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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Every Sunday	Munds Park Community Church Services	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	10:45 am
Every Monday	AA Meetings hosted at Munds Park Community Church	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	7 pm
Every Thursday	Spread the Bread - Get some for your neighbors too!	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	10 am
Tuesday, November 8	Election Day! Get out and vote!	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6 am - 7 pm
Thursday, November 10	Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr	3 pm
Tuesday, November 15	Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	475 E Pinewood Blvd	3 pm
Wednesday, November 16	Munds Park Community Watch	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm
Saturday, November 26	Munds Park Inaugural Holiday Lighting Festival	17680 South Munds Ranch Road	6 pm
Tuesday, December 6	Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary Members Meeting - Public Welcome!	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm

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\$539,000

1350 E BOBCAT DR

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1260 E. JAGUAR LN.

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\$519,000

410 E TURKEY TRAIL

Unique and well-maintained cabin. Upgrades, including a great room of tongue and groove wood with cathedral ceilings and windows overlooking the forest. Covered patio, 12 X 12 storage shed and a fully fenced backyard.



\$899,500

17385 E MOUNTAINSIDE PL

Beautiful log-sided forest retreat in Pinewood County Club. Nearly a half-acre lot, private and serene. West facing air decks with circular stairway. Fenced paver backyard with built-in firepit. Gorgeous stone faced central fireplace, separate living and family rooms, formal dining, gourmet kitchen.



\$675,000

17470 SEQUOIA DR

A Frame Cabin with large fireplace. Upgrades include solid wood panel doors, laminate flooring and ceramic flooring in kitchen and bath, air conditioning/propane furnace, primary bathroom with separate powder room, large pantry with laundry area, sleeping loft, large built in BBQ, 12 x 32 RV Garage.



\$307,000

255 E OAK DR

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This year The Munds Park Business Alliance is sponsoring a community-wide project to brighten the holiday season in the Park!

Beginning at 6 pm, November 26, Munds Park families, friends and visitors are invited to gather at Kota's Coffee House. The Alliance will launch the holiday season with song, friendship, and the lighting of one of the largest Blue Spruce Trees in Munds Park! The gorgeous thirty-footer will be decorated by Kota's Coffee House for the festival of lights ceremony!

The Munds Park Community Church will MC the event and have music for all to enjoy. Participating restaurants will have refreshments, and after the lighting ceremony, guests can travel Pinewood Boulevard to see light displays throughout our little business district. The lighting throughout the boulevard will be set to holiday music for all to enjoy!

It's going to be a beautiful start to the holiday season!

Saturday, November 26 • 6pm • Kota's Coffee House
17680 South Munds Ranch Road



A big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped all summer with MPCC Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. This picture is just one group of those who helped. We have 370 boxes with a goal of 400 total by November 3. Thanks to Jeff & Mary Krongaard, Sue Fink and Cosette Boyington for leadership. Thanks to Airslamit.com for their financial support as well as so many who made monetary donations or donations of needed items!

MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY WATCH

By Len Friedlund

Our next meeting will be hosted by the Pinewood Fire Department and is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 - 8 pm** at the Pinewood Fire Department.

The Pinewood Fire Department, Chief Josh Tope, will discuss local topics, announcements, and future activities.

Other presenters may include representatives from:

- Coconino County Sheriff
- Coconino National Forest
- National Weather Service
- Coconino County Emergency Management Office
- Coconino County Public Works
- District 3 Representative

These meetings have excellent information for the entire Munds Park community. We look forward to seeing everyone!



MUNDS PARK TRAIL STEWARDS

By Larry Metzler

The Munds Park Trail Stewards (MUTS) held their last scheduled 2022 Volunteer Event on October 8th with the annual Forest Road and disperse campsites litter clean up.

Volunteer events are held once a month, from April through October. Our event dates are planned in coordination with the Coconino National Forest Service. We start our event at 8:15 a.m. with a safety and a planning meeting. After the meetings we gather our trail tools and head to the designated worksites. Around 11:30 a.m. the crews finish their tasks and head back to the original meeting area. After returning the tools we head to lunch. The free lunch is prepared and served by MUTS volunteers.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the MUTS 2022 volunteer events. As always, the MUTS supporters and volunteers did a wonderful job.

Look for our 2023 event schedule in the upcoming Pinewood News.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Pinewood News is always interested in feedback from our community and welcome comments on any subject or article written.

The Pinewood News will attempt to publish every letter received, except for those that are an invasion of privacy or libelous. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Letters may be edited for space and clarity.

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17035 S. ORCHARD PL

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CALL SAM TILLERY



\$930,000

566 E CRESTLINE ROAD

3 level, 2-car garage, + detached garage, gated entry. Main level consists of a large bedroom, full bath, family room, wraparound deck. Main level consists of 2 bedrooms, bath, kitchen, living area and more wraparound decks, upper level consists of a large loft, huge primary suite with a personal deck, double sinks, tub and separate shower, walk in closet. Living room fireplace has a pellet stove insert. Home is equip with central air conditioning. All appliances will convey. Private road leads to property. Watch arrow sign to get you into this property.

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\$995,000

17955 GOLDEN LAKE TRAIL

Log sided cabin with open floor plan, front deck & covered back deck, 4 beds + loft with its own bath. Over 2800 sq ft, a short distance to the National Forest, Lake O'Dell and hiking trails. Central propane heat, 2 fireplaces. Fenced in backyard. Garage. Primary suite is large and open with its own propane fireplace, double doors opening to the back covered deck. Bath has double sinks and walk in closet, + a walk in shower. Home has distressed wood flooring, tile and carpet thruout. Loft bedroom at top of stairs is open, large and sleeps at least 4 or more.

CALL DEBI BRIGHT



\$664,000

17395 SEQUOIA DR.

Single level 3 bedroom, 2 baths, huge wraparound deck with panoramic views overlooking Munds Canyon. Two car garage, owned propane tank, dog run on side of home, large concrete driveway, newer carpet in living room, all 3 bedrooms, hardwood oak flooring in kitchen, baths and hallway, New roof in 2019, toilets are ADL compliant, A/C units in large living room and bedroom/office. You will love the views off the back of the property. Location is quiet.

CALL DEBI BRIGHT



\$660,000

17465 SEQUOIA DR.

Panoramic views, single-level 3 bed, 2 bath cabin with TREX decks. Windows surround the large kitchen & great room with views of the trees and canyon. Vaulted tongue and groove ceilings, wood accents, and wood-burning stove create a rustic feel to this beautiful cabin. The highly functional kitchen with loads of cabinets, granite counter-tops, and triple porcelain sink. Saltillo tile flooring throughout, except for the carpeted bedrooms. The primary bedroom features a bathroom with a walk-in shower. Separate laundry room includes a washer and dryer.

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HOME COOKING

'TIS THE SEASON FOR COMFORT FOOD!

by Sara Bowyer



Photo by Gustavo Zambelli

When I say “comfort food,” what comes to your mind?

I think we all have different opinions on what comfort food is for us. For some, it could be pizza; for others, steak and potatoes. But for me, when I hear comfort food, the first thing that comes to mind is Amish chicken and noodles. This is the ultimate comfort food for me!! Steve and I lived in Indiana, where we served in a church in the South Bend area.

We were very close to a large Amish community. And let me tell you what, the Amish know how to cook!!! Every year, we would make multiple trips to an Amish town called Shepshewana. They had so many wonderfully fun stores to shop in, including a monthly auction and flea market. But the best thing about Shepshewana was the Blue Gate Café. As you walked into the café, you had 2 choices of where to eat.

To the right was the family-style part of the restaurant. There you paid one price, and the food was brought to your table family style.

Bowls of the best mashed potatoes you ever ate, vegetables, broasted chicken (yes, broasted. Somewhere between broiled and roasted and the best I have ever eaten), homemade rolls and much more. If you turned to the left, you ate in their ala carte restaurant, where you were given a menu and could order what you wanted. This is where we most often ate. However, the first choice for either side was to stop at the dessert counter. You see, the Amish make the most amazing pies!!! And you had to pick your piece as you went in because if you waited, it might not be there when you got done with your meal! Oh my word, the pies!!! My mouth is watering just thinking about it.

If you know me very well, you know I am not much of a dessert person. I love savory and salty. So the thing I always looked forward to at the Blue Gate was the Chicken and Noodles that was served over and a generous amount of mashed potatoes! The first time I heard of it, I thought wow, that is a lot of carbs! What happened to the balanced plate of a protein, a starch and a vegetable? Well, one bite of this bowl and you will never miss the vegetables!! Of course, the noodles were always thick and homemade and each bite just warmed your stomach like a warm blanket in the winter. It was and still is my go-to comfort food.

As fall is approaching and cool weather is starting to show up, the other comfort food I love is soup. Give me a big bowl of hearty soup and some homemade sourdough and I am a happy girl. I have soups on rotation in my home, and I have many of them ready as a dump-and-serve meal.

What I love about soup is that you don't necessarily have to follow the recipe. You can add or omit as you feel led by what you have in your fridge or pantry. The base of the soup can stay the same. But if you don't have potatoes and you do have sweet potatoes? Then swap them. Have some extra kale that needs to be used? Add it to the soup. Want to make it a bit heartier? Add some

rice or pasta! Soups are versatile and always a welcome place at the table during the winter months!

I hope you enjoy the recipes I've included and that they warm your stomachs this winter and bring you comfort!

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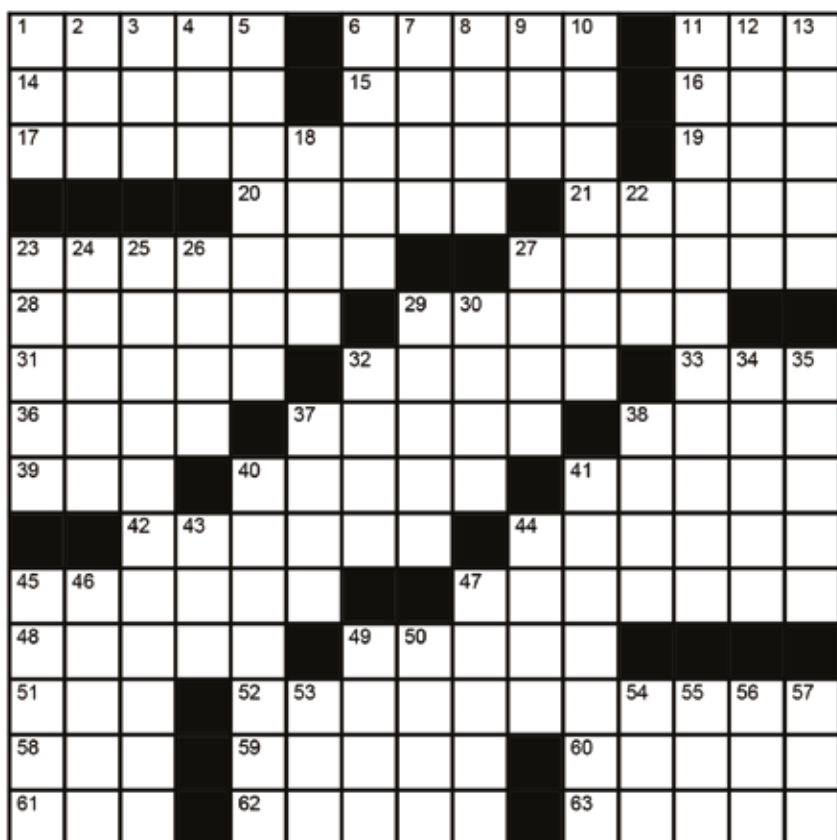
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Across

1. Canoe material
6. Staff of Life
11. ____ in victory
14. Alpha's opposite
15. Gospels' source material
16. Final: Abbr.
17. Agreeing with or confirming a statement.
19. Digging tool
20. Karma
21. Big wheel
23. Potpourri containers
27. Thanksgiving Day event
28. Nab
29. Lion
31. Most trifling
32. Tale of adventure
33. Chair part
36. Skillets
37. Hunt illegally
38. Nimble
39. Priest's robe
40. Breviloquent
41. Lustrous fabric
42. Off-course
44. Again and again?
45. Filter
47. Spanish chaperones
48. Do the honors on Thanksgiving

Down

49. Tiny organism
51. ____-Wan Kenobi
52. Belonging to or occurring on the same side of the body.
58. DESSERT
59. Nigerian money
60. Shaggy
61. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
62. Thanksgiving sauce in a boat
63. Feed, as a fire
1. Zebras
2. Asian nurse
1. ____ constrictor
2. Global financial org.
3. Gridiron official, for short
4. Cinematic FX
5. Thanksgiving raison d'être
6. Spills the beans
7. Habit
8. Freudian topics
9. Balloon filler
10. Wakeful fright
11. Informal speech of ancient Rome
12. For all to hear
13. Fashion
18. Catcher's catcher
22. Kind of deposit

23. Sea mollusk
24. "He's ____ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
25. Thanksgiving staple
26. Exxon competitor
27. Course
29. Cook in an oven
30. "____ bitten, twice shy"
32. Succotash ingredient
34. ____ Kane of "All My Children"
35. Pool contents?
37. Hymn to Apollo
38. Sweater material
40. Chasing up into branches
41. Protective coverings
43. Gun, as an engine
44. Sousaphone, e.g.
45. Procter & Gamble brand
46. Log home
47. Dillydally
49. ____ Minor
50. Missile acronym
53. Duffer's goal
54. "Dig in!"
55. "Flying Down to ____"
56. "Raiders of the Lost ____"
57. Alkaline liquid

WILLARD SPRINGS, WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE & NEXT COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING

*From the Desk of Christopher Tressler
Director, Coconino County Public Works
Coconino County Engineer*

WILLARD SPRINGS CLOSED FOR WINTER – WILL REOPEN ON APRIL 1, 2023

Last Saturday, October 29, was the final day of operations for the 2022 season at the Willard Springs Green Waste Site. The site will now remain closed throughout the upcoming winter season, which runs each year between November 1 and March 31.

The closure is necessary so that the U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with Public Works, can conduct its annual prescribed burn to dispose of the existing stockpile of pine needles, tree trimmings, and other green waste at Willard Springs before the start of the 2023 fire season. Since the site opened for free green waste-only disposal last April, a record 30,000 cubic yards of green and woody waste was deposited by residents and collected through specialty events like the Bear Jaw Community Cleanup and the County's annual Community Cleanup Days.

The County will reopen Willard Springs for green waste-only disposal on Saturday, April 1, 2023, for the summer season. It will then be open Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 28, 2023.

COUNTY WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

November 1 marked the start of the County's annual winter parking season. The County's Winter Parking Ordinance 2017-11 prohibits parking at all times along County maintained rights-of-way between November 1 and April 1 and allows for the civil enforcement of parking restrictions. Any vehicle parked in prohibited areas could be cited (not less than \$200.00) and/or towed at the owner's expense due to the possibility of threatening

the health or welfare of County residents. Penalties are applicable where violations take place and where signed.

It is a primary responsibility of the County to keep County-owned, or maintained, rights-of-way reasonably clear of snow and provide major access for emergency vehicles. Motor vehicles left parked on County roads during snow season can become a hazard to County snow removal operations and to these vehicles. In addition, winter recreation in Coconino County has resulted in increased parking and traffic congestion, littering, and other dangerous hazards that negatively impact the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the County who live and/or own property adjacent to County highways and roads. For more information, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/WinterParkingOrdinance2017-11.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING!

The next Munds Park Community Watch Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Pinewood Fire Station. We hope to see you there!



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UNSTOPPABLE STACEY

TRAVEL WRITER

by Stacey Wittig

EXTEND YOUR CAMPING SEASON WITH BACKLAND, A GLAMPING RESORT



The lodge at Backland in northern Arizona



Backland, a luxury glamping resort completely surrounded by the Kaibab National Forest

Have you ever invited a friend or family member to go camping? During November or December? And their response was, “Meh, not so much. Camping isn’t my thing.”

Well, I’m here to tell you, Backland, a luxury eco-resort is the place where your two souls can unite:

- Sleep in a tent...but this ritzy, heated glamping tent is ooh la la!
- Roast marshmallows over the campfire...after a chef-prepared feast in the Backland restaurant.
- Crawl into the sack...under hotel linens and a fluffy comforter. (Next to your ensuite bathroom.)

You’ll sleep under a ceiling of stars—more on how that works later. The only sounds you’ll hear are geese honking as they land in the lake and the happy sigh of your glamping partner as they turn out the bedside lamp.

Backland is a new glamping resort built on the footprint of a historic homestead ranch wholly surrounded by national forest land. The eco-retreat is 36 miles west of Flagstaff near White Horse Lake on the backside of Garland Prairie. Sustainable-minded owners carefully planned and built the eco-resort with minimal impact on the land. “We’re maximizing the opportunity to feel like you are in a remote location,” owner Jeremy Budge told me.

The drive on Kaibab Forest Service Roads through the pines made me feel like I was escaping into the unknown. Finally, I parked at the contemporary lodge, and a young woman gathering kindling for the evening campfire looked up from under a tall Ponderosa pine.

“Hi, I’m UNSTOPPABLE Stacey, checking in to do a story about Backland,” I said, standing next to two complimentary electric car charging stations.

“The receptionist is in the lodge,” she greeted me, pointing to the entrance. I walked from the stone-lined gravel parking lot over a woodchip path to the building of contemporary architecture. Thoughtful landscaping of native plants welcomed me.

When I first stepped over the threshold into the lodge, a dark, modernistic fireplace with a rough concrete hearth caught my eye. It rises in the middle of the story-and-a-half building that houses the reception area, gathering spaces, chef’s kitchen and dining area. Three walls of floor-to-ceiling windows bring the outdoors in.

Nicole, the receptionist, welcomed me to Backland. “Out on the beach are kayaks and beach toys that are free to use. Here inside, we have binoculars for watching waterfowl, a telescope for stargazing and a library of books and games.” I was beginning to understand that maybe a two-night stay would not be enough to experience all there was to be had at Backland with its private lake.

“I believe that you are in Tent 5,” she said. “You should have received a text with your room code, but if not, I can give it to you,” Nicole smiled. I loved that I wouldn’t have to worry about keys while glamping. Instead, a five-digit code secured the keyless entry.

From the lodge, I drove to Tent 5 and parked at my own stone-lined parking space. Neighboring tents were 75 feet away, so I didn’t feel like I was in a campground with people camped all over each other. I liked the privacy outdoors and couldn’t wait to see what was inside.



Inside Tent 5 at Backland, an eco-resort

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By Warner's Nursery,

One of the most joyous times of the year at Warner's Nursery will be here in a couple of weeks when families from all around northern Arizona make their annual pilgrimage to pick out their holiday tree.

I can't tell you how much fun it is, watching the kids running around from tree to tree, the scent of pines, firs and spruces in the air. Then the satisfaction you can feel when a family selects that one tree that is perfect for their home. So much more satisfying than dragging down the plastic tree from the attic.

It's also a lot better for the environment. Most artificial trees

include polyvinyl chloride in the manufacturing process, which produces carcinogens, and if your tree is produced in China, it's likely lead is used to stabilize the PVC.

Meanwhile, when you purchase a real tree, it most likely comes from a special plantation, supporting local farmers with a sustainable crop. Your tree has been giving back to nature for about a decade prior to your purchase, providing oxygen and a habitat for small birds and animals. And if you opt for a tree that you will plant in your yard after the holidays, the environmental benefits will continue.

But where do the trees you get at Warner's come from? A terrific family business, BTN of Oregon, run by the Stone family.

The Stone's business began in the 1950s when Mike Stone was just 13 years old. He purchased his first piece of property and paid for it by harvesting the trees on the land.

His wife, Marea, also eventually became part of the business. Ultimately, he passed the business to his three sons and the company was renamed BTN of Oregon after the first names of those sons – Ben, Tyler and Nathan.

Now that you know who is behind your holiday trees, let me share how those trees are cultivated, benefiting the environment for about a decade before they come to northern Arizona.

Seeds are collected from parent trees selected by the BTN crew for their superior Christmas tree characteristics. They spend their first three years in either a seed bed or a greenhouse, after which they are transplanted. Ben and Tyler are responsible for driving the planting tractor assuring the rows of trees are as straight as possible.

Around that time, the lower 6 inches of tree limbs are removed by hand in order to create a "handle" on every tree, essentially the part of the cut tree that you'll put in a tree stand many years later. That summer, the shearing process begins. This involves swinging an 18-inch blade to create the perfect taper for every tree. Crews go into the fields with bamboo sticks and twist ties and stake any tree top that isn't growing straight to make sure the trees have perfectly centered tops.

The trees then continue to grow for several more years. A couple of days before they are shipped, crews go into the fields to cut trees for upcoming orders. The trees are stacked on ropes or "slings" in bundles – and then they fly. Literally.

BTN uses helicopters in the harvest process. It's expensive, but the folks at BTN say it's the cleanest, most efficient way to get trees from their growing fields to the staging areas where they are baled and loaded onto trucks. About 1,500 trees an hour can be moved using the helicopters.

Warner's will be offering both cut and live, potted trees this year. We have pre-ordering, delivery, and disposal services available. We look forward to seeing you and helping you find that special tree.

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ROASTED TOMATO BASIL SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 lbs Roma tomatoes, halved lengthwise
- 1 1/4 lbs grape tomatoes or cherry tomatoes
- 4 1/2 Tbsp olive oil
- Salt and black pepper
- 8 cloves garlic, peeled and left whole
- 2 small yellow onions, sliced just under 1/2-inch thick
- 2 cups (lightly packed fresh basil, divided
- 5 cups low-sodium vegetable broth



Roasted Tomato Basil Soup

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place tomatoes on a rimmed baking sheet and toss with 3 Tbsp olive oil then season with salt and pepper (place Roma halves cut side upright).
2. Place onion slices and garlic on a rimmed half sheet and brush with remaining 1 1/2 Tbsp olive oil on all sides, sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Place baking sheet with tomatoes and half sheet with onions in oven (on oven racks set near center) and roast garlic 15 minutes (or until just golden) and remove, roast onions 30 – 35 minutes (until edges are golden brown) and remove, and roast tomatoes 40 – 45 minutes until slightly browned.
4. Pour roasted tomatoes, onions and garlic into a large pot. Add vegetable broth and the basil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Bring to a boil, cover, then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes.
6. Blend soup with an immersion blender or in small batches in a blender (only fill blender half full and remove center insert and cover with a kitchen towel).
7. Serve warm topped with grilled cheese or grilled cheese croutons if desired.

AMISH CHICKEN & NOODLES

INGREDIENTS

- One 4 lb. whole chicken
- Salt and Pepper
- 4-6 Tablespoons chicken base (the amount you use will depend on the brand and your taste feel free to use more or less according to your taste)
- 12 ounces Amish style thin egg noodles
- 4 Tablespoons butter (optional)



Amish Chicken & Noodles

INSTRUCTIONS

Season the chicken inside and out with salt and pepper. Place the chicken in a slow cooker and cover it with water. Set the crock pot to high and cook for 5 hours on high or 8-10 on low. Remove the chicken from the slow cooker and allow to cool slightly, then debone and shred the chicken.

Carefully pour the broth from the slow cooker through a strainer into a large pot. You need enough liquid in the pot to boil all of the noodles, so if needed, add a cup or two of water.

Add the chicken to the pot, then bring the mixture to a boil over high heat. Stir in four tablespoons of the chicken base, dissolve completely, then taste. If the broth doesn't have a strong enough flavor, add an extra Tablespoon or two to taste.

Add the noodles and boil for 8-10 minutes or until noodles are soft. Stir in the butter, if desired, and allow it to melt. The noodles will be soupy, but they'll keep slurping up the broth the longer they sit. Plus, the broth makes a great "gravy" for your mashed potatoes. Feel free to strain extra broth off before serving if you wish. Serve noodles over mashed potatoes.

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A SNEAK PEEK INSIDE A GLAMPING TENT

My private glamping tent was as large as any upscale hotel room. The minimalistic design incorporated natural fiber rugs, baskets and natural wood. Stained and sealed concrete floors gave a clean look to the space enveloped in cream-tinted canvas. An abundance of natural light came from the 8-foot tall windows and 16-foot wide skylight.

The king-sized guest bed is positioned right under the skylight for a ceiling of stars throughout the night. In the morning, the sliding glass doors and wall of windows in front of the bed deliver more of the nature experience. You can lay in bed with your coffee and watch the birds swoop in the meadow.

WATER-SAVING FEATURES

The spacious ensuite bathroom boasts a walk-in shower, conservation sink faucet and low-flow toilet, which reduce water consumption without impacting the guest experience. In addition, I loved the Nebia water-saving showerhead by Moen so much that I bought one for my bathroom when I got home.

ARE GLAMPING TENTS WARM?

Glamping tents are warm, especially when heated with energy-efficient heat pump technology. In addition, the new ThinQ heating and air conditioning units used in Backland glamping tents keep you warm and toasty in November and December and cool in the summertime. The thick ceiling of insulation keeps you warm and has the added benefit of insulating you from the sounds of your neighbors.

GOURMET DINNERS AT BACKLAND

French-trained Chef Jarrett Parten introduced me to two dishes I'd never sampled. I was fortunate enough to dine in the Backland lodge on two occasions and was surprised each time by French preparations.

The first was sabayon, the French name for the Italian dessert zabaglione, made of egg yolk, sugar and Marsala wine. The second French creation new to me was dauphinoise potatoes cooked in cream. Landa, the chef's wife and my amiable server revealed that her daughter loved them so much that they were on the menu for her wedding reception.

The immersive experience at Backland creates a feeling that you are IN nature, free from the negative aspects of camping. Depending on your tent selection, you'll wake up with unobstructed views of the forest, prairie and the San Francisco Peaks.

You'll rise warm, dry and comfortable out of fresh linens. And what's more, the hotel-like bathroom is only steps away. Backland, open until December 31, 2022, is genuinely a place where glamour and camping live as one.

"UNSTOPPABLE Stacey" Wittig is a travel writer based in Munds Park. Check your dates at bit.ly/Backland-Glamping. This is an affiliate link. If you book using this link, Stacey will get a small percentage at no extra cost to you. Backland's season is March-December.

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Permit owners will be allowed to begin cutting November 18 and can continue to do so through December 31.

A total of 1,300 permits will be available via Recreation.gov. Permit purchasers should thoroughly read the stipulations listed on recreation.gov prior to cutting their trees.

Recreation.gov lists details regarding designated cutting areas, including maps and types of trees that may be cut.

There will be 400 permits available for cutting on the Flagstaff Ranger District and 900 permits available for cutting on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District. While there is no estimated date as to when permits will sell out, Flagstaff-area permits typically sell out within a day and permits on the Mogollon Rim typically sell out within a week.

Those wishing to purchase a permit will need to set up a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction. Permits will be issued one per household on a first-come, first-served basis until sold out.

Many other national forests are also selling Christmas tree permits online. To find out if Christmas tree permits are available on a neighboring forest, visit recreation.gov and search for "Christmas Tree Permits" to see available permit options.



ATTENTION ALL MUNDS PARKS SKIERS!!

I know y'all are out there so I am exploring the concept of creating sort of a Munds Park Ski Club. This would consist of a loosely knit group of fellow skiers that come up during the ski season for Snowbowl trips among others. Potential activities include caravans to Snowbowl and get togethers to share our ski adventures and falls.

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November, a month for giving thanks, is the ideal time to thank our veterans and volunteers for their commitment to our country and community.

The following pages are dedicated to our veterans who not only gave their time but risked their lives so we can live in peace. We have also included Munds Park volunteers who understand that a strong and loving community can only be shaped by those who participate.

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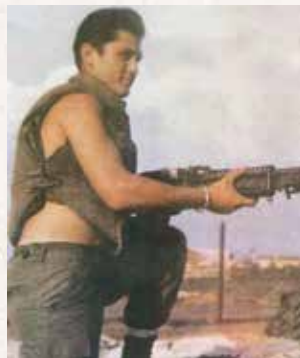
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MUNDS PARK TRAIL STEWARDS

M.U.T.S. is a volunteer group that enjoys getting outside and working in the forest. They assist the Coconino National Forest Service with tasks that promote a healthy forest ecology, maintaining trails around the Park and keeping our forest free from litter.

What can you expect at a M.U.T.S. volunteer event?

From May to October, volunteers hit the trails monthly, meeting in the morning near a project site. Along with the C.N.F.S. personnel, the M.U.T.S. team conduct a safety meeting and explain the project's task.

Trail projects vary greatly. They range from removing rocks and logs, trimming back vegetation, reconstructing washouts, building or cleaning water diversions, and trash removal.

Once the morning briefing has concluded, volunteers gather equipment and head to the project site. Everyone works at their own pace, and around noontime, we wrap up and enjoy a delicious free lunch, which the M.U.T.S. volunteer cooks, prepare and serve.

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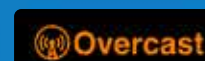
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by William L. Cowan



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Nestled like a sleeping child in the primordial bosom of the Mogollon Mountains, Munds Park is intimately entwined with the history of Northern Arizona. Arizona was hewn from the Territory of New Mexico with the Civil War, and a new capital was established near the freshly discovered gold fields around Prescott. Soon settlers spilled over the Black Hills from the Bradshaw Mountains to lay open homesteads along the lazy tree-lined bends of the Verde River. Stalwart Mormon pioneers fought their way south across the jagged canyonlands to settle the Little Colorado River Valley. During this time, families like those of Mose Casner, William Munds, Joel Willard, John Wesley Newman, Godfrey VanDeren and Albert Lee fought their way into the virgin wilderness and hacked out an existence from the raw Horn of Plenty. With the long scorching summers in the valleys, they ventured into the verdant forests and parks of the highlands, retreating again as snow dusted the highest crags of the San Francisco Peaks each fall. It was a hard life but the land was generous and free for the taking. Axes clanged, cutting forests and melding logs into homes in the parks and hollows. Alex and Ninnian Willard drowned building a dam for irrigation.

During the 1880s, sweat rolled and progress prevailed as the ringing of iron hammers sent iron spikes splintering into fresh cut ties and the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad blazed across the northland. With the railroad, cattle and sheep became big business and the Munds Boys, the Willard Brothers and the O'Dell Sheep Company prospered. Neal Munds broke his neck riding a bucking horse and was buried near where the Pinewood entrance is now.



Walter West VanDeren - Chuck Wagon Cook and fiddle player on roundups here on the Mountain.

In the 1890s, the locals got tired of going all the way to Prescott on government business, so we cleaved off a part of the Yavapai Mother and Coconino County was born. We took Grand Canyon with us. Flagstaff was a booming lumber town with the teepee burner belching sparks and rails were laid out here to bring fresh logs to a hungry sawmill. Jim Munds reached across a fence on horseback to pick up his rifle. It caught in the wire and discharged hitting him in the side of the head. He died shortly and was buried next to his brother. John Loy came and planted potatoes for hungry miners in Jerome. Spuds couldn't walk there like cows so he and a few others fashioned Schnebly Hill Wagon Road from the Mund's cattle trail. John Munds killed the horse thief Jimmy Wilson up at Willard Springs. Shot him right in the mouth and the bullet came out the back of his neck.

With the dawn of the twentieth century, many of our local boys became Roughriders in the Spanish American War. The U. S. Government came and thankfully and thanklessly established Forest Preserves. In those days we were in the Munds Park - Sedona Ranger District. It's interesting to think that Munds Park would have come first in the name but there wasn't too much going on in Sedona. A single ranger worked the whole district and men like Bill Wallace, Jim Bailey and Fred Croxen lived summers here and winters at Indian Gardens.

They rode horseback up Thompsons Ladder, fought fire and counted thousands of sheep and cattle as they came up onto the mountain to graze on prolific grasses and forbs each summer. The Merriam elk and the Mogollon wolf were hunted to extinction just before World War I. We hardly missed them.

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Original Munds cabin here in Munds Park.

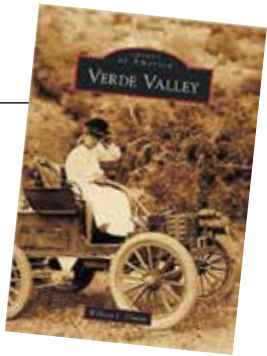
Hard times were here during the twenties and on through the depression but tough times drew on tough men. We'd grown to love and respect this land and now sons and grandsons like Dutch Dickinson, Walt and Earl VanDeren, Ira Smith and others like Kel Fox and Pierce Rhodes chased rangy cows up well-traveled draws. As time passed they couldn't chase too far though or they'd hit a fence. Beans and potatoes were the primary industry in Munds Park. The last grizzly bear died in Arizona on February Friday 13, 1939.

With the Big War many of the locals were gone but when they came home the state really started to grow. The fifties brought the pavement and developers went broke trying to sell the remote wilds until more people came. Arizona was famous for the five Cs - Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, and Climate. It's funny that last one turned out to be the big one. We shut down the mine in Jerome, started building homes in the orchards, eating chicken and wearing polyester leisure suits. We don't do cows, beans or spuds much anymore but now it's golf and construction. Time passes.

As winter is on us and you prop your feet near the fire, it's good to look back now and again—to Love our land and take pride in our heritage. It wasn't so long ago...

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BOOK REVIEW

SAIL

by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

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By Sandy Wright

If you're a James Patterson fan, *Sail* is a fast-paced thriller about a family summer getaway gone horribly wrong.

To get past the death of her first husband four years ago, heart surgeon Katherine Dunne plans an elaborate vacation with her three children.

She's newly married now, but her husband, a

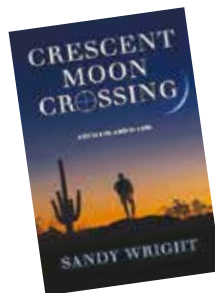
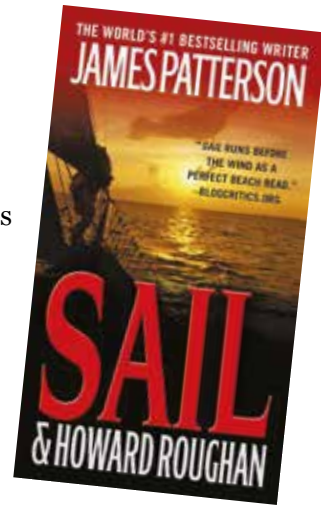
prominent attorney, has an important trial coming up, so his brother-in-law volunteers to crew for them.

Only an hour out of port, the catastrophes begin. Teenage Carrie jumps overboard, hoping to drown herself. Son Mark is high on drugs, and poor, innocent ten-year-old Ernie is nearly catatonic. Worst. Vacation. Ever.

Katherine and rugged good-looking brother-in-law Jake manage to pull things together bit by bit. Just as they are beginning to feel like a family again, they find the true danger that lurks ahead: Someone out there wants to make sure that the Dunne family never gets back from paradise alive.

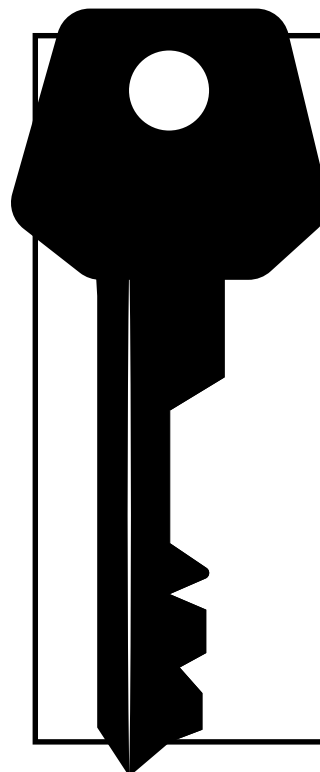
It's a page turner with a blistering pace and shocking twists that we should expect from James Patterson. His trademark short chapters make it virtually impossible to put down without saying, "I'll just read one more."

While a couple of the twists were predictable, Patterson is very good at pulling you in and being right there with the characters, and *Sail* was no exception. I'd recommend it as a perfect beach read.



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5 THANKSGIVING FOODS THAT ARE NOT SAFE FOR CATS & DOGS

HOLD THE TURKEY SKIN & FATTY GRAVY—YOUR PET WILL THANK YOU LATER.

By Kate Baggaley

If you have a sumptuous feast to look forward to on Thanksgiving Day, it might be tempting to share the bounty with your pet. But it's a bad idea. A lot of ingredients that might show up in your holiday spread (or unguarded trashcan) are harmful to pets. Dogs, being more inclined than cats to scarf down human food, are especially vulnerable.

When holiday foods don't agree with a pet, they often cause vomiting and diarrhea, as well as more debilitating symptoms. So keep a close eye on your pets, and make sure to keep them away from these items in particular.

Grapes

Grapes and raisins are poisonous to dogs (cats rarely eat them.) They can cause vomiting and diarrhea before shutting down the kidneys.

Vets aren't sure why this happens, or why some dogs seem to be more likely to get sick. "We would recommend treatment even if they only got into a few grapes and raisins," says Erica Reineke, a professor of emergency and critical care medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine.

Treatment can include making the dog throw up and giving him activated charcoal to prevent more poison from being absorbed. "If they come in immediately and we're able to induce vomiting and decontaminate them and support them with some IV fluids, it's pretty uncommon that we end up seeing kidney failure," Reineke says.

Onions

Garlic, onions, chives, or leeks may spice up stuffing and other side dishes, but they are dangerous for both dogs and cats. These foods damage the membranes of red blood cells, leading to anemia. "The red blood cells basically pop," says Reineke.

After eating onions, pets might experience vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, pale gums, or a high heart rate. It can take awhile for symptoms to show up. "They may eat a bunch of onions and you think everything's okay, and then two days later the dog or cat starts acting lethargic," Reineke says.

Poisoning from onions happens less often than with other holiday foods. "We see it, but it's certainly less common than chocolate, grapes, and raisins," Reineke says.

Bones & Fats

If your dog manages to swallow a bone, there's a chance it will lodge in the intestines and need to be surgically removed.

Poultry bones can also splinter and irritate the esophagus or gastric lining. "If they're just in the stomach and they stay there, they'll eventually dissolve most of the time," Reineke says.

Turkey skin is another font of gastrointestinal distress, as are gravy and fatty foods (like butter-drenched mashed potatoes or stuffing). "Worst case scenario, that can cause inflammation of the pancreas," Reineke says. This condition, called pancreatitis, can be life-threatening.

Sweets

Cats show little interest in desserts, but several treats can endanger dogs. Chocolate is the usual suspect, particularly dark or baker's chocolate. One 2017 study found that pups are most likely to get chocolate poisoning on Christmas—but that study was done in the U.K. and it's reasonable to imagine that in the U.S., Thanksgiving doesn't lag too far behind. Any occasion when numerous desserts sit out amidst general household chaos is potentially dangerous.

How much damage chocolate does depends on a dog's weight and how much they've eaten. "If they eat one Hershey's kiss that's probably not an issue," Reineke says. You should check how much they've consumed and call a vet for advice, or use an online dose calculator to make sure they're not in peril.

Chocolate contains theobromine, a substance similar to caffeine, which, at higher doses, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, an elevated heart rate or blood pressure, and even, rarely, seizures and coma. "They might be anxious, they might be running around more than they normally would," Reineke says.

Another troublemaker is xylitol, an artificial sweetener that sometimes appears in baked goods. It can cause a dangerous drop in blood sugar or, in some dogs, liver failure.

Alcohol

Booze and rum-soaked cakes are not a good way to share your festive spirit with your pet. Like people, animals can suffer from alcohol poisoning, and may experience vomiting, falling blood pressure and body temperatures, loss of coordination, or coma.

Another, less obvious source of alcohol: yeast dough. If your dog gobbles up uncooked bread dough, it can continue to rise in the stomach, fermenting and releasing alcohol. This can also lead to bloating or even a twisted stomach.

Are any Thanksgiving foods safe?

If you are worried about something your pet might have eaten, you can contact a veterinarian or call the Pet Poison Hotline.

Even if a dish isn't toxic, it's still probably not ideal for your furry friends. "We would discourage pet owners from giving table food at any time because it can cause GI upset if it has a lot of fat in it and they're not used to eating it," Reineke says.

Still, there is one Turkey Day staple that might actually do your pet some good: pumpkin is full of fiber, so it's sometimes used as a remedy for constipated dogs. But if you're not trying to make Fido and Fluffy poop, it's best to give them treats of their own.

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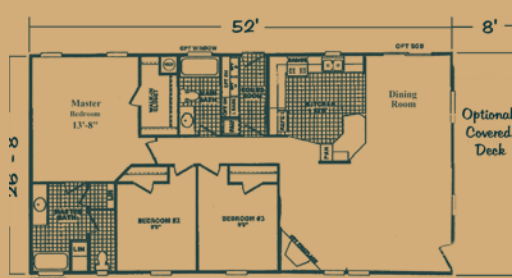
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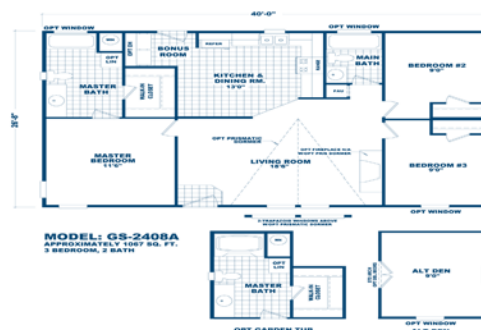


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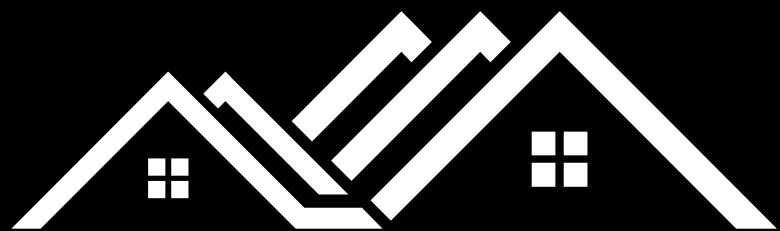
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By Pastor Steve Bowyer

DEVASTATION DOES NOT HAVE TO DESTROY US

The pictures out of Florida are heart-breaking. The damage in the wake of hurricane Ian is devastating. The debris is piling up. If you survived the storm, survived the flood, survived the aftermath, then how do you survive emotionally when dealing with all the loss?

Sanibel Island is cut off from the mainland entirely. The bridge is destroyed and will not be repaired for some time. There are no basic services available on the island. The necessities of life, like water and food, must be flown in via military helicopter. As the supplies are flown in, the people are flown out because the conditions on the island will not sustain life. The survivors are desperate.

Sara and I have friends who retired and relocated from the South Bend, IN area to Ft. Myers. They evacuated the west coast and rode out the storm with relatives on the east coast of Florida. They posted on Facebook their status as they headed back home after the storm. Communication with them has been spotty as there is no electricity nor cell service in Ft. Myers.

I know my friends Todd and Janie well. I am sure there are tears in their eyes as they survey the damage to their home and surrounding area. But I am also confident there is a smile on their face and contentment in their heart because they know they only lost their stuff. Stuff is replaceable. It will cost them money. That will hurt, too. But they did not lose their lives nor each other. Their stuff will be replaced, their home rebuilt, and their hearts will heal.

How can I be so sure they will be okay, emotionally? Because I know the highest priority they have in their lives is their relationship with Jesus. As bad as they want their home rebuilt, their boat back, their neighborhood put back together; they want their relationship with God to be as good as it can be all the time no matter what is going on around them.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

"Blessed." Means a deep sense of satisfaction, contentment. Joy that is not diminished by experience. It does not mean happy all the time. It does not mean never hurt, nor without difficulty. It means, despite the difficulty, we can be confident we will be okay, and our situation will get better. Our hearts are full.

"Righteousness" is a churchy word that simply means a relationship with God that cannot get any better. It is as good as it can be. We are as faithful and obedient as possible, though not perfect. And God is as faithful to us as He always has been.

The words "hunger and thirst" have the feeling of desperation, dire need, included in them. It is the same as the surviving residents of Sanibel Island who are desperate to receive the necessities of life like food and water. They are hungry and thirsty. Surrounded by water they cannot drink due to the salt content only reminds them of their parched throats. And the spoiling food in their powerless refrigerators and pantries emphasize the pangs in their empty stomachs. They are in dire need. They will die if they do not receive the supplies. That is what is intended in the words Matthew wrote.

There are things in life we want. But the thing we need most, that we should want the most, that we will suffer the greatest without, is a relationship with God that is as good as possible.

Having a relationship with God like this does not mean bad things will not happen. We live in a world where hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and forest fires happen. Sometimes, people do bad things to us. Reports of looters stealing from the destroyed homes have come out of Florida recently. We will be victimized in our lifetime. But what fills our hearts when these storms empty our houses, is a deep sense that we are okay, and everything will get better because our relationship with Jesus is secure. We may lose our stuff, but we will never lose our Savior.

This is not simply the power of positive thinking. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that indwells us. Jesus was able to overcome his greatest trouble and He has given us the ability to overcome ours. If we pursue our relationship with God like our lives depend on it, then we get the contentment that keeps our hearts full.

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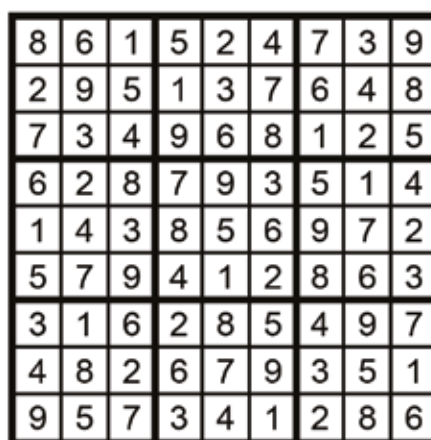
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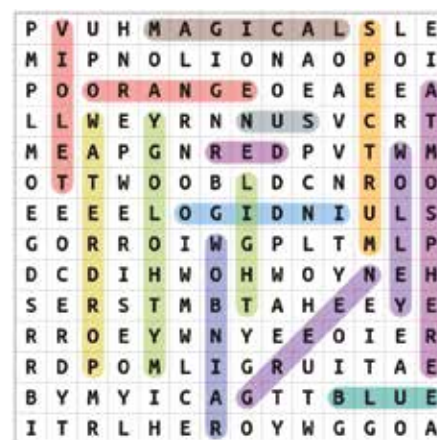
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8 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT RAINBOWS!

By Rainbow Symphony

Rainbows are among the most magical – and fascinating – phenomenon that occurs in nature. No matter your age, it's hard to look at a rainbow and not feel that sense of awe and wonder that you only get when you get to witness something truly special.

Rainbows have been considered good omens for thousands of years, and while there's nothing wrong with hoping for a little luck at the sight of a rainbow, there's some hard rainbow science that's worth investigating, too!

Below, we've listed 8 amazing facts about rainbows that we hope you'll find as interesting as we do!

1. YOU CAN NEVER GET TO THE END OF A RAINBOW

If you're the type who goes hunting for a pot of gold every time you see a rainbow, we can save you some trouble: you can never actually get to the end of a rainbow! Because a rainbow is based on the orientation of the observer (you) and the light source (the sun), when you move, the rainbow will move, too.

2. YOU CAN SEE A CIRCULAR RAINBOW FROM THE SKY

While you're on the ground, you can only observe the classic semi-circular rainbow (hence the word 'bow'). However, when you're flying in an airplane and looking down below, you can actually see a rainbow as a complete circle! If the weather circumstances are just right, of course.

3. YOU ARE LESS LIKELY TO SEE A RAINBOW IN THE WINTER

You are less likely to see a rainbow in the winter – but why? Because of snow! A rainbow is the result of light passing through a spectrum

– in most cases, a collection of raindrops – and, therefore, having that light broken up and refracted into individual colors.

In the winter months, however, temperatures in the upper atmosphere drop to freezing, causing the raindrops to freeze into snow. This blocks the light from passing through the drop (or the snowflake) and prevents the appearance of a rainbow.

4. A DOUBLE RAINBOW APPEARS WHEN LIGHT IS REFLECTED TWICE IN A RAINDROP

Have you ever caught a double rainbow? A double rainbow occurs when the light is reflected twice in the raindrop, and thus, you can see two distinct reflections that are coming from two different angles.

Next time you happen to see this super cool occurrence for yourself, take note of this fact about double rainbows: the secondary rainbow – which will be a little bit higher and fainter in color than the primary rainbow – will actually have its colors reversed. Instead of the standard "Roy G. Biv" (for red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet), you'll see the colors as Vib G. Yor!



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5. EARTH IS THE ONLY PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WITH RAINBOWS

Sure, Jupiter has constant hurricanes of gas and Mars may even have some frozen water ... but Earth is the only planet in our solar system capable of creating rainbows – so far as we know. That’s because Earth is the only planet with consistent liquid precipitation and direct sunlight.

On the Saturn moon of Titan, scientists believe there may be liquid methane rainstorms, but the atmosphere is so hazy that it’s unlikely enough sunlight passes through the methane drops to create a rainbow.

Another fun fact: on the surface of Saturn itself, about 1,000 tons of diamonds rain from the sky every year!

6. THE GREEKS AND THE ROMANS BELIEVED RAINBOWS TO BE A PATH FROM THE GODS

In ancient times, the Greek goddess Iris (Arcus, to the Romans) was personified by the rainbow, with many works of art actually depicting her taking the form of a rainbow.

According to Greek mythology, Iris, who is the female counterpart to the messenger god Hermes, would use her pitcher to scoop up water and bring it into the clouds in order to form a rainbow. Her rainbow then became a bridge between Mount Olympus, where the gods and goddesses lived, and the Earth.

Of course, in the centuries since, rainbow science has evolved – we know a rainbow isn’t actually a bridge between heaven and earth! But it sure makes for a great story.

7. THE LONGEST-OBSERVED RAINBOW LASTED FOR NEARLY 9 HOURS

The average rainbow is observable for less than an hour. But in 2017, students and professors of the Chinese Culture University, located high in the mountains of Taipei, Taiwan, observed a rainbow for 8 hours and 58 minutes, from 6:57 am until 3:55 pm.

Prior to this event, the longest-lasting rainbow was seen over Sheffield, England in 1994. That rainbow, as documented by the Guinness Book of World Records, lasted from about 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

8. NO TWO PEOPLE SEE THE EXACT SAME RAINBOW

If you and a friend are standing next to one another looking at a rainbow, you’re still not seeing the exact same rainbow! That’s because a rainbow has not physical presence; a rainbow is a purely optical phenomenon, and its appearance – its precise shape, arc, and the width of its color bands – will be slightly different according to the eye of the beholder.

That means there’s one more amazing fact about rainbows we could add to the list: every rainbow is unique to you!



CONTINUE YOUR STUDY OF RAINBOWS

At Rainbow Symphony, we make it easy for you to continue to study rainbows and indulge your curiosity about this wonderful gift from Mother Nature. Try a pair of our diffraction glasses to transform any light source into a spectacular array of rainbow color, set up one of our suncatchers in your kitchen or bedroom to wash your walls into rainbow color, or pick up some of our educational tools to teach your class more facts about rainbows. The possibilities – like the tail end of a rainbow – are endless!

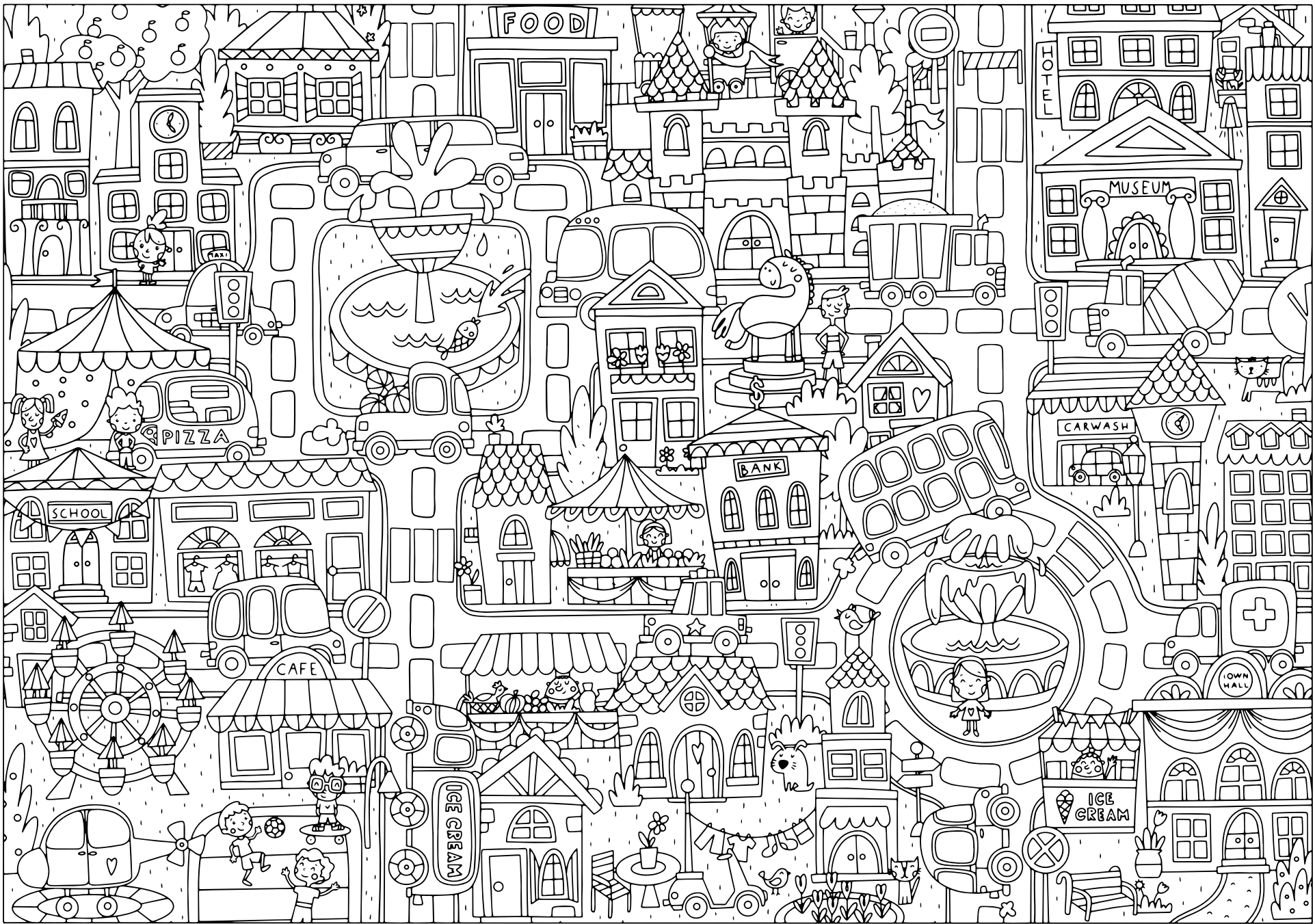
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THE RAINBOW THROWER

The rainbow thrower
Squints his eye
And hurls his colors
'Cross the sky
While far beyond
Horizon's gate
The rainbow catcher
Sits and waits.

by Shel Silverstein

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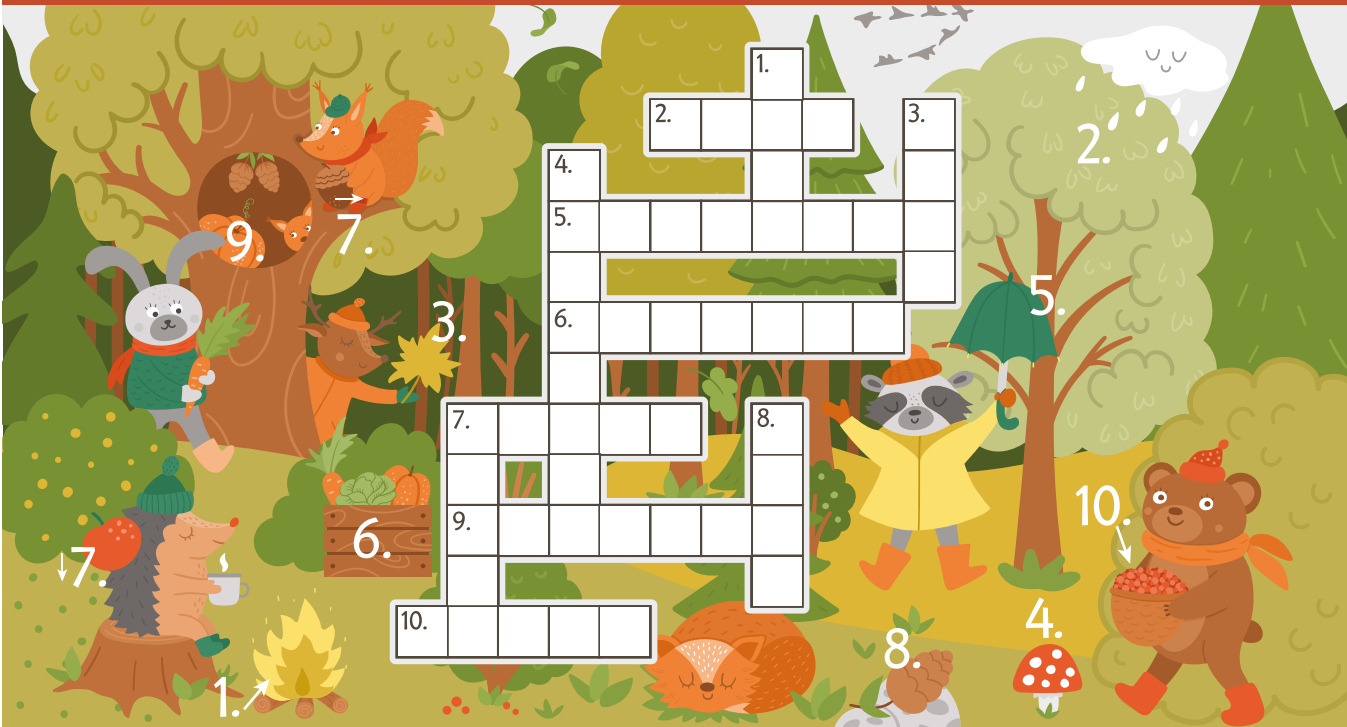
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Strategies you might not know about to sell a home!

We are all a little shocked by the sudden change in the real estate market. It feels like someone walked into the room and turned the light off. Now everyone is wandering around in the dark, trying to find the switch to shed some light on the situation. I can tell you; I have been here before... as many of you have, as well. Remember the drastic and sudden downturn in 2008? Scary. The difference between 2008 and now is as drastic as lights going off. Like, night and day differences. Like, losing money and equity, and making money and keeping equity differences.

My favorite movie, *The Big Short*, gives a great Hollywood style highlight of what really happened back then. Most who understand what happened know it had nothing to do with the real estate market and everything to do with lending practices which allowed the market to go up as fast as it went down. The housing market and values before 2008 were based on poor lending habits. The only reason demand has slowed in 2022 is due to rising interest rates. Which means we have fewer buyers who qualify for home loans because of the higher payments the interest rates cause.

I am currently working with my sellers to show them multiple strategies that lead home sales. Some of them get instant gratification and some have long term satisfaction. In my opinion, we can get super creative with seller financing, mortgage wrap, or lease options rather than chasing the prices down. There are many people who would still buy second homes in the current market if there was a way around the current rates. Many of you who own, or are selling, currently have amazing rates and terms on your existing mortgage that could be an asset to a new buyer. IF you are willing to explore the creative financing terms. I'll cover some highlights.

STRATEGY 1 Traditional Sale

Put the home on the market and adjust the price as needed until a buyer can be found. This strategy is typically used when we need to sell the property, pay the mortgage off and need all the current equity in the property. In the current market, there are more properties than current buyers for today's current interest rates making the familiar practice less efficient. And, with the higher competition for buyers... get ready for Open House-a-plaooza and Buyer Desire Repairs.

STRATEGY 2 Off Market Sale (in any condition).

Most the time this works great with a property that needs more work. Or maybe it was inherited, and you don't want to go through the normal sales process of financing, inspections, etc. I am sure you have received the text or call from someone stating they will give you an all cash offer no closing costs or commissions; I know I have. (No, I don't subscribe to that practice,) While the number offered sometimes sounds ridiculous, it may not be that ridiculous once you break down all the costs you potentially have to repair and sell on the open market... not to mention timing. I have created several win-win cash, off market sales with many Munds Park owners over the years.

STRATEGY 3 Seller financing

You become the bank and the lien holder! This is for people who typically own a property free and clear. Maybe you are not using your cabin as frequently? Or it's an older manufactured home that cannot be financed? The cool thing about this strategy is that it creates a stream of monthly income for you. You still have legal recourse to reclaim the property if the buyer defaults. It's like owning a rental property without the responsibility for repairs or improvements or vacancies.

STRATEGY 4 Seller wrap

If you have one of those great 2-3% mortgages and a little equity you could sell the home and wrap the equity and existing mortgage into one payment, which is managed by a third-party servicing company. This type of financing can be complicated and has pros and cons. This does delay the equity payout. You can potentially get a higher price for the home, create cash flow, and you retain your equity until a future date. There are several variables in this situation, and it can be whatever the two parties agree on. Before you adjust your price or think about selling the home, why not explore all the possible strategies that might apply and might be appealing in the current market? These strategies apply with any real estate transaction weather it's your primary residence, 2nd home, or your investment properties.

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