirl Cake

My CranSwirl Cake is one of the ways I use up leftover cranberry sauce. I found the original recipe for "Cranberry Swirl Coffee Cake" on allrecipes.com but then I made adjustments and came up with this version. We like this as a breakfast bread, as a sandwich with turkey and cheese for lunch, or for dessert. A very versatile little bundt cake!

Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup Greek yogurt (plain or honey)
- 8 ounces whole cranberry sauce

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a bundt pan with non-stick cooking spray.
- In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar with your mixer until well blended and fluffy light.
- Beat in eggs, one at a time then add almond extract.
- Add flour alternately with the yogurt and mix to combine.
- Pour 1/3 of batter into the bundt pan. Swirl in ¹/₂ can of the cranberry sauce. Repeat with 1/3 of batter and the rest of the cranberry sauce. Finish the top with the remaining batter.
- Bake 55 minutes until golden brown and the cake tests done. Let sit for 10 minutes, then remove the cake from the pan to finish cooling.



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7 SNOWSHOEING TIPS | A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

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It's all downhill from here – To go downhill, stomp down on the cleat to get traction. If the hill gets steeper, traverse the mountain making short switchbacks to make your descent less vertical. If the terrain gets really steep, side step down the slope.

When to Snowshoe?

The best time to snowshoe is right after a big dump of fluffy white snow. You know those Munds Park days when the sun is shining brightly on all the trees heavy laden with snow. Once the snow hardens, it's not so fun anymore. So make sure to get out quickly after a snow event.

Where to Go Snowshoeing?

The best place to snowshoe is the

trail that you can walk to from your doorstep. I like the Crystal Point Trail because I can walk there from my home. When the 240 Road is closed, you could practice there, but it's much more fun to get into the forest and the drifting snow. I'll try the Little Horse Trail after the next big dump—it's become my favorite Munds Park hiking trail, and I think it will be enjoyable on snowshoes. One of the bonuses of snowshoeing is that you really can't get lost. Just turn around and follow your tracks back through the snow.

'Girls Snowshoe Outing" in the Coconino

National Forest makes for fun photo opps

As with any outdoor adventure, always be prepared for the unexpected by carrying the ten essentials for outdoor survival.

The 10 Essentials Checklist

- 1. Extra Water bring enough water for unexpected delays. How much you bring depends on the terrain. For instance, desert hikers should carry and drink about 4 liters of water per day. When snow or water is available, all you may need are matches or a water filter.
- 2. Additional food bring extra lightweight, high protein foods to give you energy for a cold night in the woods.
- 3. Extra clothing for changing conditions
- 4. Map, compass, GPS
- 5. Headlamp or flashlight
- 6. First aid kit
- Shelter material (large trash bags or space blanket) I like my ultra-light bivy sack made of space blanket material that takes up very little room in my daypack.
- 8. Fire starting kit or small backpacking stove
- 9. Pocket knife or multi-tool
- 10. Whistle or signal mirror

Also, keep hydrated by drinking more water than you think you need, and if you are snowshoeing in avalanche country, beware of avalanches.

> "UNSTOPPABLE Stacey," a travel writer who makes her basecamp here in Munds Park, wishes you and your loved ones many Christmas blessings. Follow Stacey's travel adventures at unstoppablestaceytravel.com.



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Usually this time of year brings us together in person. With many enjoying December away from our loved ones, let's remember to keep the communication going so we don't lose touch all together. There are many ways to do this - video chat, text messaging, social media and the good old-fashioned phone call.

People of different ages might prefer different ways of communicating. Our senior relatives might enjoy a video chat to see what the family looks like after so many months/years (Oh look how much taller Johnny is! Johnny, go stand next to your dad. No, no, no, take your shoes off. Oh, he has grown!). Plus they can see what you've done to the house and meet the new fur baby. Text messaging might work best for those family members that you tolerate and want to keep in touch with, but really aren't that interested in (I have several of those). Social media might be a big hit for the younger (or do we call them junior?) relatives. Instead of assuming, check with the person you want to chat with and see what works best for them. Don't assume that grandma doesn't want to do a video call or social media. There are many people in their 80's and 90's who are very tech savvy. Some of us aren't in either of those two groups. The younger family may not like video chatting. Some people can't see or hear well and this changes how best to communicate. Be flexible.

As I've mentioned in previous columns, keep your communication positive and keep your emotions in check. Also, don't hog the conversation. Wait, one more, if you're on a video call on your tablet, DON'T BE ON YOUR PHONE. Do not try to multi-task. Put away any and all distractions when you are connecting with someone. We like connection. We need connection. We prefer eye contact to make this happen. Give the other person the respect of your full attention. You will both get more out of it and feel all warm and fuzzy afterwards.

Just because you're not face to face, doesn't mean you throw the skills I've given you out the window or into the fire like the burnt black marshmallow. Keep up the good work everyone!

Until next year....

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A NEW LOOK FOR THE PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB!

By Gary Pearce, General Manager

As many of you in the Munds Park community already know, Pinewood Country Club embarked on a long overdue clubhouse/facility remodel this past spring. This was a result of past and present Pinewood CC Board of Directors forward thinking and laying the groundwork the past few years to get this project underway. Former Pinewood Board President, Margaret Dyekman and Current President Troy Froderman, both agree that this is a remarkable and exciting time for the members of Pinewood Country Club. Troy added, "To stay competitive in the Country Club market and give our members a Club they can take pride in, these improvements were necessary. We truly believe when the construction dust settles and with a continued focus and commitment on the member experience, we are positioning ourselves for success for many, many years to come."

The Club brought in two highly regarded professionals with a tremendous amount of golf clubhouse remodel experience, Doug Fredrikson, of Doug Fredrikson Architects, Inc. and Cris Caruso, of Caruso Construction, as the contractor for the project. Both companies have many years of experience specializing in golf clubhouses, community centers, boutique hotels, and custom homes. The Club also hired Reece and Rowe in Flagstaff to assist with the design of the new golf cart storage building.

With the above team in place here are the noteworthy additions of the completed remodel (Phase 1); a new entry experience for members and guests with two large flower planters greeting them as they walk in on the newly installed pavers leading the way into the Clubhouse. Once inside the club the improvements continue from the lobby down through the corridor leading to the restaurant and bar. The lobby has new



Hallway leading to dining room and bar

and beautiful wood flooring, a new custom wooden reception desk which accents the new wood beams that stretch along the hallway giving the Club a warm, rich welcome with a cozy mountain cabin feel.

Once inside the dining room and bar, the new



Front Entrance to Clubhouse

carpeting and new paint makes this area feel more spacious and open. The Highlight of the Phase I remodel was the transformation of the Green Room into the Aspen Lounge and Ponderosa Room with a see through, multi-functional wine storage room that provides a beautiful display of the club's wine offerings. The Aspen Lounge is a small "speak easy" bar/dining area where members can enjoy each other's company in a very relaxed and comfortable setting. The Aspen Lounge is also equipped with 3



Dining Room

large televisions for members viewing pleasure. The Ponderosa Room can be an extension of the Aspen Lounge or it can be "closed off" for a private dining experience or a quiet space for a small business meeting. And not to be overlooked, the men's and women's washrooms have been upgraded to

accentuate the warm, rich wooden textures now found throughout this area of the clubhouse.

The next phase (Phase 2) of the remodel has begun with the following improvements scheduled:

• Redesigned main bar, updated Men's and Ladies locker area/restrooms, a community lounge with outstanding views of the golf course, new bag storage area and a new "inside" entrance into the golf shop.

• A new golf car storage facility.

• Infrastructure improvement to the east parking lot with improved and safer access to the Club swimming pool and the Pinewood Player's theatre.

The scheduled completion for the golf cart storage facility is April 2021 with the Clubhouse improvements to be finished by May 2021.

"In less than one year, the clubhouse has been transformed from a tired and dated facility to an updated modern building yet still maintaining its historic charm.

The member satisfaction and continued loyalty of our members has been greatly enhanced", says Club President Troy Froderman. "As the club culture continues to adapt to changes necessitated by all of the external influences we are faced with, we are providing our members with a place to come and feel welcome, safe and comfortable." The future indeed looks very bright for Pinewood Country Club!



Aspen Lounge

BLOG ARCHIVES

Taken from Munds Park Today

Munds Park, a hidden community, nestled within the high pines of the Coconino Forest, is one of Arizona's best-kept secrets—and not for what you may think.

Munds Park isn't a fabulous secret because of the playful meadows, woodland animals, or even its location in the forest. Those things



a good book with neighbors.

We not only enjoy open invitations, we have random acts of kindness happening all over the Park! We have community members who surprise neighbors with snow removal (thank you Wes!), neighbors passing by a cabin and kindly pulls in trash cans, or Mundsies with huge trucks that

are lovely, but still not the best part of Munds Park. Is it the fresh air, the smell of the pines, or the change of the seasons? Or is it the feeling that you are far away from the noise of the world, but when refreshed and ready to go, the 5th largest city is only 2 hours away, or that the groovy little town of Flagstaff is only 20 minutes north? No, still, none of those crazy good things are the best part of Munds Park.

The secret my friends are the people who live here.

In a world where the daily news fills our ears, minds, and hearts with all the high-level gossip happening around the world, you can't help but sometimes feel communities that genuinely reach out and help each other is something of the past. Like, all the way back to Mayberry USA.

I am happy to report that in 2020 Mayberry exists, and it's right here in Munds Park! Do you know what helps tie this loving and thoughtful community together? Facebook. I know. Who would have thought? It's a great marriage between the old fashioned friendly neighbors of yesterday and the technology of today. Facebook allows neighbors to communicate and gives a birds-eye view of all that is wonderful about living in the Park.

Approximately 1,500 to 15,000 people live in Munds Park depending on the season. Not a lot of folks, but enough to cause pause before inviting everyone to your house! Who invites all of Munds Park to their cabin? Well, Mundsies do because obviously it would be rude not to!

Paul writes an open Facebook post saying, "Poker at my place on Saturday 6:30 p.m." and provides his home address. Ron posts that his band is in town. "Come on over! Free live music for the neighborhood!" Barbara invites all to a monthly book club, and Mark says his mother will attend, and can they bring wine or nibbles to enjoy? These posts are welcoming and warm your heart that in this day and age, people can just stop by to play poker, listen to live music or discuss

stop without a second thought to pull out drivers stuck in the snow.

Munds Park is a great place to find neighborly assistance too. Kasondra Joy, who had a sick 4-month old, asked a Facebook group if anyone had Pedialyte on hand to keep from driving into town. Her call was quickly answered not only with neighbors offering their stash of Pedialyte but with well wishes too. Kasondra offered to pay back their kindness with homemade cookies.

Now with COVID-19 sweeping the world, our Munds Park friends are no longer opening their doors to invite neighbors in, but love is still spreading across our Park. Gail VanDeurzen, a faithful community volunteer, is collecting items for a woman and her family in need in Flagstaff and is getting overwhelming support from our community. Robert Rydzynski posted that he didn't want anyone to go hungry during the pandemic and that if anyone needed food, to please contact him. He will share what he has! Lu Cross, another giving volunteer, is making masks for the community and for the Visiting Angels caregivers so they can safely care for our seniors. Hawkeye Haven, another Munds Park resident, purchased meals from Agee's for 250 medical professionals in Flagstaff, keeping those on the front line fueled with fantastic BBQ and supporting Agee's at the same time!

Munds Park has no shortage of kind hearts willing to donate the most precious commodity we have—time. This is a beautiful volunteer community that honors our country, veterans, first responders, our land, and our neighbors.

This is love. This is Munds Park USA!

This story only includes a fraction of the acts of kindness shown around our Park, and Munds Park Today would love to highlight more of these stories in the future. You can share or suggest stories for future blogs at Hello@ThePinewoodNews. com. We would love to hear from you!

Munds Park seniors love where they live, and when assistance is needed at home, they call Visiting Angels.

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JIM & LINDA BURNETT Also known as Mr. & Mrs. Claus

Jim and Linda met and married in the early '80s. They have four grown children, one daughter, and three sons, and five teenage grandchildren. They moved to Munds Park in 2006 from San Diego, California after visiting the RV Park and falling in love with our town!

They retired out of San Diego in 2016. Jim was a general commercial contractor, and Linda provided accounting services. Both played in a Gospel Music group, The Rightside Band, for over 20 years. They sang at local churches and various events. On average, they would perform in 25-30 regular concerts a year, including 10-15 Christmas concerts. They produced 5 CD's raising money for their non-profit corporation supporting a church in Kenya, Samaritan's Purse, Angel Tree Ministries, and a local homeless soup kitchen.

Linda is an established solo gospel artist and has sung at the GMA in Nashville, National Quartet Conventions Solo stage in Louisville, KY, and the Western States Spring Sing in CA. Further, Linda has opened for Legacy Five and The Isaacs, to name a few.



Jim & Linda Burnett

After retiring and settling into Munds Park, Jim & Linda became involved with the community starting with becoming members of the Munds Park Community Church and then the Pinewood Fire Dept Auxiliary.

At the church, Linda leads worship, and Jim does the sound, media, and lighting. Last year, the Pinewood Fire Dept Auxiliary asked if they wanted to become the Santa and Mrs. Claus of Munds Park. They said yes and had a blast riding around in the fire truck, meeting and greeting kids and adults throughout the park.

Munds Park is all about community and giving back, and Linda and Jim do this well!



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4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Sponsored by the Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary

Is your cabin the brightest on the block? Does your electric bill double during the month of December? Are you the most festive cabin in the neighborhood!?

Then we have the contest for you! Join your neighbors and enter to win

one of these five categories:

- Reason for the Season
- Clark Griswold Award
- Through the Eyes of a Child
- Most Whimsical Award
- People's Choice Award

If you would like to participate in one or more of these categories, submit your entries to:

- Diane Deam at Diane.Deam@gmail.com
- Christine Orantes at ckorantes@gmail.com
- Please include: Your name, address, phone, and email.

Entries must be received by December 16, 5 pm, and ensure your Christmas lights are on by 6 pm for the December 19 judging. Winners will be announced December 20 and prizes delivered directly to you.

We look forward to seeing your Christmas spirit!



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MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

FAVORITE GIFT

By Pastor Steve

What was your favorite Christmas gift ever? Do you remember? Mine was my Hot Wheels track and cars. I think I was 7 or 8. That Christmas day I took over the living room and spread my new track all over and the cars went flying. I had a blast. Then, the new kind of wore off and it stayed in the box for a while.

There were two groups of people who, for years, had been asking, begging God to send a King to save them. One was the religious leaders. The other was the group who believed in God and knew they needed a Savior. All believers are religious but not all religious people are believers.

This is why there were two different reactions to Jesus's arrival. The religious leaders were disappointed. Jesus was not who they expected. A baby? Really? He was born in a stable, among animals, to a dirt-poor family? They expected royalty. And maybe even a King who resembled Santa Claus who gives good gifts to good boys and girls. And they thought they were pretty good.

The believers reacted very differently. The shepherds were overjoyed. The angels sang loud and partied. The Magi traveled a great distance to worship and bring Jesus significant gifts. The shepherds were poor and the Magi were rich. But their social status did not matter. They knew they needed what the baby offered.

As the baby grew up the divide between the two groups widened. The religious leaders were increasingly disappointed, angered, and grew tired of Jesus. They wanted to put Him back in the box He came in. He wasn't what they expected nor what they wanted from God.

The believers got more than they could have imagined from Him. In spite of their social status, family background, accent, skin color, heritage, and past behavior; God in His grace gave them life that was a track and cars to use on this track that included peace, joy, love, goodness, kindness, and self-control. They never grew tired of Jesus because His gifts are new every day.

What was the difference? Belief. Faith. Believers come to surrender their lives every day. As a result, we receive good gifts from God every day. Religious people want something from God without having to give Him what He wants from them.

This Christmas be the shepherds, the angels, and the Magi. Believe in Him as your King and Savior. He will be both your favorite Gift and Gift-giver, ever.

We Are Open for Worship

We invite you to come and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10:45. The chairs are spread out and please wear a mask.

We have a program for kids so the whole family can join us on Sundays.

For those not comfortable coming to church we are still be recording and you can join us online and worship with us at mpcc.church.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us for our Christmas Eve service, ironically on Thursday the 24th, at 6 pm. We will sing all your favorite Christmas songs.

Current Weekday Activities

- AA Meetings: Mondays, at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Pastor's Bible Study: Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the sanctuary. (We are taking a break for the holidays. We will be back on in January.)
- Spread the Bread: Thursdays, at 10 am in the parking lot. Munds Park residents can pick up bread for themselves and neighbors.

What We Are About

Our mission is to lead those close to us, closer to Christ. If you know Him, we will encourage you to get closer. If you do not, we will introduce you. We will help you mature in your faith, discover who God created you to be, find a place of significance in this community, and develop great friends.

Our core values are maturity, identity, humility, and community. We prioritize everything we do around our mission and these values. The primary means of spiritual growth is Bible study. The primary means of discovering who God created you to be is prayer. The primary means of staying humble is service. And the primary means of community is fun.

We study to maturity, pray in our identity, serve with humility, and play for community. Please come and join us in our journey.

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