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SANTA'S VISIT!

Santa's sleigh will be resting this year. He won't be traveling through Munds Park on the Fire Truck. Instead, let's all gather at the station for a joyous celebration, creating cherished memories for everyone!

This holiday season, jingle all the way to the Pinewood Fire Station for a heartwarming festive surprise! Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at the station with bells ringing, and they'll have gift bags for every child, straight from Santa's workshop!

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
10 am - 12 pm

RSVP to Ensure Holiday Magic: For every twinkle in a child's eye and every smile on their face, please let us know you'll be joining. Email linda@mcsge.com with the number of children and their ages to ensure every little one receives their festive treat!

Bring your festive cheer and jolly laughter, and let's make this a day to remember. Celebrate the season of joy with Santa at Munds Park!



HALLOWEEN *Trunk or Treat*

The Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary is happy to host this year's Halloween Trunk or Treat event. Enjoy a cozy afternoon with the family where little ghouls and boos can partake in games and craft activities.

Sport your favorite Halloween costumes and head on down for a sweet round of trunk or treating, as neighbors dish out treats from the trunks of their festive vehicles.

Join us for a morning that brings the community together and offers a safe and friendly environment for the young ones. It's a wonderful way to usher in the Halloween spirit!

Saturday, October 28
Pinewood Country Club
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As morning turns to day, **Santa's Boutique** (11 am - 5 pm) awaits. Discover handcrafted treasures, each telling a tale of its own. It's what makes gifting so special.

Nearby, at **Santa's Workshop** (3 - 5 pm), children's holiday creativity shines and kids get to make ornaments. The infectious laughter, the crafts, and yes, **Santa will be in town** from 3 to 5 pm, all add to the charm!

Come evening, the **Arizona Children's Theater** (5 pm) captures the essence of the festive spirit. Carols, a short touching play, and that enchanting moment when a **tree illuminates**, bathing all in warmth and wonder.

This isn't just an event—it's the Munds Park Business Alliance 2nd Annual Holiday Lighting Festival! Experience the magic with us.

Saturday, November 25 at 5pm

Kota's Coffee House
17680 South Munds Ranch Rd
Munds Park, AZ 86017

IT IS TIME TO CLEAN UP OUR FOREST!

On October 14th, the Munds Park Trail Stewards (MUTS) will hold their annual Forest Service Road Trash Cleanup Event. All who are willing and able are welcome to join us as we clean up trash along the forest roads. Afterwards the MUTS volunteers will serve a free lunch.

We will meet at the Pinewood Trailhead (240 Turn Around) located at the east end of Pinewood Blvd; 2/10 of a mile pass the cattle guard.

Please R.S.V.P., via email (mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com) Before October 6th if you plan to attend the workday and lunch.

What to bring: long pants, sturdy shoes, sun protection, dress for the weather, and bring a good sense of humor.

MUTS will provide the water, gloves, and trash bags.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MUNDS PARK NEW FLOOD MAPS: A CALL FOR TRANSPARENT ASSESSMENT AND IMMEDIATE ACTION



Ms. Jennifer Toth
Director of ADOT
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
Ms. Jennifer Toth,

I am Larry Hering an Arizona Professional Engineer #11096 and I own a summer home in Northlodge, a small community of Munds Park which is approximately 17 miles south of Flagstaff. FEMA and Coconino County on 9/18/2023 held a public meeting in Munds Park to present updated flood maps for Munds Park showing changes in Flood Risk.

I am writing you because Interstate 17, a state highway and part of the Federal Interstate highway system runs through Munds Park and is adjacent to Northlodge. FEMA and Coconino County recently held a public meeting and the agencies verified that some of the homes in Northlodge and Interstate 17 through Munds Park will be designated as "Flood Zone AE" in the new flood maps for Munds Park. My research and discussions with Coconino County and J.E Fuller Engineering who were involved with the flood plain computer analysis led me to believe ADOT was never informed completely of the issues that I will outline in this letter.

In 2018 I reviewed a J.E. Fuller engineering study without an Executive Summary provided by Coconino County that documented engineering information and pictures for the flood plain issues that affect Northlodge and the Interstate 17 freeway. This was because Mr. Jim Wilson District Manager for Pinewood Sanitary District informed me that Coconino County was in the process of changing the FEMA flood plain maps for Munds Park. I wrote many emails in 2018 to Coconino County, FEMA, ADWR and J.E. Fuller Engineering. In addition, I had a conference call with a number of these agencies. All my emails are available for review including the conference call summary. In 2018 Mr. Ogden of J.E. Fuller Engineering led me to believe the flooding of Northlodge and topping of water over the Interstate 17 freeway was due to improper drainage under the freeway.

At the September 18, 2023 meeting Mr. Ogden of J.E. Fuller Engineering now says the existing 36 inch drainage pipe under the Interstate 17 freeway is no more of a relief to the flood waters than using a straw. Furthermore he stated adding additional 36 inch pipes under the freeway is like adding additional straws. Even though there is a concrete culvert under the freeway 1000 feet north of Northlodge floodwaters still enter Northlodge and top the freeway by 18 inches based on the flood elevation of 6482 feet. ***My 2018 review of the J.E. Fuller Engineering study validated that the concrete culvert and the 36 inch drainage pipe under the Interstate 17 Freeway, were never considered in any analysis that would allow ADOT to make sure the freeway was not a public safety hazard.***

In 2018 Coconino County representatives, ADWR representatives and J.E. Fuller Engineering admitted that the flood plain computer analysis was based on existing conditions only without looking at the concrete drainage structure 1000 feet north of Northlodge, the 36 inch drainage pipe under the freeway or any other solutions to mitigate floodwater damages. I have emails from 2018 to document and verify all of what is being alleged in this letter. In fact, I went to Ms. Edie Lohmann of FEMA in Oakland California in 2018 to expose the sham that was perpetrated as new FEMA flood maps. She assigned a person to work with me to sort this mess out. Unfortunately, California fires began in 2018, 2019 and COVID came in 2020. All work and assistance was canceled until out of the blue Coconino County holds this less than appropriate public meeting on September 18, 2023.

Unfortunately, the public meeting was not a live presentation by Coconino County but rather a number of tables set up with agencies at each table to talk with. This kept everyone separate disallowing any discussion

among homeowners and represented agencies as a group activity. In addition, the live meeting was set on September 18 which did not allow as many people to attend because of the time of year. One could ask why all of this happened in this manner other than for "secrecy" of the flood plain study that had been completed by Coconino County with Federal Grant money. A real public meeting should happen that includes ADOT and that sets forth ADOT's resolution of the concerns in this letter.

Mr. Ogden of J.E. Fuller Engineering was hired to complete the Flood analysis for Munds Park. He established that Interstate 17 will have a flood elevation of 6480.5 feet. This establishes a "flow rate over the freeway" based on 18 inches of water above the base flood elevation of 6482 feet. The new maps put parts of Northlodge and Interstate 17 through Munds Park in a Zone AE Flood Plain. Zone AE is defined as a high-risk flood zone. While statistically the liability for this high-risk flood zone is defined as a percentage risk over 30 years, the real risk is that this type of event can repeatedly happen in a short period of time irrespective of the statistics. The flooding we have seen in Arizona and our neighboring states in the past few years has shown that this hazard is very real.

According to information I obtained from the public meeting but cannot validate, ADOT has signed off on allowing Interstate 17 near Northlodge to become a high risk safety hazard during flooding events. This will cause severe injury, even death, from high speed vehicles trying to navigate flash flooding over the freeway. According to J. E. Fuller Engineering the flood studies were based on the freeway acting as a dam without taking into consideration the potential for drainage improvements under the freeway or in any other areas that would alleviate the possibility of flash flooding over the freeway.

In addition to creating a potential public safety hazard on Interstate 17, the new flood maps also create a liability for ADOT for flooding of homes in Northlodge because the interstate acts like a dam holding back water from its natural drainage. In fact, it acts more like a dirt dam that can be breached.

It is my understanding that ADOT is very conscious of highway safety so I believe ADOT has not signed off on making Interstate 17 through Munds Park a dangerous death trap. ADOT should be appalled over the information I have provided and hopefully investigate my allegations thoroughly so the freeway can be made safe for public usage. I would appreciate being kept informed as to what ADOT plans to do to mitigate the allegations I have provided.

Thank you,

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The Pinewood News recognizes the importance of community awareness and dialogue on such critical matters. We are pleased to share Larry's concerns and insights. Should you have any questions or require further information, Larry welcomes your outreach. His contact information is provided above. Your engagement and feedback are invaluable to our community.



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MUNDS PARK'S PIVOTAL VOTING MOMENT ON SEWER REPAIRS

By Bill Spain

Pinewood Sanitary District WIFA Loan mail-in ballot vote is November 7th. The District is asking Munds Park voters to approve a 15 million dollar low-interest rate loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority in lieu of having to double the monthly sewer rates to meet a court-ordered mandate being sought by the Arizona Attorney General's office to repair the aging and failing sewer collection system.

The WIFA loan is the least expensive way to repair the 41 miles of sewer line and 750 manholes. The state has mandated the repairs because of bypass-related overflows of the plant since 2020. The huge snowmelt of winter 2022 resulted in numerous instances where the plant had to release chlorine-treated water into the Oak Creek tributary or face plant sewage overflows that would have created a hazardous scenario for the people of Munds Park. The state has the power to sanction and fine the District and is filing suit to court-order the repairs.

The vote allows the District to borrow funds and repay the loan over a twenty-year period at a very low interest rate. If the voters do not approve the WIFA loan, the Board will have to consider raising rates for property owners, potentially doubling the monthly operating and maintenance payment to over \$100 a month. Additionally, a separate fund for plant repairs would need to be established, where each owner's system would incur an assessment to finance repairs to the aging plant.

There have been a variety of misstatements spread by a group opposed to the vote. Some of the inaccuracies being circulated include statements like:

"Your taxes will go up!"

The sewer district consists of ratepayers and does not collect taxes. If the state required the County to take over the District, they would need to implement taxes. Taxes would be assessed to address the statute violations immediately. It is estimated that this would amount to three times what each ratepayer pays now.

"The residents of Munds Park will have to cover the Sanitary District charges that the businesses on the west side are refusing to pay."

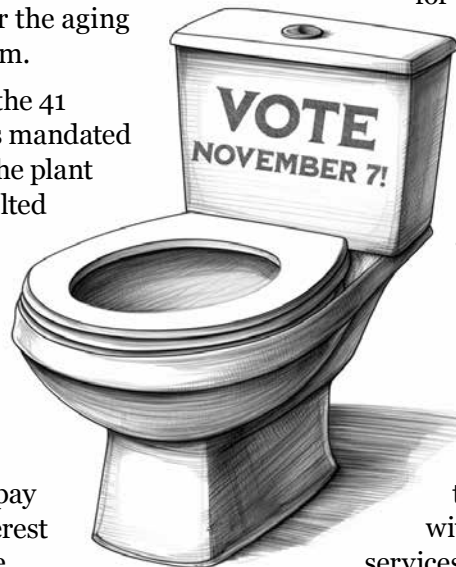
Absolutely incorrect. This vote is unrelated to the collection of construction fees for properties annexed into the District in 2014. PSD has successfully addressed all monies owed from the West side property owners, except for the new RV Park owners, Inspire Communities. Their case will be decided through litigation and is unrelated to this WIFA loan vote. Shuster Companies will be opening an interest-bearing escrow account and depositing 100% of the construction funds they owe the District into it for Phase 5. Once the District can issue a "Will Serve" letter, following the resolution of the current financial situation, the funds will be released to PSD and promptly applied to repairs associated with the ADEQ consent orders.

"How can we be sure that this kind of thing won't happen again?"

The current Board has diligently worked over the past two years to change the organization's operating structure. The autocratic management of the District has undergone a meaningful transformation. Expenses have been significantly reduced, and roles with employees receiving disproportionate salaries and benefits for services provided have been eliminated. Administrative expenses have seen a 40% reduction. Business practices that leverage updated technology and promote cost savings have been adopted. The days when the sewer District provided local businesses access to dirt, wood, rocks, and other materials from the storage yard are ending. Space is being reconfigured to increase storage for high flow/peak water retention systems, aiming to prevent bypasses. The Board unanimously adopted and implemented a five-year budget, as well as a long-range capital expense plan. Rules and Regulations are now strictly enforced, with staff directed to automatically report felony and misdemeanor "Theft of Services" to the County Sheriff for prosecution.

The Board has also implemented numerous checks and balances that were previously absent. A formal annual review and appraisal process was adopted this spring. Required written annual goals and objectives have been integrated into this process. The employee handbook is currently undergoing revisions, with significant changes and requirements being added to the manual. Throughout 2023, planning, restructuring, and organization have

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WELCOMING THE SEASON OF COMFORT FOOD

By Sara Bowyer



Cheese Pasta



Classic Beef Stew

and baggy clothes we wear in the fall cover up any calories we gain from said comfort food! (insert my smiling face!)

So here are some of my new and old favorite comfort foods. Enjoy!

CHEESE PASTA

Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken broth
 - 1 cup half and half
 - 1/2 chicken bouillon cube
 - 1 tsp hot sauce, optional
 - 1/2 tsp EACH: onion powder, garlic powder, oregano, basil, mustard powder, parsley
 - Pasta
 - 3 T butter
 - 2 T flour
- 1 1/2 cups broccoli very finely chopped
 - 1/2 lb pasta, I like penne or the twisted kind
 - 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
 - 2 T parmesan cheese, grated

Directions

1. Combine the chicken broth, half and half, bouillon cube, hot sauce and seasonings in a large measuring cup with a spout and set aside.
2. Boil water for pasta and once boiling, salt the water. Add pasta and cook until al dente.
3. Melt the butter in a large, high-walled skillet over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.
4. Add the chicken broth mixture stirring continuously. Add the broccoli. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.
5. Cover partially while you boil the pasta. Reduce the heat of the sauce to low and stir in the cheese until combined. Drain and add the pasta and stir to combine. It will continue to thicken and absorb the sauce upon standing.

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It's my favorite time of year! I love the fall in the mountains. Mornings so cool that you might need a fire for a bit to warm the house, yellow flowers everywhere, the smell of juniper being delivered for the winter, and beautiful skies and sunshine. I could go on and on about the things I love about fall. But the number one thing I look forward to is the return of comfort food. During the summer, it's hot and we eat lighter. We take advantage of those fresh fruits and vegetables in our gardens or in the store. Don't get me wrong, I love the summer fare, but by the time October comes around, I am ready for comfort food.

What does comfort food mean to you? I think we all have different ideas of what foods comfort us. Maybe it was your favorite meal your mom made when you were a child, or it was a particular food from a happy season in your life. For me, comfort foods are those hearty recipes that are warm and stick to your bones. They are too heavy for hot summer days but just perfect for those cool fall evenings.

Steve and I have lived all over the United States and I have found that comfort food is very different depending on the region of the country you live. When we lived in North Dakota, it was anything meat and potatoes. Living in Indiana, it was Amish chicken and noodles. In the south, it might be fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Whatever your favorite comfort food is, now is the time to bring it out! And I'm ready for it! Now you may associate calories with comfort food but here's the truth. All the sweatshirts



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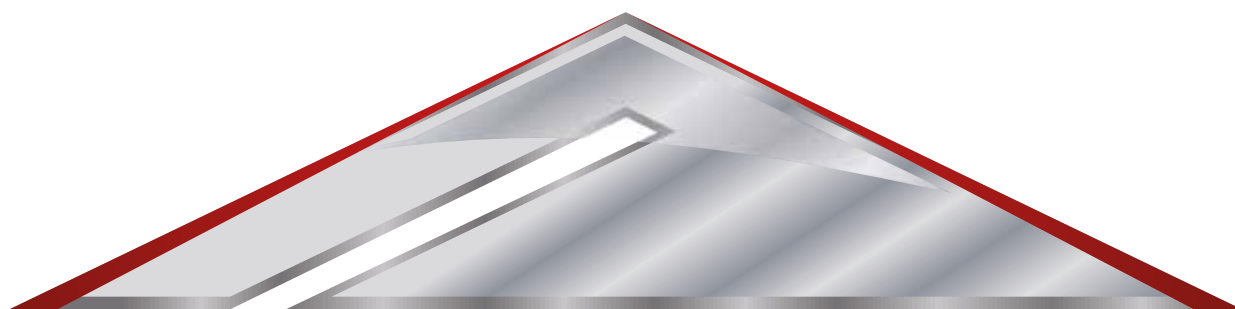


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By Stacey Wittig

7 AUTHENTIC ALOHA SPIRIT EXPERIENCES NEARBY AT HUNTINGTON BEACH

A recent study by JourneyEra.com named California's Huntington Beach the fourth most popular beach in the USA based on Instagram hashtags.* Perhaps it ranked so highly because of the Aloha Spirit found there.

I was surprised to catch the Aloha Spirit at Huntington Beach when I stayed at the California beach town awhile back. Since Maui might not yet be ready for us to visit, I thought it would be good to offer up this story about how to find the Aloha Spirit in an alternative location.

But first...

WHAT IS THE ALOHA SPIRIT?

According to Hawaiian state law, "Aloha Spirit is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others."

Yes! It's so important to Hawaiian culture, there is even an Aloha Spirit law about the Aloha Spirit!

The five traits of Aloha are kindness, unity, agreeableness/pleasantness, humility and patience.

So now that we know what the Aloha Spirit is, let's look at seven authentic experiences right nearby at Huntington Beach:

1. Discover Peace as a 'Zimzala'

During my Huntington Beach escape, I learned I am a "Zimzala." I always thought I was "UNSTOPPABLE Stacey," but now I know for sure that I am Zimzala Stacey.



Huntington Beach surfer, photo by Visit Huntington Beach

Sitting in a beach chair on Huntington Beach, I enjoyed the sound of the crashing surf, dreamily breathing in fresh ocean air and digging my toes into the sand.

"A Zimzala is a free-spirited person who finds peace with sand between her toes," local Carla Dispalatro was explaining in an ad hoc lesson in surfer lingo and the Aloha Spirit. I looked down at my toes, burrowing into the warm, clean sand. And just like that, I felt the Aloha Spirit as a Zimzala.

"A Zimzala, no doubt," I labeled myself right then and there. Dispalatro described the former Zimzala Restaurant (now the

Pacific Hideaway) in a nearby hotel where surfing celebs stay during the annual US Open of Surfing.

2. Ride the Waves of History: Uncover Treasures at the International Surfing Museum

Later, at the International Surfing Museum in historic downtown Huntington Beach, Director Gary Sahagen said, "I've always described surfing as a cross between walking on water and flying."

In fact, when surfing was first introduced to California in the early 1900s, shows were performed by Hawaiian surfers. The acts were billed as "Men Who Walk on Water."

One of these water walkers was Duke Kahanamoku, a Hawaiian known as the father of modern surfing, who introduced surfing to the mainland at Huntington Beach. No wonder Huntington Beach, known as Surf City USA, has an authentic Hawaiian vibe and is home to the international museum.

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been underway to prepare the organization for succession planning for both the staff and the Board. A new District Manager will start on October 2nd. After the vote, an Operations Manager will be hired as an exempt employee (no overtime), and all future supervisory positions within the District will be classified as exempt from overtime. Our process has been revised to provide comprehensive estimates for new sewer customers, including all fees and charges for complete transparency. This change eliminates confusion and potential issues when incorporating properties into the sewer system.

The role of the Board of Directors is to oversee the sanitary district operations and enforce the rules and regulations, ensuring an environment where management and staff collaboratively govern the operation that is safe and effective for the Munds Park community. Over the past eighteen months, these volunteers have devoted countless hours to address challenges and issues that arose during the changeover of District Managers, the departure of several Board members, and the implementation of Administrative Consent orders and the upcoming court-mandated decree requested by the Attorney General's office. I personally want to express my gratitude to them for their dedication to our community, as this Board has made tremendous progress in addressing numerous problems and challenges.

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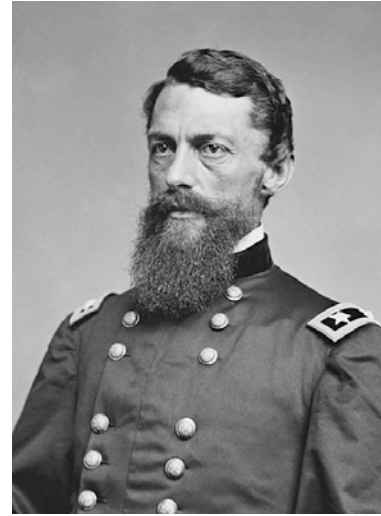
By William L. Cowan



James M. Carlton Head of the California Column during the Civil War in Arizona.



Jose' Francisco Chaves for whom the Chaves Wagon Road was named.



General George Stoneman for whom Stoneman Lake was named.

Until the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, which ended the Mexican War, all of what is today Arizona north of the Gila River, New Mexico, California, Nevada, and Utah belonged to Spain and, after 1821, to Mexico, following her independence from Spain. For the next fifteen or so years, what is today Arizona was part of the Territory of New Mexico. During the Civil War, the Organic Act, signed into law by Abraham Lincoln on February 24, 1863, divided the New Mexico Territory approximately down the middle, allocating the larger half to the new mineral-rich Territory of Arizona.

Interestingly, in this era of slick Arizona politics, the first territorial officials were largely selected from a pool of lame-duck eastern congressmen who had been voted out of office by their constituents. The gubernatorial party, initially led by John Gurley, who died before leaving the east, was subsequently headed by John Goodwin. This group journeyed west down the lengthy, dusty Santa Fe Trail towards the new Arizona Territory. Upon their arrival in Santa Fe, they met with General James M. Carleton to discuss the location of the new Arizona capital. Tucson, Arizona's largest town and known to be a "hotbed" of southern sympathizers, was bypassed in favor of the newly discovered Walker gold diggings along Granite and Lynx Creeks in Northern Arizona. This decision led to the formation of the town of Prescott.

Carleton assigned a young Mexican officer, Jose Francisco Chaves, to lead the military escort across Northern Arizona via the Beal Wagon Road—a route that roughly aligns with today's I-40. Carleton instructed Chaves to return to New Mexico by way of the Rio San Francisco (now known as the Verde River) to determine if a quicker, more direct route to the gold fields and the new capital could be found. In April 1864, on Chaves' return journey, his regulars crossed the Verde River near where Camp Verde would later stand. As they ascended from the valley, just west of where Interstate 17 lies today, they encountered the steep cliffs of Rattlesnake Canyon and veered east. Climbing higher, they discovered a beautiful alpine lake with sparkling blue water, populated by numerous water birds. This pristine spot was named Lake Carleton. They continued eastward, connecting with the Beal Wagon Road at Sunset Crossing, near present-day Winslow. Chaves' route later became known as the Chaves Cutoff or Chaves Wagon Road, which was essential for migrating pioneers and extensively used by the military. Today, it closely corresponds with Stoneman Lake Road.

In 1870, during the Indian Wars, the U.S. Military Department of Arizona was established with General George Stoneman in command. Due to shifts in local politics and Carleton's dwindling favor, Lake Carleton was renamed Stoneman Lake.

For an interesting journey, consider driving out the back gate along Forest Road 240 for 12 miles to Mormon Lake and then heading south towards Payson for 9 miles until you reach Stoneman Lake Road. The first ten miles or so of Stoneman Lake Road are bladed dirt, but the last ten miles are paved from the Yavapai County line to I-17.

Both Coconino and Yavapai counties had agreed to pave Stoneman Lake Road back in the 1970s. While Yavapai County fulfilled this commitment, Coconino County, after electing new members to the Board of Supervisors, did not honor the previous agreement.

Stoneman Lake is a picturesque volcanic crater about a mile in diameter. It offers numerous excellent picnic spots and a small boating area. Historically, Stoneman Lake was a popular fishing destination. If you decide to light a fire, please exercise caution. Aim to leave the area cleaner than you found it.

Enjoy Northern Arizona!



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A TOAST TO HISTORY WITH THE APPLE CINNAMON BOURBON COCKTAIL

By Dick Trudeau

Historically, fall has been the canvas of nature's bounty; a golden epoch synonymous with the harvest season. This is a time when communities, irrespective of their geographical or cultural boundaries, would gather, almost ritually, to harvest their crops. Such shared endeavors often culminated in grand feasts and merry festivities—a tapestry of joy and togetherness painted against the russet backdrop of falling leaves. These celebrations date back thousands of years across various civilizations.

Integral to these feasts was the act of drinking, a gesture of merriment, gratitude, and camaraderie. The star of these occasions? Beverages crafted from the freshly harvested jewels of the season. New wines, brimming with the sweetness of ripe grapes; ciders, echoing the crispness of the autumn air; and beers, foamy and hearty.

Our Apple Cinnamon Bourbon Cocktail is inspired by these age-old traditions. With the warm embrace of bourbon, the tart allure of apple cider, and the spicy whisper of cinnamon, this drink is not just a cocktail—it's a sip of history. As you savor its flavors, let it transport you to those ancient festivals, where joy was shared, and memories were crafted.

Now, without further ado, let's delve into the recipe and relive a fragment of our rich past.

Ingredients

- 2 oz bourbon
- 1 oz apple cider
- 1/2 oz cinnamon syrup (see below for recipe)

- 1/2 oz lemon juice
- Apple slices and a cinnamon stick, for garnish

Instructions

1. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice.
2. Add the bourbon, apple cider, cinnamon syrup, and lemon juice to the shaker.
3. Shake vigorously until well chilled, about 15-20 seconds.
4. Strain into a glass filled with ice.
5. Garnish with an apple slice and a cinnamon stick.
6. Serve immediately and enjoy your fall cocktail!

For the cinnamon syrup:

- 1 cup water, 1 cup sugar, 4 cinnamon sticks
- Combine the water, sugar, and cinnamon sticks in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir continuously until the sugar has fully dissolved. Reduce the heat to low and let simmer for 10 minutes to infuse the syrup with the cinnamon flavor. Remove from heat and let it cool.
- Once cooled, remove the cinnamon sticks and transfer the syrup to an airtight container.

Adjust the ratios of the ingredients to suit your taste preference and enjoy!



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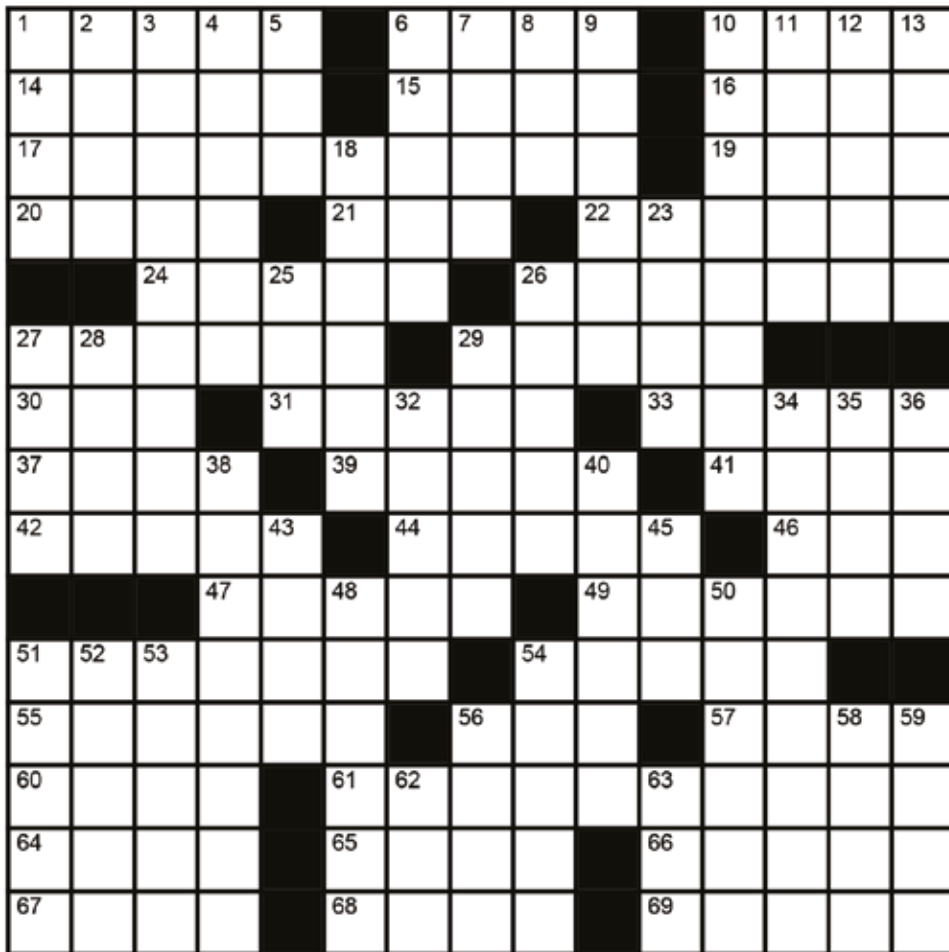
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Across

- 1. Location
- 6. Icky stuff
- 10. Unruly crowds
- 14. Beyond the fringe
- 15. Wolf's sound
- 16. Face-to-face exam
- 17. Going beyond what is openly said or shown and especially what is proper
- 19. Not yet final, at law
- 20. Dog biter
- 21. "So ___ me!"
- 22. Like some humor
- 24. Bones partner
- 26. Fish for eels
- 27. Enter again
- 29. Stogie
- 30. "It's no ___!"
- 31. Drag one's feet
- 33. Medieval weapon
- 37. Cleopatra's love ___ Antony
- 39. Haunted house resident
- 44. Member of a strict Jewish sect
- 46. Bummed
- 47. Hand-dyeing technique
- 49. Judicial hammers
- 51. Albatross, e.g.
- 54. Sir, in India
- 55. Wine order
- 56. ___ canto (singing style)
- 57. Freeway exit
- 60. Awestruck
- 61. Native

Down

- 1. Hair style for Marie Antoinette
- 2. Break in the action
- 3. Certifiers
- 4. Like noisy floorboards
- 5. Always, poetically
- 6. Grave-robbing demon
- 7. Elders' teachings
- 8. Hooter
- 9. Working diligently
- 10. Graphic symbol using initial letters
- 11. Gasket
- 12. Pesto base
- 13. It's a piece of cake
- 18. Specks in the sea
- 23. Iranian money

- 25. Downs' opposite
- 26. Farm towers
- 27. Kind of roast
- 28. Biblical brother
- 29. Part of a Dracula costume
- 34. Bridle parts
- 35. Brat's stocking stuffer
- 36. Bounds
- 38. Resembling a cabbage
- 40. Capital of Rwanda
- 43. Babe in the woods
- 45. Morse bit
- 48. Halloween bagful
- 50. Macho
- 51. Little rascal
- 52. Gung-ho
- 53. Fragrance
- 54. Some Bosnians
- 56. Long pass
- 58. Daily delivery
- 59. "Not guilty," e.g.
- 62. Ghost's cry
- 63. Caught

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Young Sam, a boy with fiery red hair and an insatiable curiosity, decided this was the year he'd explore the mansion. As October 31st dawned, with the sky painted in shades of orange and purple, he wore his explorer's hat, grabbed his trustiest flashlight, and set out.

The iron gate creaked open as he approached, and a pathway, lined with jack-o'-lanterns that grinned and winked, led him to the massive front door. Before he could knock, the door swung open, revealing a grand hall. But instead of finding cobwebs and ghosts, he saw household objects buzzing with life! There was a broom sweeping the floor, teapots serving tea to cups, and even a coat that folded itself!

Sam's wonder grew when he entered a room filled with toys organizing themselves and books reading aloud. But the most peculiar sight was a typewriter, typing away, crafting a tale with no one pressing its keys.

"Ah! Our young visitor," a voice said. Turning around, Sam met Ms. Maple, the mansion's caretaker. With silver hair and a robe that shimmered like the night sky, she looked as magical as the mansion itself.

"Welcome, Sam," she smiled warmly. "Every Halloween, I open the mansion's doors for those brave enough to enter. They can borrow a magical item for a year. But they must leave something behind for me to enchant."

Sam's eyes sparkled. "Really? Any item?"

Ms. Maple nodded, her earrings jingling like bells. "Yes, but remember, the magic lasts only until the next Halloween."

Intrigued, Sam decided to borrow the adventure-showing snow globe and, after some thought, left behind his school bag. Ms. Maple whispered a spell, and the bag glowed briefly.

Throughout the year, every time Sam gave the snow globe a gentle shake, it would whisk him away on a whirlwind of adventures. One evening, the globe transformed his room into the vast, golden sands of a desert. As the warm wind tousled his hair, Sam rode a swift camel, joining a caravan of merchants trading colorful silks and shimmering jewels.



Another day, with a swirl of the snow globe, he found himself in a jungle. With curious monkeys swinging overhead and parrots squawking tales of ancient treasures, Sam followed a hidden trail and discovered a waterfall with a hidden cave behind it, revealing treasures of old.

But the most astonishing of all was when the snow globe sent him floating among the stars in outer space. Meteors danced around, and friendly aliens from distant galaxies shared stories of their home planets, offering Sam tastes of otherworldly ice creams.

By the next Halloween, not only had Sam traveled more than any child his age, but his bag, thanks to Ms. Maple's enchantment, whispered helpful study tips and even sung fun reminders about his homework and upcoming tests.

Word spread about Sam's incredible year. The legend of the Munds Park Mansion didn't just grow, it exploded with excitement. It was no longer just another old building but a place of wonder and magic. Every Halloween, as leaves danced in the autumn wind, a growing line of eager children, each clutching an item and their wildest dreams, waited outside the mansion, their faces glowing with anticipation, hoping to experience a fragment of the enchantment Sam had.

In Munds Park, Halloween was transformed. It was no longer just about costumes or candies. Oh no! Now, every child eagerly awaited the chance to enjoy new adventures, unlock magical secrets, and share stories that would make even the bravest explorer's jaw drop in awe!



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THE TALE OF THE ORIGINAL JACK-O'-LANTERN!

By George Dee

In a twee little village, snugly wrapped up in the green and grassy land of Ireland, stories floated about as freely as the wind. But none were as whizzbangingly delightful as that of Stingy Jack. Jack, with his haystack-like hair that always seemed to have met a particularly mischievous breeze and eyes that danced with thoughts of japes and jests, Jack was the crown jewel of the village's stories.

The village folk would often gossip over garden fences and in bustling market squares. They'd recount tales of Jack's outrageous escapades, each wilder than the next. "Did you hear of the time he convinced the miller that his mill was haunted by a dancing ghost?" "Or the time he hoodwinked the mayor into believing his mustache was a rare caterpillar from the Far East?" Every tale, though, ended with a singular observation: No matter what, Jack never let go of his precious gold coins. Not one. It was this miserly nature that earned him his moniker, "Stingy Jack."

One day, as the world slipped into its orange and yellow autumn robe and the trees seemed to sigh with the weight of their years, Jack, ever the lively spirit, perched himself on a barstool at O'Malley's Pub. It wasn't any ordinary pub, mind you. O'Malley's was where walls were so encased in ivy, they seemed to have a life of their own, and the roof stretched so high it was said to flirt with the stars. This grand place was a melting pot for all sorts: men, elves, the occasional gnome and, on that peculiar day, the Devil himself.

Feeling in high spirits, Jack generously ordered drinks for the entire pub. The bar tab seemed as tall as the village's oldest oak tree as the orders piled up. Seeing an opportunity for mischief, the Devil, ever the dramatic one, sauntered over to Jack. His voice, rich with intrigue, crooned, "They say, Jack, you're the craftiest chap this side of the Emerald Isle. Fancy a wager? Dazzle me with a trick, and your bill's on me. Fail, and you'll owe me something far shinier than any coin."

With a twinkle in his eye, Jack replied, "Alright, Mr. Devil. How about a little wager? Transform yourself into a shiny coin, and not only will I settle my towering bill, but it'll prove that Stingy Jack can let go of his treasured gold."

The Devil, not one to resist a challenge, especially from a fellow trickster, morphed into the most gleaming silver coin the pub had ever seen. But Jack, quicker than a fox in a hen house, slipped the coin-devil next to a delicate cross in his pocket, effectively trapping the master of mischief.

From the depths of Jack's pocket, a voice boomed. "You sneaky imp! Let me out!"

Grinning wider than the crescent moon, Jack responded, "Alright, alright! But only if you promise not to touch my soul when I shuffle off this mortal coil."



With a grumble and a few choice words muttered under his breath, the Devil agreed, and he was released from his coin-y prison.

As years flitted by, Jack continued his antics, each more outrageous than the last. Tales of him swapping all the village's chickens for geese or painting the cows blue just for a lark were common. But time, that relentless fellow, waits for no one. When Jack's days on Earth reached its inevitable end, he found himself in a peculiar predicament. Heaven turned up its nose, not wanting such a scoundrel. The Devil, though he chuckled at Jack's plight, kept his word and didn't snatch him down to the fiery depths.

However, perhaps feeling a twinge of sympathy (or maybe just wanting a final laugh), the Devil tossed Jack a burning ember. "Here you go, old trickster. May it light your endless wanderings."

Jack, never one to be defeated by circumstance, used his trademark resourcefulness. He hollowed out a turnip (nicked from old Mrs. O'Reilly's garden, no doubt) and placed the ember inside. And there it was, a beacon in the inky blackness, pouring light across the vast nothingness. And so, the world's first jack-o'-lantern was crafted.

News of Jack's cosmic lantern quickly made its way back to the village. Tales of his glowing gourd spread like wildfire.

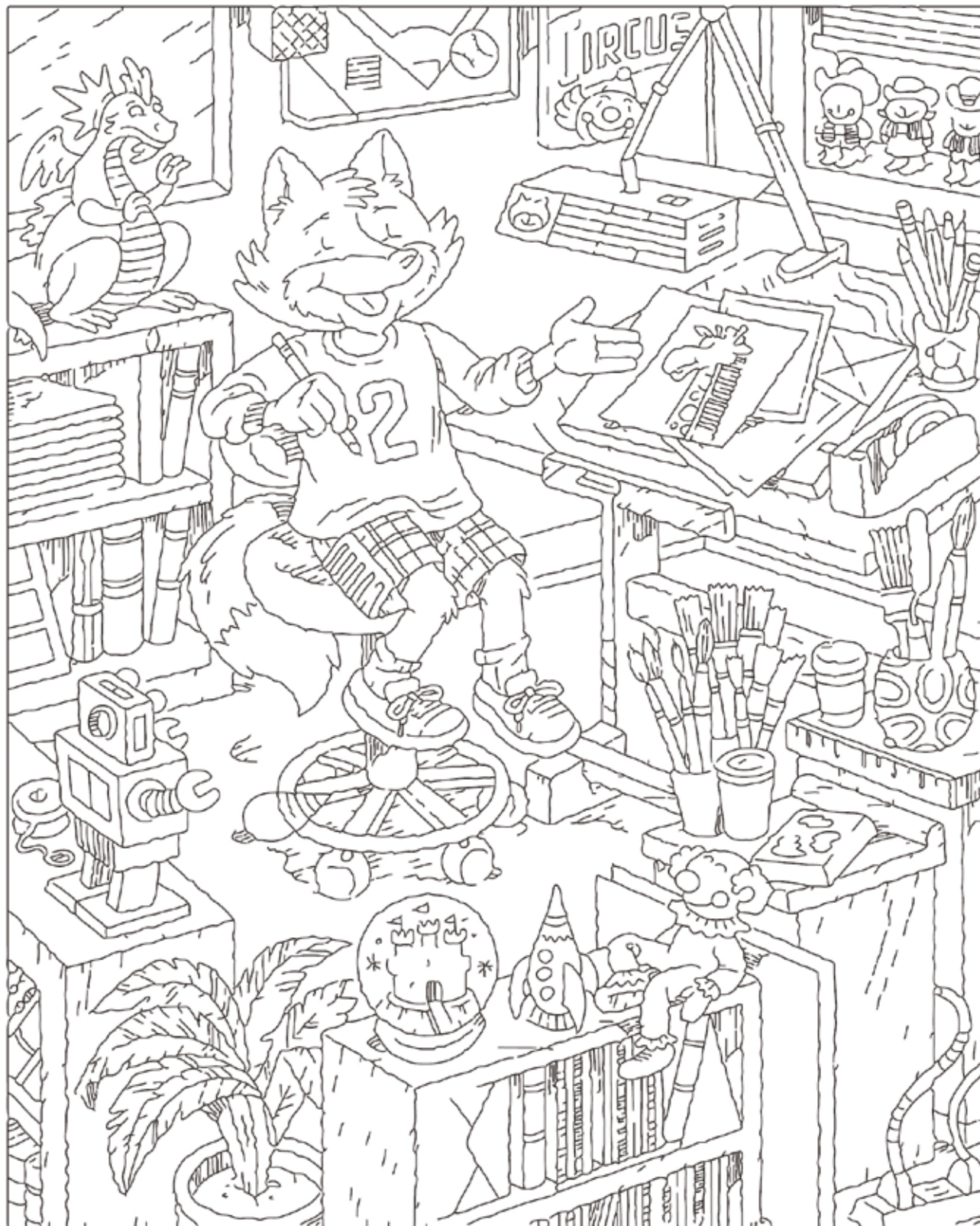
And as All Hallows' Eve approached, in honor of Jack and his unparalleled wit, the village began carving their own lanterns. Turnips at first, and then pumpkins, all casting a soft glow, painting shadows and stories of yesteryears.

So, children of today, when you sit around carving pumpkins, remember Stingy Jack and his never-ending dance among the dark. In that soft, warm light, there's a hint of cheek, a dash of charm, and a big ol' dollop of whizzbang magic!



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- Goblins
- Pumpkins
- Ghosts
- Costume
- Halloween
- Witch
- Warlock
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Situated on a raised lot opposite the country club, Wagon Wheel provides panoramic views and an ideal spot for the annual 4th of July Parade. Some may see it as outdated, but its vintage appeal is a gateway to endless opportunities.

The property transports you to the Brady Bunch era, showcasing mid-century modern design, a spacious great room, and windows overlooking the club and golf course. Amidst areas with high new construction costs, Wagon Wheel shines with transformational promise.

Homes in Munds Park often cost \$600,000 to \$800,000 for similar sizes. Yet, Wagon Wheel’s

\$875,000 price tag comes with potential for enhancement. Envision adding a guest space, tailoring the interior without major structural shifts, and molding an environment tailored to your needs.

The seller’s openness to financing options adds appeal, letting you obtain this Munds Park gem while planning its renaissance.

Key Property Details: Price: \$875,000 / Size: Over 1600 sq ft / Bedrooms: 3 / Bathrooms: 2 / Floor Plan: Great room / Outdoor Feature: Large front deck

At Wagon Wheel’s entrance, picture the memories awaiting creation and the transformations possible within its walls. This isn’t merely a house; it’s a canvas for dreams and epitomizes Munds Park’s innovative essence.

Imagine owning a slice of Munds Park history. Wagon Wheel invites you to envision its potential. Seize this iconic property—Your Munds Park future beckons!

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\$290,000
545 Cedarwood

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\$300,000
17445 Sequoia

One of the last remaining Munds Canyon Lots. Great lot with great views comes with plans and permits. For 2000 sq ft home. No QR code on this one.

FOOD

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CLASSIC BEEF STEW

Ingredients

- 2 lbs Stew Beef – cut into 1” cubes
- 2 tsp Olive Oil
- 2 Cups Water
- 1 Tbs Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 tsp garlic powder (or one fresh clove garlic minced)
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1 medium onion – chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp raw sugar
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp onion powder
- ⅛ tsp ground cloves
- 4 large carrots – quartered and cut into small pie shaped pieces
- 3 celery stalks – halved and cut into small pieces
- 2 Tbs corn starch
- ¼ cup water
- 1 packet of Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix

Directions

1. Brown meat in the olive oil in a skillet, on the stove top over medium high heat (2-3 minutes). Place into crock pot
2. Add the 2 cups of water and all ingredients to the crock pot. Cook in crock pot on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours.
3. 45 minutes before serving, in a small bowl mix ¼ cup of cold water and 2 tbs of corn starch together and mix until corn starch is dissolved. Once dissolved, add to the crock pot. Add the packet of Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix as well.



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BIRDS OF MUNDS PARK

NUTHATCHES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

By Margaret Dyekman

There are two species of nuthatches that are year-round Munds Park residents. The larger one is the White-breasted Nuthatch, which like its name, has a completely white breast, although at the very base of its under belly there is some rust coloring. It has a blue-black back and black hood, and you can hear its nasal yammering mostly in winter and spring. It prefers woodlands with mixed deciduous trees and often works its way down a tree, such as an oak, seeking out crevices where it finds stored nuts or insects. It is a bird that will come to your sunflower seed feeder and also a suet feeder. It is a cavity nester, nesting sometimes in human-made nest boxes, but more often in tree cavities high up.



White-breasted Nuthatch
Photo by Muriel Neddermeyer



Pygmy Nuthatch
Photo by Muriel Neddermeyer

and forth, storing seeds in the crevices in tree bark. They prefer coniferous forest trees, like pines, so with our mix of Gambel Oaks and Ponderosa Pines, both White-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches can co-exist.

A third species of nuthatch occasionally is found in northern Arizona, though this bird, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, prefers fir and spruce trees. According to reports on eBird.org, this nuthatch has been seen at Picture Canyon in Flagstaff and Kachina Wetlands off of I-17 at Mile Post 333, but not

very often. I had only a couple of occurrences of the Red-breasted Nuthatch showing up on our property, each time in the fall, so this is a good time to be on the watch for an unusual species of nuthatch showing up in your own backyard.

You can reach me at margaretdyekman@cox.net or by text at 602-620-3210. You can read all about Backyard Birding in Northern Arizona at www.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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BOOK REVIEW

THE WITCHES OF BONE HILL

By Sandy Wright

Cordelia Bone's meticulously crafted life and career in Dallas are crashing down around her thanks to a philandering husband with criminal debts. When her older, carefree sister, Eustace calls to inform her that the great aunt they never met has died and they must travel to a small town in Connecticut to deal with the estate, she sees an opportunity to unload the house and save herself.



The sisters couldn't be any more opposite. Cordelia sells upscale real estate. Eustace is a cannabis grower in Boulder.

Once there, the sisters learn they are getting much more than they bargained for. The Victorian mansion they stand to inherit is bound in a dynasty trust controlled by their late aunt's aging attorney, who insists they not only retain the house, but live in it.

Cordelia is determined to sell the place off anyway. But her ancestors, the house, and even her own latent witchy powers, which she doesn't fully understand, all have their own agendas. And there are secrets. So many secrets.

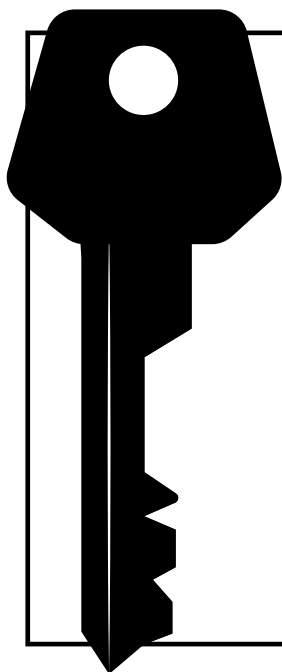
As Cordelia and Eustace explore the house and the land surrounding it, they learn about their ancestors and how they are tied to them. The house reveals their family history, sometimes freely and sometimes reluctantly. Even the sexy caretaker who lives on the property has secrets. The sisters are keeping secrets from each other as well – and then there's that big secret that has haunted them both for so long – what really happened to their mother?

As both women grapple with their current predicament, they come face to face with the truth of what happened to their mother, and the enemy that's been stalking them from the shadows for generations. In a twisting torrent of terror and blood, the sisters must uncover the power within them to heal their fractured relationship, reverse their mysteriously declining health, and claim the lineage they wanted to escape but now must embrace if they are to survive at Bone Hill.

If you enjoy dark and stormy nights, eccentric characters, spooky Victorian mansions, and witchy family histories, this is the next read for you. Brew a cuppa, find a comfy reading nook, and dig in. You'll be reading well into the night.

Thanks to author Ava Morgyn, St. Martin's Press, and NetGalley for a digital review copy so I can post my honest and unbiased opinion.

- Ava Morgyn
- 406 pages
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Huntington beach, California, photo by Mike Fox via UNSPLASH

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- candy
- carve
- cloak
- cobweb
- coffin
- crypt
- dress up
- fangs
- fog
- ghost
- ghoul
- goblin
- grave
- grim reaper
- haunt
- mask
- moon
- nightmare
- October
- ogre
- orange
- owl
- party
- pirate
- potion
- rip
- scary
- skeleton
- skull
- spider
- spirit
- spook
- tomb
- trick or treat
- troll
- wand
- wicked
- wig
- witch
- zombie

HIDDEN PICTURE

Solutions



At the museum, I discovered that surfing is not just a sport with its own lingo; it's a culture with its own music, film and clothing. I met surfing legend David Nuuhiwa, introduced as the best nose-ride surfer ever, who was hanging out with his buddy Sahagen.

3. Find the Aloha Spirit at Beach Bonfires

Huntington Beach has over 500 first-come, first-served fire pits during the summer and fall seasons. "You have to get out here at 7 am to stake out your fire pit," revealed Juan Flores of the Anaheim Orange County Visitor Bureau. "You can always tell how big the party will be by how much firewood people bring in."

Or you could stay at The Waterfront Beach Resort, A Hilton Hotel – where most rooms have an ocean view – and check out the Waterfront Adventures Beach Cabana. Book beach butler service and beach bonfires, or rent surf and sand toys, beach chairs, umbrellas and more.

4. Wake Up to the Sound of Waves

Part of the Aloha Spirit lifestyle is waking up in the morning – or afternoon – to the sounds of waves. Along the nine miles of Huntington Beach, there are plenty of large hotels like the Hilton, funky surf motels and budget motor inns.

The sumptuous hacienda-style Hyatt Regency offers a water park and waterslides for children of all ages, beach bonfire packages and a Conscious Coconut Scrub at their Pacific Waters Spa. Aloha!

5. Hang Out at Surf Nights Free Street Fair

Surf City Nights take place every Tuesday evening, typically between March and November when part of Main Street is closed for the free street fair. Featured are a farmer's market, street acts and musicians, restaurant samplings, sidewalk sales and specials from local restaurants.

6. Let's Go Surin' Now! Everybody's Learnin' How!

Take surfing lessons and go on a surfing safari with professional instructors. You could book private or group classes for all levels.

"When people think of classic California beaches, this is the one they have in their heads," proclaimed Huntington Beach historian and author Chris Epting.

This fall, you can discover the Aloha Spirit of this classic beach community. Average October temperatures range from highs of 70-72°F to lows of 56-62°F – perfect for beachcombing, roasting s'mores on the beach or trying to "walk on water" ala surfboard.

When you go:

Huntington Beach Visitors Bureau • www.surfcityusa.com

International Surfing Museum • www.surfingmuseum.org

*A recent study by travel expert journeyera.com revealed the 25 most popular beaches and cities in the USA based on Instagram hashtags. According to the report, "Huntington Beach, 4,500 meters long, came in fourth with 3,634,734 hashtags or 808 hashtags per meter."

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Flight #2: Cindi Sheppard, 1st place; Kathy Kemp, 2nd place; Denise Sottile, 3rd place

Flight #3: Margaret Dyekman, 1st place; Pat Cole, 2nd place; Vicki Day and Becky Palumbo, tie for 3rd place

Flight #4: Deb Webster, 1st place; Rebecca Cherry, 2nd place; Janey Kriekard, 3rd place

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GARDENS IN THE PARK

FABULOUS FALL

Autumn has finally arrived and, honestly, it's one of our favorite seasons.

It's when we have our annual family festival, but it's also a great opportunity to get the last burst of color out of your garden.

Our Fall Festival will be from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 28 at Warner's Nursery. We'll have our famous hay maze, as well as a pumpkin patch, kiddie caboose, face painters, balloon shapers, 4-H petting zoo and more.

We'll also be having a costume contest for the kiddos. Admission to the fest is free, but there will be community vendors that may charge a small fee, and 4H will be selling baked goods as well. We hope to see you there.

But this season isn't just for celebrating the harvest. There's still plenty of time to get trees, shrubs, and perennials planted for fabulous fall color. Here are some of our favorites:

TREES

Autumn Blaze Maple & Sugar Maple. Both of these trees boast of amazingly beautiful foliage in the fall. The Autumn Blaze, true to its name, has fiery orange and red leaves, while the Sugar Maple has a slightly wider range of color and includes gold as well as orange and red. Both require some space as they grow pretty tall (up to 55 feet for an Autumn Blaze and up to 75 feet for a Sugar Maple). In the summer, Autumn Blaze has lovely light green leaves, while the Sugar Maple has deep green glossy leaves.

Amur Maple. The Amur Maple is a smaller (20 foot high) tree that is known for its tolerance for harsh conditions, including cold winters and poor soil. They have leaves that are longer than they are wide and turn a brilliant red in fall. Amur Maples are relatively small trees, typically reaching heights of 20-30 feet. In the spring and early summer, clusters of yellow-white fragrant flowers will appear as young leaves are unfurling.

Flowering Crabapple. Flowering Crabapples have showy fall foliage (with colors ranging from yellow to purple) but they are best known for their beautiful spring blooms in a variety of colors, including white, pink, red, and purple. This is another smaller tree and typically grows to heights of 15 to 25 feet.

Flowering Pear. Ornamental Flowering Pears are smaller trees with a general teardrop shape that are very tolerant. They thrive in a variety of soil types and while they prefer moisture, they can stand heat and dry conditions. This is another smaller tree that has both spring and fall color. When the weather is cooler, it will produce striking claret and purple hues, and then a gorgeous burst of white flowers during the spring.

Honey Locust. The graceful oval foliage of the Honey Locust (also known as a Thorny Locust) turns a beautiful shade of gold during the fall. Meanwhile, these trees have beautiful spreading canopies, which provide a generous amount of shade during the summer months.

SHRUBS & GRASSES

Aronia (Chokeberry). Chokeberries are ornamental shrubs (although they can be trained to grow into small trees) that produce the aronia berries, which can be eaten raw off the bush, but are more frequently processed into jam, syrup, juice, and even wine! Leaves can turn yellow or red in the fall, depending on the species.

GARDEN'S IN THE PARK

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Burning Bush. The Burning Bush is a popular ornamental shrub that is known for its bright red leaves in the fall. Burning Bushes can grow to heights of 10-15 feet and have a dense branching habit, often making the bush wider than it is tall.

Karl Foerster Grass. Also known as Feather Reed Grass, this plant has beautiful and tall red-bronze feathery flower spikes that last throughout the fall.

PERENNIALS

And we couldn't do an article about the fabulous colors of fall without mention of two of our favorite perennials – mums and asters.

First cultivated in China, chrysanthemums or “mums” were first developed more than 600 years ago. A staple of most fall gardens, the colors range from bright white to deep bronze. Fun fact: Mum flowers look like they have a multitude of petals, but those “petals” are actually individual “ray” and “disc” florets. (The rays look like the petals and the flat disc florets serve as the center button of the mum.) Clustered together, they give us what we know as a mum bloom.

Asters have a starburst arrangement of bright petals, which most often surround a yellow center. The flowers are small but numerous.

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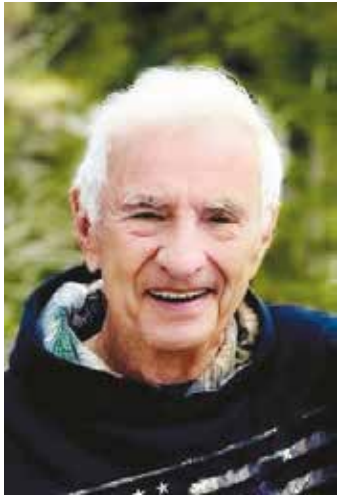
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IN LOVING MEMORY

EVERETT E. WORFOLK



Everett E. Worfolk, 83, of Munds Park, Arizona, recently entered God's kingdom. He was born on November 8, 1939, to Everett and Lillian Worfolk in New York, New York; and passed unexpectedly in an accident while doing something he loved on August 22, 2023.

Everett, the most loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather is survived by his beloved Marj Amsler; sister Joan Brennan; his three children with predeceased wife Nancy Worfolk – Keith R. Worfolk (Carolyn), Caryn J. Paige (Steven), and Laura J. Elam (David); his three grandchildren – T.J. Paige, Brandon Elam and Ashley Hollifield; great grandson, Axel Hollifield; and best friend, Bill DeGroot.

Everett was well-known and loved in his Munds Park community, having great participation in local church, volunteer fire department, and political activities. He and Marj frequently donated time and effort to the Northern Arizona Habitat for Humanity. Everett was skilled and enjoyed fixing appliances of all complexities, and often refurbished donated items for the Habitat's reuse or sale. His ability to problem-solve and fix almost anything was inspiring.

Everett and family first moved to Scottsdale in 1977, courtesy of Everett's promotion during his impressive career at IBM. From that point on, he always loved Arizona, and it was no surprise that he retired here after career stops in Colorado, France, Portugal, and Switzerland.

Everett had a likeable, gregarious personality and natural charisma to make friends no matter the situation. A man of many stories, some factual, others humorous; all drew out learning opportunities. Friends and family were keyed in when Everett shared his life experiences. A man with simple taste of jeans and western shirts, he focused on providing his family with the best life possible without worrying about himself.

Everett was truly a great man whose impact will be forever felt by his family, that loves him dearly. His ability to sacrifice, support, forgive, and love will remain engrained in everyone he knew.

The service and celebration of Everett's life will be at Munds Park Community Church on October 22 at 2pm.



JERRY BACON

Jerry Bacon passed away at his home in Munds Park, AZ on November 11, 2022 Veterans Day. Jerry was born January 14, 1940 in Hibbing, Minnesota. Jerry is survived by his wife Sharyn, sister Evelyn Collins, brother Richard Bacon and nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at Camp Navajo.



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ARIES, FIRE SIGN, MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

In October, Aries is urged to reevaluate their key relationships, determining what to let go of and what to nurture for new growth. Creative endeavors will shine, especially in collaboration, offering opportunities for fruitful partnerships. Feel

encouraged to embrace your role as a change-maker, even challenging established norms. This month, Aries is encouraged to embrace creativity, whether in work or personal life, and make significant changes. It's a month for pursuing your heart's desires and following your instincts.



LEO, FIRE SIGN, JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

October brings love, creativity, and spiritual growth for Leos. Welcome love and good relationships in October, and let your romantic side shine. Prepare for change and new surroundings as you reach a turning point in work and life direction.

Embrace the transformation and break from the familiar to infuse freshness into your life. Use October for career growth and make changes where needed. Focus on your goals and remember your progress. But don't forget to enjoy some alone time or reading if you prefer solitude.



SAGITTARIUS, FIRE SIGN, NOV 23 - DEC 21

This month, you may feel drawn to new community spaces, contributing your talents as a part of meaningful movements. Consider distancing yourself from work-related values that are negatively impacting your well-being. Now is a good time to focus on

improving your home, creating cozy spaces and an uplifting environment. Your eye for detail helps you make your living environment more comfortable. Lastly, stick to your values and form alliances that inspire perseverance. Remember that success is not always a direct path.



TAURUS, EARTH SIGN, APRIL 21 - MAY 20

In the coming month, prioritize your health and daily habits by making space for what truly nourishes you, shedding excess, and embracing supportive, long-term behaviors. In October, Taurus is encouraged to build new friendships or love relationships.

Seek a new routine to overcome creative drought, envision your ideal work environment, and welcome change. Embrace your charm and don't hesitate to express your beauty, but stay alert to potential envy and jealousy, following your intuition to navigate such situations.



VIRGO, EARTH SIGN, AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

In October, Virgo seeks solitude and self-focus. Maintain harmony with nature for improved mental and physical health. Connect with nature, garden, or spend time outdoors to find inner balance. Don't overburden yourself with responsibilities; delegate

when necessary. Let go of anything that no longer aligns with your core identity. Find your sense of self by staying grounded in your beliefs and values. While your independence is important, listen to friends who might need your support.



CAPRICORN, EARTH SIGN, DEC 22 - JAN 20

In October, Capricorns will seek solitude in nature, finding inner peace through rest and reflection. A transformative process could be unfolding in your career and life path, leading to self-discovery and joy. Trust your excitement in decision-making.

Understanding what excites you and brings joy is crucial for affirming your chosen direction. Take your time to choose what feels right. Now is a great time to reflect on life's meaning and analyze relationships, possibly seeking new connections. Consider making time for family.



GEMINI, AIR SIGN, MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Now is the time to tap into your creative side to boost your productivity and mental well-being. Seek inspiration and enjoy the process without fixating on outcomes. Tidy up your home for cozy autumn nights and recharge creatively. Stay open to inspiration, and

enjoy the process without attachment to outcomes. In October, prioritize planning and goal-setting, aided by newfound patience. Expect a surge of creativity and courage to fulfill long-held plans, even home improvements.



LIBRA, AIR SIGN, SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

This month's solar eclipse in your sign signifies a major new beginning that will unfold until spring 2024. Reflect on your alignment and authenticity in your current situation. October also brings peace to Libras. You'll be introverted, prioritizing self-reflection

and artistic activities. Focus on self-realization and enjoy alone time in nature. This time prompts you to take creative control of your life, giving you a fresh start. October may also evoke nostalgia; consider reconnecting with old friends.



AQUARIUS, AIR SIGN, JAN 21 - FEB 18

This month, dive into learning something new that challenges your fundamental beliefs, even if it's a niche subject. Embrace the excitement and slight discomfort of altering your perspectives. Release the past and move forward with inspiration. Use

this time to venture into the unknown and question your sense of belonging. Embrace changes in your thinking and practice daily meditation to connect with your body. Consider taking a trip away from your hometown to explore the unknown.



CANCER, WATER SIGN, JUNE 22 - JULY 22

In October, you may experience some significant changes in your close relationships, but it's just the beginning, so don't assume the worst. These transformations are part of your healing and growth, helping you build the relationships you desire.

The energy this month encourages you to explore new self-care routines. Sometimes, what used to work might not anymore. Look beyond your comfort zone, as stepping into new territory can reveal your true desires. Spend some time to reflect on your true self during this time.



SCORPIO, WATER SIGN, OCT 23 - NOV 22

In October, Scorpios may find themselves excelling in empathy and communication. Your supportive nature aids friends, and your calm demeanor benefits work and personal life. Significant changes may be happening in your relationships, but

shift your attention to self-care. Remember to prioritize your health, encompassing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. This month calls for inner work, focusing on integrating different aspects of yourself. Overall, expect vitality and energy this month.



PISCES, WATER SIGN, FEB 19 - MARCH 20

In October, Pisces may take on too much, leading to stress. Remember to prioritize rest and balance in your daily life. This month, try to maintain boundaries while still enjoying social interactions. Listen closely to conversations, as they might hold

valuable messages. Consider confronting any important issues, even if it's uncomfortable. Give your presence to what you've been avoiding, and remember that showing up is sometimes the most important thing.

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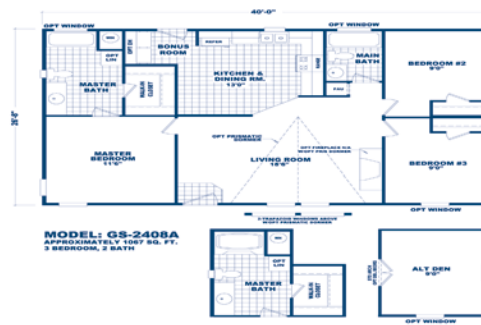
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GOD'S CHANGE-AGENT

Change is hard. It does not matter if they are good changes or bad changes; voluntary or forced; it is hard to do things in a different way than you have done them in the past. I have a friend who says, "I am all for progress as long as nothing changes." Truer words have never been spoken by people who hate to change.

Of course, one of the factors making change hard is having to admit that I am doing something wrong. I mean, it is me. Everyone else needs to change and adapt to me. Right? And, you know the old adage, the only constant in life is change. In reality, things are always changing. But we do not have to like it.

A few years ago, I had one of those doctor's appointments where he gave me a wake-up call. I was pretty happy with my life, thinking I was doing everything the right way. And then, he showed me the numbers. I was overweight. My cholesterol was high. My blood-pressure was high. And at some point, I am not sure when, I left the state of Arizona and entered the state of denial. Some things needed to change, or I was going to die young. Those changes were not easy. But they were necessary.

When people 'our age' remarry, and there is a new spouse in the house, things change. Which side of the bed are you going to sleep on now? Do the forks and knives go in the left drawer or the right? Do the glasses and cups go on the right side of the sink or left? These things seem rather insignificant. But they add up. While not necessarily life-threatening, they can certainly be stress-inducing.

If the stock market goes down and takes your retirement accounts with it, and prices go up, then tough decisions must be made about changes to your lifestyle. You may like what you are doing. But you know you cannot keep it up.

My great-grandfather was the board chairman of his church in Wichita, KS in the 50s and 60s. We do not do church the way they did 70 years ago. It seems obvious now that we do things the best way for our modern culture. But the process of the change has been difficult on the people.

If you stop and notice, changes are happening all around us all the time. Imagine being part of a religious organization that had been doing things the same way for 1,500 years. Ever since Moses led Israel out of Egypt and received the commandments and the rules from God, the religious leadership had been leading their worship and living their lives the exact same way. They believed they lived the rules perfectly. And they enforced these ways on everyone.

Then, kind of like that new, young pastor showing up to the old church, John the Baptist showed up on the scene and told those religious leaders God wanted them to change the way they did things. It did not go over well. The churchy word John the Baptist used was, 'repent.' Simply, it means, you are doing something wrong. Own it. Admit it. Stop doing it. Find a different way that is not wrong.

Not only did he tell them they were doing things wrong, but he also told them they would not be able to do it right without help. And help was on the way. God's Change-Agent was about to arrive. But before He could help them, they needed to admit they needed to change. And admitting change is necessary can be just about as hard as the change itself.

The old ways were on their way out. The new ways were coming. And they were coming with the One who would help implement them.

We live our best life when we let Jesus change us to be all that He created us to be. We do not start out right. But Jesus makes it possible for us to get right.

How does Jesus change us? He transforms our mind so we can make new, better choices. What was dead inside of us He brings to life, and we feel the difference. The Holy Spirit becomes our new counselor to guide in our everyday situations. And the Word of God continues its work in us as we spend more time in it.

Change is hard. In fact, the best, most important changes are almost impossible. But God specializes in impossible things that are good for us. Progress is good. Change is hard. But when Jesus is behind the change, it is right for us.

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