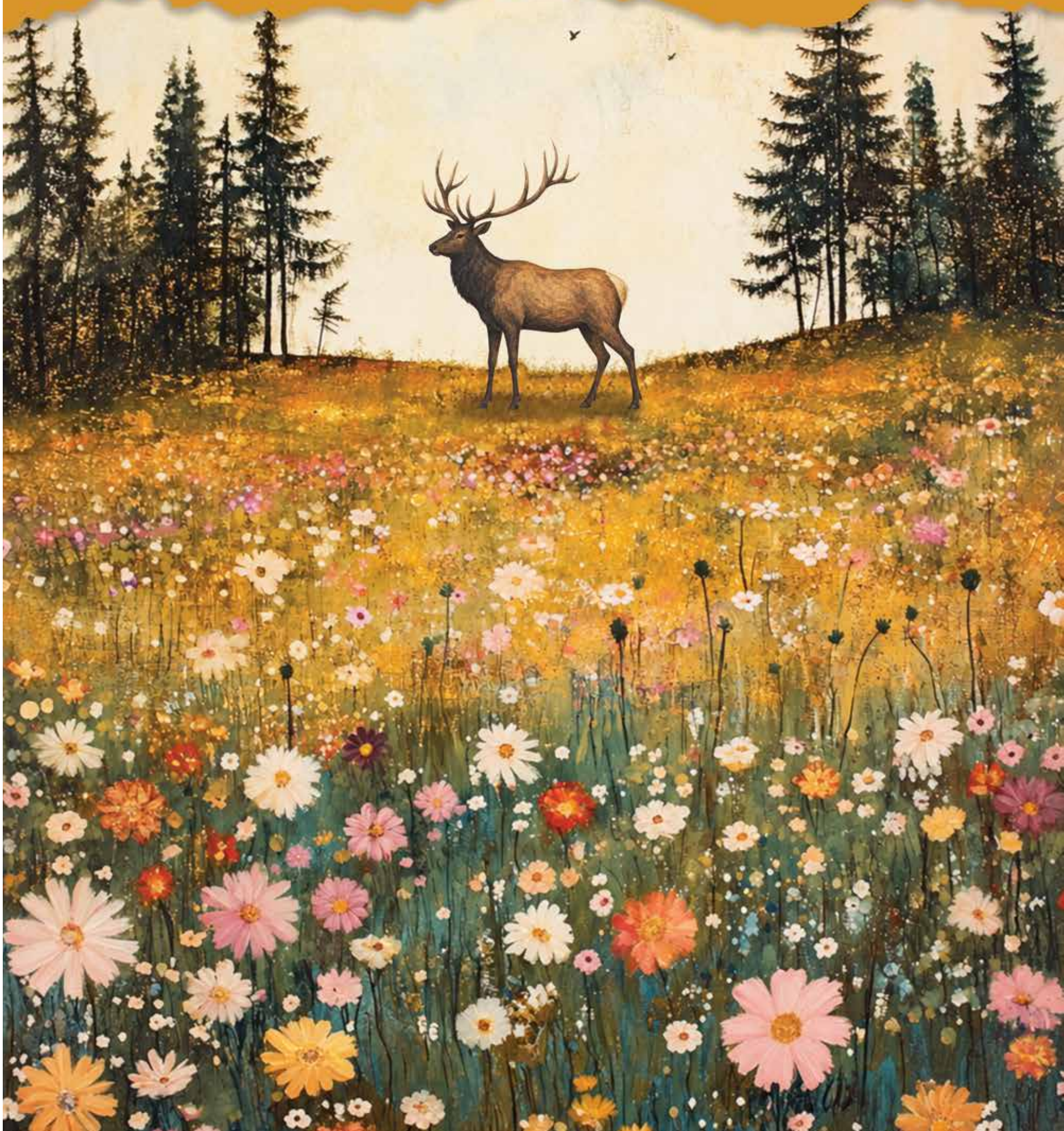


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COMPLIMENTARY



ENJOY OUR DARK SKIES

Fall is one of the best seasons for stargazing in Munds Park. As the air cools and the nights grow longer, our remarkably dark skies come alive with more stars, a brighter Milky Way and views that many communities have lost to excessive artificial light. Grab a blanket, step outside on a crisp autumn evening and take in this month's celestial events overhead.

September 22 | Fall Begins + Venus Shines Bright

Autumn officially arrives at 5:05 p.m. Arizona time, bringing longer nights with it. After sunset, look low in the western sky for Venus, reaching its brightest evening appearance of the year.

September 25 | Neptune at Opposition

Neptune reaches its best viewing position of the year, rising around sunset and remaining up most of the night. You'll need binoculars or a telescope, plus a good sky map, to find this distant blue world.

September 26 | Harvest Moon

September's full Harvest Moon peaks at 9:49 a.m., but the real show comes when it rises in the east around sunset. Saturn will also be nearby, making this a good night to spend some time outside.

October 1–3 | Flagstaff Star Party

Head to Buffalo Park for three nights of free telescope viewing, night-sky programs and astronomy presentations. This year's Star Party is part of Flagstaff's celebration of 25 years as the world's first International Dark Sky City.

October 4 | Saturn at Its Best

Saturn reaches opposition, making it brighter, larger and visible all night. Look east after sunset. A small telescope will reveal those famous rings.

October 8–9 | Draconid Meteors

The Draconids arrive under nearly moonless skies this year. Watch after dark on October 8 and into the early hours of October 9. Unlike most meteor showers, this one favors evening viewing.

October 10 | New Moon

No moonlight means one of October's darkest nights. Give your eyes a little time to adjust and look up. Fainter stars and the Milky Way are much easier to spot from Munds Park under a moonless sky.

Find Cassiopeia | ALL MONTH

Look toward the northeast for Cassiopeia and its unmistakable W-shaped pattern. It climbs higher as the evening progresses and makes a handy guide for finding the Milky Way stretching through our September sky.



"When it is dark enough, you can see the stars."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

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ENDS OCT 1st

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For details, contact Chris Woolley at:

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Munds Park Community Church Services

Services Sunday, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Munds Park Town Hall

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Stay informed. Your presence and participation is essential!

Thursday, June 17, 2027

6:30 p.m. • The New Fire House

Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary Meeting

The Community is Welcome!

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 p.m. • 17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Tuesday, October 20

3 p.m. • 475 E Pinewood Blvd

Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Thursday, October 8

3 p.m. • 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 10A

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

WINTER FORGIVES THE PREPARED 12A

Be the ant, not the grasshopper: your complete Munds Park winter survival guide, from propane to plows, starts right here.

SHAKEN & STIRRED IN PINEWOOD 19A

Six bourbons, one classic cocktail, find out which whiskey makes your perfect Old Fashioned tonight.

TRAVEL 20A

Temples, elephants, rice paddies, three unforgettable days. See how much culture and adventure Chiang Mai can pack into just 72 hours.

WEEKEND WORTHY 22A

Chase gold from mountaintop to river valley. Northern Arizona's fall show is about to start rolling downhill.

FROM THE PORCH 2B

One Munds Park family's memoir will make you want to sit down with your own grandparents tonight.

WINGS OVER ARIZONA 5B

That bread you fed the ducks as a kid? Turns out it's been hurting them all along. Here's why.

THE GOOD EGG 7B

Find your next volunteer opportunity and meet the neighbors already doing good. This issue's Good Egg has both.

LOCAL INK 9B

First love, first kiss, and a spit-take that ruined everything. This one's funny, cringy, and painfully relatable.



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SAIGON NORTH UPDATE — HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

It has been nearly two months since the July 24 fire at Saigon North, and if you've driven past the restaurant wondering why nothing seems to be happening yet, Dennis Tran is wondering the same thing.

He's still rebuilding. That promise hasn't changed since he made it to Munds Park shortly after the fire.

What has changed is that Dennis now has a much clearer idea of what comes next, and what the new Saigon North will look like.

First, he has to get through the insurance process. An inspection with the adjuster and his general contractor had to be rescheduled, pushing things back again, and he has now been waiting close to 60 days for a determination.

"I'm anxious to redo it," Dennis said. "I need it going."

Whatever the insurance company ultimately decides about the damaged building, Dennis has already decided that he wants to demolish it and start over. The building dates to 1974, and he doesn't want to spend a large amount of money repairing fire damage only to discover problems with the older roof, ceiling or other parts of the structure down the road. His plan is to keep the basement, but everything above it would be new, from the foundation and flooring up.

He has been thinking a lot about what that new restaurant should be.

Dennis envisions an A-frame building with a large vaulted ceiling over the dining room, replacing the old multi-level layout. No stairs, no separate levels, everything on one floor. He said he was always nervous watching customers navigate the old steps, particularly after dinner and a drink or two, and wants the new space to be easier and safer for everyone to navigate.

The interior will have a warm wood theme with booths, tables and chairs. Dennis has already been talking through furniture, colors and the overall look with his "interior designers," which happen to be his wife and best friend. The fireplace will return, but moved out of the center of the dining room and into a corner, opening up the room and giving everyone a better view across the restaurant.

The private dining room is coming back too, though this time with glass sliding pocket doors so it stays part of the restaurant when privacy isn't needed. Curtains can close when a group wants the space to itself.

He also plans to demolish the existing garage and replace it with a larger one, adding two rooms upstairs that are separate from the restaurant. Those rooms could be used during weddings and private events, he said, giving guests a place to change and get ready without taking over part of the restaurant.

Before any of that can happen, the damaged building has to come down. Once he gets the go-ahead, Dennis's first move will be demolition and cleanup. After the site is cleared, the architect can come in, plans can be completed and the permitting process can begin. He says the county has told him it will help expedite that process, something officials also discussed with him shortly after the fire.

His original hope was to reopen in the spring. With the delays of the past two months and everything still ahead, Dennis is now aiming for August 2027. That's the goal, not a grand opening date written in stone. Insurance, demolition, architectural work, permits, and an entire restaurant still need to be built between now and then.

Dennis is ready. He's spent the past several weeks recovering and figuring out what he'd do differently this time, and his mind is back to work. But he hasn't touched the building; he's holding for officials to give the green light.

"I want to follow the book and follow the rules," he said.

Mostly, he just wants to get back to the part of the story that was interrupted five days after Saigon North finally opened.

"I just want my restaurant to be open for the community," he said. "That's all I want."

We're pretty sure Munds Park would agree.

LABOR DAY KEPT DEPUTIES BUSY

Labor Day weekend was a busy one for the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. From Sept. 4 through 7, deputies responded to 838 calls for service, an increase of 209 calls over last year's holiday weekend.

Among them were three OHV accidents, including one involving juveniles. One child suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to Flagstaff Medical Center. Deputies also made 14 arrests, including two DUI arrests, conducted 139 traffic stops and logged 97 forest patrols.

ARIZONA CHANGES DRIVER LICENSE PHOTO RULE

Beginning Sept. 12, Arizona drivers will be required to update the photo on their driver license or state ID every 16 years instead of every 12.

The rule applies to both standard Arizona driver licenses and Arizona Travel IDs. Since Travel IDs are valid for eight years, a new photo will generally be required every other renewal.

Drivers with older photos may receive a letter from the Arizona MVD telling them it's time for an update. Photos can be updated at an MVD office, and appointments can be scheduled at [AZMVDNow.gov](https://azmvdnow.gov).

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX

Coconino County property tax notices will begin going out after Sept. 15, with most arriving during the latter part of September.

Even if your property taxes are paid through a mortgage escrow account, you will still receive a notice. The County Treasurer recommends checking to make sure your mortgage company makes the payment.

First-half property taxes become delinquent Nov. 2. After that, interest begins accruing at 16% annually, prorated monthly. If you don't receive your tax notice by early October, you can look up and print your statement through the Coconino County Treasurer's website.

LAST CALL FOR GREEN WASTE

If fall cleanup is on your list, Willard Springs is still accepting green waste free of charge for Coconino County residents, but only through Saturday, Oct. 31.

The site is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last load accepted at 4:30 p.m. Pine needles, leaves, branches and brush are accepted, with no load limit or trip limit.

One important reminder: Willard Springs no longer accepts household or bulk trash. The site is located just west of I-17 at Willard Springs Road, Exit 326.

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THE BEARS ARE HUNGRY.
VERY HUNGRY.

Fall is serious eating season for Arizona black bears. Arizona Game and Fish says bears may spend up to 20 hours a day eating and consume as many as 20,000 calories a day while putting on fat for winter. And yes, we are in bear country. The Mogollon Rim is among the areas of Arizona with the highest relative densities of black bears.

Bears can smell food from at least a mile away, which makes unsecured garbage, pet food and greasy barbecue grills especially tempting this time of year. Keep trash secured, bring pet food inside and clean the grill after using it.

JOIN US IN GIVING BACK
MUNDS PARK FOOD DRIVE!

Pinewood Country Club’s annual Food Drive benefiting the Flagstaff Family Food Bank runs August 30 through the end of September.

Donations may be dropped off in collection boxes in the Pinewood Country Club lobby, 395 E. Pinewood Blvd.

Suggested items include tuna or chicken, nuts, trail mix, crackers, protein bars, peanut butter, pasta, canned goods, microwavable meals, diapers, toilet paper, toiletries, pet food and grocery gift cards.

Financial donations are also welcome. Checks may be left at the front desk, payable to Flagstaff Family Food Bank (Tax ID #86-0708380). Please write “Pinewood Country Club Food Drive 2026” on the check.

Learn more at hotfoods.org.

Every donation helps. Thank you for helping take care of our Northern Arizona neighbors.

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Location: Pinewood Restaurant & Bar • 65 Pinewood Blvd

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OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

There's something special about fall under the pines, and Munds Park Community
Church wants to share it with you. Bring the whole family for an evening of food,
live music, a fire pit, and games for all ages. Come as a neighbor, leave as family.

Time: 4-6 pm

Location: Munds Park Community Church, 17670 S. Munds Ranch Road

Details: Bring a friend, or two, or three!

Admission: This event is FREE, including the good food!

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WITCHES RIDE OF MUNDS PARK

Dust off your broom and join the third annual Witches Ride for Charity. Gather at
Pinewood Country Club, ride through Munds Park rain or shine, then return for
Happy Hour. Club affiliation not required, witchy garb encouraged.

Time: Registration 3-3:55 pm; ride begins at 4 pm

Location: Pinewood Country Club

Details: Minimum \$20 donation benefits Northland Family Help Center. Donate at
northlandfamily.org or on ride day.

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PFDA 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.

Location: Pinewood Country Club

Admission: \$185 per player

Deadline to Enter: September 21, 2026

Contact: Cheri Schultz at 310-686-5168 or PFDA.pres@gmail.com

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KIDS HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT PARTY!

Bring the little ghosts and goblins for a Halloween party made just for kids. This
indoor event at the fire station happens rain or shine, with decorations, games,
treats, and plenty of small-town Halloween fun for Munds Park families.

Time: 11 am-1 pm

Location: Pinewood Fire Station

BEYOND THE PARK

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STANDIN' ON THE CORNER FESTIVAL

It's the road trip Arizona was made for. Winslow's Route 66 festival fills historic
downtown with live music, food, arts and crafts, a beer garden, horseshoe
competition, and Centennial-year fun tied to America's most famous highway.

Time: See website for daily schedule

Location: Eagle Pavilion, historic downtown Winslow

Details: standinontheCorner.org

Admission: \$10; children 12 and under free

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FLAGSTAFF FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE

Worth the drive for curious kids, grown-ups, and anyone who still asks "why?" This
10-day festival brings free science events to Northern Arizona, including workshops,
lectures, guided hikes, hands-on activities, and programs for all ages.

Time: Varies by event

Location: Various locations in Flagstaff

Details: Full schedule at scifest.org

Admission: Free. Some events require registration or tickets. Check at scifest.org

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GRAND CANYON DEER FARM PUMPKIN PATCH

Grand Canyon Deer Farm adds fall fun with a pumpkin patch, photo spots, pumpkins for sale, pumpkins to feed the deer and a free hay maze. Families can make it a Williams day with animals, pumpkins and Halloween-season photos.

Time: Daily 9 am-6 pm through Oct. 15; 10 am-5 pm starting Oct. 16

Location: Grand Canyon Deer Farm, 6769 E. Deer Farm Road, Williams

Admission: Admission required. Pumpkins and animal feed available for purchase. See deerfarm.com for pricing.

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MORTIMER FARMS PUMPKIN FEST & CORN MAZE

Come spend a full fall farm day with a pumpkin patch, corn maze, animal encounters, farm-inspired rides, games, food, and weekend entertainment. A good family outing for anyone ready for pumpkins, fresh air, and a little dirt on their shoes.

Time: Hours vary by day

Location: Mortimer Farms, 12907 E. State Route 169, Dewey

Details: Schedule and tickets at mortimerfarmsaz.com/PumpkinFestival

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FULL MOON HIKE AT PICTURE CANYON

Worth the drive for an evening walk under the rising moon. Flagstaff Open Space leads a four-mile, fairly flat hike along the Arizona Trail at Picture Canyon. Come for the nature, stay for the night sky, perfect for a cooler fall evening.

Time: 5:45-7:15 pm

Location: Picture Canyon Trailhead, 3920 N. El Paso Flagstaff Road, Flagstaff

Details: Registration required at flagstaff.az.gov.

Admission: Free!

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FLAGSTAFF FALL CORNUCOPIA FESTIVAL

Worth the drive for a full fall day in Flagstaff with entertainment, food, local vendors, and activities for all ages. Families can make an easy afternoon of it at Thorpe Park, with plenty to browse, taste, and enjoy.

Time: 11 am-6 pm

Location: Thorpe Park Ball Fields, 560 N. Thorpe Road, Flagstaff

Details: flagstaffarizona.org

Admission: \$10; kids 12 and under \$5;

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NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION DAY AT METEOR CRATER

Northern Arizona residents get free admission all day with a valid Arizona driver's license. Families can explore Meteor Crater, enjoy hands-on science fun for kids, and register early for the special 9 am Full Rim Tour.

Time: Doors open at 8 am

Location: Meteor Crater, Interstate 40, Exit 233, Winslow

Details: Full details at meteorcrater.com/event/neighbor-appreciation-day.

Admission: Free for Northern Arizona residents with valid Arizona driver's licenses.

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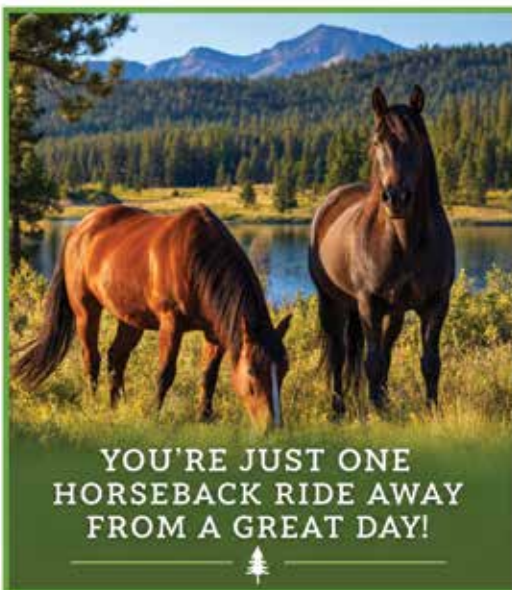
FEST OF FALL

Sedona's Fest of Fall brings food trucks, vendors, music, games, a Kid's Zone, tournaments, and family fun to Posse Grounds Park. It is a good fall outing for families looking for an easy October day in Sedona.

Time: 11 am-5 pm

Location: Posse Grounds Park, 525 Posse Grounds Road, Sedona

Details: sedonaaz.gov



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A Tale of Ants, Grasshoppers, & Snow Berms

You know the old fable. All summer long, the ant hauls food into her burrow, one grain at a time, while the grasshopper fiddles in the sun and asks why anyone would bother. Then winter arrives, the ant is warm and fed, and the grasshopper is out in the cold, wishing he'd listened.

Munds Park runs on the same lesson, just with propane tanks instead of grain stores. Living here means enjoying four seasons, and winter may be the prettiest of them all. It also comes with a learning curve. Heavy snow can close roads, knock out power, bury propane tanks, block driveways, and turn a simple trip to the grocery store into something you wish you'd done yesterday. A very grasshopper feeling.

Those who've lived here a while learn to prepare before the snow starts falling, ant-style. If you're new to the Park, or simply need a refresher, here are the winter basics worth knowing, and a little fable wisdom to go with them.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts First

Even the wisest ant can't outrun a blizzard she never saw coming. Coconino County uses www.Smart911.com, a nationwide emergency

notification system, to send official alerts for severe weather, evacuations, shelter-in-place orders, and other emergencies.

Sign up before you need it and keep your contact information current. Alerts can be tied to your Munds Park address, so second-home owners can receive important information even when they're somewhere else.

Know Your Neighbors

Ants don't work alone, they work in colonies. This, besides signing up for emergency alerts, is one of the most important safety steps you can take. Technology is useful, but a good neighbor is better.

Exchange phone numbers with the people around you, particularly if someone nearby is older, lives alone, or may need help during an outage. If you have elderly parents living in Munds Park, introduce yourself to their neighbors and make sure everyone knows how to reach one another.

During a serious storm, check in. Sometimes the most important emergency system in town is simply someone noticing that the house next door has gone unusually quiet.

Prepare Before the Storm

When a winter storm is headed our way, don't wait until the first flakes fall to get ready, that's grasshopper timing. Keep enough food, drinking water, medications, and pet supplies at home to comfortably get through several days without leaving.

Charge phones and backup batteries, keep flashlights and extra batteries handy, and make sure you have a first-aid kit. A battery-powered or hand-crank radio is also useful if cell and internet service are interrupted.

Your vehicle deserves some attention too. Keep the gas tank reasonably full and carry warm clothing, boots, blankets, a flashlight, water, snacks, a shovel, and an ice scraper. When roads are bad, the safest trip is often the one you don't make.



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Prepare for Power Outages

Snow, ice, wind, and trees are not always kind to power lines, so outages are part of winter life in the forest. No burrow is complete without a backup plan.

Before a storm, charge your devices and know how you'll stay warm if the power goes out. If you have an electric garage door, learn how to open it manually.

APS outages can be reported through the APS app, online through its Outage Center, or by calling the 24-hour outage hotline at 855-688-2437.

If you use a generator, maintain it before winter and make sure you have adequate fuel. Generators must be operated outdoors and well away from windows, doors, and other openings. Never run one inside a home or garage.

If your home becomes dangerously cold and you can't safely leave, call 911. Don't hesitate, the Pinewood Fire Department wants nothing more than to help. So call.

Auto-Fill Isn't a Guarantee... Keep an Eye on Propane

If the fable had a modern sequel, this would be it. Too many residents assume auto-fill means their tank is always full, the same way the grasshopper assumed summer would last forever. But auto-fill only works if the delivery truck can reach you, and a storm can block the road, bury your access, or delay the driver. When that happens, your tank can empty out and you have no idea.

Check your propane level before a storm and allow plenty of time for delivery. Once a driveway is icy, buried, or blocked by a snow berm, a propane truck may not be able to safely reach your tank.



Keep the route to your tank clear and make sure it and any related equipment can be located under heavy snow. The same goes for generators and anything else a service technician may need to reach.

If you depend on firewood for backup heat, bring enough inside or into an accessible dry spot before the storm. For wildfire safety, keep your main woodpile at least 30 feet from the house.

Snow Removal Takes Planning

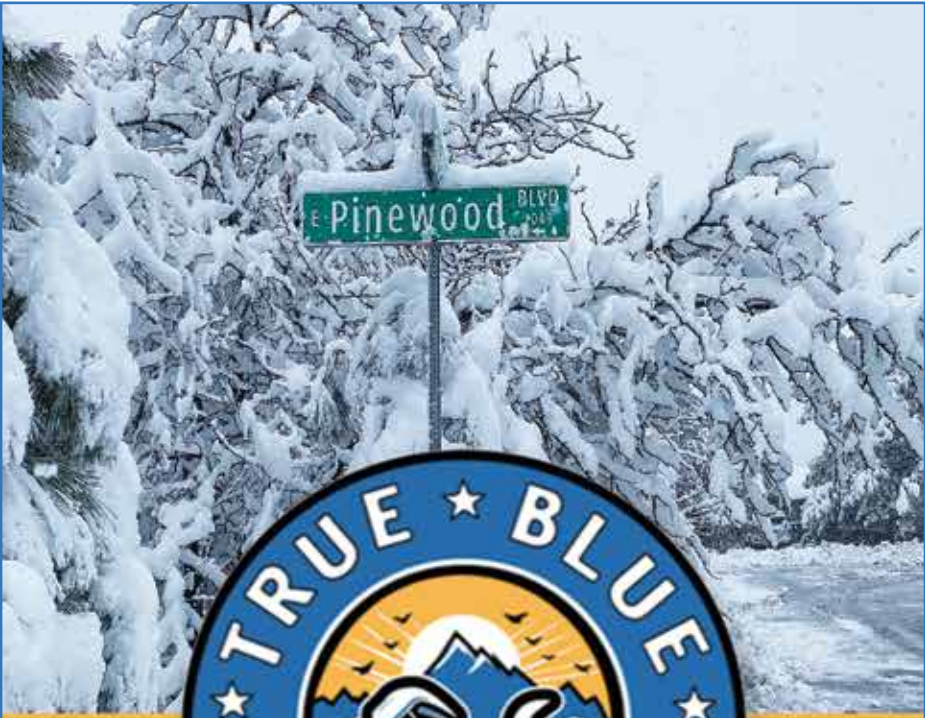
One of the first lessons in snow country is simple: fresh snow is much easier to move than packed snow and ice.

Whenever possible, shovel before repeatedly walking or driving over it. Once snow is compacted, particularly after it melts slightly and refreezes, the job gets considerably harder. Sometimes, impossible.

If you hire someone to plow or shovel, arrange service before the storm. Snow-removal contractors get extremely busy once a major storm hits, and calling after two feet of snow has already fallen may leave you waiting, wishing, like the grasshopper, that you'd started sooner. We have a list of trusted snow companies, right here in our Business Directory.

PRO TIP: Be clear about what you need. Some companies only plow driveways, some shovel decks and walkways and some don't, and some do both. Clearly state what you need to ensure the company you hire has the right tools to do the job. Keep in mind that if snow has already been driven or walked over and compacted, companies often charge more, since it takes longer to clear.

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WINTER FORGIVES THE PREPARED

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For service companies to reach you, they need clear access. If snow is blocking the way, chances are they'll skip your home and move on to the next client. Emergency responders won't skip you, but blocked access slows them down when every minute counts. Keep your pathways clear for both.



About That Snow Berm

Yes, you cleared your driveway. Yes, the county plow may come along five minutes later and build a wall of snow across your entrance, and you have to go back out and do it all again. Even the most industrious ant has days like this.

It's one of winter's less charming Munds Park traditions.

County crews have to move snow off the roadway, and the resulting berm across a driveway is the property owner's responsibility to clear. Take care of it as soon as reasonably possible. Once a berm freezes solid, what started as snow can start to feel suspiciously like concrete.

Do not shovel or push snow back into the roadway.

Make Room for the Plows

Coconino County plows roads by priority, starting with major routes and emergency access streets before moving into smaller residential roads and cul-de-sacs.

During a large storm, that means your street may not get plowed right away. Give crews room to work and avoid unnecessary driving while they're clearing roads.

It's also worth knowing that from November 1 through April 1, parking vehicles, trailers, or storage containers on county-maintained rights-of-way isn't allowed. The restriction is in effect around the clock, snowing or not, so plows have a clear path whenever they need it.

Winterize Your Plumbing

Frozen pipes can turn an empty cabin into a very expensive surprise, the kind of surprise the ant never has, because she checked everything twice before the cold set in.

Before freezing weather arrives, disconnect and drain garden hoses. Know where your main water shutoff is located, mark it so it can still be found under snow, and keep a path to it clear throughout winter.

If you leave your home for extended periods, talk with a licensed plumber about properly winterizing the plumbing system, including the water heater. Don't assume leaving the thermostat at 50 or 55 degrees is enough protection during a prolonged power outage. We have licensed and bonded plumbers in our Business Directory who can help.

It's also worth checking your homeowner's insurance policy. Some insurers have specific requirements for heat settings, winterization, or

vacant homes, and those requirements matter if you later file a freeze-related claim.

For seasonal homeowners, proper winterization is one of the best investments you can make. A prolonged power outage can defeat even a good heating system, so pipes, toilets, water heaters, and other plumbing need to be properly prepared if the house will sit vacant through freezing weather.

Schedule winterization early and arrange for a plumber or caretaker to open the house before you arrive and winterize it again after you leave. Local plumbers, snow-removal companies, propane providers, and caretakers get very busy once winter arrives, and mountain living has a way of punishing the phrase "I'll take care of it later," a phrase no ant has ever used.

Don't Forget the Trash

Snow and trash cans are a surprisingly bad combination.

When possible, put your cans out after the plow has cleared your street so they're less likely to get buried or knocked over. Make sure your waste company can reach them, the homeowner is responsible to dig them out if a berm forms around them.

Keep lids secure too. Munds Park ravens consider an unsecured trash can less of a container and more of a buffet. Let them do the unpacking for you, and you risk having your address and a photo of the mess show up in the local Facebook group for all to see. Even the grasshopper knew better than to invite that kind of attention.

If you're away from Munds Park, arrange for someone to manage your cans during storms. Leaving an overflowing or buried can at the street usually just means somebody else gets stuck cleaning up the mess, and it doesn't sit well with the neighbors.

The Best Winter Tool Is Preparation

Munds Park winters can be spectacular, and most storms are far easier to enjoy when there's food in the pantry, propane in the tank, a shovel by the door, and a plan for what happens if the lights go out.

The fable ends the same way every time. The ant is warm, fed, drinking a hot toddy by the fire reading a good book, and unbothered by the storm outside, not because she was lucky, but because she got ready while the sun was still out. Prepare early, keep an eye on your neighbors, and respect the weather. Then, when the snow starts coming down, you can be the ant, and enjoy the good part.

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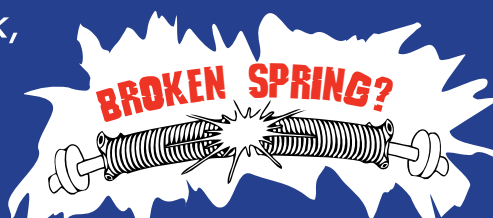
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WOODY'S PROGRESS REPORT

Well, it appears our work here may be done.

After months of rumors, tips, stakeouts, suspicious vehicles, questionable intelligence and Genna maintaining an entirely unnecessary collection of wigs, all signs now point to Woody's finally getting the attention we have been asking for. It appears the property is headed toward renovation. We do not have the details yet, and the contract with Deanne of Wine Tasting & More is still not signed, so we are absolutely not declaring this a done deal. We have learned better.

But there comes a time in every great investigation when the reporters must recognize that there is simply nothing left to spy on. Woody's appears to have a future, which is exactly what we wanted and everyone wants.

So, for now, Genna is hanging up the wigs. The binoculars are going back in the drawer, our surveillance operation is officially suspended, and *The Pinewood News* will have to find something else in Munds Park to stalk. Given this community, we suspect that will not take long for emails to hit our inbox.

We will, of course, keep an eye on Woody's. If spring arrives and nothing has happened, the wigs come right back out and Woody's Progress Report will return as though we never left. Until then, we are cautiously closing the case on Munds Park's most famous blight with forest views.

It has been an honor serving with you.

Now somebody find us another mystery!



FIREWOOD SEASON IS HERE!

Cool mornings are back, and that means it is time to start thinking about the woodpile. Coconino National Forest firewood permits are now available online through the Forest Service's new e-permit system.

Permits are valid for dead and down wood only, and you must carry a printed copy of your permit while collecting and transporting firewood. Online permits do not include load tags.

Prefer doing things the old-fashioned way? Permits are still available in person at Coconino National Forest offices, including the Mogollon Rim Ranger Station.

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Wild Turkey 101: The Bold Backbone

Wild Turkey 101 delivers structure and intensity. Its higher proof keeps the cocktail firmly whiskey forward, even as the ice melts. Notes of caramel, vanilla, and pronounced rye spice give the Old Fashioned a warming, confident edge that feels classic and substantial.

Old Forester 100: Deep and Traditional

Old Forester 100 brings darker sweetness to the glass. Brown sugar, toasted oak, and hints of dried fruit blend seamlessly with bitters. The result is rich and grounded, perfect for those who enjoy a fuller, slightly spicier profile.

Four Roses Small Batch: High Rye Elegance

With its higher rye content, Four Roses Small Batch adds lift and brightness. Floral aromas and light baking spice create a more aromatic Old Fashioned. It feels balanced and layered, ideal for drinkers who prefer nuance over weight.

Buffalo Trace: The Balanced Crowd Pleaser

Buffalo Trace offers approachability without sacrificing character. Toffee

sweetness, gentle spice, and soft fruit notes integrate smoothly with sugar and bitters. The cocktail feels cohesive and rounded, making it a reliable choice for both newcomers and seasoned bourbon fans.

Woodford Reserve: Plush and Polished

Woodford Reserve creates a refined Old Fashioned. Cocoa, toasted oak, and orange peel tones echo the cocktail's garnish. The texture feels smooth and slightly creamy, giving the drink a luxurious quality.

Elijah Craig Small Batch: Caramel and Char

Elijah Craig Small Batch leans into warm caramel and deeper oak influence. A subtle smokiness adds dimension without overpowering the sweetness. It produces a cozy, slightly darker interpretation of the classic.

Booker's: Barrel Proof Power

Booker's delivers intensity and concentration. Its uncut strength amplifies molasses, roasted nuts, and spice. When balanced carefully with sugar and bitters, it becomes a bold, slow sipping version of the Old Fashioned.

Ultimately, the best bourbon for an Old Fashioned depends on your taste. Whether you prefer bright and spicy or rich and oak driven, the right bottle transforms a simple recipe into a deeply personal ritual.

The Old Fashioned

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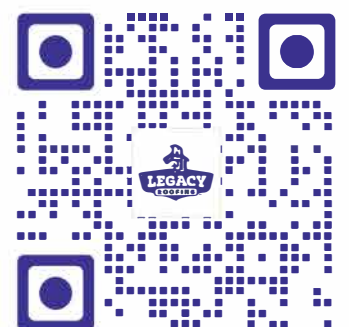
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TRAVEL

3 DAYS IN CHIANG MAI

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If you have only three days in Chiang Mai, you can still experience an incredible mix of northern Thailand’s culture, cuisine, mountains and wildlife. This three-day itinerary takes you from ancient temples and street food to mountain trails where elephants roam, then finishes with Buddhist traditions and the unforgettable experience of planting rice in a watery paddy.

Chiang Mai is compact enough that you can cover a surprising amount without feeling as though you’re racing from attraction to attraction. Here’s how I would plan a three-day visit.



My basecamp, Veranda High Resort Chiang Mai
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Day One

Explore the Old City

Start by flying into Chiang Mai International Airport (CNX). When you step off an airplane into a culture completely different from your own, it’s reassuring to be greeted by a smiling

face. Thailand is known as the “Land of Smiles,” and Chiang Mai certainly lived up to the nickname when we arrived and met our guide, Daniel.

Spend your first morning getting acquainted with Chiang Mai’s historic center. Three kings from powerful Thai dynasties formed an alliance and established Chiang Mai as a defensive city in 1296. As Daniel drove us toward the Old City, he pointed out remnants of the ancient walls and moat that once protected it.

Make your first stop the Three Kings Monument, where bronze statues of the three allied rulers stand in front of the Chiang Mai City Arts and Cultural Centre. From there, explore nearby streets and sample street food. One of the best parts of travel is tasting regional cuisine, and northern Thailand gives you plenty of opportunities to nibble your way through the city.

Walk from the monument to Wat Inthakhin



Admire traditional northern Thai architecture at Wat Inthakhin Sadue Muang | UNSTOPPABLE Stacey photo

Sadue Muang, a small Buddhist temple showcasing traditional northern Thai architecture. It’s an easy introduction to the hundreds of temples scattered throughout Chiang Mai and a glimpse into the spiritual traditions that remain part of everyday life here.

For lunch, try one of the more unusual experiences in Chiang Mai: a restaurant operated through the Women’s Correctional Institution Vocational Training Center. Inmates prepare and serve meals, giving them practical work experience.



Learning how rice is planted at Veranda High Resort Chiang Mai | UNSTOPPABLE Stacey photo

After lunch, trade the energy of the city for the lush mountains surrounding Chiang Mai. We drove about half an hour to Veranda High Resort Chiang Mai, a hillside retreat where gardens resemble terraced tea fields and an elevated infinity pool captures sweeping mountain views.

For dinner, head to Khaomao-Khaofang Restaurant, where rushing waterfalls, tropical plants and jungle-inspired landscaping

surround the dining areas. It feels as though someone created a fantasy rainforest and then tucked a Thai restaurant inside it.

Day Two

Find Elephants at ChangChill

Northern Thailand has many elephant attractions, but choosing carefully matters. Growing awareness of how elephants are treated for tourism has changed how responsible travelers approach these experiences. Look for programs that let elephants behave naturally, rather than venues offering rides, performances or constant interaction.

At ChangChill Elephant Sanctuary, we met Drinya T. Kenyon of World Animal Protection, who explained how responsible elephant tourism is evolving. The organization encourages travelers to choose venues where visitors observe elephants rather than ride, bathe or touch them.

Our guide, Goi, led us onto mountain trails in search of the elephants. She explained that elephants sleep only a few hours each day and spend most of their waking hours eating. A mahout, or elephant handler, accompanies each animal while allowing it space to wander and forage naturally.

Eventually, we spotted elephants moving through the jungle just down the trail. Later, we returned to the center and stuffed feeding tubes. Instead of feeding them directly, we placed food in specially designed tubes. The devices designed by animal behaviorists work like puzzles, encouraging the animals to use

their trunks and problem-solving skills.

We ate lunch from an observation platform while watching the elephants return from the jungle and eat from the feeding tubes. Instead of simply snapping photos with elephants, we learned about behavior, diet and care while watching them interact. After returning to Veranda, we cooled off in the infinity pool and ended the day with a candlelit gourmet dinner served in a treehouse.

Day Three

Temples and Rice Paddies

The final morning of your three days is the perfect time to slow down and experience traditions that have shaped northern Thai culture for centuries. The night before, the resort placed traditional cotton clothing in my guestroom, so I wore it the next morning while participating in a Buddhist almsgiving experience. The resort chef helped us prepare alms for the monks before we traveled to the nearby temple I had noticed from the infinity pool.

The temple grounds were incredibly quiet. Only the peaceful chanting of Buddhist monks broke the morning stillness. Observing the rhythms of faith and daily life in another culture can become one of travel's most meaningful experiences.

From the temple, we headed to rice paddies on the resort grounds, pulled on knee-high rubber boots and stepped into the water to learn how rice is planted. Squishing through the muddy field made me feel as though I was back at summer camp — although I don't

remember summer camp ever requiring this much balance!

Save the afternoon for Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of Chiang Mai's most important sacred sites. High on the mountain overlooking the city, the temple is filled with golden pagodas, bells, shrines and colorful architectural details. For your final evening, enjoy more street food and souvenirs at one of the night markets.

It's a fitting place to finish your Chiang Mai trip. In only 72 hours, you can explore the Old City, taste northern Thai cuisine, hike mountain trails in search of elephants, experience Buddhist traditions, plant rice, and support vocational training for incarcerated women. Three days will only give you a taste of Chiang Mai. But sometimes that taste is exactly what inspires you to come back for more.

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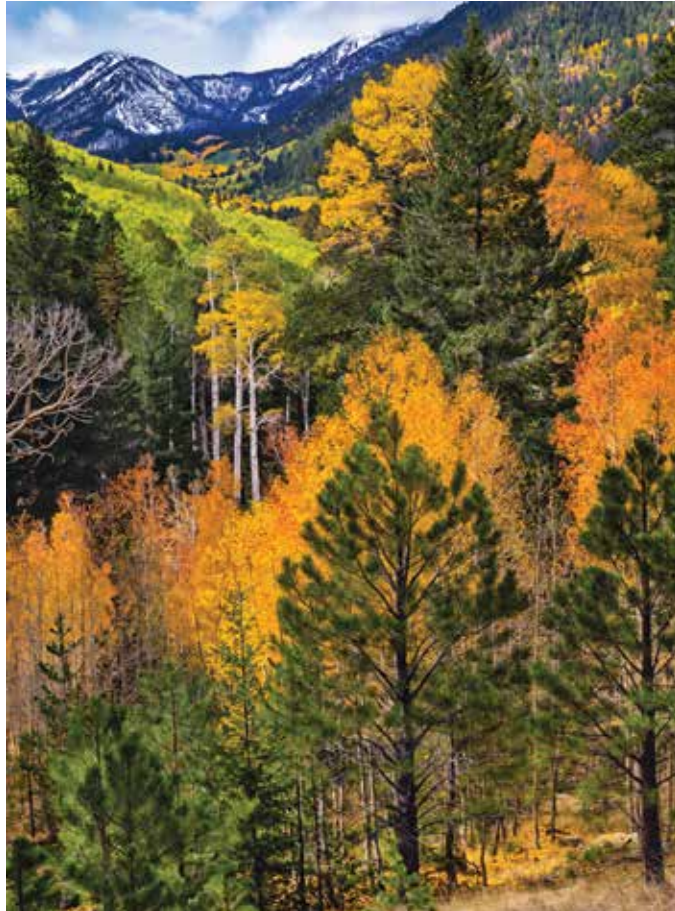
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CHASE THE COLOR

Where to Find Northern Arizona's Best Fall Leaves

San Francisco Peaks | Photo by Paul Gill

Fall in Northern Arizona arrives quietly, first in the high country, where cool mornings turn sharper, and the aspens begin trading green for gold. Soon the roadsides will be lined with shades of yellow and gold, the air smells like pine and dry leaves, and suddenly we are all ready for sweaters, soup, and fire pits.

Seeing the leaves change is a small, comforting shift, and a good excuse to get in the car with the kids, or gather a few friends, and spend the day chasing fall.

The best part is that Northern Arizona does not change all at once. The season starts high on the San Francisco Peaks, then works its way down through Oak Creek Canyon and into the Verde Valley. Follow the elevation, and you can follow fall for weeks.

Snowbowl Road & Aspen Corner

Best bet: Late September into early October

If you're following the elevation down, this is where to start.

The drive up Snowbowl Road is one of those Northern Arizona traditions that never gets old. Aspens appear in bright patches among the pines, then gather into whole hillsides of yellow. The higher you climb, the better it gets.

Aspen Corner is an easy place to stop, stretch your legs, and walk beneath the trees. If you want a little more adventure, nearby trails give you plenty of room to wander. For a different view entirely, the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Gondola rolls the San Francisco Peaks out beneath you.

Bring sandwiches, something warm to drink, and a blanket. There are places to eat on the mountain, but this may be one of those days when lunch tastes better out of a picnic basket surrounded by autumn.

Hart Prairie

Best bet: Late September into early October

Hart Prairie is quieter and more open, with sweeping meadows below the San Francisco Peaks and bands of aspen tucked along the edges. It has that wonderful high-country feeling of being far away from almost everything, even when Flagstaff is not far down the road.

This is a good place to slow down. Take the long way. Stop where it is safe, walk a little, and listen to the leaves move in the breeze. There is no real trail to follow and no view from above, just meadow, sky, and gold at the edges. We bet you will stay longer than you planned to.

Oak Creek Canyon & West Fork

Best bet: October

As the color begins fading around the higher peaks, Oak Creek Canyon starts taking its turn.

Here the palette changes. Gold is joined by red, orange and copper, with maples, oaks and other deciduous trees adding color along the creek and beneath the canyon walls. It is one of the prettiest times of year to make the drive between Flagstaff and Sedona.

West Fork is a favorite for good reason. The trail follows the creek through a narrow canyon where the trees seem to catch the autumn light from every direction. It is also popular, so an early start is worth it.

Afterward, stop for breakfast, lunch or coffee somewhere along the canyon, or bring your own and find a quiet place to eat. Some days are better when the only reservation you have is with the view.

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Page Springs

Best bet: October

By October, fall begins settling into the Verde Valley, where the cottonwoods along Oak Creek turn and the vineyards take on the warmer colors of the season.

Page Springs is an easy place to spend a slow fall afternoon. Follow the road along the creek, stop when something catches your eye and give yourself permission not to rush. Page Springs Cellars adds wine, food and creekside scenery to the mix, which makes this an especially good choice for a date day or an afternoon with your honey.

The color here is different from the big golden aspen show around Flagstaff. It is softer, warmer and a little more relaxed. That may be exactly what you want by then.

Dead Horse Ranch & the Verde River

Best bet: Later October into November

When the aspens up north have mostly finished their show, the cottonwoods and willows along the Verde River are often just getting started.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park offers easy trails, river views and plenty of places to picnic. The cottonwoods can turn a rich yellow along the water, giving you one last chance to enjoy fall before Northern Arizona begins thinking seriously about winter.

It is a good ending to the season. Take the kids, meet up with friends or pack lunch for two. Find a sunny spot, stay a while and enjoy the fact that fall does not ask much of us beyond noticing it.

That is really the secret to chasing color in Northern Arizona. Do not wait for one perfect weekend. Start high, follow the season downhill and let the leaves decide where you go next.

One More, If You Have the Time: Highway 67 & the Kaibab Plateau

Best bet: Late September through early October

If you have an extra day and want to go further afield, point the car north.

The Kaibab Plateau is home to some of the largest stands of aspen in Arizona, mixed with spruce, fir and broad high-country meadows. In fall, the drive toward the North Rim can feel like mile after mile of gold.

This is not a quick outing, and that is part of the fun. Take the whole day. Bring snacks, stop often and do not worry too much about making good time. Fall drives are not supposed to be efficient.

Before You Go

Fall timing changes every year. Weather, elevation and temperature all play a part, so check current conditions before heading out. Flagstaff's Leaf-o-Meter is a handy way to see where the color is peaking from the San Francisco Peaks down through Oak Creek Canyon.

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A RAINBOW OF BLESSINGS, FOUND IN A COW PASTURE

BY SANDEE CAVINESS



I don't write book reviews. It's not my thing. But when Munds Park resident John Wilson gave me *Rainbow of Blessings: The Memoirs of Alma Semmler*, I started browsing, and one line caught my attention. Alma wrote about sitting in the evenings, sharing with her children what life had been like for her as a young girl in Russia. It's exactly the message I'd been chasing for my feature "From the Porch," the idea that families should spend more time simply sitting together, telling their stories and passing down generational wisdom. Munds Park is built for evenings on the porch and can easily become a place for shared memories.

John first began recording Alma's memories as an oral-history project while studying history at Grand Canyon College. After marrying Marleen and hearing some of her mother's stories, he became fascinated by Alma's life. He taped interviews with Alma and her husband, Emanuel, and what began as a college project eventually became a book, shaped over the years with Marleen and her family. They deliberately kept Alma's way of speaking and tried to remain true to those original interviews. Alma wanted her stories preserved for her children and future generations, and John and Marleen hoped her story might inspire others as well.

There is a lesson in that before you even get to Alma's story: John listened. And because he did, we have this inspiring story to tell.

This is the story of Alma Semmler, mother to John's wife Marleen.

Extreme poverty. The ravages of Communism. Religious persecution. Famine. War. The loss of children. Displacement. It would have been easy for Alma to grow bitter, or simply to survive without much left over for joy. She didn't. Through all of it, Alma never let go of one thing, her faith. It's the reason she kept finding her way back to gratitude no matter what she'd just endured.

We know the broad history Alma lived through, Stalin, communism, Hitler, World War II. Famine, persecution, and displaced families are things you can read about in a history book. But a firsthand account lands differently. Alma tells you about the cow that helped feed her children being taken away. She tells you about cooking weeds in salted water because there was nothing else to eat, hiding potatoes so they wouldn't be confiscated, and hiding her Bible beneath them because faith itself could be dangerous. These aren't the details you'd find in a history book, but they are the details that make history human.



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There's a moment in the book so quiet you could almost miss it. It's the one that hit me hardest. Alma's young son Reuben became sick and died. Afterward, she remembered how happy he had been playing outside only days before, and went looking in the places where he had played, hoping to find his footprints, but the rain had washed them away.

That broke my heart. With governments rising and falling, people starving, and a war still ahead of her, the passage that stopped me was simply a mother wanting to see where her little boy's feet had touched the ground. It is why personal stories matter. History tells us that children died. Alma makes us miss one.

Her faith affected me just as deeply. As a little girl working for a farmer, Alma overheard the farmer talking with a minister. She couldn't recall what was said, but something had stirred in her heart, and she believed that was when she accepted the Lord. The farmer's family attended church on Sundays, but Alma had to stay behind to care for the animals. So she began taking the cows to pasture close enough to the church that she could hear the singing and sometimes the minister. When the congregation prayed, Alma prayed from the pasture. She had never been allowed to attend school and couldn't read the Bible for herself. That was her church, a little girl standing among cows listening from a distance.

Her faith didn't stay in that pasture. Years later, Emanuel's brother Albert was arrested for preaching the Gospel. At another point Emanuel himself was arrested, and Alma prayed for God to send a "rainbow of blessings" to the jail and bring him home. He was unexpectedly among the few men released. Alma and Emanuel then shared a wish that seems almost impossible to us today: they wanted to worship God in a real church service just once before they died. Although they were young, Alma remembered that death was so common around them that they didn't expect to live many more years.

I kept wondering while I read how a person could endure so much and not lose faith. I wish Alma had told us more about that. Then I remembered the little girl with the cows. Her faith wasn't something she discovered after everything went wrong. It had already taken root long before she knew how badly she would need it.

This is where *Rainbow of Blessings* succeeds as a memoir. It isn't beautifully polished, nor is it supposed to be. John and Marleen intentionally preserved Alma's voice, including some of her unconventional grammar. It reads like someone telling you what she remembers, and sometimes that simplicity catches you off guard. Alma doesn't stop to announce that something is profound. She just tells you what happened.

There is humor scattered throughout some terrible years, practical jokes, awkward moments, and a memorable run-in between Emanuel and his tobacco involving cow manure that I will leave for you to discover.

Even little Peter, an orphan temporarily placed with the family, provides one of those details that sticks with you. When Alma had to return to work while Toni was still nursing, young Peter carried the baby out to the fields so Alma could feed her. Alma remembered that he was so small he sometimes looked as though he were carrying a puppy instead of a baby.

Those moments keep *Rainbow of Blessings* from becoming a grim history lesson. You begin to know these people, and that makes what happens to them matter.

Alma's eventual arrival in America also gave me something to think about. There is a chapter titled "I Can Say Nothing Bad About America," and after reading what came before it, you understand the sentiment. Alma knew what it was like when government controlled where you worked and whether you could leave. At one point she explains the difference quite plainly: in Russia, she said, you weren't free to make choices the way you were in America.

Freedom was not a political slogan to this woman. She knew what its absence felt like.

By the end of her life, Alma was living in Arizona with her children nearby. The woman who once hoped she might attend a real church service before she died had worshiped regularly in America and had even helped start a church while the family lived in Cleveland. Her children and grandchildren carried on the faith that began with a little

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FROM THE PORCH

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girl straining to hear church music from a cow pasture. When people asked Alma how she had managed to live through everything, her answer was wonderfully simple: “you just live, what else are you going to do?” Then she added that it helps to have someone watching over you.

I closed *Rainbow of Blessings* thinking about how easily we take ordinary things for granted. A refrigerator full of food. Shoes on our feet. The freedom to choose where we work and live. A Bible sitting openly on the nightstand. A church door we can walk through on Sunday morning. Alma had lived without things we barely notice having.

But more than anything, I kept thinking about the reason I was able to meet Alma at all.

Someone asked questions.

There are people sitting on porches right here in Munds Park carrying stories their children and grandchildren have never heard. Maybe they crossed an ocean. Maybe they fought in a war. Maybe they remember when their family didn't have much money, or when Munds Park looked entirely different. They remember grandparents we never met, recipes nobody wrote down, how they met their spouse, the first house they bought, mistakes they made, prayers that were answered and probably a few family stories they have told so many times that everyone rolls their eyes when they start again.

Let them tell it again.

Ask your parents and grandparents what they remember. Ask what their parents were like. Ask what frightened them, what made them laugh, what they believed and what they learned the hard way. Tell those stories to your children. Better yet, record them. Put the crappy phones we are always staring at to some good use.

John listened to his mother-in-law. Years later, he and Marleen made sure her memories weren't lost. Alma died in 1992, but here I am in Munds Park in 2026 thinking about her cows, her hidden Bible, her gratitude for America and a set of little footprints washed away by the rain. John and Marleen hoped Alma's story would continue to inspire people who never knew her.

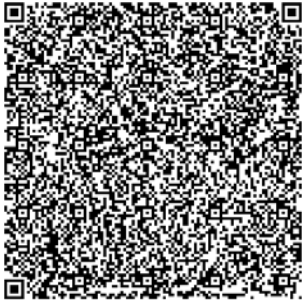
It did.

Rainbow of Blessings is an easy book to read in an afternoon, but don't be surprised if Alma hangs around considerably longer. I cried a few times, I laughed and I came away grateful for a woman I never knew and for the family who thought her ordinary memories were important enough to save.

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MALLARDS

BY MARGARET DYEKMAN



Did you feed the ducks when growing up? Did you toss pieces of stale bread into a lake or park and watch them gather round? That probably was my introduction to Mallard Ducks, but the practice of tossing bread to waterfowl is now highly discouraged because it is incredibly detrimental to their health and the local environment.

Despite being the recipient of people feeding them junk food and causing digestive blockages and malnutrition, the Mallard duck is the most recognizable and abundant waterfowl species on Earth. They thrive across the temperate and subtropical regions of North America, Europe, Asia, and North Africa, and these highly adaptable birds are also the ancestral source of almost all domestic duck breeds.

Mallards exhibit sexual dimorphism, meaning the genders look very different from each other. The breeding male is famous for his iridescent emerald-green head, crisp white neck ring, chestnut-brown chest, and yellowish bill. In contrast, the female sports a mottled brown and tan plumage that provides excellent camouflage while nesting. Despite these visual differences, both sexes share a distinctive feature: a vibrant, purplish-blue wing patch bordered by white lines,

known as a speculum. Interestingly, vocalizations differ by sex as well; only the female produces the classic, loud “quack,” while the male makes a much softer, raspy sound.

As “dabbling ducks,” Mallards rarely dive. Instead, they feed by tipping forward—head down, tail and bright orange feet up—to graze on aquatic plants, seeds, and small invertebrates in shallow waters. Their flexible omnivorous diet allows them to thrive in a massive variety of wetland habitats, ranging from pristine wilderness lakes and coastal marshes to urban ponds.

Mallards are exceptionally powerful fliers. Migrating flocks can sustain speeds of up to 55 miles per hour. Unlike diving ducks, which require a running start across the water, Mallards can spring directly into the air from a stationary swimming position. Because of their vast global population, estimated at tens of millions, and their unique ability to coexist peacefully alongside human developments, plus active wetland and other habitat management, the Mallard remains – thus far – a secure species of our shared global ecosystem.

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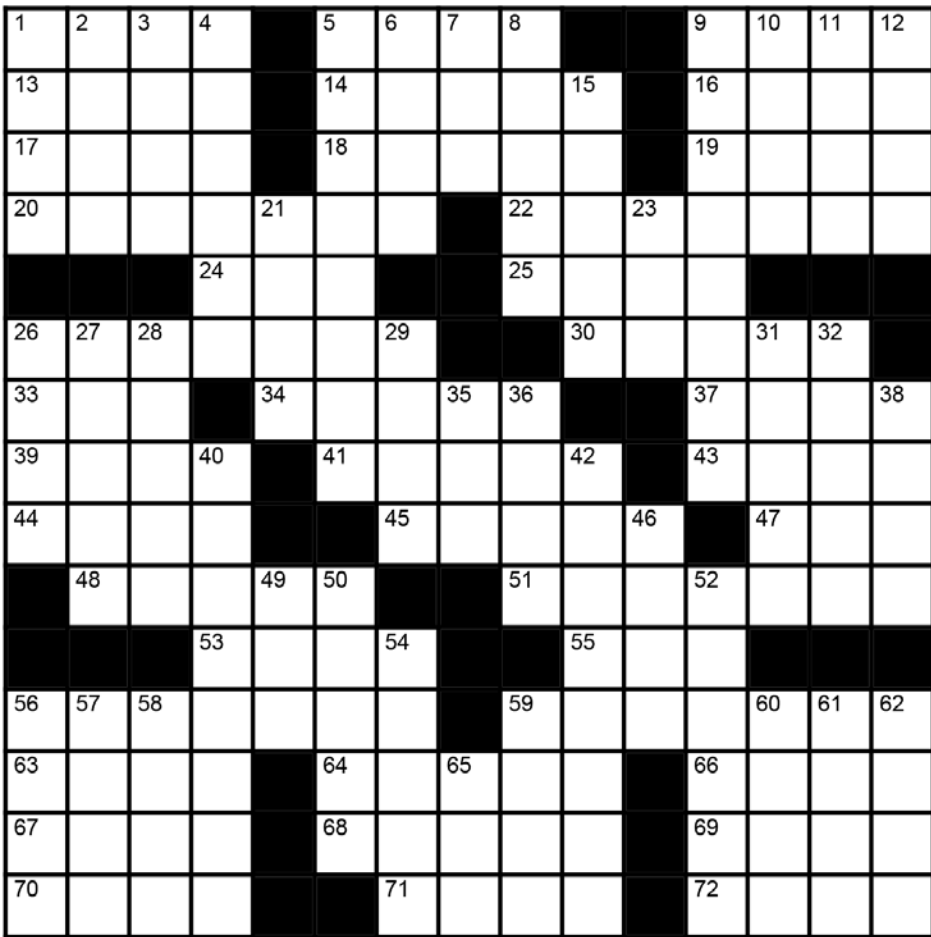
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ACROSS

- Like aloha shirts
- One of a pair that often goes missing
- Mare's delivery
- "Cogito ____ sum"
- Hungarian's language branch
- Doing nothing
- Neuter
- Disney dog
- Learning method
- Well-groomed
- Napoleon, for one
- Corn serving
- Bottomless
- Daryl Hannah played one in "Splash"
- Eagle's claw
- I, to Claudius
- Lasso loop
- Acid type that can cause gout
- Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
- Orchestra section
- Acronym used by techies
- Danish toy company
- Arm bones
- Electrical unit
- The golden rule, e.g.
- Coca-Cola Company headquarters
- Muslim holy man
- Final: Abbr.
- Planet nearest to the sun
- More doughy
- Every which way
- Elliptical path
- Diva's delivery
- Ascend
- Figure of speech
- Shopping ____
- Christmas tree topper
- Worked the soil
- "Trick" joint

DOWN

- What beanbag chairs lack
- Black-and-white cookie
- ____ fruit
- Former bumper car trademark
- Above average
- Act amorously
- "Grand" wine classification
- Bounced a check
- Hydrant
- "Eww!" inducer
- "Hold it," in Spain
- A wolf may have one
- Ajax competitor
- Accompaniment for chicken tikka masala
- "Black-eyed" edible
- "Iron Chef" output
- "Great" bird in the Everglades
- "Le Moulin ____."
- "Evil" follower
- "Hunter" in the sky.
- "'Twas the ____ before Christmas..."
- "... ____ of troubles"
- "Poetic ____": ancient Icelandic work
- 1977 Robin Cook novel adapted for film by Michael Crichton
- Nickname
- Positioned
- "... bear those ____ we have...": Hamlet
- "Down under" fowl
- 49 Seer's deck
- "Sic 'em, Rover!"
- "Gold and frankincense and ____"
- "Curiosity" rover's destination
- Absorb's opposite
- "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" badass ____ Diaz
- "____ down now!"
- "--- All the Way Home"
- "My Left Foot" setting
- "At any ____"
- "Are you blind, ref?!"

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Throughout the season, young entrepreneurs were invited to set up alongside Buddy's Dog House. Each kid vendor donated 10% of their sales, with Kota's matching donations up to \$500.

This year's program will send \$500 to White Mountain Humane Society, the organization where Buddy was first met and adopted. With the cart now closed for the season, that donation is on its way. Next year, donations will benefit High Country Humane in Flagstaff.

The giving didn't stop there.

Following Arizona Children's Theater's summer run of Seussical the Musical, Kota's donated another \$400 to the theater. April Plonski, owner of Lucky Penny Insurance and a supporter of Arizona Children's Theater, invited Kota's to set up during the shows, extended intermission to accommodate the hot dog rush and even helped Phil at the cart, taking orders and payments. She also got her food handler's permit so she could lend a hand during the busy Fourth of July weekend.

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This issue includes two Local Ink contributions, and we hope they encourage a few more of you to give it a try.

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MY FIRST GIRLFRIEND

LOU BLAZQUEZ

In 1968, as a college freshman, I worked part-time in produce at the Nanuet Grand Union—full-time during summers. One morning, a woman with her gorgeous daughter strolled into my aisle. She had a figure that shimmered in space-time. Her blue eyes tracked me.

I was stocking cabbage, on sale at \$.15/lb. I dropped three heads as I watched them by the Anjou pears. The mother put five in a brown paper bag, and the beauty snatched it so she could take it to the scale. It was my job to weigh and price it and snap a staple to seal the bag.

Twelve years of Catholic education with only boys left me handicapped with painful shyness. Never was it more torturous than standing mute and aching beside her.

I peered into the scale's matrix of weights and prices. I scribbled \$.84 on her bag and rapid-fired the stapler. The four staples had attached the bag to my finger. I tugged it away and handed her the pears, putting my hand with its eight dripping holes in my pocket. I felt knighted by her winning smile before she left.

I regained my voice over the next few sales and spoke to Sandy. I overcame sizzling nerves and asked her out. We drove several places that July, like Sebago Lake. She was so hot in a bikini that I had to stay in the water.

She asked me over for a movie. Her father answered the door and escorted me to the couch, then retreated from the room. Sandy slid beside me. The movie began, and on the first commercial, we kissed.

What are the rules for making out? Where do my hands go, and more importantly, my nose? It's the biggest in the county. How do you breathe with sealed lips?

When the ad ended, I snapped back to sitting, hands on my lap. I was gasping but recovered when Virginia Slims appeared. We resumed our secretive pleasure. I wanted her more than the oxygen I needed. My face reddened. With determination, I lasted until the movie returned.

What's wrong with me? My chest ached...with desire? Next commercial, we kissed intently—until I made gorilla noises. My breath whistled, and I was sweating. She thought it was a sex seizure and launched from the couch in alarm. Taking three steps back, she said, "I think you'd better leave!"

Ashamed and bewildered, I drove home, coughing and spitting out the window. I relaxed enough to realize that this was my first asthma attack. I called and explained. With understanding, she agreed to go to a movie.

I drove her to the theater 45 minutes early because I discovered the secret to kissing: practice! With the ignition off, we rushed together. I felt congestion and nonchalantly moved back and spit out the window.

Instantly, I jammed my eyes shut in humiliation and prayed to Rod Serling to take me out of this dimension of sight and sound—especially sight. My window was closed. A three-inch jellyfish clung to the glass with a slight gravitational jiggle. I glanced at Sandy, who was in horrified disbelief, trying to process it all. When she did, she grunted and raised the back of her wrist to her lips in the realization it had been in the mouth she just kissed.

I lowered my window, hoping the mechanism would scrape it off. I rolled it up, displaying three translucent eels. Sandy opened her door and jumped out. "Let's go in!"

We reached our seats and silently held hands. When the film ended, I was grateful for the darkness. I drove her home and accompanied her to the door. When I kissed Sandy goodbye, she turned her head to avoid another jellyfish, and I landed in her scented hair. I felt as I did when I had watched a casket lowered into the ground. We never met again. Sandy went to her freshman year in Oswego. I matriculated to Fairleigh Dickinson University and became a fairly ridiculous sophomore. We wrote a few times, but she quickly found another.

After an extremely difficult school year, I welcomed the long hours and overtime of another summer. A woman pushing a basket with her daughter appeared after rounding the Folgers coffee display. I stacked Granny Smith apples. The daughter spotted me and walked directly over. "I'm Christine."

"I'm Lou." I took an apple and polished it on my sleeve and handed it to her.

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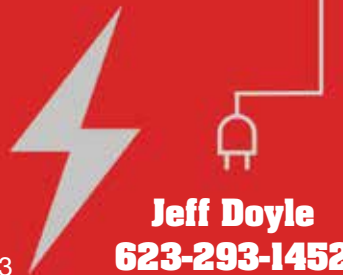
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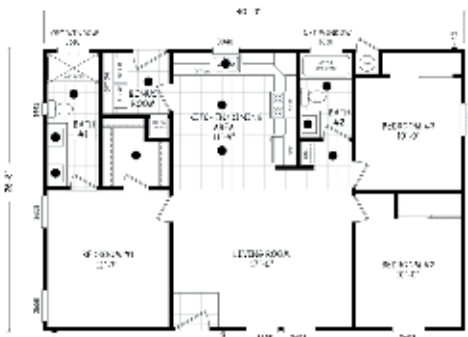


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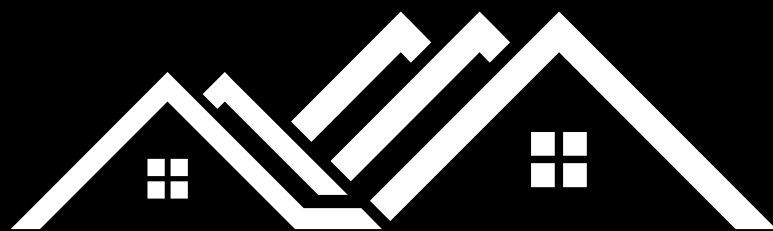
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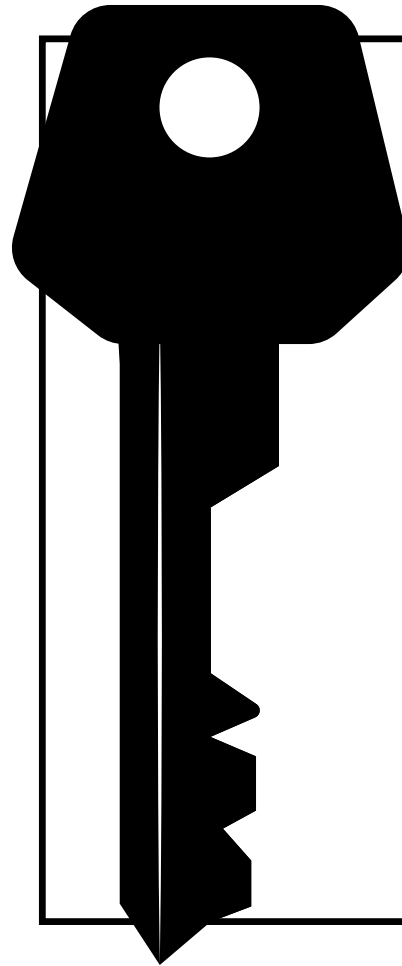
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Coconino County Short-Term Rentals Compliance Officer,

Mark Stento (928) 679-8856.

Know Your Rights: Short-term rental owners must register their contact information with Coconino County and provide it in writing to adjacent neighbors. If you never received it, contact the County STR Compliance Officer to verify the rental's registration. Report unresponsive owners, repeated disturbances, or suspected unregistered rentals to the County or Sheriff's Office.

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