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CELESTIAL EVENTS

JUNE SKIES BRING SOLSTICE LIGHT & A STRAWBERRY MOON

June Solstice: June 21

The June solstice arrives early on June 21, marking the first official day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest day of the year.

For stargazers, it also means the shortest night. Do not rush outside too early and wonder where the stars went. The sky needs time to darken. Later evening, especially after 9:30 or 10 p.m., will offer better viewing.

The good news is that after the solstice, the nights slowly begin to grow longer again. Summer may be just getting started, but the sky is already quietly giving a few minutes back.



Full Strawberry Moon: June 29

June's Full Moon arrives on June 29. Traditionally called the Strawberry Moon, its name comes from the season when strawberries ripen, not from the Moon turning pink or red.

This year's Strawberry Moon is also a Micro Moon, meaning it is a little farther from Earth and may appear slightly smaller than usual. Most people will not notice the difference, but it is a fun skywatching detail.

The full Moon rises near sunset and will brighten the night sky, making faint galaxies and nebulae harder to see. Still, it is a beautiful night for moon watching. Binoculars can reveal craters, shadows, and the rugged edge of the lunar surface.

Evening Planets

Venus and Jupiter may still be visible low in the western sky early in this period, though they become harder to catch as June moves along. Look

shortly after sunset with a clear view toward the west-northwest.

Mercury may also make a brief appearance in evening twilight, but it is always a quick little planet. If you see a bright point low near the horizon soon after sunset, you may have caught it before it slips away.

Summer Constellations Return

By late June, the Summer Triangle begins to rise in the eastern sky. Look for three bright stars: Vega, Deneb, and Altair. Together they form a large triangle that will climb higher as the evening goes on.

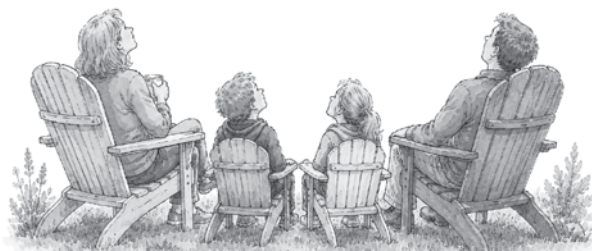
To the south, Scorpius and Sagittarius bring some of the richest star fields of the season. Sagittarius contains the Teapot shape, which points toward the heart of the Milky Way. The best Milky Way viewing will come in July, when the Moon is darker, but late June is a good time to start learning where to look.

Tip: Use apps like Stellarium, SkySafari, or timeanddate.com for precise local times/altitudes.

A Dark-Sky Reminder

Munds Park's elevation, around 6,800 feet, can help provide clearer night skies, but elevation alone is not enough. Dark skies need a help from all of us.

Shield outdoor lights downward, use warm bulbs, and turn off what you do not need. A darker sky helps everyone see more, from children finding their first constellation to the neighbor trying to remember which one is Vega.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR & STORY TIPS!

The *Pinewood News* welcomes feedback and story tips from our readers. We encourage comments on any subject or article we publish. We will consider publishing received letters, except those that invade privacy or are libelous. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number for verification.

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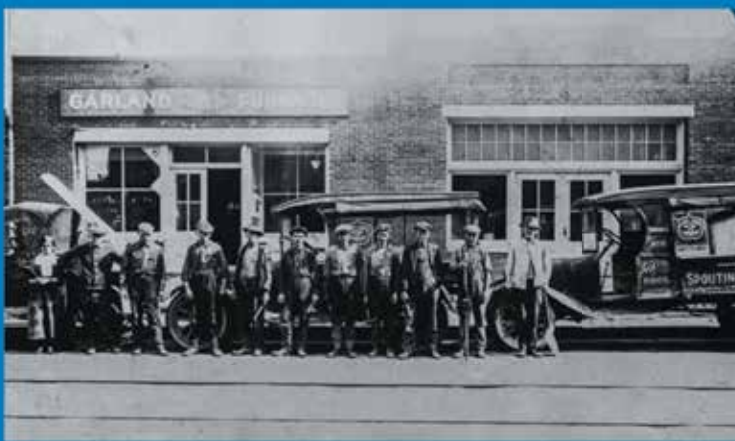
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Pilates

Senior-friendly Pilates classes are held weekly

Mondays: 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: 11 a.m. to noon

Munds Park Community Church

17670 S. Munds Ranch Rd

For details, contact Chris Woolley at:
760-688-6452 or ChrisWoolley06@gmail.com

Munds Park Community Church Services

Services Sunday, 9:00 am & 10:45 am

17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Munds Park Town Hall

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Stay informed. Your presence and participation is essential!

Thursday, September 17, 2026

6:30 pm • The New Fire House

Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary meeting

The Community is Welcome!

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 pm • 17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Tuesday, July 21

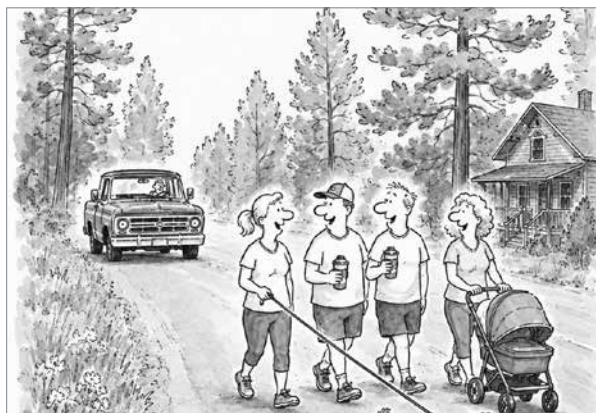
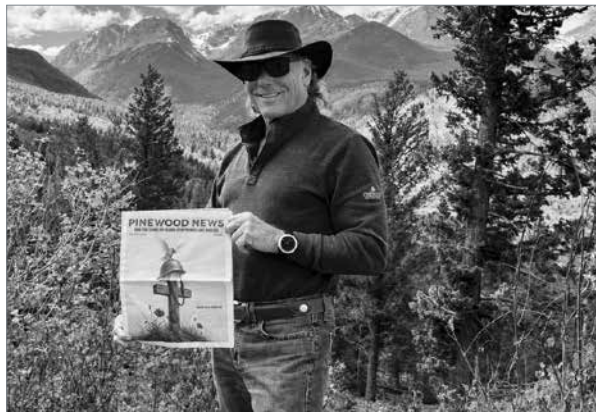
3 pm • 18075 Fairway Dr

Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Thursday, July 9

3 pm • 18075 Fairway Dr



LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS 7A

This is where locals come for verified updates, thoughtful community news, and information they can trust.

THINGS TO DO & SEE 12A

Local events, good outings, and perfectly valid reasons to ignore the laundry.

HOMEMADE & WONDERFUL 15A

Cowboy caviar, watermelon feta salad, and strawberry pretzel salad give the picnic table its moment.

BADGE & BALLOT PART IV 19A

And They Wore Black Again follows young Frances Willard through one of the hardest seasons of her childhood, when her mother, Mary Grace Willard, endured unimaginable loss and still found the strength to carry the family forward.

LOCAL WISDOM 23A

A funny but serious reminder to walk facing traffic, slow down, and keep Munds Park roads safer for everyone.

TRAVEL 24A

Champagne, cathedral history, harvest season, and French hospitality make Reims an easy fall escape from Paris.

LOCAL INK 27A

After 38 national parks, MadJack has learned a few tricks for better trips, fewer crowds, and happier travels.

FROM THE PINEWOOD PRO 3B

Buying in Munds Park means thinking about land, seasons, wildfire, insurance, maintenance, and the lifestyle that comes with the cabin.

PAWS OF PINEWOOD 5B

Midtown Animal Clinic shares simple steps to help pets handle fireworks, cookouts, heat, and holiday hazards.

SHAKEN & STIRRED IN PINEWOOD 7B

A cool cucumber-mint cocktail for porches, neighbors, and June afternoons when the rake becomes emotional support.

WINGS OVER ARIZONA 11B

Dark-eyed Juncos bring hopping, scratching, nesting surprises, and seasonal personality to Northern Arizona yards.



Helping to protect you and your community from wildfire.

Wildfires are a growing challenge across the country, and it's important to be prepared. If we need to shut off power for safety, you can stay informed by receiving email and text alerts. Sign in to your [aps.com](https://www.aps.com) account now to be sure your contact information is current. For your safety, please consider keeping grass, weeds, trees and shrubs trimmed, get emergency alerts through local resources, and visit [ein.az.gov](https://www.ein.az.gov) to create an emergency preparedness plan.

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During high-risk conditions, we take extra steps to reduce the risk of wildfires. This can include taking power lines out of service so first responders can enter the area safely. We may need to take extra time to inspect lines to ensure they are not damaged before restoring power.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work to help protect first responders, communities, wildlife, the environment and property.

To stay safe and informed during wildfire season, visit [aps.com/wildfire](https://www.aps.com/wildfire).



STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

FIRES, CAMPFIRES, CHARCOAL, COAL, AND WOOD STOVES ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES; SMOKING IS LIMITED TO ENCLOSED VEHICLES, BUILDINGS, OR DEVELOPED SITES; AND FIREWORKS ARE NEVER ALLOWED ON NATIONAL FORESTS.

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE WARNS PUBLIC AFTER TRAIN BURGLARY

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents not to approach suspicious activity after a train burglary investigation near Meteor Crater led to two arrests and the recovery of more than \$500,000 in stolen property.

According to the Sheriff's Office, detectives and federal agents were conducting an ongoing cargo theft investigation involving BNSF Railway when they received a report of a train burglary in progress on May 29.

BNSF personnel reported several people removing merchandise from a stopped train and loading it into two vehicles parked alongside the tracks. Detectives later stopped one of the vehicles, a van, and arrested two people.

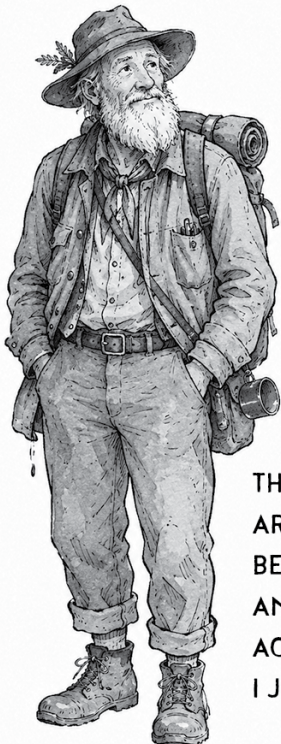
Deputies in the Williams Patrol District later found a box truck matching the description given by BNSF conductors traveling westbound on Interstate 40. When deputies tried to stop the truck, the driver did not yield. The vehicle later crashed, and two unidentified male suspects ran from the scene. They were not found.

The Sheriff's Office said more than \$500,000 in stolen property was recovered, and the investigation remains ongoing.

For Munds Park residents and travelers, the reminder is simple: if you see suspicious activity near a stopped train, semi-truck, rail line or remote pullout, do not stop or confront anyone. Make note of the location, vehicle descriptions, license plates if it is safe to do so, direction of travel and any other details, then call law enforcement.

Anyone with information related to this case or other train burglary cases is encouraged to contact the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

Source: Coconino County Sheriff's Office



THOSE WHO LIVE IN MUNDS PARK ARE MORE INTELLIGENT, BETTER LOOKING, AND GENERALLY MORE LIKABLE, ACCORDING TO THE STUDY I JUST MADE UP.

COCONINO COUNTY SETS PROPERTY TAX HEARING FOR JUNE 23

Coconino County will hold a Truth in Taxation hearing on Tuesday, June 23, at 6 p.m. in Flagstaff to explain proposed property tax collections for the upcoming fiscal year.

The hearing will take place during the Board of Supervisors meeting in the Board Chambers at 219 E. Cherry Ave.

The county's primary property tax rate is proposed to decrease from \$0.4830 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$0.4780. However, the county is still required to notify taxpayers that it expects to collect more in property taxes than last year.

That can happen when taxable property values rise. In plain English, the rate may be lower, but it is being applied to a larger amount.

The primary property tax supports the County General Fund, which pays for services such as the Sheriff's Office, emergency response, criminal justice and county parks.

The county also levies secondary taxes for the Public Health Services District, Flood Control District and Library District. Those rates are proposed to remain the same. Any increase in collections for those districts would also come from higher taxable property values, not higher tax rates.

The county noted that market value and taxable value are not the same. As one example, a property with a Zillow market value estimate of \$649,000 had a Limited Property Value of \$311,096 and a taxable assessed value of \$31,110. Under the proposed rate, the Coconino County primary property tax for that example would be \$148.71, compared to \$145.78 without the noticed tax increase. That is an annual increase of \$2.92 in county primary property taxes.

Property owners can find Notice of Value information at coconino.az.gov/Assessor by selecting "Copies of Valuation Notices."

The county also reminded taxpayers that it collects property taxes for other taxing districts, including school districts, cities and towns, fire districts and the community college. Coconino County does not keep taxes collected on behalf of other jurisdictions.

For more information on the county budget, visit coconino.az.gov or email budget@coconino.az.gov.

Source: Coconino County

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SCREWWORM CASES PROMPT PET TRAVEL WARNING

Midtown Animal Clinic in Flagstaff is urging pet owners to watch for signs of New World screwworm after confirmed cases were reported in Texas and New Mexico, including at least one involving a dog.

New World screwworm is a parasitic fly whose larvae can infest open wounds in warm-blooded animals. It can affect livestock, wildlife, pets and, in rare cases, people.

Warning signs in pets include an open wound that does not heal, visible eggs or small larvae, a foul odor from a wound, unusual restlessness, pain, lethargy, or scratching and pawing at one area of the body.

The clinic stressed that pet owners should not panic. New World screwworm is treatable when caught early, and not every wound is screwworm. Local pets are also being seen for foxtail-related wounds this time of year, especially in the feet. Still, any open wound that looks unusual, smells bad or does not heal should be checked by a veterinarian.

Pet owners can reduce risk by keeping wounds clean and dry, checking pets regularly after outdoor time and keeping animals on regular parasite prevention. Midtown Animal Clinic noted that products such as NexGard, Credelio Quattro and Simparica may help protect against parasites that can create skin wounds.

Travel is another concern. As of June 8, travel with dogs to Mexico is not permitted until further notice because of New World screwworm concerns. Mexico has halted imports of pet dogs from U.S. states, and the USDA has suspended exports and posted requirements for dogs returning to the United States from Mexico, including inspection and certification that the dog is free from screwworm.

Pet owners planning travel to or through Mexico should contact their veterinarian before leaving, consider alternatives such as local boarding (Cinder Hills Kennels, Wags & Whiskers, or Kingsmark Kennels), and check current USDA guidance, as rules may change.

For questions, Midtown Animal Clinic can be reached at info@midtown.vet or 928-440-4020.

Sources: Midtown Animal Clinic; USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

PINEWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT SEWER UPGRADES MOVE FORWARD.

Pinewood Sanitary District (PSD) is continuing to advance Phase 2 of its multi-phase sewer system upgrade project through a competitive bidding process designed to attract qualified contractors. The process ensures that experienced firms have the opportunity to participate while helping PSD secure efficient and cost-effective solutions for ongoing improvements to the community's wastewater collection system.

To support these large-scale infrastructure upgrades, PSD has obtained financing through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). This funding is considered essential to completing the necessary improvements while allowing the District to manage costs responsibly over time.

As part of the financing plan, customers began seeing a new WIFA fee on their monthly sewer bills starting April 1, 2026. According to PSD, this fee is dedicated specifically to repaying the loan used to fund the critical system upgrades. The District emphasized that this approach allows improvements to move forward without placing a significant one-time financial burden on ratepayers.

The WIFA fee is expected to increase incrementally as project funds are drawn and construction progresses. As a result, customers may notice fluctuations in future bills. This phased funding approach is a way to spread costs over time while maintaining affordability for residents.

To help customers manage payments, PSD continues to offer its free SurePay Program, which provides automatic monthly billing. The program is designed to reduce missed payments and simplify account management. Residents interested in enrolling can call 928-286-9166 or visit the District's website to download an application.

In addition, PSD announced that beginning July 1, 2026, it will transition to a new credit card payment processor, GovPros. Customers paying online will still follow the same process by visiting www.PinewoodSanitary.com and selecting the "Pay Your Bill" option, which will direct them to the new payment system. However, District staff advises customers to review the updated terms and fee structure, as it will differ from the previous processor.

These combined efforts—ongoing infrastructure investment, structured financing, and updated payment systems—are part of a broader commitment to improving customer service and service reliability while maintaining transparency and financial stability for the community.

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— Christina R.

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— Ann Piper

“Our fur-footed friends are more than just pets - they are part of the family. If you have a dog or cat (or both!) and live in the Flagstaff area, consider Midtown Animal Clinic to care for your furry critters. The caring veterinary staff will treat your pets as if they were their own.”
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DEMOCRACY NEEDS NEIGHBORS

Election Workers Wanted

Just in case you want a little extra cash for Bunco or poker night, or just because it might actually be interesting, Coconino County is looking for people to work the election polls.

Poll workers help keep Election Day running smoothly. They assist voters, help with check-in, answer basic questions, and support the election process at local polling places. Training is provided, and the work is temporary and paid.

It is also a good way to serve the community, meet a few neighbors, and see how the process works from the inside.

2026 Election Dates to Know

Primary Election

- Registration deadline: June 22, 2026
- Early voting begins and early ballots are mailed: June 24, 2026
- Last day to request an early ballot by mail: July 10, 2026
- Last day to vote early in person: July 17, 2026
- Election Day: July 21, 2026

General Election

- Registration deadline: October 5, 2026
- Early voting begins and early ballots are mailed: October 7, 2026
- Election Day: November 3, 2026

For more information about working the polls, visit the Coconino County Elections Department and look for "Work Elections."



WOODY'S PROGRESS REPORT

We have an urgent update: The door is open.

Yes, after the last shocking revelation that someone was inside cleaning the place out, this week's major development is that they have apparently stopped bothering to close the door behind them. The gas station that has been dead since 2013 has now entered its basic airflow phase.

We are not reporting construction. We are reporting that the building has moved from "sealed like a government file" to "slightly less sealed." Historians may someday mark this as the beginning of the Great Door Opening Era.

Stay tuned. Next issue we may be able to report that someone turned on a light, moved a trash bag, or stopped treating the place like a crime scene.

Until next time.

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Time: 8 p.m.

Location: 65 Pinewood Blvd



EVERY MONDAY! BINGO AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Bingo at the Pinewood Country Club! This event is open to everyone—no membership

required. Come enjoy a fun night with neighbors!

Time: 6 p.m., every Monday

Location: Pinewood Country Club

THROUGH THE SUMMER SEASON



YOGA IN THE PARK

Join Christy Shaft, PT and Certified Yoga Instructor, for accessible yoga classes designed to support strength, balance, flexibility, and ease.

Yoga in the Park offers weekly Chair Yoga and |Mat Flow Yoga classes.

Fridays: Chair Yoga, 9-9:45 a.m.; Mat Flow Yoga, 10-11 a.m.

Saturdays: Mat Flow Yoga, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Mondays: Chair Yoga, 9-9:45 a.m.; Mat Flow Yoga, 10-11 a.m.

All classes are open to community and visitors.

Location: Munds Park RV Resort

Admission: \$15 per class

Details: Facebook: Yoga in the Park

FRIDAY, JUNE 26



PAINT & SIP AT WINE TASTING & MORE

Enjoy a creative evening at Wine Tasting and More's Paint & Sip event. Bring your inner artist!

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Wine Tasting and More,

17730 S. Munds Ranch Rd., Munds Park

Details: www.winetastingandmore.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 27



COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

Pinewood Fire Department is hosting Community Safety Day to help neighbors feel a little more prepared and a lot more connected.

Stop by to meet the department, learn helpful safety tips, ask questions, and gather information for keeping your home, family, and community safer this season.

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Pinewood Fire Department



PINWOOD PLAYERS

Pinewood Players Playhouse is keeping the stage busy this summer. See page 9B before the curtain goes up.

SATURDAY, JULY 4



FAIRLANE PALOOZA

Celebrate the July 4th weekend with Fairlane Palooza, featuring feel-good music from Comin' Home, plus games, prizes, and free

music under the stars. Bring your own chair, your own beverages, and settle in for an easy outdoor evening with neighbors.

Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Location: 245 Fairlane Rd., Munds Park

Admission: FREE

Details: BYOB and chair encouraged

SATURDAY, JULY 11



GOOD TRAILS NEED GOOD NEIGHBORS

Help the Munds Park Trail Stewards with a morning of trail work on the Pinewood 240 Trail. Volunteers work at their own pace, and water and trail equipment will be provided. Please wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and clothing suited for the weather. A free lunch will be served after the work is finished.

Time: Meet at 8:15 a.m.; trail work ends around noon

Location: Pinewood 240 Trailhead

RSVP: By July 3 at mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com

Details: mundsparktrailstewards.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB CRAFT FAIR

Pinewood Country Club is hosting a Labor Day Craft Fair and inviting local vendors to show off their handmade goods to the community. All are welcome, and vendor spaces are available.

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Pinewood Country Club

Contact: Daniella Zamora, 928-233-8271,

dzamora@pinewoodcountryclubaz.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



PINEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary Golf Tournament returns to Pinewood Country Club for a 4-person scramble open to members and non-members. All money raised supports the Pinewood Fire Department and the citizens of Munds Park.

Location: Pinewood Country Club

Admission: \$185 per player

Deadline to Enter: September 21, 2026

Contact: Cheri Schultz, 310-686-5168,

PFDA.pres@gmail.com

BEYOND THE PARK

EVERY FRIDAY!



BARN DANCE

Kick off the weekend with live music, dancing, and a farm-night crowd that knows how to have a good time. Dinner is available if you want to make a full evening of it.

Time: 6- 10 p.m.

Location: Mortimer Farms

12907 E. State Route 169, Dewey

Details: mortimerfarmsaz.com

Admission: See website for dinner and ticket details

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

Bookmobile Stop at Pinewood Country Club Clubhouse

Date: Wed, July 8, 2026 from 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Location: Pinewood Country Club Clubhouse





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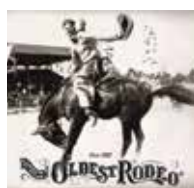
Time: See website for details

Location: Main Street and venues throughout Jerome

Details: jeromechamber.com

Admission: FREE

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Time: Check website for times.

Location: Prescott Rodeo Grounds
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Details: worldsoldestrideo.com

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MONDAY, JUNE 29



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Celebrate the Strawberry Moon at Buffalo Park with an open-air evening of classical piano, cultural astronomy, lunar storytelling, and

guided telescope viewing. The event is part of Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition's Full Moon Summer Concert Series, honoring Flagstaff's deep connection to the night sky.

Time: Seating begins at 7 p.m.; concert and cultural astronomy at 7:30 p.m.; guided stargazing 8:30-10 p.m.

Location: Buffalo Park, 2400 N. Gemini Rd., Flagstaff

Details: flagstaffdarkskies.org

Admission: Free

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The Coconino County Fair returns to Fort Tuthill County Park over Labor Day weekend with exhibits, entertainment, carnival fun, food, animals, and plenty of fair favorites for the whole family.

Time: See website for details

Location: Fort Tuthill County Park, Flagstaff

Details: coconinocountyfair.com

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ARIZONA COWPUNCHERS' REUNION RODEO

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Time: 1 p.m. daily

Location: Williams Rodeo Grounds, Williams

Details: azcowpunchers.com

Admission: See website for details

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Details: prescott.org

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Strawberry Pretzel Salad

The best Fourth of July food is not always the food coming off the grill. Yes, the burgers get attention. The hot dogs have their loyal following. But the picnic table tells the real story.

For the issue before the Fourth of July, here are three party favorites worth bringing along. One is fresh, one is colorful and one is proudly old-fashioned. Together, they make a summer table feel like a celebration before the festivities even begin.

Cowboy Caviar

Adapted from Allrecipes' "Ultimate Cowboy Caviar"

- Makes: 14 servings
- Yield: 7 cups
- Prep time: 30 minutes
- Chill time: 2 hours
- Total time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Ingredients

Dressing

- 1/3 cup avocado oil or other vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- Juice of 1 lime

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle pepper, or to taste

Caviar

- 2/3 cup finely diced red onion
- 1 1/2 cups diced fresh bell peppers
- 1/3 cup diced jarred roasted red peppers
- 1/3 cup diced pickled jalapeño peppers, or other pickled peppers
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-ounce can black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 cup diced fresh tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Scoop-style tortilla chips, for serving

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Directions

1. Whisk avocado oil, rice vinegar, lime juice, minced garlic, garlic powder, salt, sugar, cumin, smoked paprika and chipotle pepper together in a large bowl. Set aside.
2. Rinse diced onion well under cold water. Drain well.
3. Add bell peppers, roasted red peppers, pickled jalapeños, black beans, black-eyed peas, corn and tomato to the bowl of dressing. Add red onion and stir well.
4. Cover and refrigerate for 2 to 12 hours, tossing occasionally.
5. Before serving, stir in cilantro. Season to taste with salt. Serve with tortilla chips.

Watermelon Feta Mint Salad

Adapted from *The Mediterranean Dish's "Watermelon Salad with Feta, Cucumber, and Mint."*

- Makes: 8 servings
- Prep time: 15 minutes
- Total time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

Honey-Lime Dressing

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 to 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch of salt

Salad

- 1/2 watermelon cut into cubes
- 1 English or hot house cucumber, cubed, about 2 cupfuls
- 15 fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 15 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese, or more to taste

Directions

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, lime juice, olive oil and salt. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl or serving platter with sides, combine the watermelon, cucumber, mint and basil.
3. Pour the dressing over the salad and gently toss. Top with feta and serve right away.

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Adapted from *Allrecipes' "Strawberry Pretzel Salad."*

- Makes: 12 servings
- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Bake time: 8 to 10 minutes
- Chill time: At least 2 hours

Ingredients

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 8-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 3-ounce packages strawberry-flavored Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 10-ounce packages frozen strawberries

Directions

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Stir crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 tablespoons sugar together until well combined. Press into the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.
4. Place cream cheese and 1 cup sugar in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Fold in whipped topping. Spread over the cooled pretzel crust.
5. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in the still-frozen strawberries and let sit for a few minutes, until the mixture is slightly thickened.
6. Spoon and spread the strawberry mixture over the cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set, at least 2 hours.
7. Cut into squares and serve chilled.

A Table Worth Gathering Around

That is the beauty of summer food. It does not have to be complicated to feel special. A bowl of something fresh, a dish of something colorful and one old-fashioned dessert can do more for a BBQ table than all the fussy garnishes in the world.

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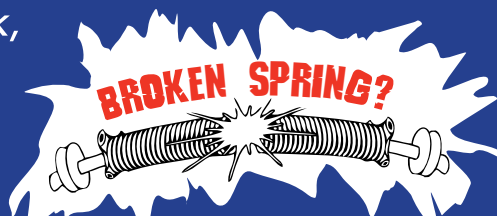


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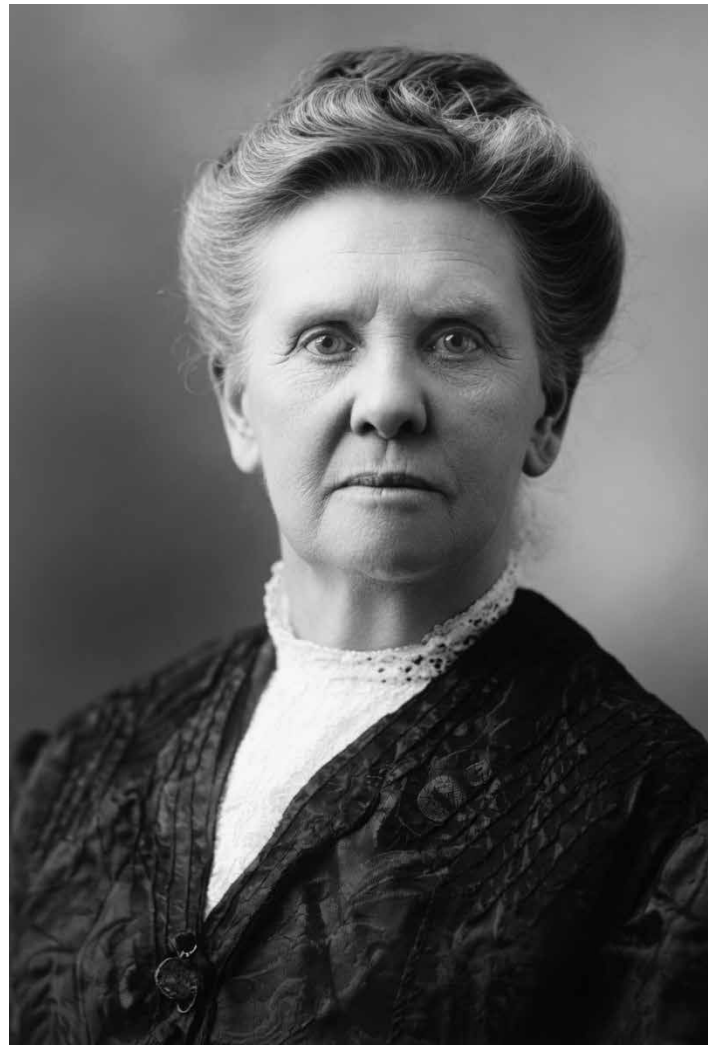
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A TRUE ARIZONA SAGA OF FRANCES & JOHN MUNDS

And They Wore Black Again

PART IV



Mary Grace Vineyard Willard
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Some Arizona stories ought to be better known than they are. This is one of them.

By the fall of 1878, Frances Willard was still Fannie to the people who loved her first. She was twelve years old, small for her age, quick in the mind, fearless on a horse, and still carrying the wish she had made as a child: to go away to school and get a good education. Her father, Joel Willard, had moved the family to Pine Valley, Nevada, after selling the old California ranch, hoping that water rights, open range, and hard work would build a lasting future. Her mother, Mary Grace Willard, was the steady heart of the household, the woman who had once fought six long months to keep premature little Fannie alive.

For readers just joining the story, this was Frances before Arizona, before John Munds, before suffrage, before public office, and before her name belonged to history. She was still a ranch girl in Nevada, one of Mary and Joel Willard's children, raised among cattle, cold winters, long rides to school, and a family that prized education as much as endurance. The Willards were not strangers to risk. They had crossed plains, built ranches, buried kin, and begun again more than once. But the season ahead would test them in a way that land, weather, and work had not.

Pine Valley was beautiful, but it had not been kind to Joel. The valley had water, grass, and promise, but the winters were punishing. Snow fell deep across the range, cattle had to be fed through the worst of it, and older animals were lost despite all the family's efforts to save them. Firewood came from far up in the hills and had to be hauled home. Feed was grown, stored, stretched, and guarded against the long cold months. Joel had come from strong pioneer stock, the son of Alexander Hamilton Willard of Lewis and Clark fame, and he knew how to measure land, build a ranch, and make a living where softer men would have turned back. Still, year after year, the cold worked on him.

By the fall of 1878, Joel finally decided the family needed a warmer climate. Arizona became the next hope. It was not a small decision. A ranch family could not simply pack a trunk and go. Their wealth, their work, and their future moved on four legs. The cattle and horses had to be gathered, driven, protected, watered, and pushed across country that could punish a mistake. Joel's older sons, Ninian, Charlie, and Dolph, rounded up the large herd with hired cowboys. The drovers rode horseback. Joel, already seriously ill, traveled in one of the covered wagons with a driver. His youngest son, ten-year-old Alex, went with him as his constant companion.

Mary stayed behind at the Pine Valley ranch with Mac, Jim, Frances, and little Mabel, who had been born the summer before. Joel's wagon and the older boys were headed south with the cattle, while Mary kept

the home place going in Nevada. It was the kind of separation pioneer families understood too well: the men and stock somewhere far along the trail, the women and younger children at home, everyone waiting for news and hoping they would soon be reunited.

Mabel was barely more than a year old, still young enough to be carried from room to room, watched over during chores, and passed from one watchful eye to another. The Willards had already buried two infant daughters, Gracie and Marion, and the memory of those losses lived quietly in the house. But not long after Joel left for Arizona, Mabel became ill with whooping cough.

There was nothing simple about sickness in those days. A cough was not just a cough. A fever was not something a mother could meet with a quick drive to town, a prescription, and a worried night under electric light. Illness came into a pioneer home like weather, and once it entered, the whole household bent around it. Mary had once saved Frances through constant and special care when no incubator existed for premature babies. She knew how to keep vigil. She knew

how to rock, watch, pray, and refuse to give up. But this time, all her attention could not change the ending.

Mabel died November 7, 1878.

Nellie, Frances' older sister, came home from California. Mary and her two daughters dressed in black for the funeral and for some time afterward. Mabel was buried beside two infant sisters, Gracie and Marion, whom Mary and Joel had lost at birth. Three little girls were now gathered together in the family's sorrow, each a reminder that pioneer families did not fight only the land. They fought the terrible uncertainty of life.

Mary had buried her third child, and far to the south, Joel's party pushed on toward Arizona. The drive was slow and hard on men and animals. Joel was already weak, riding in the covered wagon while the older boys and hired cowboys worked the herd. At the Virgin and Colorado River crossings, everything became more dangerous. The wagons and teams had to be ferried across with their passengers, while the drovers took to the water on horseback, riding ahead of the cattle and behind them, calling, turning, and pressing the frightened animals through the current.

The river did not give them easy passage. Cattle bawled and fought the water. Horses lunged for footing. Men shouted over the noise, trying to keep the herd together before panic scattered it. Some of the cattle

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drowned in the Colorado, and one of Joel's favorite horses was lost there too. For a ranchman, that kind of loss was not small. A good horse carried a man, worked his stock, and stood between him and real trouble. Losing one in the river was one more hardship on an already difficult journey.

During those long, punishing river crossings, Joel caught a severe cold. In that country, with miles still ahead and no real shelter, a cold could turn dangerous quickly. By the time the party reached Dolan Springs in the Cerbat Mountains near Kingman, Arizona, the illness had deepened into pneumonia. On January 27, 1879, Joel Willard died on the trail.

Joel's sons buried him at Dolan Springs, far from Mary and the children back in Nevada. They built his coffin from what they had, set a strong wooden marker at the head of the grave, and raised a rock wall around it. That was what love could do under the circumstances. A marked grave. A protected place. Stones gathered by hand. Sons doing their best for the father who had led them across so much country.

Pioneer life left little room for grief because the living still had to survive. The herd represented the family's future, and a future on the hoof could not be left standing in the desert. Joel's sons pushed on to the Baker Ranch at Perkinsville, left their wagons there, and drove the stock down toward the Verde River to Baker's Pass, about ten miles from Cottonwood. There they camped for several months, resting and grazing the animals before moving down the Verde and settling on a ranch across the river from what is now Clarkdale in June 1879.

Back in Pine Valley, Mary learned that Joel was dead.

Only weeks earlier, she had buried her little girl. Now, the husband who had left in search of a better future would not be coming home. Joel had been the one who planned the move, led the ranch work, and carried the weight of the family's next beginning. His death did not leave Mary with grief alone. It left her with children to raise, hard decisions to make, and a future that had suddenly become hers to carry.

For a moment, the blow nearly took her down. Then Mary did what women did in those difficult pioneer days. She got up. She gathered what strength she had left and faced the fact that she would have to guide her family alone.

Mary now stood alone, the family's hopes divided between the Nevada homeplace and the Arizona frontier. Mac, Jim, and Frances were still young, yet pioneer life left little room for weakness, even for children. They stepped up beside their mother, put their shoulders to the work, and together they carried the family forward.

Frances and Jim stayed home from school the rest of that term. Grief, ranch work, and an uncertain future left no room for anything else. But Mary would not let their education become another casualty. She became their teacher, making space for lessons amid the daily labor of ranch life. Even in mourning, she held fast to the thing Frances wanted most: an education.

Mary had already buried a daughter and lost a husband in the same terrible season. Then June brought the kind of news that could have broken her.

Her youngest son, Alex, only ten years old, and her oldest son, Ninian, twenty-three, had drowned together on June 18, 1879, at a brush-and-rock dam being built on the upper Verde River. The brothers had been in a small boat above the dam when it overturned near the head of the structure. The current caught them, and the brush-choked water below left them no escape.

Ninian tried to save his little brother. He caught Alex in his arms, but the river took them both. Caught in the powerful undercurrent and

tangled brush, Ninian could not break free. The water swept them to the foot of the dam, where both brothers drowned. When their bodies were recovered, Alex was still in Ninian's arms.

The brothers were laid to rest in Cottonwood Cemetery. Nellie came home again and remained with the family through their sorrow, offering quiet comfort to her mother and the younger children. Once more, Mary and her daughters wore black.

After those terrible months, daily life pulled the family back into motion. The ranch had its own demands, and it was not sentimental about grief. Animals had to be fed, meals made, chores finished, and somehow, children had to be educated.

When school began again, Frances and Jim returned to their lessons riding in a two-wheeled cart pulled by a stubborn burro. After so many dark months, he brought a welcome bit of rough comedy to the dusty road.

He was useful, but he had strong opinions. The children had to handle him carefully with a short pole. If Frances or Jim struck him with a strap, or used the pole too sharply instead of giving a proper prod, the burro would promptly lift his hind legs and kick them right into the road. That surely earned a giggle and a sore backside.

Frances and Jim were in the same class, though Frances was younger. She advanced faster than he did, and by the end of the school term, both had learned all the country school could offer. Jim was ready to end his education and help Mac with the ranch work. Frances wanted more.

That terrible year put a hard edge on what Frances already knew. Life could change without warning. A father could ride away with plans for Arizona and never return. A mother could lose babies at birth, bury an infant, a husband, and two sons, and still be the person everyone turned to when the family had to stand.

Before Frances became a teacher, suffragist, senator, and one of Arizona's remarkable women, she was a girl learning from her mother. She learned that women could carry sorrow without surrendering their authority. She learned that a family could survive because a mother refused to let it scatter. And she learned that love could be steady, practical, and fierce.

To be continued...

Editor's Note: Badge and Ballot is a narrative retelling based on family recollections preserved by Sally Munds Williams, Frances Munds' own writings as referenced in those recollections, and supporting historical research. While grounded in documented events, some scenes have been lightly shaped with descriptive detail and storytelling texture to bring the people and places to life for modern readers.

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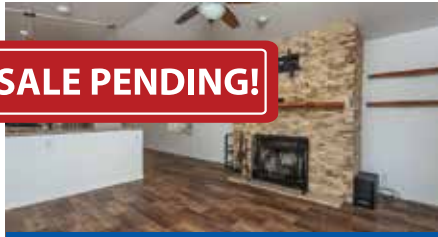
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VACATION BRAIN & OTHER SUMMER ROAD HAZARDS

Let's quit pretending this is an education problem. Most people know they're supposed to walk facing traffic when there's no sidewalk. They know. Their mother knew. Their gym teacher knew. Everyone above the age of ten knows.

They just don't do it.

Why? Because this is Munds Park, where some people cross the county line and immediately misplace the part of their brain responsible for judgment. Coffee tastes better, cocktails start earlier, and the middle of the road suddenly feels like a fine place to stroll with friends, dogs, and children. That is vacation brain at work, and it does not mix well with traffic.

So, no. This article is not really for walkers.

This one is for the rest of us: the drivers, the golf cart pilots, and the locals gripping the steering wheel while a loose herd of humans wanders down the road like life is all about them.

You ease up behind them, waiting for the herd to notice there is, in fact, a road under their feet. They do not. They keep talking, sipping, drifting, and floating along in a dream-filled daze. Isn't that tree pretty? Isn't this nice? Isn't that a truck? Wave!

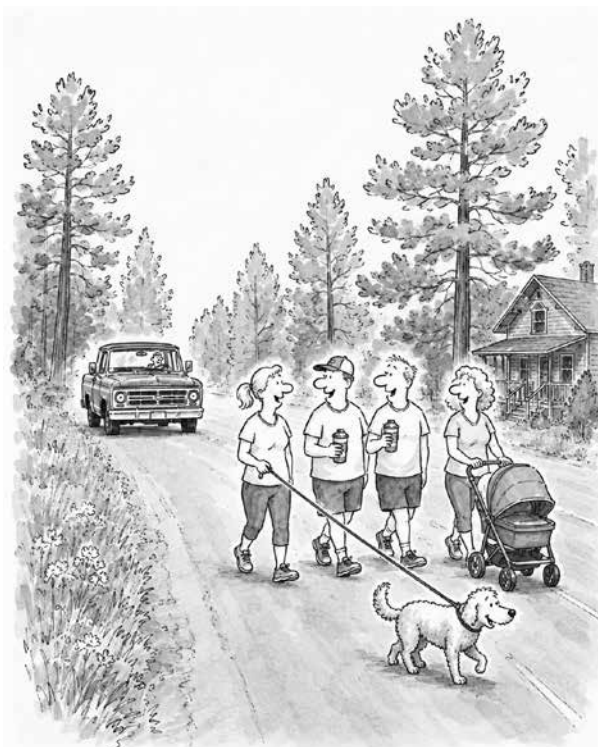
And there they are, walking down the wrong side of the road without a single concern that a Ford F-150 needs more than a prayer to stop.

So, what can locals do?

First, breathe. Not because it fixes anything, but because we are trying to make good choices here, and you may need a moment to remember that.

Second, do not yell, "Get out of the !#!#!#! middle of the road!" out your window. You may feel better for three seconds, but then what? They either won't hear you, will hear you and wave like you just complimented their backpack, or will turn around ready to argue.

And you do not know these people, and you don't know what weird little emotional casserole is baking in that skull. People can go from cheerful to unhinged in under a minute, and nobody needs a roadside showdown.



Full gaggle formation, spotted in the wild.

Third, accept the truth: Munds Park roads aren't just roads. They're multi-purpose recreational facilities with a thin layer of asphalt on top. During the summer, Munds Park roads function as rolling social lounges, mobile happy hours, neighborhood daycare centers, dog-walking parks, amateur bike courses, and scenic nature trails.

You will encounter neighbors chatting from car windows, kids learning to ride e-bikes in the middle of the street, dogs treating the pavement like their personal runway, and someone definitely sipping a White Claw while on the stroll because it's 5 o'clock somewhere.

You will also experience full gaggle formation, which is when four or more people spread across the entire road with no apparent direction, or survival instinct. There may be drinks. There may be a wagon. There may be a dog named Sue. Nobody knows when they will appear.

It is annoying. It is dangerous. It is also as much a part of summer here as cool breezes, ATVs humming, and somebody asking if the bar is open.

For the walkers, in case one of you wandered this far into the article by accident, here's the rule: if there is no sidewalk, and Munds Park is not exactly known for its sidewalk program, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

That way, you can see what's coming and move over before you become the subject of a community Facebook post that starts with, "Does anyone know what happened by the clubhouse?"

For drivers and other things on wheels, your job is simple: slow down, expect nonsense, and do not let someone else's lack of road sense ruin your day, your bumper, your insurance premium, or your good name.

So walk left. Drive kindly. Keep your kids, dogs, drinks, and guests out of the middle of the road.

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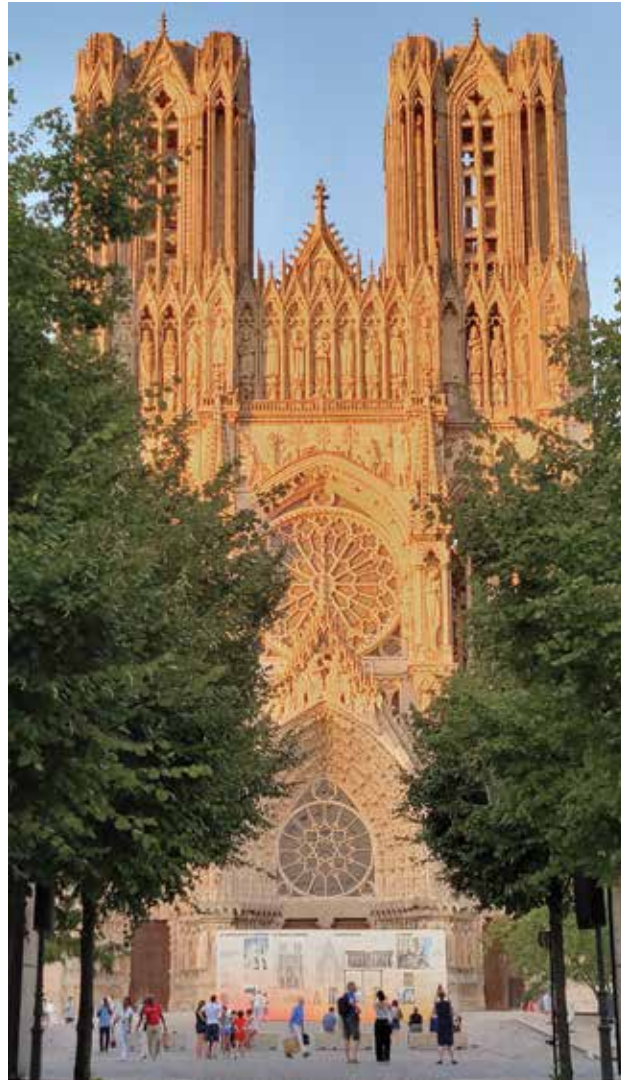
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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN A FALL ESCAPE TO REIMS

BY "UNSTOPPABLE STACEY" WITTIG



Reims Cathedral rebuilt after WWI
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If France is on your travel wish list, now may be the perfect time to book your ticket.

Airfares to Paris have recently dipped for fall travel, creating an opportunity to visit Reims, the capital of Champagne and one of France's most rewarding destinations. Just 45 minutes from Paris by high-speed train, Reims combines world-famous sparkling wine, fascinating history, remarkable architecture and memorable food experiences.

For travelers searching for things to do in Reims Champagne, fall is an especially appealing season. Harvest activity fills the vineyards surrounding the city as growers begin gathering the grapes that will eventually become Champagne. The excitement is visible throughout the region, where generations of winemaking tradition remain very much alive.

Yet Champagne is only part of Reims' appeal.

At the heart of the city stands Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, one of France's greatest Gothic treasures and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearly every French monarch from the 13th century onward was crowned within its soaring interior. The cathedral also tells a remarkable American story. After

suffering extensive damage during World War I, restoration efforts were supported by John D. Rockefeller Jr., helping preserve this historic landmark for future generations.

Visitors arriving this fall can still catch the final weeks of the Regalia Sound and Light Show. This free evening presentation transforms the cathedral's façade into a dazzling display of color, music and royal history. Images sweep across the stone exterior while stories of kings, queens and centuries of French history unfold before the audience. The show continues through early October.

During daylight hours, guided tours provide deeper insight into the cathedral's architecture, stained glass and royal significance. Whether your interests lean toward history, architecture or faith, Notre-Dame de Reims deserves a place at the top of your itinerary.

Another reason to visit now is the opening of several new attractions. One of my favorite discoveries was Champagne Thiénot, a family-owned Champagne house located within walking distance of the cathedral. The house recently unveiled an intriguing museum and stylish accommodations in the city center.



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Chef Éric Geoffroy keeping it fun at French cooking class

The design reflects the natural character of Champagne itself. White chalk-inspired tones and warm beech wood create a contemporary atmosphere that feels both elegant and welcoming. Families will appreciate the interactive exhibits, while adults can deepen their understanding of Champagne production through guided visits and tastings. The museum itself is free to visit, although I recommend reserving a personalized tour and tasting in advance.

Reims also welcomed the Hyatt Centric Reims last November. Located in the center of the city, the full-service boutique hotel makes an excellent base for exploring nearby attractions, restaurants and Champagne houses. During my stay, Room 132 became my home away from home as I explored the city on foot.

Food lovers will discover that Reims delivers far more than Champagne. One memorable dinner took place at Le Jardin, the restaurant at prestigious Domaine Les Crayères. The service was polished without feeling formal. Servers seemed to instinctively know when to engage in conversation and when to step back and let guests enjoy the experience. When I asked whether I could meet the chef, I was escorted into the kitchen, where smiles and camaraderie proved just as impressive as the food.

The highlight of my visit, however, was a morning spent with Chef Éric Geoffroy, creator of Au Piano des Chefs. The name refers to the chef's workstation, but the experience turned out to be much more than a lesson in gastronomy.

I arrived expecting a cooking class. Instead, I got a front-row seat to a culinary comedy show. Chef Éric didn't simply teach us recipes. He entertained us

from start to finish. We laughed our way through chopping, stirring and tasting while learning techniques from a true professional. His timing rivaled that of many stand-up comedians, and the joyful atmosphere made the experience unforgettable.

By lunchtime, our group gathered around the table to enjoy a fabulous meal created from the dishes we had prepared together. It was one of those travel experiences that reminds you why we explore the world in the first place—not just to see new places, but to connect with people.

When people ask about things to do Reims offers visitors, I certainly mention the Champagne houses, cathedral and museums. Yet it is often these personal experiences—a conversation with a chef, a shared meal or a warm welcome—that remain longest in memory.

With harvest season approaching, the Regalia light show entering its final weeks and several exciting new openings throughout the city, this fall offers an excellent reason to visit. Add in today's attractive airfare prices to Paris, and the timing becomes even more appealing.

My advice is simple. Start watching flights now. Once you arrive in Paris, Reims and Champagne country are only a short train ride away. You'll find history, hospitality, outstanding food and some of the world's most celebrated wines waiting for you.

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Le Jardin, the restaurant at prestigious Domaine Les Crayères



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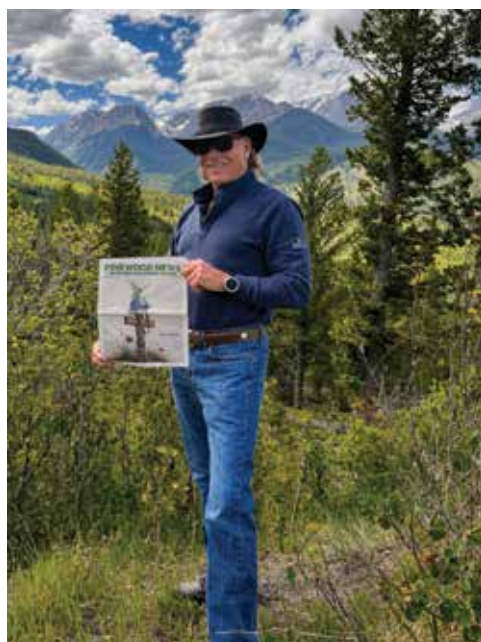
TIPS FOR VISITING OUR NATIONAL PARKS

BY MADJACK'S MUSINGS

National Park trips are the kind of adventures people dream about long before they pack the car. But the best visits usually do not happen by accident. They take planning, patience, and a willingness to avoid the biggest crowds when possible.

With that in mind, I thought I would offer a few tips for your next visit.

You may be asking, 'What makes you an expert, MadJack?' Glad you asked. If you happened to read my MadJack's Musings article in the Pinewood News 2024 Labor Day edition, I wrote about my quest (obsession really) for visiting all 63 US National Parks. I am proud to say that I have now conquered 38 parks and learned lots of dos and don'ts. Here's some tips for your next visit:



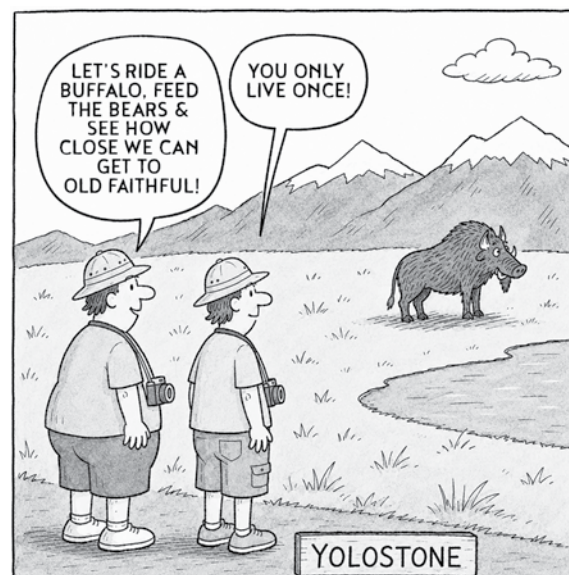
Madjack at Rocky Mountain National Park

- Book at least one year in advance for the best selection of lodging and tours. This includes reserving months in advance for Timed Entry tickets into the most popular parks.
- Timing is everything for avoiding large crowds so, if possible, focus on the shoulder seasons of spring and fall and not summer and head out into the park early or later in the day.
- Reserving rooms at the historic lodges within the parks is pricey but well worth it for their history and convenience. However, they're often small rooms with only a queen bed and sometimes no TVs or internet due to their remote locations.
- Though convenient, park tours can be a waste of time and money if you intend to cover the same ground in a private vehicle. Best value is booking a tour of areas you can't easily access, or the parking is too much of a hassle due to large crowds.

- We've learned that driving more than 5-6 hours in a single day can be draining. More relaxing to break it up with an overnight stop at the trip midpoint in a local motel or hotel.
- Take the time to start up a conversation with the locals or fellow travelers as you learn the most fascinating things and they try to top you on their own travel destinations.
- Be patient with the 'turtle drivers' that crawl along the park roads holding up traffic unnecessarily. You can try to pass but it may be pointless due to many others ahead including the notorious Lookie Lou's, tour buses and large RVs. Just chill.
- Shoot a ton of photos but filter them to keep (and post) only the absolute best. Take the time to edit them as needed for color and cropping. Your friends and family will appreciate it, trust me.
- Not having access to the internet, email, and texting (or even a radio station) can be a blessing forcing you to better enjoy conversation and the sights without distraction.

Thanks for reading and I hope these tips help for your next travel adventure to our incredible US National Parks. Now, on to #39, the American Samoa!

Later, MadJack.



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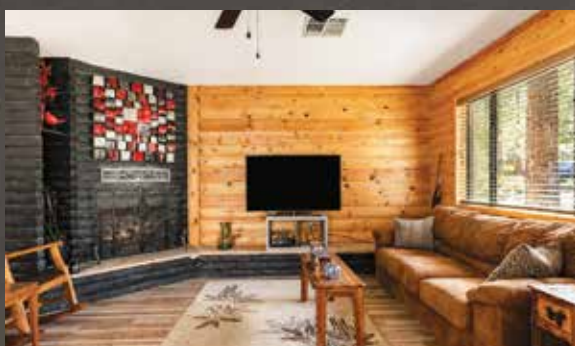
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- Salmon and sturgeon delicacies
- "Dead ____ Society": 1989 film
- ____ Verde National Park
- Spot for a shopping spree
- Begin
- Showing superior skill.
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- Fencer's blade
- Weaver's apparatus
- Dutch cheese that's often smoked
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- New money on the Continent
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- Dispatched
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- Manhole setting
- Buck's mate
- "No problem!"
- ____ tide
- Breakaway group
- Like a ghost town
- Settlement of the Southwest
- Biology lab supply
- Abound
- Pass-the-baton race
- Fraternity party attire
- "... happily ____ after"
- Chopin composition
- Costa del ____
- Gym set
- Like some lingerie

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- Egyptian snakes
- Sneaker, e.g.
- Cooking fat
- Chief U.S. law officer
- Discussion point
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- "Beg pardon ..."
- Twangy, as a voice
- Conditions of equilibrium
- Ready for battle
- Fly high
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- Artful
- Dining room piece
- Nest part

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- Diver's woe
- Eyeball benders
- "Well, I ____!"
- Blasé
- Papal court
- Smells
- Pirate's pal
- Old hi-fi records
- Like a cliff face
- Merlin, e.g.
- Cut to ribbons
- "Pet" annoyance
- Heals
- "Can't Help Lovin' ____ Man"
- Freudian topics
- Kind of palm
- Kind of breath
- "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes ____"
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THIS ISN'T PHOENIX REAL ESTATE

BY MICHAEL SHRAKE

At first glance, buying real estate seems the same everywhere. You tour homes, compare prices, negotiate terms, and close escrow. But anyone who has purchased both a home in the Phoenix metro area and a cabin in Munds Park knows the experience is completely different.

Munds Park is not simply "Phoenix with pine trees." It is a unique mountain community with its own lifestyle, property considerations, seasonal patterns, and buyer psychology. Understanding those differences can help buyers avoid costly mistakes and make smarter decisions.

In Phoenix, most buyers focus on practicality. Conversations usually center around commute times, school districts, nearby shopping, and resale potential. Buyers are often thinking about daily routines and long-term convenience.

In Munds Park, the mindset shifts almost immediately when you get off at exit 322. Buyers are usually purchasing a lifestyle and an emotional experience first. They want to know whether the property feels peaceful, whether the deck is positioned perfectly for cool summer evenings, and whether they can hear Interstate 17. They think about hosting gatherings with family and friends, enjoying monsoon storms from the covered porch, and escaping the heat and pace of city life.

Many cabin buyers already own a primary residence in Phoenix. Their cabin is not a necessity — it is a retreat. That emotional component dramatically changes how people shop and what they value.

Another major difference is the importance of the land itself. In much of Phoenix, the home primarily drives the value. In Munds

Park, the lot and surroundings often matter just as much, if not more. Buyers pay close attention to tall pine trees, privacy between cabins, proximity to hiking trails, paved versus dirt roads, drainage, and winter accessibility. Major factors like backing to the forest or hearing freeway noise can significantly impact desirability. Two cabins with nearly identical square footage can have dramatically different values depending on where they sit within the community. A smaller cabin tucked into mature trees on a quiet street may command a premium over a larger property located near heavier traffic areas like Pinewood Boulevard or Hillside.

Seasonal use also changes buyer priorities. Phoenix homes are designed primarily for full-time living, where buyers often prioritize open floor plans, energy efficiency during extreme summer heat, and backyard pools. Munds Park cabins, however, are frequently second homes or seasonal retreats. Buyers tend to focus more on large covered decks, wood-burning fireplaces, guest space, RV parking, toy storage, and heating systems capable of handling freezing temperatures. Easy winterization and low-maintenance exteriors also become far more important.

Cabin buyers are often thinking less about pure investment metrics and more about traditions, memories, and long-term family use. They envision children riding bikes (hopefully pedal powered!), hosting friends on the porch in the summer, holidays around the fireplace, and generations gathering in the same place year after year.

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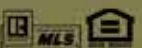


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The inspection process is different as well. In Phoenix, buyers worry about air conditioning systems surviving 115-degree summers. In Munds Park, buyers are more concerned with snow load, roof condition, freeze protection for plumbing, drainage during monsoon season, tree health, wildfire mitigation, and evidence of seasonal moisture issues. Cabins also tend to have more deferred maintenance than suburban homes because many are occupied only part-time. A property can appear charming while quietly hiding years of small issues that accumulated over time. Or worse, cabins often have unpermitted additions, electrical systems that have been modified by buddies who “know what they are doing”, and sewer connection that are almost completely blocked by tree roots.. Having inspectors who understand mountain properties is extremely important.

Insurance is another area where mountain properties differ substantially from homes in Phoenix. Wildfire exposure, distance from fire stations, heavy tree coverage, and seasonal occupancy all impact insurability. In some cases, insurance availability and pricing can become major factors in the purchase decision itself. Certain insurance companies simply will not issue policies in Munds Park, which can surprise buyers coming from the Valley.

Even the market behaves differently. Phoenix real estate tends to move based on broader economic trends, job growth, and interest rates. Munds Park has its own rhythm, driven heavily by weather and lifestyle trends. A stretch of 115-degree temperatures in Phoenix can suddenly increase cabin demand overnight. Buyers who spend one cool July weekend in Munds Park often decide very quickly that they want a place of their own.

Perhaps the biggest difference is this: most Phoenix buyers are purchasing where they will live, while Munds Park buyers are often purchasing how they want to live.

That emotional connection is what makes cabin real estate unique. Buying a cabin in Munds Park is far more than a standard real estate transaction — it is the purchase of a lifestyle, a retreat, and often a family legacy.

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Reach out BEFORE the holiday. Anti-anxiety medications, calming supplements, and other supportive tools can make an enormous difference for noise-sensitive pets — but they need to be discussed in advance. We can't safely prescribe medication for a patient we haven't recently seen, and many options take time to become effective. A pre-holiday wellness visit gives us the chance to put together a plan that has the best chance of working. Call us at 928-440-4020 or book online to get ahead of it.

Keep pets indoors and secure. Even a fenced backyard isn't reliable on the Fourth. Bring pets inside well before dusk, settle them in a quiet interior room, and run a fan or play soft music to buffer outside noise. Double-check that all windows, doors, and screens are latched. If you cannot bring your pet inside, make sure your yard is secured, gates are closed and locked, and they have a safe place to hide.

Update your pet's ID. Microchipping is one of the most reliable ways to get a lost animal back home — and we can take care of it in minutes at your next visit. At a minimum, make sure collar tags are current with a working phone number. More pets go missing on July 4th than any other day of the year, and up-to-date identification is your best safety net.

Watch the holiday food. Cookout season means a bounty of hazards at pet-nose level. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs. Onions and garlic damage red blood cells in both dogs and cats. Anything sweetened with xylitol — including some sugar-free condiments and baked goods — can be rapidly fatal. Cooked bones and corn cobs are frequent causes of intestinal blockages that require surgery. And fatty meats, like pork, can quickly lead to vomiting, diarrhea, or worse: pancreatitis. Remind your guests: no sharing with Fluffy!

What our team treats most around July 4th:

- Anxiety escalating to self-injury: such as lacerations and broken nails from escape attempts.
- Toxic ingestion from dangerous foods: grapes, onions, garlic, xylitol, and corn cobs are common culprits.
- GI upset, “garbage gut,” and pancreatitis from ingestion of fatty foods at barbecues, specially pork products.
- Heat exhaustion: even in Northern Arizona, July temperatures in a parked car or direct sun can be dangerous.

If you suspect your pet has eaten something toxic, or if they're showing signs of severe distress — labored breathing, collapse, uncontrolled trembling — please don't wait to see if they improve on their own. Time matters in these situations. If this occurs during our business hours (Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm), call us right away at 928-440-4020. If this occurs outside of our business hours, contact Yavapai Emergency Animal Hospital at 928-460-7282. They are located in Prescott Valley, and they are the ONLY 24/7 emergency facility in Northern Arizona.

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BOOK REVIEW

AMERICAN FANTASY

BY SANDY WRIGHT



My husband and I are about to embark on a cruise to Tahiti, so I picked up American Fantasy to get into the vacation mood. If you're planning a cruise, if you're over 50, or if you are a hard-core fan of boy bands (anything from NKotB to the Rolling Stones), give this crazy cruise romp a try.

When the American Fantasy cruise ship sets sail for a four-day themed voyage, aboard are all five members of a famous, nineties-era boy band and three thousand screaming women who have worshipped them since childhood.

Annie is feeling decidedly out of place in this crowd because her sister, who is a rabid fan, broke her leg right before the trip and had to drop out. She insists the ship must go on with Annie aboard to live out teenage fantasies for both of them.

Annie is paired up with a super fan roommate who helps her learn the ropes. Between slushy drinks and band shows, she begins to realize she might be open to her life ahead. Annie even forms a genuine, non-fan bond with band member, Keith Fiore, brother of the band's leader. Keith is struggling with his own midlife change.

Unlike Emma Straub's other books, this story is frothy, frivolous, and over-the-top fan frantic. But much of it felt relatable. The vacation mindset, the way people can go bonkers over their favorite music acts, even the various characters and their antics. But what felt especially truthful was the way the two main characters—Annie and the individual band members—treated midlife. One by continuously trying to hold on to youthful glory days (still at it, some with passion, some with resignation and depression), the other by facing change and allowing it to come.

Each character develops with greater clarity as the pages turn. The reader goes with them into a rabbit hole full of mania and devotion to the band, which, I admit, can begin to grate on the nerves. But it's a cute story, and it was fun to read a rom com with middle aged characters. I read it all in one weekend.

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THE SHADE TREE



There is a point in June when a man stops pretending he is doing yard work and admits he has been standing under the same tree for twenty minutes because it is the only sensible place left on earth.

That is where The Shade Tree begins.

It begins in the heat, when the sun has had a little too much confidence and the porch looks better than doing yard work.

The story goes that one neighbor saw another leaning against a rake under an oak tree and called across the fence, "You planning to use that thing, or is it just holding you up?"

The rake, as it turned out, was mostly emotional support.

A few minutes later, the gate opened. Someone brought cucumber. Someone found mint. A lime was cut, ice hit the glass, and the whole day improved considerably.

The Shade Tree can go two ways. Make it with gin and it stays cool, crisp, and garden-fresh. Make it with bourbon and it turns a little warmer, smoother, and more like, "I am going to sit here for a while." Either way, cucumber keeps it refreshing, mint brightens it up, lime gives it snap, and club soda keeps the whole thing from getting bossy.

Serve it tall in a Collins glass over ice. Crystal Ice is best for cocktails. Top with club soda and garnish with cucumber and mint. It is made for porches, neighbors, and the kind of mid-June heat that makes ambition seem rude.

Gin Option

- 2 oz gin
- 3 cucumber slices
- 6 fresh mint leaves
- 3/4 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- Club soda
- Crystal Ice

Bourbon Option

- 2 oz bourbon
- 3 cucumber slices
- 6 fresh mint leaves
- 3/4 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz honey syrup or simple syrup
- Club soda
- Crystal Ice

The Method for Both

Gently muddle cucumber, mint, lime juice, and syrup in a shaker. Add gin or bourbon and Crystal Ice. Shake until well chilled. Strain into a Collins glass filled with fresh Crystal Ice. Top with club soda and stir lightly. Garnish with a cucumber ribbon or slice and a sprig of mint.

Until next time, sip responsibly and enjoy!

Note: The story behind this drink is fictional, though the part about the rake is almost certainly true somewhere.



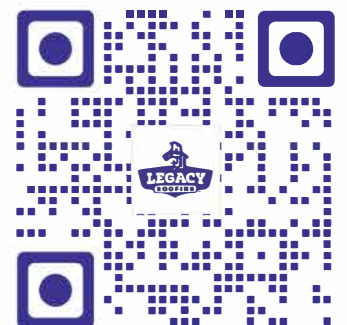
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In northern Arizona, drought-stressed ponderosa pines are especially vulnerable to bark beetles. When trees do not have enough water, they cannot defend themselves as well. Decades of fire suppression have also left many forests too dense, with too many trees competing for limited moisture.

One of the biggest surprises for many people is that our forests did not always look the way they do today. Before modern fire suppression, low-intensity fires regularly moved through ponderosa pine forests. These fires cleared brush, removed weak saplings, and left behind widely spaced trees with room to grow. Early photographs of northern Arizona often show forests that look more like open parks than the thick stands we see today.

That natural balance changed over the last century. As fires were extinguished and trees multiplied, forests became crowded. In some areas, dozens of trees now compete for the same amount of water that once supported only a handful. During drought, there simply is not enough to go around.

That is why forest restoration can sometimes seem backward. Saving a forest often means removing trees. Thinning projects are not designed to clear-cut the woods. They are intended to give the strongest trees enough sunlight, space, and water to survive the next drought, insect outbreak, or wildfire.

Residents can help in practical ways. Clearing pine needles from roofs and gutters, maintaining defensible space around homes, supporting restoration projects, and learning about local forest health all contribute to a safer and more resilient community.

The forest is begging to be thinned. Support responsible forest restoration, remove overcrowded or unhealthy trees from your own yard when needed, and give the healthiest pines room to breathe. Around here, caring for the forest begins right outside the front door.



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"Mixed Nuts" Improv Comedy Group Brings Unscripted Laughter to Northern Arizona

Mixed Nuts Improv Comedy Troupe is dedicated to delivering fast-paced, high-energy, and completely unscripted performances. They will be performing at the Pinewood Players Playhouse on July 25 and 26, 2026 for three performances.

Under the expert direction of Chris Redish, whose 30+ years in improv and background in film directing bring a sharp, cinematic timing to the stage, Mixed Nuts promises 90 minutes of unpredictable entertainment. Together, this mixed ensemble of talented nuts transforms simple audience suggestions into elaborate sketches and quirky characters—all created on the spot.

Mixed Nuts focuses on short-form improv games similar to Whose Line Is It Anyway?, making their shows accessible, family-friendly, and perfect for the diverse Northern

Arizona community. See you at the theater!

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Heads up, future leaders! Congratulations to all 2026 high school graduates! The deadline for our 2026 scholarship applications is fast approaching: June 30, 2026. This year Pinewood Players will award two \$2,000 scholarships. If you're a high school graduate with connections to the Munds Park community, Pinewood Players, or Pinewood Country Club, you may be eligible! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!



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WINGS OVER ARIZONA

DARK-EYED JUNCOS

BY MARGARET DYEKMAN



Dark-eyed Junco



Dark-eyed Junco Oregon subspecies

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for thousands of years. Ecologically, Dark-eyed Juncos play an important role in our forest health. By consuming seeds from grasses, weeds, and conifers, they help regulate plant communities, and their foraging stirs leaf litter, aiding decomposition.

They also serve as prey for

small raptors and mammals, making them a vital link in woodland food webs.

In winter, millions migrate south or descend from mountain forests to lower elevations, forming lively flocks that forage on the ground for seeds. This seasonal movement is why many people associate them with colder months; their arrival often coincides with the first hints of winter, and thus they've earned the nickname of "snowbirds". To those of us who spend the summers up north, juncos are a welcome addition to our backyard birdwatching. On the ground, they hop rather than walk, scratching leaf litter with both feet in a motion. During courtship, males perform short, fluttering flights and fan their tails to show off those bright white feathers—an understated but effective display.

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.

For bird enthusiasts in northern Arizona, Dark eyed Juncos offer a perfect blend of accessibility and intrigue. They're easy to attract with seeds scattered on the ground, and yet they have regional variations and seasonal behaviors that provide many opportunities for observation. Some of you reading this article can recount stories of how they build nests in your planters or wreathes, as this small sparrow is evolving to be comfortable around houses and suburbs.

There are 4 subspecies of Dark-eyed Juncos, and the ones we have in the summer are the "Gray headed" subspecies, with its distinctive rusty red back. During winter we will often see the "Oregon" subspecies, with its slaty to black hood.

Junco's adaptability is one of their greatest strengths, and this species was the subject of a new article by Isabell Busch of Denver, Colorado in the American Birding Association's magazine. She writes about how the juncos have adapted their nesting sites in urban situations to above-ground nesting on artificial structures and having more than one brood a season. These urban juncos are evolving before our very eyes!

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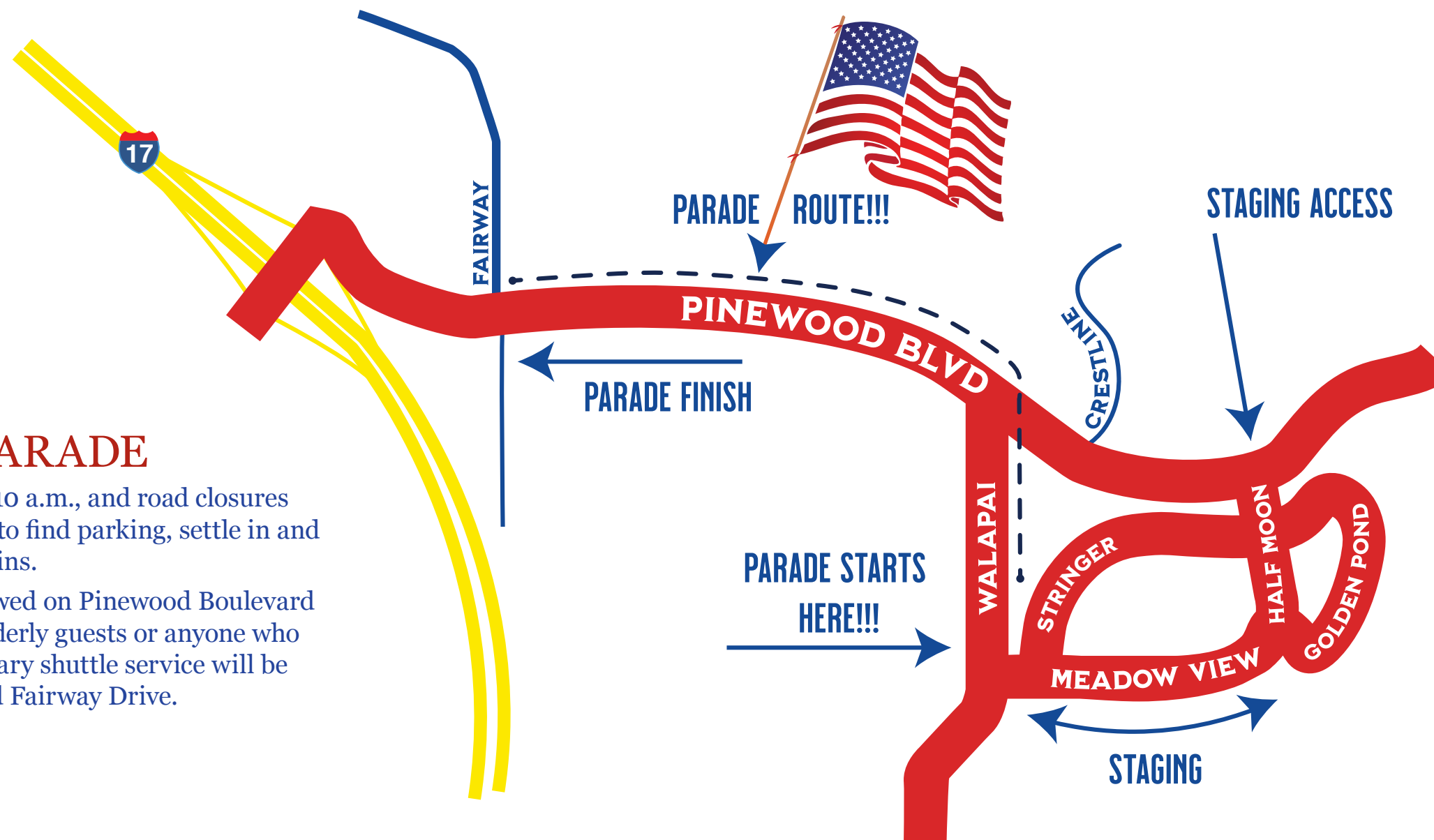
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Stop by the Pinewood Fire Auxiliary

Beginning at 10 a.m., the Pinewood Fire Auxiliary will be serving FREE hot dogs, water, chips and cookies **in front of the fire station** during and after the parade. Donations are appreciated.

It's a Munds Thing will be handing out FREE water by the Fire House too beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing while supplies last.

Enjoy Free Egg Rolls from Saigon North

Dennis, owner of the upcoming Saigon North restaurant, will be cooking up crispy deep-fried egg rolls for the Fourth of July. They will be FREE to the community while supplies last.

Look for his staff along Pinewood Boulevard, serving goodness one egg roll at a time.

Corn Dogs, Coffee and a Good Cause

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The MPBA is also sponsoring red, white and blue celebration lighting at the Coldwell Banker building in honor of America's 250th Independence Day.

Kota's Coffee House

Kota's Coffee House will be open on the Fourth, with Buddy's Dog House serving hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until sold out. Kota's will also have Italian sodas, smoothies, matcha lattes, Monster Mashers, coffee drinks and more.

Wine Tasting & Moore

When the Fourth of July crowds start to feel like too much of a good thing, Wine Tasting & Moore offers a quieter place to land. They'll be open all weekend with food and wine specials, perfect for anyone who wants to celebrate the holiday comfortably and with a good glass in hand.

Sportsmunds

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Fairlane Palooza

Keep the Fourth of July celebration going into the evening at Fairlane Palooza, featuring Comin' Home and feel-good music under the stars. There will be music, games and prizes, making it a fun outdoor stop for families, neighbors and anyone not quite ready to call it a day.

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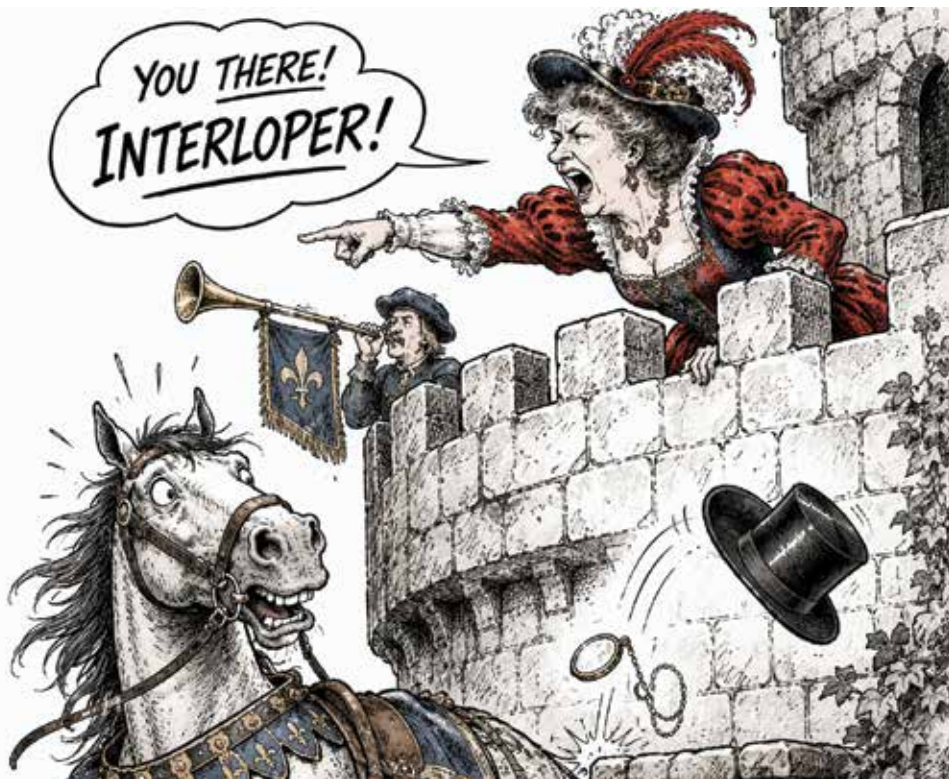
PINEWOOD NEWS FLOAT CONTEST!

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WORD OF THE DAY

INTERLOPER

BY SANDEE CAVINESS



Noun | in-ter-loh-per

I was recently called an interloper, which felt unnecessarily formal for the occasion. If someone is going to insult me, I usually prefer they do it in the language of this century. Interloper sounds like something shouted from a castle wall by a woman in a feathered hat. "You there! Interloper!" Then a trumpet sounds, someone drops a monocle, and a horse gets nervous.

Interloper means a person who intrudes into a place, situation, or activity where they are not wanted, or where they are believed to have no right to be. It is sharper than stranger and more judgmental than newcomer. The word itself is old, dating back to the late 1500s, and it began as a charge against traders who entered markets or trade routes where others claimed exclusive rights. An interloper was not simply new to the scene. The word carried an accusation: this person had crossed a line and was operating where they did not belong.

There is a quiet distinction here. A stranger is someone you have not met yet. A newcomer arrived not long ago. An outsider might be standing at the edge, looking in. But interloper assumes something more specific: that a boundary exists, and it has been crossed.

That is what gives the word its particular weight. It comes preloaded with territory. The territory might be a conversation, a friendship, a profession, a neighborhood, or even an idea. It may be real, or it may exist only in the mind of the person using the word. Either way, the speaker is declaring, "I know where the line is drawn."

Perhaps that is why interloper has lasted more than four centuries. Human beings have always drawn circles, built fences, and decided who belongs inside them. The details change with the times, but the instinct does not.

We do not spend our days guarding ancient trade routes anymore, yet the feeling behind the word is still familiar. Every generation finds new ways to sort the world into insiders and outsiders. The word simply names something we have always understood.

And yet, for all its history and seriousness, I cannot hear interloper without picturing a dusty castle corridor, a carriage waiting below, and someone peering down from the battlements with a suspicious eye.

Some words refuse to modernize. Sometimes, the ideas behind them do too.

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Flight winners were Kim McIllice, Kim Kruger, Cindi Sheppard, Becky Palumbo, Janey Kriekard, Patty Frey, Margaret Dyekman, Sam Harry, and Deanna Madeya.

PMGA Players Tee Up Two Winning Events

The Pinewood Men's Golf Association held a 2-Man Scramble on May 30, with two teams tying for first place.

The first-place teams were Dexter Gartin and Pete Yannitelli, and Steve Glavin and John Prescott.

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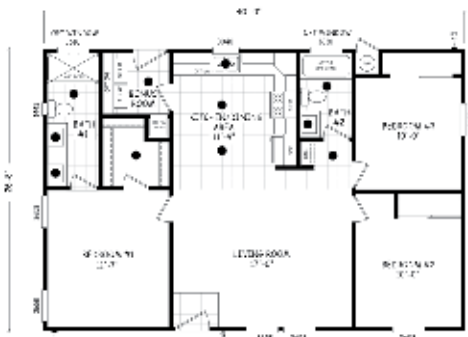


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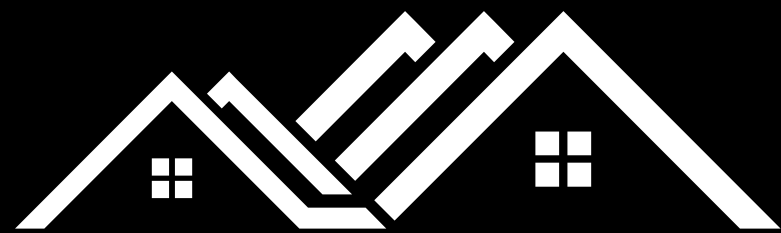
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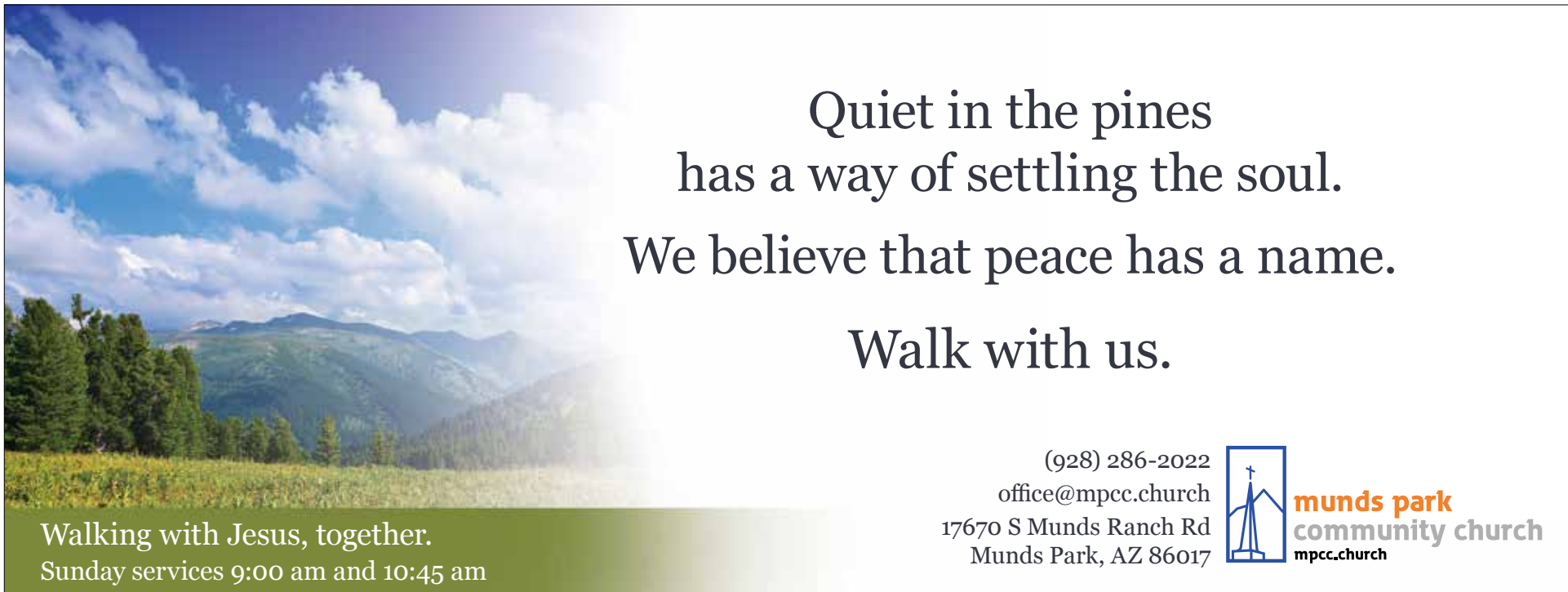
Today I pray for every person who lives in Munds Park, those who have been here for years and those who just arrived. I ask that You help us continue to be a community where people look out for each other, where kindness comes naturally, and where no one feels alone. Your Word tells us, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:6). So we ask You to guide our steps as neighbors, friends, and families.

Lord, I pray for the homes in this town. Bring peace where there is stress. Bring hope where there is worry. Bring comfort to anyone who is hurting. Help us carry each other’s burdens, just like Scripture teaches us in Galatians 6:2 where it says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.” Let Munds Park be a place where people feel supported, encouraged, and cared for.

I lift up our first responders and firefighters who protect this forest and everyone in it. Give them strength and safety. I pray for our local businesses, bless the work of their hands.

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