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COVER by Sandee Caviness with Midjourney

CELESTIAL EVENTS

THE WONDER WAITING AFTER SUNSET

This is strong. I'd smooth it just a bit and fix "beauty." Here's a polished version:

Some of the best entertainment in Munds Park begins after sunset.

The sky darkens, and one by one, the stars arrive. On a clear night, the view above us is more than pretty. It is one of Northern Arizona's great treasures, made possible by years of dark-sky protection.

But the stars still need our continued diligence. Outdoor lights should be useful, not bossy. Point them down. Keep them warm in color. Shield them when possible. Turn off what you do not need. A good light helps you find the stars. A bad light brightens the neighbor's bedroom, the tree line, and dims the beauty overhead.

The reward for thoughtful lighting is simple: darker nights, brighter stars, and a sky preserved for all to enjoy in its natural glory.

What to Watch for in the Night Sky

May

MAY 31 Blue Moon. A Blue Moon is when there are two full moons in one calendar month. The second full moon is called the Blue Moon. It does not usually look blue. It is simply a name for something that does not happen very often, which is why people say "once in a blue moon" when they mean something is rare. The May 31 full moon will brighten the night sky, which makes it less useful for viewing faint stars or the Milky Way, but lovely for casual moon watching. Best viewing is the night of May 30 into May 31, and again the evening of May 31, when the Moon will still look full.

Ongoing Sky Sights. Throughout May and into early June, Venus and Jupiter will be two of the easiest evening planets to spot in the western sky. By late June, the Summer Triangle becomes easier to find, with Vega, Deneb, and Altair rising into the eastern sky. The Milky Way also begins to make a stronger appearance later in the evening, especially around the New Moon dates. Best viewing is on dark, clear nights away from bright lights.

June

JUNE 6 THROUGH 13 Grand Canyon Star Party. The Grand Canyon Star Party brings amateur astronomers, telescopes, and public programs together under some of the darkest skies in the country. It is a wonderful event for beginners because volunteers help visitors find planets, double stars, star clusters, nebulae, and distant galaxies. The event is free and open to the public, though normal park entrance fees apply. South Rim evening programs begin at 8 p.m., with constellation tours at 9, 9:30, and 10 p.m. Best viewing is after 9 p.m., and many telescopes come down after 11 p.m., though some astronomers may continue later on clear, calm nights.

JUNE 8 AND 9 Venus and Jupiter Conjunction. Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest planets in our night sky, will appear close together after sunset. On June 9, they will be separated by about 1.6 degrees, which is roughly the width of a finger held at arm's length. Mercury will also be lower in the western sky, making this part of a larger early-June planetary gathering. Best viewing is about one hour after sunset, low in the west-northwest with a clear view of the horizon.

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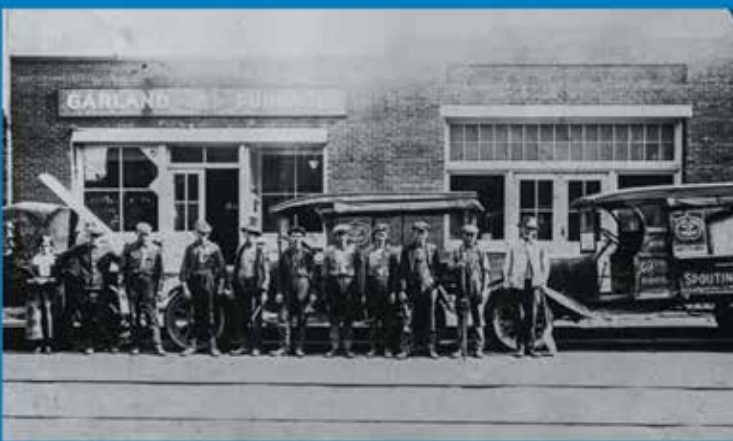
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Mondays: 10 to 11 a.m.

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, 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, June 2

6:30 pm • 17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Tuesday, June 16

3 pm • 18075 Fairway Dr

Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting

Public Welcome

Thursday, June 11

3 pm • 18075 Fairway Dr



LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS 7A

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

THINGS TO DO & SEE 12A

Local events, nearby outings, and a few good excuses to leave the house.

HOMEMADE & WONDERFUL 11A

Grilled chicken orange salad and no-churn lemon ice cream bring a bright, easy citrus twist to warm weekends in Munds Park.

E-BIKES ARE NOT TOYS 15A

E-bikes are fun, but kids still need rules, manners, and a little road sense.

MADJACK HITS THE TRAILS 19A

MadJack discovers forest rides, wrong turns, big views, and the dusty fun of side-by-side adventures.

SHAKEN & STIRRED 21A

No tennis whites required. The Honey Deuce is cold, pretty, easy by the pitcher, and ready for whatever Munds Park calls a sport.

FLAGSTAFF GOES BIG FOR ROUTE 66 22A

Flagstaff is throwing a full-day downtown celebration with classic cars, live music, street art, family fun, and plenty of Mother Road spirit.

HEALTH & WELLNESS 5B

From Costa Rica to the pines, the habits linked to longer living may be simpler, slower, and closer to home than we think.

WEEKEND WORTHY 6B

The Grand Canyon Railway offers a slower, scenic ride from Williams to the South Rim, with history, music, and old-fashioned grace.

WINGS OVER ARIZONA 7B

Birds cannot tell where trees end and glass begins, but a few simple window fixes can help prevent deadly collisions at home.

FROM THE PORCH 15B

Warm weekends bring friends together, but deeper friendships begin when we ask deeper questions.





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LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR LINK TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUNDS PARK

WHY ISN'T THE FOREST CLOSED?

Every fire season, the question comes up: If fire danger is high, why isn't the forest closed? It is a fair concern, especially for communities living among dry grass and thick timber, where one spark can spell disaster.

The answer is not simple. Coconino National Forest is public land, funded by taxpayers, and many people who love and respect it expect access when conditions allow. A full forest closure is a major step. It is costly, logistically complex, and requires extensive staffing, coordination and enforcement across more than 1.8 million acres.

Tourism adds another layer. Northern Arizona's economy relies heavily on visitors. A complete shutdown affects far more than recreation. It hits small businesses, local workers and entire towns that depend on seasonal traffic.

That said, an open forest is not a free-for-all. Fire danger remains elevated, and restrictions can tighten quickly based on weather, moisture, fire activity and firefighting resources.

It is also important to understand the difference between "no forestwide closure" and "no restrictions." The Coconino National Forest maintains year-round localized restrictions on campfires and camping in several high-use areas, including lands around Flagstaff, Kachina Village, Pumphouse Wash, Lake Mary, West Sedona, Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon and the Verde Wild and Scenic River corridor.

Bottom line: Always check before you go. Never assume an open forest means every campsite, fire ring or roadside pullout is open for use.

Access comes with responsibility. A single careless campfire, hot exhaust pipe in dry grass, dragging chain or discarded cigarette can threaten homes, wildlife, firefighters and entire communities.

Please enjoy the forest, but treat it like it belongs to all of us. Because it does.

Before you head out, check current Coconino National Forest alerts or call the Fire Restrictions Hotline at 928-226-4607.

Source: Coconino National Forest, U.S. Forest Service.



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Fire restrictions vary by area and can change fast. Scan below for today's rules.

Thanks for helping protect our forests!



COCONINO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

ROADWAY SAFETY ACTION PLAN & COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS

BY CHRISTOPHER TRESSLER, DIRECTOR

Roadway Safety Summit - June 18

Coconino County is hosting a series of Roadway Safety Summit community meetings as part of the Roadway Safety Action Plan (RSAP), a planning effort focused on improving safety on County-maintained roads.

The Munds Park Safety Summit meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Pinewood Fire Station. Thanks to Chief Tope for letting us use your beautiful new station for this meeting!

The RSAP Safety Summit is an opportunity for Munds Park residents to learn about the County's roadway safety planning efforts and speak with staff about safety concerns on County-maintained roads in their community.

For more information, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/RoadwaySafety.

2026 Community Cleanup Days

Coconino County's Community Cleanup Days start May 29. As always, bulk waste vouchers are only good for depositing bulk waste at the City of Flagstaff Cinder Lake Landfill during Community Cleanup Days, which this year will run during the following dates and times:

City of Flagstaff Cinder Lake Landfill
6770 East Landfill Road • Flagstaff, AZ

Friday, May 29 - Saturday, June 6, 2026

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

For more information, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/CommunityCleanupDays.

Willard Springs Open

Just a reminder that the Willard Springs Green Waste Site is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 31 when it will close for the 2026-2027 winter season. The last load of green waste is accepted through the gate at 4:30 p.m. each day the station is open. Please note that the site does not accept bulk or household waste.



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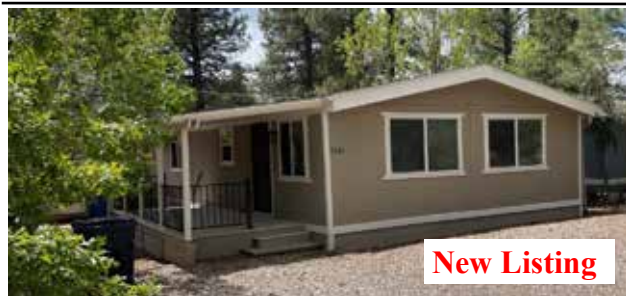
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LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

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PSD ENTERS KEY WASTEWATER REVIEW

BY DIANA SHELNUTT

The Pinewood Sanitary District (PSD) continues to make steady progress toward meeting the requirements of its court-ordered Consent Judgment and has entered an important review phase. This marks a key milestone as PSD works toward long-term infrastructure improvements and full regulatory compliance.

As part of the process, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will evaluate PSD’s proposed strategies to ensure they meet environmental and operational standards. Two major deadlines will guide the District’s next steps.

By June 15, 2026, PSD will submit a detailed plan to ADEQ outlining system improvements and specific corrective actions. By July 30, 2026, PSD must submit additional documents to support continued planning and future wastewater system upgrades.

PSD encourages residents to stay informed. The full Consent Judgment is available on the District’s website at www.pinewoodsanitary.com, under Resources > Important Documents.

To support the required improvements, PSD has secured funding through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). Beginning April 1, 2026, customers saw a new WIFA fee on their monthly bills. The fee supports repayment of the loan used for critical sewer system upgrades required under the Consent Judgment.

The WIFA fee will gradually increase as funds are drawn, meaning customers may see future bill adjustments. This approach allows the District to spread costs over time rather than place a large immediate financial burden on ratepayers.

The improvement project is being completed in four phases, with PSD recently entering Phase 2. These upgrades are designed to improve service reliability, protect the environment, and support long-term system performance.

PSD also offers a free SurePay Program for automatic monthly payments. Customers can enroll by calling 928-286-9166 or visiting PinewoodSanitary.com for the application.

PSD remains committed to completing all required improvements and maintaining a safe, reliable wastewater system for the community. Residents are encouraged to follow updates as the District moves from review into implementation.



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BY FRANCINE COLES



Grilled Chicken Orange Summer Salad



No-Churn Lemon Ice Cream

Summer in Munds Park has a way of bringing everyone outside. The days get longer, the grills get busier, and suddenly we're all looking for food that feels fresh, easy, and just a little bit special.

With that in mind, I'm sharing a few simple and tasty recipes that are perfect for warm-weather weekends and summer gatherings. Let's start with a Grilled Chicken and Orange Summer Salad. It's light, colorful, and just right when you want something satisfying without feeling too heavy. This is one of those recipes that feels impressive but comes together quickly, which is exactly what summer cooking should be. Finally, we'll finish with a delicious No-Churn Lemon Ice Cream. It's simple to make, though it does need time in the freezer. The reward is a creamy, smooth dessert that tastes like sunshine in a spoon.

You may have noticed a citrus theme, and honestly, why not? Citrus is easy to find, easy to cook with, and brings a bright, fresh flavor to just about anything.

Enjoy!

Grilled Chicken & Orange Summer Salad

Makes: 4 Servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 6 grilled or cooked chicken breasts, cut across the grain into strips
- 2 cups mixed baby greens
- 1 romaine lettuce, washed and torn into small pieces
- 2 oranges, peeled and cut into segments or 2 Asian pears, cut into thin slices
- 1 English cucumber, cut into julienne strips
- 1 red pepper, cut into julienne strips
- 1 pint blueberries
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds
- Citrus Dressing:
 - 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
 - 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 2 tsp Kosher salt
 - 1 tsp sugar
 - 1/2 tsp granulated garlic

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Details: This fun three-day program will be held June 9, 10, and 11. T-shirt pick-up will take place Monday, June 8, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Register by May 25 so your child can join the fun. To sign up, at www.vbspro.events/p/be6bec



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Location: 65 Pinewood Blvd

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Yoga in the Park will offer TWO FREE introductory classes. Chair Yoga is a gentle option for those who prefer seated or supported movement, while Mat Flow Yoga offers a more active class.

Chair Yoga: 9-9:45 a.m.

Mat Flow Yoga: 10-11 a.m.

Admission: FREE for Saturday, May 23 only.

STARTING FRIDAY, MAY 29

Yoga in the Park will offer 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-SUNDAY, MAY 22-24



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT MUNDS PARK RV RESORT

Munds Park RV Resort is hosting a full weekend of Memorial Day fun with karaoke, live music, and a cornhole tournament. Stop by the Rec Hall, bring your good mood, and enjoy a little holiday weekend community time.

Friday, May 22: Karaoke, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Rec Hall

Saturday, May 23: Live music with Matt Farris, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Rec Hall

Sunday, May 24: Cornhole Tournament, starts at 11 a.m.

Munds Park RV Resort
17550 S. Munds Ranch Rd.

THURSDAY, MAY 28



PAINT & SIP AT WINE TASTING & MORE

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

Time: 5 pm

Location: Wine Tasting and More, 17730 S. Munds Ranch Rd., Munds Park

Details: www.winetastingandmore.com



BEGINNING JUNE 1ST

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



PINWOOD PLAYERS

From Four Old Broads on the High Seas to adult acting and improv classes, Pinewood Players is bringing plenty of laughter, learning, and local talent to the stage this season. See the full

Pinewood Players feature in this issue for show dates and class information see page 9B.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH



MUTS NEEDS BOOTS ON THE TRAIL

Join Munds Park Trail Stewards to help maintain the non-motorized Brad and Mud Tank trails, then stay

for a free lunch after. Please RSVP.

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Iron Springs Trailhead at 8:15 a.m.

Details: RSVP to mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com

Bring long pants, sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and a smile. Water and trail tools will be provided. Check for updates at www.mundsparktrailstewards.com, as the event may change or be postponed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

COMMUNITY LUAU



Munds Park Community Church is hosting a free community luau with pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, neighborly conversation, kids' games, and cornhole. Come hungry, and bring the family!

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Munds Park Community Church

Admission: FREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30



PINWOOD 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

BEYOND THE PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 6



ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Flagstaff celebrates 100 years of Route 66 with a full day of free, family-friendly fun downtown. Enjoy classic cars, live music, face

painting, balloon animals, Route

66 crafts, a bookmobile, street art, axe throwing for ages 12 and older, and more along Aspen Avenue near Heritage Square. The celebration continues into the evening with Movies on the Square, featuring live music and a showing of Cars.

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Movies on the Square 5 p.m.

Location: Aspen Avenue near Heritage Square

Details: flagstaffarizona.org

Admission: FREE

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 4-6

FLAGSTAFF PRO RODEO



Three nights of rodeo under the pines is a pretty good way to spend an early June evening. This PRCA-sanctioned event brings classic rodeo action to Fort Tuthill with bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, steer wrestling,

tie-down roping, barrel racing, breakaway, bull riding, and more.

Time: Gates open at 5 p.m.; Rodeo 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Fort Tuthill County Park, Flagstaff

Details: flagstaffrodeo.com

Admission: See website for details

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 6-7

FLAGSTAFF HULLABALOO



Flagstaff Hullabaloo returns to Wheeler Park with live music, giant puppets, a bike parade, costume contests, two performance stages, a large kids area, local vendors, craft brews, cocktails, food, and plenty of Flagstaff fun. The 2026 lineup

includes Mitchum Yacoub, Onus B Johnson, Reposado, Innastate, Giovani Kiyingi, The Skavelinas, Pummin Lummin, Crosstown Players, Whoa Nelly!, Seenan, Tsoh Tso, Nuvatukyaovi Sinom Dance Group, and Robot Apocalypse.

Time: Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location: Wheeler Park, 212 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff

Details: flaghullabaloo.com

Admission: See website for ticket details

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 13-14

FLAGSTAFF FOLK FESTIVAL



A full weekend of folk and acoustic music, workshops, jamming, and more than 100 acts on multiple stages, all built around community and good listening. Bring your curiosity and your comfiest shoes.

Time: Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Coconino Center for the Arts and the Pioneer Museum, 2300 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff

Details: flagfolkfest.org

Admission: See website for details

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 20-21

PRESCOTT BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



Bring a chair or blanket and settle in for a free weekend of bluegrass in downtown Prescott. Enjoy live bands, an evening concert Saturday night, jamming around the plaza, food tents, vendors, and raffles.

Time: Sat. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Goodwin Street, Downtown Prescott

Details: prescott.org

Admission: FREE

MONDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 29-JULY 5

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Prescott's signature summer traditions returns for a full week of rodeo action, western spirit, and holiday-week crowds. Gates open

two hours before each performance, so there is time to grab food, shop, and settle in before the fun starts.

Time: Check website for times.

Location: Prescott Rodeo Grounds 840 Rodeo Dr., Prescott

Details: worldsoldeastrodeo.com

Admission: See website for details.

FRIDAY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-7

COCONINO COUNTY FAIR



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

Admission: See website for details



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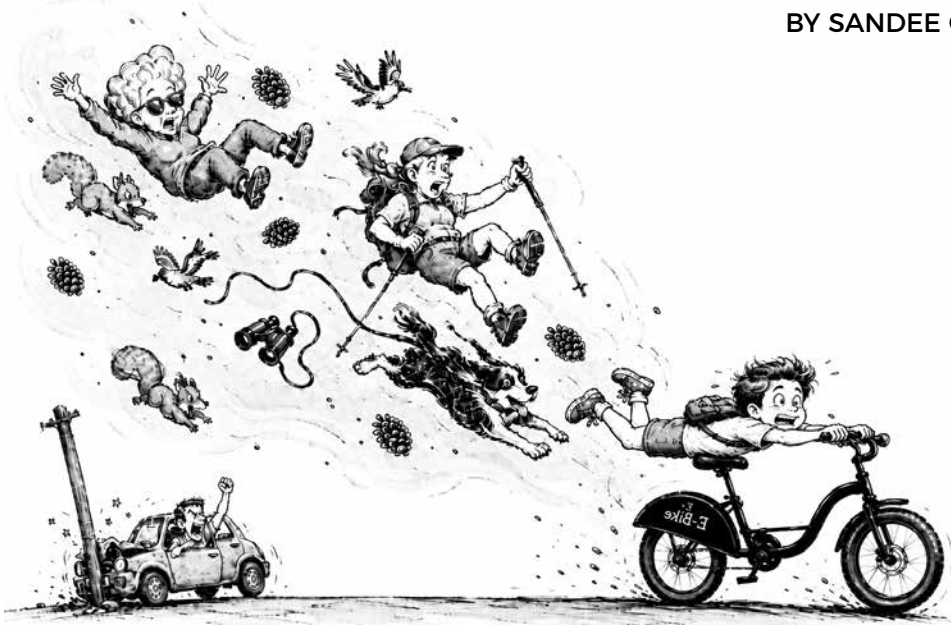
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YOUR KID IS FLYING THROUGH THE PARK. WHERE ARE YOU?

BY SANDEE CAVINESS



There is a particular silence after a close call.

It comes after the sudden screech of tires skidding on pavement. After the sharp breath of a driver who has stopped just in time. After a neighbor witnesses a near-miss and whispers, "That was close."

The parents are not there. They have no idea their child on an e-bike just missed a car or blew through a stop sign. They have no idea how close their child came to not coming home for dinner.

All over the Park, residents are watching teens on e-bikes move through neighborhoods as if streets were built for real-life video games, speed, and narrow escapes. They dart across roads, weave through traffic, and appear suddenly, surprising drivers. Many of these moments end with nothing more than a frightened driver and a child who has no idea how lucky they were.

E-bikes may resemble the bikes we grew up with. We remember scraped knees and the proud wobble of freedom. But these are not those bikes. These are motor-assisted vehicles. E-bikes accelerate with shocking speed. Some hit 20 to 28 miles per hour with almost no effort. That kind of speed turns a moment of childish inattention into a potential tragedy before a driver can even register the blur.

A scraped knee on a regular bike is part of growing up. A thirteen-year-old launched into oncoming traffic on an e-bike is something else entirely. It ends in the emergency room, or in a silence no parent ever wants to hear.

Twenty-eight miles per hour doesn't sound like much until it's your kid weaving through streets helmetless, playing with the laws of momentum and mortality. Kids don't grasp that drivers don't always see them. Kids must know how to ride defensively. We have many blind spots in the Park, lots of curvy, winding roads, and not all drivers are paying attention. They may fiddle with their phone or be looking for elk or that cute little squirrel that ran across the road. And let's speak the truth. This is Munds Park, and some of our drivers may have just enjoyed a leisurely afternoon at the bar.

Even if the driver is paying perfect attention, a child going too fast can lose control in an instant. The outcome is the same.

Arizona crash data does not separate regular bikes from e-bikes, so the full danger stays partly hidden. Still, the numbers are sobering. In 2024 the state recorded 44 bicyclist deaths and 1,349 injuries. Phoenix Children's Hospital reports that bike-related injuries are a leading cause for children ages five to fourteen landing in the emergency room, nearly half involving head trauma. Across the country, hospitals are seeing the same rise in e-bike injuries among young riders.

This is not ordinary childhood freedom with a battery. It is something more powerful and more unforgiving. Helmets, lights, reflectors, real traffic awareness, and actual adult supervision are not optional. They are the bare minimum required when you hand your child something that can outrun their judgment.

Kids will always push limits. That is what they do. Our job is to set those limits firmly. If your child does not understand basic traffic rules, simple physics, or plain common sense, they are not ready for an e-bike.

And even if your child does pass that test, parents still need to treat these machines like the serious, potentially lethal equipment they are, especially when the rider is under 16. *Ride with your kids.* Enforce the rules. Model the caution and skill e-bikes demand.

Besides, nothing is better than a little family time in the fresh air. You'll help keep your kid safe, your neighbors happy, and your community from collectively losing its mind over one more e-bike kid flying through the Park.

Parents, get out there with your kids. Show them how to handle the road, respect others, and follow basic riding etiquette. Teach them now, before the road does, because that lesson may come with sirens.

And if you see a kid riding like an idiot, find the courage to say something or tell the parents. You might be the reason that child gets to come home tonight.

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HOMEMADE & WONDERFUL

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Directions

- Pinch each of red chili flakes and black pepper
- In a serving bowl, layer the lettuces, oranges, julienned vegetables, berries, chicken and end with toasted nuts. Cover and chill.
- Citrus Dressing: Mix all ingredients together in a blender and dress salad just before serving. Do not toss salad.

No-Churn Lemon Ice Cream

Makes: 3 cups

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 3 hours

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp finely grated lemon zest
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (from about 2 lemons)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp fine sea salt
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- Thin lemon cookies, optional

Directions

- Whisk together the lemon zest and juice, the sugar, and salt in a large bowl.
- Whisk together the cream and milk in a measuring cup and gradually pour into the lemon and sugar mixture, whisking constantly. Continue to whisk until the sugar dissolves—you won't

hear or feel it scraping against the bottom of the bowl anymore, about 2 minutes.

- Pour the mixture into an 8-inch square metal baking pan or a metal loaf pan. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and freeze until the mixture is solid around the edges and mushy in the middle, 2 to 3 hours. Stir well, cover again with foil, and continue to freeze until completely firm, about an hour more. Once firm, scoop into chilled bowls to serve.

Chef's Note: I added lemon wafer cookies to my mixture after the mixture was in the freezer for 2 hours. I crumbled the cookies up and then stirred them into the ice cream.



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THE JOY OF OFF-ROAD TRAIL RIDING

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OFF-ROAD ETIQUETTE

GOOD RIDERS PROTECT THE LAND & THOSE AROUND THEM

After procrastinating for over ten years, I finally took the plunge recently and bought a side-by-side off road vehicle. After the first forest ride I quickly regretted that I had waited too long because it's so darned much fun!!!

For novices, allow me to clarify the terms UTV and ATV. We often hear the term ATV (All-Terrain Vehicles) however those are limited to what most folks call quads. These are generally smaller single seaters with no doors, roof or roll cages and can handle tight trails. Way fun!

UTVs (Utility Task Vehicles) are commonly referred to as side-by-sides and are larger carrying 4-6 riders protected by doors, a roof and a full roll cage and are great for hauling stuff in their optional dump beds.

These vehicles provide the most exciting way to explore the plethora of Coconino forest trails or just zipping around Munds Park. However, many folks find them a bit noisy, and the trail dust can sometimes be challenging. Not for everyone but it allows you to truly experience the forest on the most personal level.

I found a great deal on a UTV side-by-side 2024 Yamaha Wolverine 1000cc with a fair number of miles but it included a one-year warranty and all maintenance records. I added options including front and rear windshields to mitigate the dust and a wireless intercom headset for the engine noise and ability to converse with my passengers and even other drivers in their own rigs. The wife certainly appreciates that!

In the past six weeks several of us have already completed six different trail rides, each one rather unique.

The Lost Boys Ride whereas we somehow found a way to get lost and/or backtrack five times! Seems my navigator (who shall remain nameless) was referencing a trail app with his iPhone upside down. It ended up being a 65-mile ride over a period of five hours but the mis directions forced us to experience some really cool way off-road trails through mud and snow. Lesson learned: invest in the 'OnX Offroad' app!

The Mormon Mountain Ride was an extraordinary climb up to Mormon Mountain where there is a plethora of communication towers and rumored secret military equipment. Maybe they're communicating with aliens?

During our Schnebly Hill Ride down to Sedona we expected some technical riding over large boulders and ruts. Instead, it was just very rough riding crawling along at 5mph. But man, the views were



kickass as the Pink Jeep tourists would attest. We then headed north on 87A up through Oak Creek Canyon and returned home on Old Munds Highway stopping for a bite and brew at the Mountaineer Tavern.

A few weeks ago we did *The Oak Creek Canyon Vistas Ride* where we had the good fortune of being guided by an expert trail rider (Tony) to experience the most incredible views of looking down into Oak Creek Canyon from various vantage points on top of the cliffs.

Our most recent trail ride was the back way into *Lower Lake Mary Ride* which has no water of course but the ride back on Lake Mary Road to Mormon Lake then FR240 to Munds Park was excellent.

Each ride consisted of two to five rigs; mostly side-by-sides and a quad totaling 2-10 riders. The more folks riding the better as it's reassuring to have others join should there be an emergency and to validate that we're still on course. And I can't say enough about the convenience of using intercom headsets for each driver to communicate next turns, wildlife sightings and the occasional beer break. Nothing crazy of course.

Regarding cost of the UTVs they can be quite expensive, starting new at \$10k up to \$40k or more for loaded models. Maintenance is minimal and Munds Park is lucky to have our own expert mechanic. His name is Bob David owner of Motorsports Addict Inc. Make Bob your new best friend for his decades long knowledge of off-road machine maintenance, repairs, and parts and accessories. Bob resides here in Munds Park and provides an on-site mobile service right in your driveway. Great guy and may be reached at 602-390-6107. Tell him MadJack referred you.

So, want to come join us for some off-roading? We go out at least weekly and most rides are two to four hours. We've plenty of room if you want to ride along and typically announce (and brag) about our rides on our group Facebook site called **MUNDS PARK OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB**. This local club is free and very informal and currently has nearly four hundred members! Other activities we get together for are kayaking on Lake Odell (and others), snow skiing, hiking, frisbee golf, etc.

Catch you back here for my next article in the July 4th edition of our beloved Pinewood News!

MadJack.



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Honey Deuce

Memorial Day weekend has a way of announcing itself in Munds Park. The cabins open up, the grills come out, the patio chairs get dusted off, and someone, somewhere, is already asking if there is enough ice.

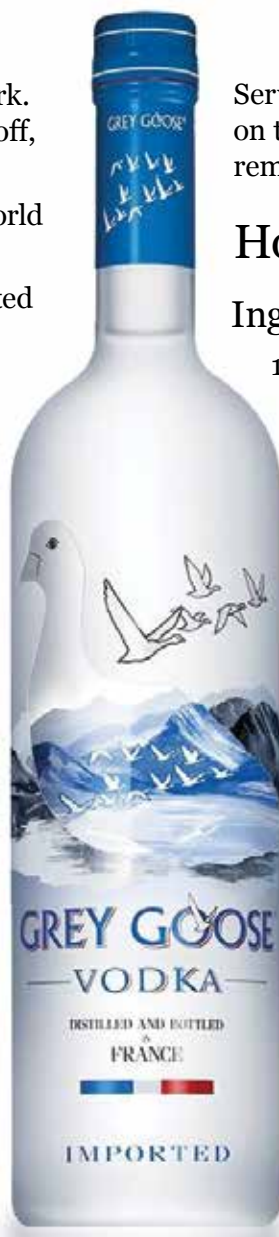
So this year, we are borrowing a little inspiration from the tennis world and handing it to the rest of us.

The Honey Deuce, the signature cocktail of the U.S. Open, was created in 2006 by restaurateur Nick Mautone after Grey Goose asked for a drink that could handle a crowd. It needed to be refreshing, easy to make in volume, and memorable enough to stand out in the middle of a very busy tournament.

The winning idea came with a wink. Honeydew melon balls, rounded and pale green, looked just enough like tennis balls to become the garnish that made the drink famous. Add vodka, lemonade and a splash of raspberry liqueur, and the Honey Deuce became a warm-weather favorite.

Now, Munds Park may not be hosting the U.S. Open anytime soon, and not everyone is a member of a club or looking for a match. Around here, summer sport can mean pickleball, cornhole, horseshoes, grilling, porch-sitting or making the heroic journey back to the cooler without spilling your drink.

That is what makes the Honey Deuce a good fit. It is simple, cold, pretty in the glass and easy to make by the pitcher. No tennis whites required. No membership card needed. Just lemonade, vodka, a splash of Chambord and a little honeydew garnish pretending to be fancy.



Serve it after a game, before dinner, during a long afternoon on the deck, or whenever the pines are doing their best to remind you that summer has officially arrived.

Honey Deuce Pitcher

Ingredients

- 13.5 ounces vodka
- 27 ounces fresh lemonade
- 6.7 ounces Chambord or other raspberry liqueur
- Honeydew melon balls, chilled or frozen
- Ice

The Method

Fill a large pitcher with ice. Add the lemonade, vodka and Chambord. Stir gently until chilled and well combined.

Fill chilled highball glasses with ice and pour the Honey Deuce over the top. Garnish each glass with honeydew melon balls, either floating in the drink or skewered across the rim.

For a party, scoop the melon balls ahead of time and freeze them. They keep the drink cold and make the glass look like you tried harder than you did, which is always a host's secret weapon.

Cheers to long weekends, friendly competition, porch laughter and the kind of summer afternoon that starts with "just one game" and ends with everyone staying for dinner.

Cheers to a life well lived!



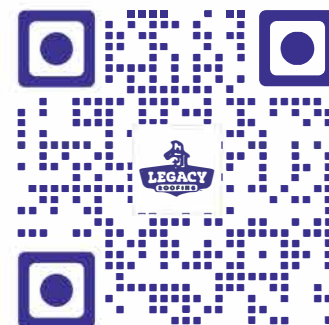
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transform downtown pavement into a showstopper that gives the impression the street has come to life right underfoot. It's the kind of feature that invites visitors to take out their phones, strike a Route 66 pose and become part of the celebration. Add in a classic car show rolling through the district, live performances pulsing with energy and a crowd ready to celebrate a century of road-trip history, and downtown Flagstaff is looking at a scene that will be hard to beat.

Families will find plenty to keep everyone busy from morning to evening, starting with balloon animals and face painting to spark the kids' imaginations early. There's a bookmobile with a dedicated storytelling area, a Discover Flagstaff coloring station, and hands-on crafting like the

Historic Route 66 Association keychain-making station, plus a Lowell Observatory planetary button-making station. For older kids and adventurous adults, Route 66-themed axe-throwing will be in a trailer from FlagTag AZ (ages 12+), adding that perfect hit of adrenaline amid the nostalgia. These details turn a simple event into something layered and lively, where every age group finds its own slice of fun.

Music will help carry the day from start to finish, blending community pride with big-stage energy. Expect performances by the Ukulele Club strumming feel-good vibes, the Rapture in Blue Swing Band getting

Route 66 is turning 100, and Flagstaff is not just marking the moment — it is going all in with a June 6 downtown celebration that promises classic cars, live music, interactive street art, family fun and a full day of Mother Road energy. The city's centennial party is set to put one of America's most famous highways front and center, and Flagstaff is making sure the milestone feels anything but ordinary.

The Route 66 Centennial Celebration will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 6 in downtown Flagstaff, the only 7,000-foot elevation, pine-fresh, dark-sky city on the Mother Road.

What makes this celebration stand out is the setting itself: Flagstaff's historic Route 66 district, where the road, the buildings and the stories all help tell the same tale. You'll uncover the secrets of the original Route 66 alignment when you put on your walking shoes and dial your phone to the "Walk This Talk" audio tour. Featuring an introduction by Ted Danson, this self-guided journey leads you through 10 historic sites within about a half-mile stretch, starting near the Visitor Center: the original Flagstaff Depot, the 1926 train station.

One of the biggest attractions at the Route 66 event is expected to be the 3D illusion street art, where commissioned artists will



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toes tapping, the Kyle Benedict Band bringing local flavor, the Flagstaff Community Band delivering classic marches, and the Mother Road Trio capping it off with highway-inspired tunes. It's a soundtrack that matches the spirit of Route 66 itself — unpretentious, road-worn and full of heart.

Getting around could not be simpler, thanks to Mountain Line offering free bus service on all routes that day. The special Route 66 bus departs the Downtown Connection Center every hour on the quarter, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., touring key sites along the Mother Road so you can leave the car behind and sightsee in style without a single parking hassle.

The city is doubling down on immersion with its new Route 66 digital passport, letting locals and visitors check in at landmarks to earn points redeemable for prizes at the Visitor Center on 1 E. Route 66.

Flagstaff has spent the centennial year finding fresh ways to showcase its Route 66 legacy, and the celebration spills far beyond downtown. The Museum of Northern Arizona's "Wagon Road to Mother Road" exhibition digs into how the highway reshaped the region, complete with archaeologist David Purcell's finds from Petrified Forest, like car crashes and campsites. Lowell Observatory's "Cosmic Highways: A Centennial Tour" (daily at 3 p.m.) connects the dots between Route 66 adventures and astronomical discoveries — with readmission for evening stargazing under those famously dark skies. Theatrikos Theatre Co. keeps the laughs coming through Nov. 11 with "Route 66 to the Grand Canyon," a comedy unpacking highway lore. Freaky Foot Tours offers a two-hour Southside walking tour tracing the 1926 and 1934 alignments, revealing how Flagstaff leaders lobbied to route the road through town instead of south.



UNSTOPPABLE Stacey enjoying Flagstaff Visitor Center

The event overlaps the Hullabaloo festival at Wheeler Park, creating a lively atmosphere that gives families, travelers, and longtime Route 66 fans even more to enjoy in a single walkable stretch of downtown. It's the kind of alignment that turns a single day into a full immersion in Flagstaff's road-trip soul.

When the official festivities wrap at 5 p.m., the energy keeps rolling on Heritage Square with more live music, leading into Downtown Flagstaff's annual Movies on the Square screening of Disney's Cars. It's a family-friendly nightcap that nods to the highway's pop-culture pull.

With street art, classic cars, music, history, hands-on fun and a citywide lineup of Route 66 attractions, Flagstaff is treating the centennial

like the milestone it is. For anyone who has ever loved the open road, June 6 looks like a day worth circling on the calendar.

"UNSTOPPABLE Stacey" Wittig is a travel writer based in Munds Park. Follow her world travels at UnstoppableStaceyTravel.com

For more Route 66 fun throughout the year, keep an eye on Things To Do & See on page 12A. We'll share centennial celebrations, local events, and a few more good reasons to hit the road as they come along.



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9. Ghana money
13. Shade of black
14. White-flowered iris
16. Unlock
17. Clash of clans
18. Eastern Church member
19. Like Jack Sprat's diet
20. Fret
22. Uncontrolled vessel?
24. Scarfed down
25. Rainbow's shape
26. Diverse groups of over 100 species of hardy, low-maintenance deciduous shrubs in the rose family
31. Question
34. Coal carrier
35. Marina sight
37. Cordwood measure
39. Tennyson work
41. "Chill!"
43. Spinnaker, e.g.
44. Plane starter
46. Facts-of-life course, briefly
48. Taxi
49. Distant
51. Meld of the queen of spades and jack of diamonds

53. Duffer's goal
 54. "___ to Billie Joe"
 55. Angular measurement device used in surveying
 59. Litchi-related fruit
 63. Highlands hillside
 64. Japanese-American
 66. Mah-jongg piece
 67. Calls for
 68. Seashore
 69. Gaelic
 70. Get together
 71. Buzzi of "Laugh-In"
 72. Dining area
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1. Zebras
 2. "Not on ___!" ("No way!")
 3. ___ de force
 4. Ingratiate
 5. Half of a Disney symbol
 6. Ashes holder
 7. Small amount
 8. Rock formation
 9. Sandwich staples
 10. Fencer's blade
 11. ___ John
 12. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
 15. Suffix with home or farm
 21. "Don't go!"
 23. Cupid, to the Greeks
 26. Clipper or cutter
 27. Lecterns
 28. Tennyson poem
 29. Air force heroes
 30. Lug
 32. Turf by the surf
 33. Courtroom event
 36. It's hailed by city dwellers
 38. Dresden's river
 40. Most eccentric
 42. Out-of-place rock fragment
 45. Warty hopper
 47. Extinct bird
 50. Money in Geneva
 52. Football snapper
 55. Brit's bottom
 56. Water-skiing locale
 57. Last name in fashion
 58. Biblical twin
 60. Copter's forerunner
 61. "The Sun ___ Rises"
 62. Tree whose seeds yield an organic insecticide
 63. "Kapow!"
 65. Approx.

GUIDELINES FOR HONORING THE AMERICAN FLAG



The American flag carries a powerful symbol of unity, resilience, and pride, as beautifully expressed by Franklin K. Lane, former Secretary of the Interior under President Woodrow Wilson. He wrote, "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Understanding proper flag etiquette is a meaningful way to show reverence for the Stars and Stripes. Inspired by Lane's words, we are reminded that the American flag reflects our dreams, our labors, and the remarkable story of our nation, each of us plays a role in its creation.

While the Flag Code is generally understood as a guide for respectful civilian display, they offer a thoughtful way to honor the flag and the unity, resilience, and pride it represents. By displaying it with care, we honor not only the flag, but the country and people it stands for.

Displaying the American Flag

How to display the American flag with respect and pride:

Orientation

- When hanging the flag vertically on a wall, window, or door, the blue Union should be on the left side as you face it.
- For horizontal or vertical display against a wall, the Union should also be positioned on the left.
- During a procession, the American flag should take the honored position on the right. If carried with a line of other flags, it should lead from the front and center.

Placement

- When displaying the flag from a staff projecting from a building, the Union should be at the peak.
- When the flag is not displayed on a staff, it may be laid flat or suspended so its folds fall freely, as though it were staffed.
- When suspended vertically over a street, the Union should face north on an east-west street or east on a north-south street.
- For special events or speaking engagements, the flag should be placed above and behind the speaker, with the Union uppermost and to the left as you face it.
- In churches or auditoriums, when the flag is displayed on a staff, it should be placed at the speaker's right, the position of honor.

Hoisting & Lowering

- When raising the flag, hoist it briskly and with pride.
- When lowering the flag, do so with ceremony and respect.
- When displaying the flag at half-staff, first raise it to the peak for a moment, then lower it to the halfway position. Before lowering it for the day, raise it to the peak once more, then lower it fully.
- Half-staff is the position midway between the top and bottom of the staff. It is reserved for specific occasions, including honoring fallen heroes.

A Few Final Reminders

- Do not fly a flag that is worn, torn, faded, or no longer suitable for display.
- If the flag is flown from sunset to sunrise, it should be properly illuminated.
- The flag should not be flown in rain, snow, or heavy winds unless it is an all-weather flag.

Proper Disposal of the American Flag

When retiring a worn or tattered flag, consider reaching out to a local American Legion post, as many hold annual flag retirement ceremonies ensuring the flag is retired respectfully.



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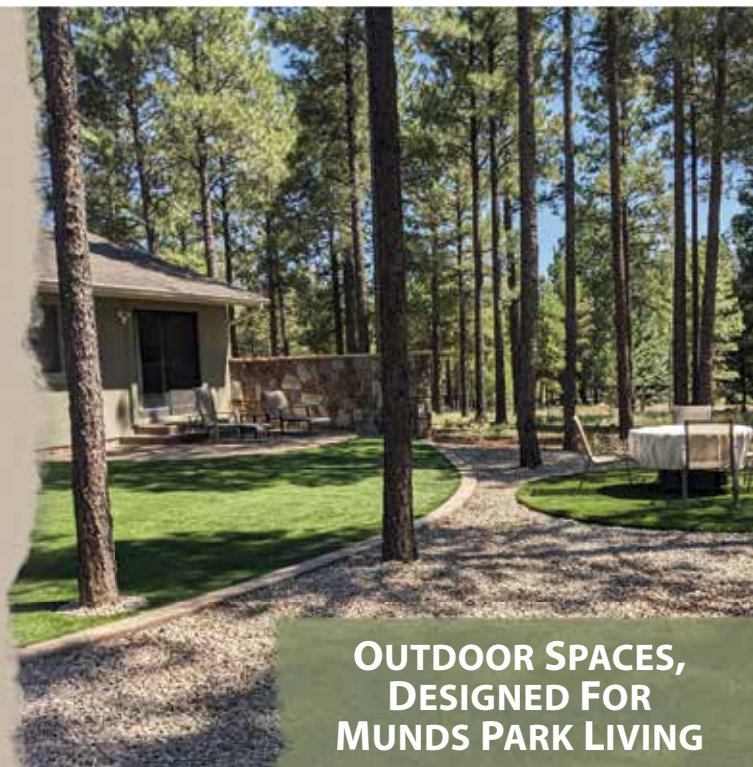
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BLUE ZONE WISDOM FOR LIFE IN THE PINES

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We have fresh farmers markets and the ability to grow our herbs all summer long. It's easy to invite neighbors over for a glass of wine, coffee, or tea and enjoy community support. Midday rains welcome daily naps, and a slower pace here can allow us to decompress. Our weekend yoga can help with movement and breathing to manage stress and injury. It does take effort to choose foods wisely, not overindulge, and make an effort to connect with each other. We can't control

our genetics, but we can control our lifestyle with our effort and our attitude. The hardest part is showing up and making good choices.

As the roads in Nicoya slowly get paved and people are finding out about our little Blue Zone secret, we see some changes over time. More people, more processed food, more cars. All of these may shift the characteristics of this particular region, but until then, we watch and learn, and start to change some things in our own environment that can bring us health and happiness. Maybe we can work on shifting our average life expectancy closer to that centenarian mark!

See Things To Do & See on page 12A for Christy's Yoga in the Park class schedule.

Each January, my husband and I travel to Costa Rica to rest and reset. This is the land of endless summers, sparkling warm waves, hippie vibes, and coconuts. This particular region in the Nicoya Peninsula is considered a Blue Zone. It's not just a label; believe me, it's an immersive experience and you can feel it. Blue zones are essentially the 5 geographical regions of the world that have the highest concentrations of centenarians, or residents who live to 100 and beyond in good health and happiness. Researchers have been at work identifying the common characteristics of the regions and understanding the keys to longevity. Currently, the CDC reports an average life expectancy at birth in the United States to be 79 years of age. Many factors can contribute to our health and wellness, but what can we learn from these Blue Zones to improve our own longevity?

Let's first start by saying, you don't need to be in a small surfing village to be a Blue Zone. The 5 regions of the world are all very different in geography and population but have common characteristics that contribute to their longevity.

The five original Blue Zones are Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Nicoya, Costa Rica; Icaria, Greece; and Loma Linda, California.

The healthier lives are not just genetics, it's all about the lifestyle. The "Power 9" shared characteristics include:

1. Moving your body naturally every day!
2. Getting up every day with a purpose. This may be cooking, caregiving, chopping wood, gardening, or volunteering. Everyone has a job.
3. Stress is managed with naps, meditation, or simply sharing a beverage with neighbors.
4. Avoiding overeating
5. Eating whole foods that are natural to your region. Think farm fresh, nothing with barcodes or packaging.
6. They all seem to enjoy a beverage that is common to their region, including wine, coffee, or herbal tea. They also do this together, and the social part of this may be equally beneficial.
7. They have faith-based communities— however, they are all different faiths! They believe in something.
8. Strong family commitments and engagement in the community to avoid isolation.
9. Social circles support healthy behaviors. Always surround yourself with people that bring out your best!

In 2021, Dan Buettner, who is a leader in studying Blue Zone regions, published a 4-week plan for a longer, better life. It has summaries of how people like us "Mundsies" can apply these strategies to our own lives.

Our little slice of heaven here in the pines makes it easy to incorporate many of these ideas. We have beautiful forests, trails, and outdoor activities to move our bodies daily.



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TO THE GRAND CANYON, BY RAIL & BY WONDER

The Grand Canyon Railway



Some trips begin the moment you arrive. This one begins when the train pulls away from Williams and the land starts to open.

The old Route 66 town falls behind, the rails settle into their steady rhythm, and Northern Arizona passes by in long, handsome stretches of high country. There are open plateaus, dark stands of ponderosa, pale grassland, and that wide Western sky that seems to make a person breathe a little deeper without quite knowing why. You are not gripping a steering wheel or watching traffic. You are simply carried forward, with time to look, think, and enjoy the going.

That is the real charm of the Grand Canyon Railway. It does not merely take you to the South Rim. It restores some grace to the getting there.

The line has been part of canyon travel since 1901, and the ride still carries some of that earlier spirit, when travel had shape and character and a destination as grand as the canyon deserved a proper approach. Yet despite its history, the experience is easy and comfortable. You get the romance of another age without the inconvenience that usually came with it.

The route runs north from Williams through 64 miles of high Arizona country. For much of the ride, the landscape does what this country does best. It stretches, softens, and opens slowly. Wildlife appears now and then. Light moves across the ground in long bands. The view changes from pine country to open land and back again, creating a pleasant effect of loosening the mind from its usual clutter.

The train also gives you something to enjoy besides the view. Musicians move through the cars with guitars, bringing warmth and life to the journey. Onboard guides share stories from the railway's past, when the line helped supply the South Rim and supported the building of Grand Canyon Village. It does not overwhelm the scenery, only adds a little human spirit to the ride.

For those who like a simpler outing, there are standard seats and broad windows, which are pleasure enough. For those who want more, the Luxury Dome and Luxury Parlor cars offer a polished ride in restored 1950s streamliners. The Dome surrounds you with glass and sky. The Parlor offers lounge seating, a private bar, and access to the open-air rear platform, where the wind and country come at you clean and wide. Along the way there are snacks, pastries, fruit, cheeses, cured meats, orange juice, and on the return trip, a sparkling wine toast.

And then comes the arrival, which may be the loveliest part of all.

The train pulls into Grand Canyon Depot near the South Rim, close to the Rim Trail, El Tovar Hotel, and the shuttle stops for places like Mather Point. There is no long search for parking, no sense of having fought your way in. You step down with the day still intact. Your energy is still yours. The canyon is there waiting, vast and quiet and entirely capable of taking over from there.

You arrive not wrung out, but ready. Ready to walk, to photograph, to sit still, to look out over that tremendous distance and let the mind go quiet for a while. The train has already done its part by slowing the day to a more human pace.

When it is time to leave, it carries you back the same easy way. By then, the return has its own pleasure. The light has changed. The mood has changed. You have had your canyon, and now you are allowed to come home gently.

That is why the Grand Canyon Railway remains such a beautiful way to make the trip. It offers history, comfort, music, scenery, and a little elegance, yes, but more than that, it puts a person in the right frame of mind. And for a place as grand as the canyon, God's land, that feels exactly right.

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BY MARGARET DYEKMAN

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There are many options for bird strike-proofing your windows. I made an Acopian Bird Saver for my office window. I bought a package of hardware store paracord and positioned free-standing strings down the window every four inches. For our deck window, this month I will use window markers that consist of small dots mounted on the outside of the window in straight vertical and horizontal lines. I've been in several buildings that use this application and it does not interfere with the view from the inside in an annoying way.



Anti-Collision Window Stickers can look very nice.

Other options can also bird-proof your windows, but those "hawk stickers" won't do the job. Research shows any gaps must be no more than 4 inches wide (for paracord systems). Some people use tape or painted lines; others apply products such as Feather Friendly Film or Bird Divert, marketed as optically clear anti-collision markers that use both visible and UV patterns. Whatever your budget, choose the method that works for you right now. Start with one window and see what happens.

Not quite convinced? Go to stopbirdcollisions.org and learn more about the problem and solutions. You will find examples of what all these options look like. Remember, Acorn Woodpeckers, Mountain Chickadees, Band-tailed Pigeons, Broad-tailed Hummingbirds, and all the rest cannot distinguish where habitat ends and glass begins. When they fly into a window, the result is almost always fatal. Let's do our part so you can continue to enjoy birds in your nest boxes, at your bird baths and feeders, and in your neighborhood.

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THE HISTORY OF PICKLEBALL

From Backyard Game to National Obsession

Pickleball began the way some of the best American pastimes begin: with bored kids, a few resourceful adults, and whatever equipment was close at hand.

In 1965, on Bainbridge Island, Washington, Joel Pritchard, then a congressman, and businessman Bill Bell returned from golf to find their families looking for something to do. The old badminton court was available, but the proper equipment was not. So they improvised with ping-pong paddles, a perforated plastic ball, and a net. At first, the net stood at badminton height. Soon, they lowered it to 36 inches, and a new game began to take shape.

The next weekend, neighbor Barney McCallum joined in, and the three men developed rules that borrowed from badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Their goal was simple: create a game the whole family could play together, regardless of age or athletic ability.

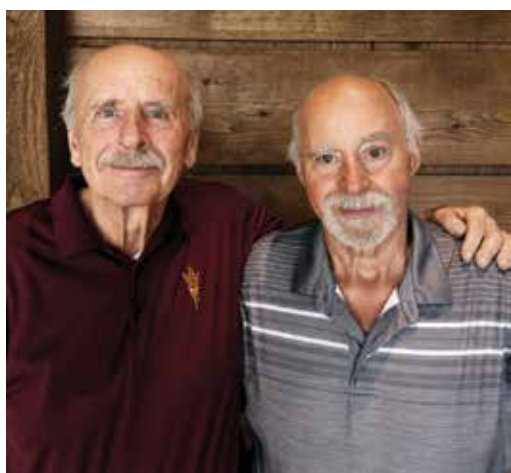
Even the name has a story. Many people believe pickleball was named after the Pritchard family dog, Pickles, who chased stray balls. It is a

charming tale, but USA Pickleball credits Joel's wife, Joan Pritchard, with the name. She said the game reminded her of a "pickle boat" in crew racing, where leftover rowers were gathered into one boat. Since pickleball was made from pieces of other sports, the name fit. According to the family account, Pickles the dog came later and was named after the game.

The sport grew slowly at first. Pickle-Ball, Inc. was formed in 1972. The first known tournament was held in Tukwila, Washington, in 1976. In 1984, the United States Amateur Pickleball Association was organized, and the first rulebook was published. By 1990, pickleball was being played in all 50 states.

Then came the boom. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, 24.3 million Americans played pickleball in 2025, and participation grew 171.8 percent from 2022 to 2025. Washington made pickleball its official state sport in 2022.

Not bad for a game born from bored kids, borrowed equipment, and a few adults willing to make fun out of almost nothing.



Ken Edlebeck & Bill Kuemper

Pinewood Men's Golf Association Tees Off Strong

The Pinewood Mens Golf Association has gotten off to a great start. The condition of the course is as good as it has ever been at the beginning of the season.

The first event of the year was a 3 man scramble held on April 25th. The winners were: Steve Glavin, Bill Kuemper and Gary Pecoraro.

Event number two was the Dr. Mark Trifecta. The winning team was: Dexter Gartin and Darrell Ekbohm.

The first Wall of Fame event of the year was The 2 Man Best Ball Championship held on May 9th. This years winners were: Bill Kuemper and Ken Edlebeck (Picture attached).



The 2026 Ryder Cup was held the weekend of May 16-17, with the White Team coming out on top. The winning team was captained by Pinewood Head Pro Brian Obillo.



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FOUR OLD BROADS ON THE HIGH SEAS

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Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant. Robin Lloyd reprises her role as Imogene Fletcher and is about to marry Sam Smith, a retired Elvis impersonator played by John Fynmore. Captain Sheldon Smith is played by Fred Lloyd in a new role for the returning actor. His able Porter and Drag Queen entertainer, Steven Dupree, is hilariously played by seasoned PWP actor Gary Sima. Also aboard are passengers Horace and Edna Bumpus, played by veteran actors Joe and Gena Burton and the mysterious Herbert, played by the wonderful Jeff Smith as you have never seen him before. Claire Dishlip completes the cast in two roles, Ship Security Head Joan Rockstone and waiter Melvina Trickle. Shauna Masolini will be our backstage announcer.

Acting Up Encouraged!

Pinewood Players is pleased to offer Acting and Improv Classes for adults during the 2026 season. We welcome Lisa Boser, professional actor and director, to the Pinewood Players family.

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Ask your parents about auditions on Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Munds Park Community Church.

You do not need theatre experience to try out. You just need energy, imagination, and the courage to give it a try.

The Frozen Jr. theatre camp runs June 29 through July 17, Monday through Friday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. During camp, kids and teens will learn acting, singing, stage movement, and what it takes to put on a real musical. The fun ends with live performances on Thursday, July 16; Friday, July 17; and Saturday, July 18.

Registration is open now at www.arizonachildrenstheatre.com

There is also a Becoming a Star Camp from June 22 through June 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Munds Park Community Church. This camp is great for beginners who want to build confidence, learn theatre basics, and find out what it feels like to shine on stage.

Arizona Children's Theatre works to make sure every child feels welcome, supported, and encouraged. Whether you already love the stage or are just curious, this could be your summer to try something new.

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WHEN FIREFLY'S PLAY



By the time spring starts leaning toward summer, the daytime grows quite pleased with itself. It lingers on and on, as if it has important business that simply cannot wait until tomorrow. The nighttime, being polite, waits in the wings. It stands there until everyone has finished being sunny. This is not at all a bad thing, because who doesn't like a bit of sun? Only it does mean that if you are waiting for fireflies, you must practice patience. Practicing patience is a very good thing to practice. It is also rather dull at the time.

We were all on Grandma and Grandpa's porch. It was exactly the sort of porch that understands these matters. It had a railing just the right height for leaning. It had steps just the right width for sitting. The floorboards creaked in all the proper places. They creaked as though they were saying, "Yes, yes, you are quite at home, thank you very much."

Grandma brought a quilt without being asked, just like the best quilts do. They show up quietly, as if saying, "I knew you'd need me eventually." Dad had a tall glass of lemonade, cool drops running down the side. Mom had fresh strawberries neatly arranged on a small plate, almost too pretty to eat. Then Grandpa appeared. "Everyone," he said. He lowered himself into his chair with great care. "It's time to sit and watch the wonders of nature."

So we sat and waited. We watched the last scrap of daylight wander off home to bed. The yard grew quieter and quieter. Then at last, quite suddenly, a tiny green light appeared near the lilac bush. And yet it was not sudden, because we had been waiting. It blinked once. It rested. It blinked again, as though it were thinking very hard about something.

Korbin drew in his breath with such a loud whoosh that I thought he might accidentally inhale the entire evening.

"There!" he whispered. He pointed with both hands at once.

Grandpa leaned forward. "I see it!" he said.

Another light blinked. It was a little farther out. Then another. And another.

The blinking lights were soft. They were as if someone very small was tapping gently on the dark. They seemed to say, "Hello. I am here. It's nice to meet you!"

"How do they do that?" Korbin asked. Some questions are simply too interesting to keep inside.

Grandma answered in her soft, knowing voice. "A firefly," she said, "has a little lantern-room inside himself. He mixes a tiny drop of fuel with a puff of oxygen. He spends just a crumb of energy to make a light. Not a hot light,

mind you. Oh no, that would never do. Or he might sing his own small bottom. It is a careful light. It is made specially for blinking and communicating."

Korbin laughed out loud at "sing his own small bottom." Then he stared at the lights. His eyes were as round as saucers.

The fireflies went on blinking. One blinked twice, very quickly. Then it waited politely. Another answered from the grass. It was a single, shy flash. If you hadn't been looking, you might have missed the whole conversation.

"Why do they blink instead of staying on all the time?" Korbin asked.

"Because blinking," said Dad, "is how they say hello to the right sort of firefly. Different families have different patterns. It is their way of saying, 'This is who I am. Are you who I think you are?'"

Grandpa smiled his friendly smile. "So they are introducing themselves," he said. "Very well-mannered of them."

We watched for quite a while. The evening was cool. It was cool the way June evenings are when they have decided to be kind. The porch smelled of warm earth and pine needles. It also smelled of the faintest hint of fresh strawberries just coming into season. My jar sat empty in my lap. I was glad. I was very glad that it was empty. The fireflies were doing what fireflies are meant to do. They were glowing. They were blinking. They were chatting in their quiet way. They were brave enough to be a small light in a very large night.

Grandma tucked the quilt a little closer around Korbin's shoulders. "You know," she said, "people can be a bit like fireflies. We may not have lanterns in our tummies. But we can still bring a light."

Korbin thought about this. He arranged his thoughts as neatly as Grandma folds a quilt. "Like when you're kind to someone," he said.

"Exactly," said Mom.

Grandpa looked out over the yard. Dozens of little lights were now winking on and off. They were doing their steady, cheerful work.

"One firefly," said Grandpa, "cannot light up the whole world."

"But it can light up right here," Korbin said, looking at the grass.

Grandpa nodded. "That's how it starts."

Korbin watched the blinking. "And if there are lots of them..."

"Then," said Grandpa, "the whole yard turns into something wonderful."

My jar sat empty in my lap. I didn't mind. The lights were better where they were, out in the grass, dancing and finding friends.

HIDDEN PICTURES!

Solutions on page 18B



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WORD SEARCH

Search up, down, forward, backward, diagonal to find the hidden words. Answers page 18B.

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| Blink | June | Strawberries |
| Daylight | Lantern | Wait |
| Evening | Lemonade | Wonders |
| Firefly | Light | Yard |
| Flash | Night | |
| Grandma | Patience | |
| Grandpa | Porch | |
| Jar | Quilt | |



WORD SEARCH

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A special thank you to Mary Ann, a Munds Park resident since 1970, and Margaret for letting us know last issue's Word Search had an error.

Sorry, puzzle fans! We apologize. This is not our first puzzle mistake, but we're doing our best to make it our last.

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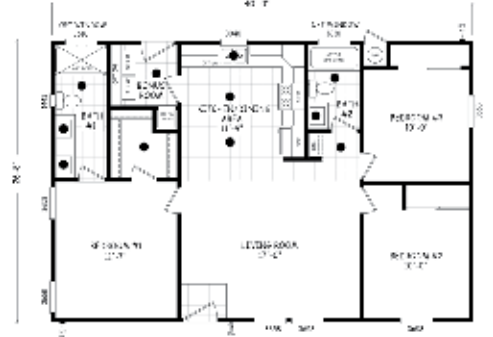


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WHEN “I AM GOOD” ISN’T THE WHOLE STORY

BY SANDEE CAVINESS



still, there were whole chapters of their lives I had never thought to ask about.

That is the thing about friendship. It does not always deepen because time passes. It deepens because we pause long enough to ask, and really listen to the answer.

So the next time you are gathered around the table or sitting on the deck with friends, let the conversation wander a little past the usual places.

Past the weather. Past the busy schedules. Past the easy “we’re good.”

Really check in.

No one needs to lay their soul beside the potato salad. But every now and then, if we leave a little quiet space and ask the right question, the real stories come forward.

And those are the stories that make us feel less like neighbors passing through one another’s lives and more like friends who remembered to look a little closer.

Warm weekends have a way of bringing people together. Friends gather on decks, grills get fired up, and everyone settles in to commune, laugh, and catch up. At some point, someone inevitably asks, “How have you been?”

Most of us answer the same way. “Good.” And then we move on.

But sometimes, “good” is carrying a whole lot behind it. A job change. A loss. A worry. A dream. A grown child moving home. A parent needing care. A new adventure quietly beginning. We can know someone for years and still not know what life has really been asking of them.

I learned this myself not long ago. During a dinner party I asked close friends how their year had been, and their answers surprised me. These people are my friends, and yet I realized I knew very little about what had been happening in their lives.

I thought I knew them better than I did. That was humbling. It wasn’t because I didn’t care, but because I had mistaken easy conversation for deeper knowing. We visited together, shared meals and stories, and



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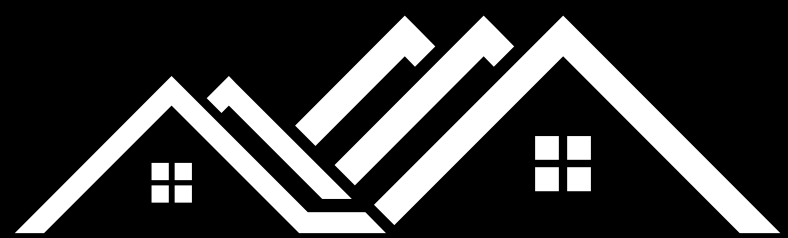
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THIS MEMORIAL DAY

Pause for a moment and reflect on the Americans who stepped forward to serve, knowing it could cost them everything. They had the courage to answer the call.

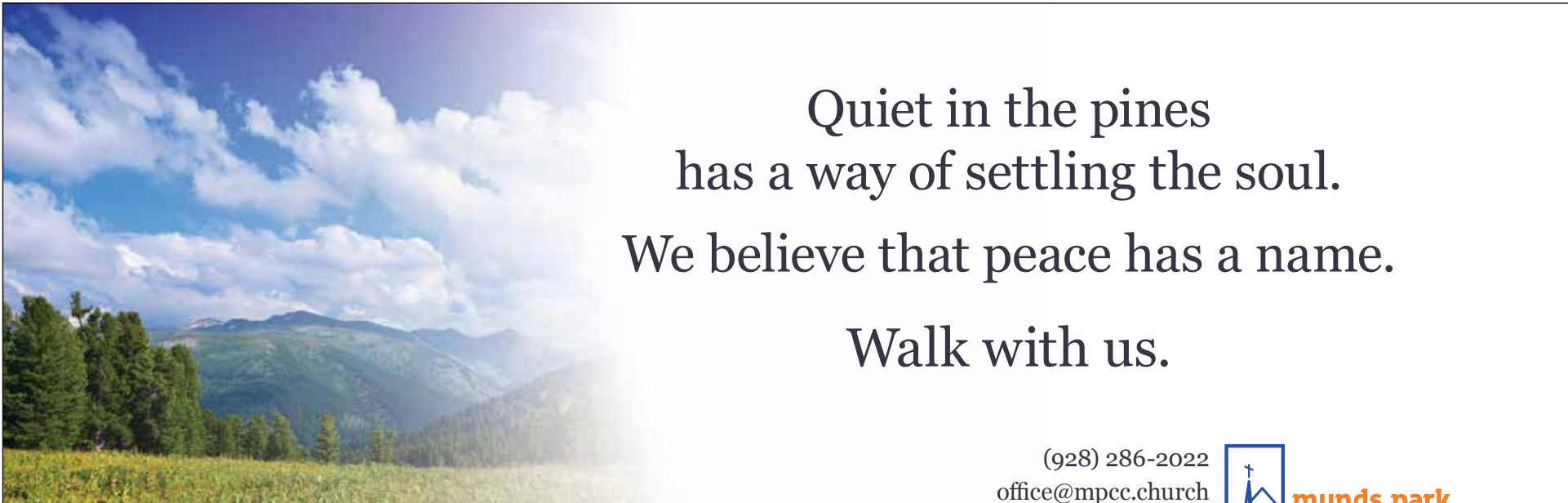
They gave their lives for this country, for freedom, and for the American Dream. Their sacrifice still touches all of us, especially the families who carry the grief long after the rest of the country moved on.

This year, remember them. Thank them. Hold space for their families. Their loss reminds us what freedom actually costs. Honoring them does not require grand gestures, just a heart that refuses to take it for granted.

MPCC Welcomes Pastor Jeremy Weitzel

Munds Park Community Church is pleased to welcome Pastor Jeremy Weitzel, who will begin leading the church this Memorial Day weekend.

Please join us this Sunday for his first sermon and help give him a warm welcome to our mountain community.



Quiet in the pines
has a way of settling the soul.
We believe that peace has a name.

Walk with us.

Walking with Jesus, together.
Sunday services 10:45 am

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Spot an error or missing contact? Let us know: Hello@ThePinewoodNews.com.

Dark Sky Compliance

Coconino County offers Support for Keeping Our Sky's Dark

Lighting Inspection

Request an inspection of your exterior lighting. It includes a written report. Fees are \$55/hour plus mileage, two-hour minimum. Email Mark for details at mstento@coconino.az.gov.

Code Violation Report

Notice illegal lighting? File a report here at www.coconino.az.gov and search for Code Violations and Enforcement.

Fixture Review

Not sure if a light is compliant? Send it in for review at mstento@coconino.az.gov.

Still Have Questions?

Email or call Mark Stento, Code Enforcement Compliance Manager, at (928) 679-8856 or mstento@coconino.az.gov

Domestic Animal & Wildlife Services

Loose Dogs, Nuisance Complaints, or Dog Bites

Coconino County Animal Management (928) 679-8756
For serious attacks or issues, call the Sheriff's Office (928) 774-4523

Rabies Concerns (Pets or Wildlife)

Report sick or aggressive animals immediately—especially if foaming, staggering, or behaving unusually.

Coconino County Animal Management (928) 679-8756

Found a Stray?

Do not approach if the animal appears aggressive. If safe, confine the animal and call Animal Management for pickup or next steps.

The Pinewood Fire Department has microchip scanners. You can bring the animal to the firehouse or call (928) 286-9885

High Country Humane (928) 526-0742

Note: Coconino County has leash laws. Dogs must be under control at all times—even in rural areas.

Injured or Dangerous Wildlife

Arizona Game & Fish (Flagstaff Region) (928) 774-5045

Weekends & after hours call 911

Don't feed wildlife. Keep trash secure. Report encounters with bears, mountain lions, or sick animals.

Loose Livestock

Department of Agriculture (press 1) (800) 294-0305

Environmental & Emergency Services

Illegal Dumping in Forests or Waterways

Environmental Quality Reporting Line (928) 679-8886
(press 1 to leave a message) Reports can be made anonymously.

Flooding Concerns

Coconino County Call Center: (928) 679-8525

Emergency Planning and Real-Time Updates

Coconino County Emergency Management (928) 679-8311

Email: emergencymanagement@coconino.az.gov

Fire-Related Concerns

Illegal Campfires on National Forest Land

Coconino National Forest Dispatch Center (928) 527-3552

Coconino County Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch (928) 774-4523

(press option 1) Provide detailed location information, such as forest road numbers or GPS coordinates, when reporting.

Illegal Campfires (private property) during Fire Restrictions

Coconino County Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch (928) 774-4523

(press option 1) Applicable to unincorporated areas of the county.

Fire Restrictions Information

https://www.fs.usda.gov/r03/coconino/alerts

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)

Reckless Driving, Trespassing, or Noise Complaints

Coconino County Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch (928) 774-4523

(press option 1) to report OHVs off designated routes, speeding near homes, or damaging property.

Short-Term Rental Questions & Complaints

Loud Parties, Parking Issues, Trash or Other Nuisances

Coconino County Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch (928) 774-4523

(press option 1) For immediate issues with noise, trespassing, blocked roads, or safety concerns.

Ongoing STR Violations or Registration Questions

Coconino County Short-Term Rentals Compliance Officer,

Tristan Dowse (928) 853-5340

Know Your Rights: Short-Term Rental owners must give their contact details to Coconino County and provide them in writing to adjacent neighbors. If you live next door and never received this information, call the County STR Compliance Officer to confirm the property's registration. For unresponsive owners, recurring disturbances, or suspected unregistered rentals, report the issue to the County or the Sheriff's Office.

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