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Every Monday	<b>AA Meetings</b> hosted at Munds Park Community Church	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	6 pm
Every Thursday	<b>Spread the Bread</b> Get some for your neighbors too!	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	10 am
Friday's Starting June 2	<b>BINGO</b> at the Country Club - The Community is Welcome!	395 Pinewood Blvd	7 pm
Tuesday, June 6	<b>Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary</b> Members Meeting - Public Welcome!	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm
Thursday, June 8	<b>Pinewood Sanitary District</b> Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr	3 pm
Tuesday, June 20	<b>Pinewood Fire District Board</b> Meeting - Public Welcome	475 E Pinewood Blvd	3 pm
Thursday, June 22	<b>Munds Park Business Alliance</b> All Member Meeting	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	4:30 pm

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## PINEWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The board of directors of the Pinewood Property Owners' Association will hold its annual membership meeting on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pinewood Country Club, 395 E. Pinewood Blvd., Munds Park, Arizona. Guest speakers that have been invited include the Coconino County Sheriff, Pinewood Sanitary District Manager, Pinewood Fire District Fire Chief, Pinewood Country Club President and Coconino County Supervisor Matt Ryan. All property owners are encouraged to attend.

Board of Directors, PPOA

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY PINEWOOD SANITARY BOARD

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An eligible candidate must be a registered voter in Coconino County and a full-time resident of Munds Park. Board responsibilities include attending monthly meetings (2nd Thursday of every month), approving the annual budget, and overseeing District operations and policies. This is an ideal opportunity to get involved in your community.

We will be accepting letters of interest until May 31, 2023. Please email your letter of interest to [Employee@pinewoodsanitary.com](mailto:Employee@pinewoodsanitary.com), attention Chairman of the Board.

For additional information, please call 928.286.9166.

## MUTS VOLUNTEER EVENT!



The next Munds Park Trail Stewards (MUTS) Volunteer Event is on Saturday, June 17. Get ready for an exciting day of trail work and outdoor adventure!

Join us at the Pinewood 240 Trailhead (in the turnaround area) at 8:15 a.m. We'll be tackling trail maintenance and improvement projects until around 12 noon. And the best part? Afterward, a delicious, free lunch will be served to fuel you up!

To ensure we have everything prepared, please R.S.V.P. via email by June 9 to [mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com](mailto:mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com). We wouldn't want you to miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Here's what you need to bring: work gloves, long pants, sturdy shoes, sunblock, and dress appropriately for the weather. Oh, and don't forget to bring a good sense of humor! We'll provide water and trail tools to make your volunteering experience smooth and enjoyable.

Remember to check for updates, as event details may change, be added, or postponed. Stay in the loop by visiting the MUTS Website or checking the Pinewood News. For more information, visit <https://mundsparktrailstewards.com>.

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# JUNE CITIZEN AWARD

## *The PPOA Recognizes Linda & Jim Burnett for Their Contributions to Munds Park*

*By Sandee Caviness*

Once upon a magical time, in the cozy embrace of Munds Park, there blossomed a cherished tradition known as Santa's Visit. Oh, how the children's hearts filled with anticipation; for 24 years, kind-hearted volunteers transformed into Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, bringing joy and delight to the Park. But four years ago, the weary volunteers could no longer keep up with the demands of the role. And so, a question danced on everyone's lips: Who would step into the sparkly boots of Santa and Mrs. Claus?

Enter Sara Bowyer, with her imagination in full bloom, had a vision. She dreamed of a truly enchanting experience for the children of Munds Park—a chance to meet the real-life Santa and Mrs. Claus! Determined to make her vision come true, Sara dialed the North Pole, her voice filled with hope, and spoke to Bernard, one of Santa's trusty elves. She earnestly asked Santa and Mrs. Claus to visit the children of Munds Park, hoping to sprinkle an extra dose of magic into their lives. But Bernard kindly explained that the Christmas season was Santa's busiest time, and the children would have to wait until Christmas Eve for a glimpse of Jolly Old St Nick!

However, Sara's spirit burned bright and undeterred. She knew of Santa's love for firetrucks and caught Bernard's attention when she shared her plan—oh, how it shone like a star! The Pinewood Fire Department would whisk Santa and Mrs. Claus away in their great firetruck, its sirens singing to the children's delight. The mere thought of Santa enjoying a merry ride before the grand event sealed the deal. With great excitement, Santa and Mrs. Claus accepted the invitation!

"The firetruck is a delight to ride in," Santa boomed with a hearty chuckle. "Especially when Devon, one of the brave firefighters, switches on the lights and sirens to let the children know we're on our way! Dasher sometimes feels a wee bit envious, but I assure him that riding in the sleigh is just as splendid! Ho Ho Ho!"

Mrs. Claus nodded, her eyes twinkling like Christmas lights, adding her own touch of mischief to the conversation. "Oh, you simply must see the spectacle! We've had our fair share of giggles, squiggles, and wiggles trying to fit Santa in and out of that firetruck," she playfully shared.

Amidst her laughter, Mrs. Claus paused, her face filled with joy. "But you know what? Despite the challenges and our creaky joints, the pure delight on those little faces makes it all worthwhile! We sprinkle a dash of magical elf dust on Santa's knees, and I even take a splash or two myself to soothe our weary bones. It's our secret recipe for Santa's post-firetruck recovery!"

And so, for the past four years, Santa and Mrs. Claus have continued to bring a touch of Christmas wonder to the Park. Their stockings, filled to the brim with coloring books, cuddly toys, sweet treats, and games, have become the highlight of the children's holiday season. I wondered about the source of these marvelous gifts. To my surprise, Mrs. Claus revealed a heartwarming secret—Santa's elves, busy as bees preparing for Christmas

Eve, relied on the generous donations of gifts and time from the kind-hearted Munds Park community. Santa and Mrs. Claus understood that the act of giving was the most precious gift of all, and cherished the abundance of kindness within the Park.



*Photo By Barbara Sherman*



*Photo By Barbara Sherman*



Linda and Jim Burnett (Mr. and Mrs. Claus)

Thus, every year, Santa's sack overflows with love-filled stockings donated and assembled by the community. They embark on a journey through the charming streets of the Park, riding high in the firetruck with sirens singing. The sounds of the firetruck and the sight of Mr. and Mrs. Claus bring the children into the streets, their hearts dancing with anticipation and glee.

The children not only get to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and revel in the firetruck's merriment but also catch glimpses of the elves dancing and frolicking around with infectious laughter.

Eager to know Santa's most treasured memory, I asked him to share a special tale. His eyes sparkled and his belly rolled with laughter as he recounted an amusing moment. "At one stop, a grandfather approached me with an unusual request—a can of black beans for his grandson. I was intrigued and eager to grant the wish, so I obliged with a jolly smile." The simple gift brought a big smile to the boy's face, a smile that filled his grandpa with joy. "To this day, I remain curious about the meaning behind those black beans! Ho! Ho! Ho!"

The realization of this wonderful tradition, is made possible by the generosity of countless volunteer elves. The kind-hearted donations of gifts, the selfless contributions of time from the community, and the unwavering support of the fire department all combined to create the magic of Santa's Visit. It is a tale of big love, a heartwarming endeavor that brightens the lives of the children of Munds Park.

Linda and Jim Burnett (Mr. and Mrs. Claus) hold their connection with Munds Park close to their hearts. Their love for the community extends beyond the annual Santa's Visit. They actively engage in volunteering, selflessly offering their time and dedication to the Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary, the Munds Park Community Church, Agee's Annual Fundraiser, and the Pinewood Players, where Jim shares his audio and visual expertise. They truly exemplify what it means to be actively involved in their community.

With a gentle smile, Linda emphasizes the importance of giving back to the community, a commitment the couple holds dear. They believe

it is an integral part of a fulfilling life and what distinguishes between just a place to live and a genuine community. Their unwavering commitment to service and their embodiment of a giving spirit does not go unnoticed. The Pinewood Property Owners Association has recognized their exceptional contributions by honoring them with the prestigious June Citizen Award, a humble testament to their selflessness and profound impact upon the community they hold dear.





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# HOME COOKING

## THE ART OF MAKING SMASH TACOS!

By Sara Bowyer

If you've been reading my articles for any length of time, then you know I love tacos! As a true Arizonan, I could eat Mexican food for almost every meal. But, I am picky about my tacos. The spices in the meat must be similar to what I grew up on in Tucson. Taco seasonings all have similar ingredients, but they vary dramatically in flavor. The flavors I love are deep but subtle. A few years ago, I found an online homesteader who creates and sells her own taco mix, and I love it!!! It is the first premade mix that has come close to the flavors I grew up on. I first tried her seasonings when I won a drawing on Instagram, and it was included in the bundle. I quickly fell in love with her flavors. That Christmas, I bought everyone in the family a bag of her seasonings as I looked to support small businesses when buying my gifts. My kids now expect a large bag of her seasonings in their stockings every year. If you would like to try them, you can find them here: [linktr.ee/ourlittleplateauhomestead](https://linktr.ee/ourlittleplateauhomestead). Be sure to tell her Sara sent you!

My all-time favorite taco is a fried taco from my childhood. I did an article about that a while back, but if you missed it, I will post the recipe at the end of this article! However, I might have a new favorite taco I am trying to perfect. I follow quite a few food profiles on Instagram, and about a month ago, I started seeing everyone talk about the "smash taco". It was going viral for sure! I'm sure you have heard of the smash burger. Restaurants like Freddy's and Smashburger have made them very popular. The patty is smashed down, creating a thin patty with a crusty outside. The smash taco is similar. It's made on a flat top or in a cast iron skillet and is smashed down with a tortilla on top. It ends up very similar to the fried taco and is delicious. When I say I am still perfecting it, that is because there is an art to smashing your hamburger. It needs to be done quickly on a scorching hot flat top and with the right utensils to get it thin enough. Otherwise, you end up with a burger on a tortilla! Not a bad thing necessarily, but not the smash taco you are looking for.

My other favorite Mexican food item is refried beans. I love them. If you have ever had homemade refried beans, you will never go back to store-bought again. And when you realize just how easy refried beans are to make, you will definitely never go back to store-bought refried beans. I make my refried beans two different ways. I usually can them so that they are always ready on the shelf. However, for those times when I have run out of jars of beans, I make them in the Instant Pot. This is the recipe that I am going to share with

you today. They are made with dried pinto beans. Pinto beans are shelf-stable and last forever in your pantry. You can keep the necessary ingredients on hand at all times, and you should! The one utensil you will need to have is an immersion blender. You can find these on Amazon or at Walmart, and they are not very expensive. I use my immersion blender for so many things in the kitchen. It's a great tool to have!

With grilling season upon us, give these tacos a try. And if you have a Blackstone or a similar flat top, even better! You can make all the tacos at once! Enjoy!

### SMASH TACOS

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- Taco seasoning
- 8 small corn or flour tortillas
- Cheese and taco toppings of choice

#### Instructions

- Mix your taco seasoning into your hamburger
- Portion out the beef and make 8 small golf ball sized balls, size depends on your tortillas
- Heat up a large skillet or griddle to high heat. Add butter or your favorite oil
- Place the beef on the griddle then add tortilla on top and smash it down (use another skillet or something the size of your tortillas to smash it down)



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# UNVEILING THE NEED FOR ONGOING FUNDRAISING FOR PINEWOOD FIRE DISTRICT



Firetrucks the Pinewood Fire Department has used over the years.

By Barbara Sherman

The good news is the bond measure passed, providing building funds for a new fire station in Munds Park! Bids have been accepted, and the contractor will be selected by the end of next month, with the design scheduled for completion in early Fall. Weather permitting, we should witness the groundbreaking in the Spring of 2024.

So, why do we need another fundraiser? First,

Pinewood is a Fire District, not a Fire Department. The distinction between the two is unknown to most people, but it holds significant implications for accessing resources. Fire departments are funded by the city coffers and are part of the city government. On the other hand, fire districts are special tax districts established by voters to add fire and medical services in places where none exist, such as rural and unincorporated areas (Munds Park is an unincorporated area). Funding for a district comes solely from property taxes and is limited to no more than a 5% increase per year, regardless of the increase in property value. The tax rate applied to Munds Park properties in 2022 was 3.3% of the LPV (limited property value). This rate is determined by the county, not our fire district, and it is not keeping up with inflation or gas prices. That's where our annual Agee's Labor Day Fundraiser comes in, as it helps raise money along with generous contributions from the Pinewood Property Owners Association and the Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary.

The bond will cover the design and demolition of the existing structure, and rebuilding of a new, modern station. However, it does not include funding

for "finishing" touches. Remember, the firefighters live at the station during their 48-hour shifts. The bond will not cover the costs of beds, bedding, chairs, kitchen tables, small appliances and cookware, commercial refrigerators and freezers, expensive and specialized washers necessary for their turnouts, etc. Nor will it cover the costs of landscaping the site and ensuring the station enhances the beauty of the Park.

This year's celebration begins on Thursday, August 31, with Trivia Under the Stars, followed by the second annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday. Saturday will be the main event, featuring live bands, performers, chainsaw art, and the infamous dunk tank. And don't forget the Split the Pot drawing on Saturday night. This year, there will be three winners (and no corporate winners allowed). Remember to buy your tickets early before they are sold out. And mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend.

I could write a novel about the Pinewood Fire Department and its adventures, but I will attempt to narrow it down to a few fun-to-know facts. This year marks the 50th anniversary of our Fire Department. Here's a fun fact: it was the second agency in Arizona to be certified by the DHS (in 1976). Starting as an all-volunteer department, it has grown into a fully staffed, around-the-clock department. While many departments are staffed with just three firefighters, Pinewood Fire Department maintains a staff of five per shift. This ensures that emergency services will still be available in Munds Park even if two people are absent for 2-3 hours due to a transport. Here's another fun fact: in addition to being qualified as firefighters 1 & 2, all of our firefighters are EMTs, and at least two per shift are certified paramedics.

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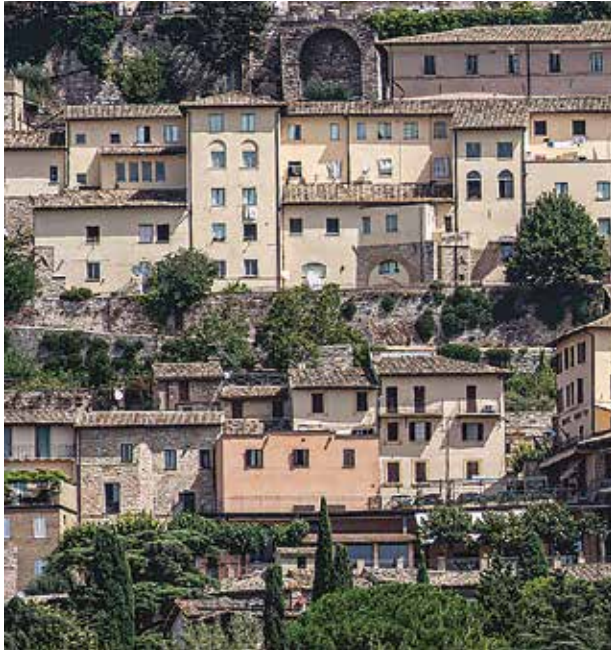




# UNSTOPPABLE STACEY

## TRAVEL WRITER

By Stacey Wittig



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## FINDING THE WAY TO AN ENCHANTING GARDEN IN ITALY

A Flagstaff friend, learning that I was on my way to Assisi, the home of St. Francis in central Italy, recommended that I visit an enchanting garden she had discovered on a trip years before.

“It was so peaceful,” Alana explained. “I just stayed and meditated for a long time. I remember it being so serene—I’d go back again.” Unfortunately, my friend Alana could not find the map from her trip to give me directions to the charming garden, but her ravings have already piqued my curiosity.

Alana said the garden was near a fresco of St. Clare, who was depicted pointing the way down the hill and out of town. Clare was a feisty little nun who, in AD 1240, repelled mercenary soldiers hired to purge the village of Assisi.

Now in Italy, I find the Basilica of Saint Clare and deduce that the fresco and garden must be nearby. So, on a quest, I search the huge stone basilica for Alana’s fresco, as if for the lost ark. It must be here somewhere!

Outside I explore the building’s grounds for the meditation garden. Unable to find my prize, I disappointedly thumb through my Assisi guidebook. And there it is: “The Garden of St. Clare” is located at the Church of San Damiano—about one mile away.

I hike the one-mile hillside trail through olive groves that provide dreamy, balcony-like views of the Italian countryside below. San Damiano was a small crumbling shack of a church when St. Francis was converted there. He heard the crucifix say, “Francis, go and repair my house....” So Francis did so by rebuilding the crumbling chapel with his hands. Then he spent the rest of his life metaphorically “rebuilding” the Holy Church of Rome by admonishing popes and bishops to live more simply, look toward nature for revelation, and stop their warring ways.

I visited the Basilica of St. Francis the day before with my travel partner, Dannette. Our tour guide, Brother John Copendar from Zambia, explained that the culture of St. Francis’ day was all about materialism, factionalism and conquering neighboring towns. But, in his melodic African accent, he said, “The culture had its eyes off God and nature and the things above.”

The priest-turned-tour-guide went further to say, “We are all created in God’s image. He created each of us differently but perfectly. But,

unfortunately, we as humans don’t concentrate on that. Thin people want to be fat; fat People want to be skinny. People with straight hair want to have curly hair. Ones with curly want it straight. We are never satisfied until we look at ourselves as God looks at us.”

Dannette, with naturally curly hair and I, with straight gave each other knowing smiles from across the crowd. Both of us are battling the “hair thing” on this trip. I had gone for a glimpse of history, but Brother John surprised me with a taste of the sweetness of God.

Now I am still waiting for the Church of San Damiano to open. The sign says it will unbolt its doors at 2 pm, and it is now 1:37. I wish that I purchased some bread and cheese. *Panne e fromagge*. But this morning, I decided to fast through lunch, so I brought plenty of water and no food. In this small piazza at the bottom of a beautiful stairway, we wait like patient pilgrims for the small church to open. Signs reading *SILENZIO* are posted everywhere. Another sign warns: *NO PIC-NIC SU TUTTA L’AREA*. (No picnicking in this whole area.)

A German-speaking priest comes clomping down the stone steps into the quiet piazza at a quarter of two. He speaks very loudly to a boisterous foursome of retired Americans accompanying him. Their booming voices extinguish the silence.

After the Americans continue on, the white-robed wonder opens his brown bag and eats his lunch in front of the rest of us silent visitors. However, he did turn his back slightly as he attempted to discretely stuff his mouth with *panne e fromaggi*. That is what made me wish I had brought bread and cheese—he was tempting me away from my fast.

Fortunately, the doors to the chapel swing open as promised at 2 pm. So I enter inside and find the cloister garden—used for silent meditation since 1240.

*“UNSTOPPABLE Stacey” Wittig is a travel writer based in Munds Park. She is currently in Umbria, the green heart of Italy, ready to embark on her third pilgrimage to Assisi, home of St. Francis. She wrote this story in 2004 after her second pilgrim journey there.*



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FOOD

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- 5. Make sure the tortilla is pressing down so the burger is thin and cook for about 3 minutes, then gently flip over.
- 6. Cook long enough to crisp the tortillas. You can also add your cheese at this point
- 7. Remove from heat and add desired toppings, fold over and enjoy while warm!

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- 1 pound dry pinto beans rinsed well
- 1 medium sweet onion diced
- 4 cloves garlic roughly chopped
- 1 jalapeno seeded and chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dry oregano
- ½ teaspoon black pepper freshly cracked
- 3 T coconut oil, vegetable oil, lard or fat of your choice
- 3 ½ C beef broth/stock
- Salt to taste



Instructions

- 1. Place rinsed beans, onion, garlic, jalapeno, cumin, oregano, black pepper, oil and broth in Instant Pot.
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- 3. When timer is complete, allow pot to come to a natural release. This will take about a half hour (could be a bit more).
- 4. Once the pressure has been released, season with salt and use immersion blender to process to desired consistency.
- 5. If desired, garnish with more jalapenos, cheese and/or cilantro before serving.

FRIED TACOS

Ingredients

- Corn tortillas (I prefer white)
- Ground beef
- Salt and pepper
- Toppings...cheese, lettuce, salsa and peas (or quacamole)

Instructions

Press a small amount of ground beef on to half of the corn tortilla. Don't make it too thick or the beef won't cook before the tortilla is crisp. Salt and pepper the beef. You can use any seasoning you like but good 'ole salt and pepper is the best. Heat your cooking oil till hot. I use avocado oil. Lay the tortilla flat in the oil for a few seconds, to soften the tortilla, then bend the meat side over the other half. Fry till crispy and then flip and fry the other side. Place sideways in a loaf pan lined with paper towels to drain the excess oil. Enjoy!!!

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# THE VIEW FROM HERE REMEMBERING MUNDS PARK

By William L. Cowan

I have fond recollections of the first couple of times I was in Munds Park. The first was around 1952 or so, right after one of the early Technicolor Western movies (Broken Arrow) was made in Sedona and the Schnebly Hill area. We had seen the movie at the Silver Dollar Drive-in in Phoenix, and my mom wanted to see the beauty of Schnebly Hill and Red Rock Country firsthand. I was about 7 or 8, and we crossed the road from Mormon Lake to Munds Park in my dad's old forty-nine Chrysler Woody station wagon. I remember the road went right across the middle of what is now the golf course. There was a junction down about where the condos are now, with one road heading north toward Flagstaff and the other going south to Sedona.

Three things are still vivid in my mind about that trip. One was how murderously rough the road was, with the old Chrysler dragging bottom on giant boulders and deep ruts between Munds Park and Mormon Lake. The second memory is of Foxboro Ranch, which was then a youth camp with several very colorful canoes pulled up along the banks of the lake near the lodge. The other recollection, and probably my favorite, is of my mother sitting in the seat next to my dad—a seat which just happened to be on the outside next to the tremendous drop-off on Schnebly Hill. When she saw how steep the road appeared and how far the drop-off was, I remember her sort of uttering “Ooooh Lloyd” in a tensioned and very high-pitched voice as her acrophobia set in. She shuddered at the appearance of potential imminent death that awaited us if my dad did not keep the car away from the edge of the nearly sheer precipice. This, of course, only encouraged him to drive the old station wagon even closer to the edge to make her shriek a little louder. Sort of lent new insight into the term “Flat Lander,” which is so generally bandied about these days. In those days, Munds Park and Schnebly Hill were one step away from wagon road wilderness and way closer to pioneer days gone by.

My other recollection is from the summer of 1956 or 57, when the right-of-way for Interstate 17 was being extended from Stoneman Lake Road to Flagstaff. I well remember riding in the back of my dad's '55 International pickup and smelling torn-up ground and freshly pushed-over pine trees, and seeing how large the Caterpillar tractors were. As we came to Munds Park, I remember seeing work on the golf course for Northernaire, the first subdivision in Munds Park, which was starting then, even though the road was just barely being scratched through.

Well, there have been a lot of changes in those years since Munds Park was an isolated bean field in the wilderness and the state's population was around 500,000. Northernaire, the original subdivision of 221 one-acre lots, sold out, and the development then went broke. During those years, the stalwart residents were mostly all golfers. This was a pretty tight-knit community then, and golfers, who are somewhat driven individuals, took matters into their own hands. Each individual family was responsible for mowing a segment of one of three fairways or greens—usually a par 5, a par 4, and a par 3. On the weekends, you could play three holes six times to get in your 18 holes.

During the early sixties, after Northernaire struggled with bankruptcy, Oakwood was developed. Where Northernaire was a few large lots around the periphery of the open park, Oakwood was a more consolidated development in the area between the clubhouse and Lake Odell, which also had the first sewer system. Each year, a few houses were built, but again, when most of the lots were sold, the operation went broke. Most of the existing private property on the east side of the highway had been developed by then, and there were still not quite enough individuals to sustain the overhead of the clubhouse and golf course.

During the late sixties, Pinewood Development Company put together a strategic land trade with the Forest Service, and the property, of which the backbone was Oak Drive, was made available for development. Pinewood Units 1 through 8 were soon platted and offered for sale. I remember when the sewer lines were going in up on Oak Drive during the summer of 1969. There were giant rocks blasted up out of the ground, and many of the trees were badly mangled. During the rainy season that summer, the roads turned to deep mud, and the hill reminded me of World War II battle scenes, with vehicles and heavy machinery moving around amidst destruction and mud. Subsequent land trades across Munds Canyon led to the final size of today.

When you drive around the park now and see the beautiful landscape and all of the homes, it's hard to believe that this was an open meadow in an isolated wilderness only a short lifetime back.

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By George Dee

In the enchanted forest near Mary's cozy cabin in Munds Park, where squirrels wore top hats and ladybugs had polka-dot wings, she sat reading the Pinewood News Kids. The sunbeams filtered through the leaves, casting a golden glow on her curious face.

But wait! What was that? With her keen eyes, Mary spotted a tiny bug scurrying—oh boy, it was in such a hurry!—across the dusty path right in front of her. The bug's little legs moved like a racehorse on a mission, as if it had a secret treasure to find.

Mary's reading was immediately put on hold because, you see, she was known for her grand adventures in the forest. She loved to spend her days observing the whimsical creatures that inhabited the magical woods. And this little bug was no exception. Curiosity ignited inside her, and mischief danced in her eyes.

With a naughty smile curling her lips, Mary devised a wicked plan to capture the bug in her waterbottle. "Now it's caged," she giggled. "But can such a tiny creature even comprehend its predicament? After all, it's so small."

Oh, the bug trembled and twirled inside its prison. Its delicate antennas quivered with fear, and its heart raced like a hummingbird's wings. Though tiny, it felt as frightened as an elephant in a mousehole!

"Oh," she might have heard it scream if Mary could understand, "I cannot escape, I cannot escape! I shall surrender and fade away." And as night fell, showering the forest with raindrops like tears shed by the ant longing for home, its sadness deepened.



But fear not, for as the sun returned, Mary ventured outside to retrieve the abandoned newspaper she had left behind. In that moment, a flicker of remembrance danced in her mind, and she pondered the fate of the trapped ant. "What has become of it?" Mary mused, her voice laced with concern. She carefully tipped the water bottle letting the ant out gently, her heart pounding with worry and guilt.

"Oh, did it meet its demise within the bottle?" she whispered. "I fear it truly despised being imprisoned."

"Why did you do that, Mary?" her father, who happened to be nearby and had deduced the situation, gently questioning Mary. "Look! It moved

a tiny leg. Hurry to the house and fetch a dollop of honey from the breakfast table for our hungry little friend."

"I never meant any harm," Mary replied, with a tinge of regret as she darted toward the house.

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# THE LITTLE THINGS

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With a delicate blade of grass as her tool, she gently extracted a drop of honey from the spoon, placing it before the grateful ant. The ant's fairy-like tongue extended eagerly, savoring the delectable treat. Gradually, strength returned to its tiny frame, and it attempted to scurry away.

"Where do you suppose it's running off to?" Father wondered aloud.

"I haven't the faintest idea," Mary responded, her voice a little sad.

"It yearns to return home," Father explained, a twinkle of wisdom in his eyes. "I know precisely where this remarkable little creature resides—in a bustling ant community beneath the majestic pine tree."

"Oh! Can such a minuscule being truly possess a proper home?" Mary inquired, her voice filled with wonder. "I thought it roamed wherever it pleased."

"Indeed, it does have a home!" Father affirmed. "It dwells within a splendid palace adorned with countless tunnels. Together, the ants toil tirelessly, crafting a bustling town known as a colony," he continued, his words animated with excitement.

"And does it have a wife and children—a swarm of little ants awaiting its return?" Mary eagerly questioned.

"The baby ants come into existence as delicate eggs. The adults cradle them lovingly, nurturing and protecting them. Every grown-up ant selflessly devotes itself to the well-being of the little ones.

Look there, see that ant? It is a nurse quickly hurrying home. She must be off to cleanse the faces of her beloved babies," Father explained.

"Goodness, Father!" Mary exclaimed, her voice filled with awe. "It sounds like a tale spun by fairies!"

"But it's true, my dear Mary," Father assured her. "Ants genuinely cleanse their young with tender licks. On sunny days, they bask in the warmth of the sun, their little ones by their side. And when chilly winds blow, they retreat to the safety of their underground sanctuary, shielding their precious babies from the elements. The worker ants, usually females, act as devoted nurses. Though the babies may not be biologically theirs, they love and care for them as if they were."

"Wow, it's just like Aunt Jenny, who lives with us. She helps us with homework, puts the baby to sleep, and joins us on our adventures in the forest," Mary exclaimed.

"Indeed, my dear," Father chuckled. "Perhaps that's why we affectionately call her Aunt Jenny."

He laughed heartily, the sound reverberating through the forest. "Wouldn't it be splendid if our grand world housed as many Aunt Jennys as there are in the little world of ants—beings who care for others, regardless of whose children they may be?"

As they continued their conversation, the little ant cautiously crept to the path's edge, soon vanishing among the blades of grass. "It will never find its way," Mary expressed, a touch of concern in her voice.

"Let it be," Father advised. "Ants follow well-worn trails leading to their colony, never losing their way. Yet, occasionally, they encounter unfortunate mishaps. Do you know what I witnessed the other day? One of these ants—perhaps even our very own friend here—was carrying something for the colony in his jaws. Then, from above, a bird dropped a juicy berry right on top of it. Oh, the poor thing! It was like a cannonball from the sky above!"

The ant couldn't move and was stuck under the berry. After a while, another ant from its colony, who was out for a walk, noticed it. "What did the other ant do?" Mary asked.

"First, it tried to push the berry off its friend's body, but it was too heavy. Then, it grabbed one of its friend's legs with its jaws and pulled with all its might. It ran around frantically as if saying, 'What should I do? What should I do?' And then it hurried up the path. In just a minute, it came back with four other ants."

Is that true, Father?" Mary wondered. "Absolutely. The four ants huddled together and gently touched each other's horns as if they were discussing what a terrible accident. They were determined to rescue their friend."



Two of them pushed the berry with all their strength while the other two pulled their friend out by its hind legs. When the ant was finally free, they gathered around as if petting and kissing the saved ant. You see, these little ants know that love makes the world go round!

I wonder if that ant you teased without thinking has gone to tell the others at home about the honey. "Oh, it couldn't, Father!" Mary said. "Just wait and see," Father replied. And soon enough, the ant came back with a group of friends. "It went home and told them about the yummy honey," Father said. "What a nice ant," Mary exclaimed. "So," Father continued, "be kind to all living things, even though it's tiny."

No matter how small, all creatures are part of a community and deserve respect and kindness. It's important to understand the value and complexity of life, no matter the size or how insignificant it may seem. Each being plays a role in the harmony of nature and has its special place in the world.

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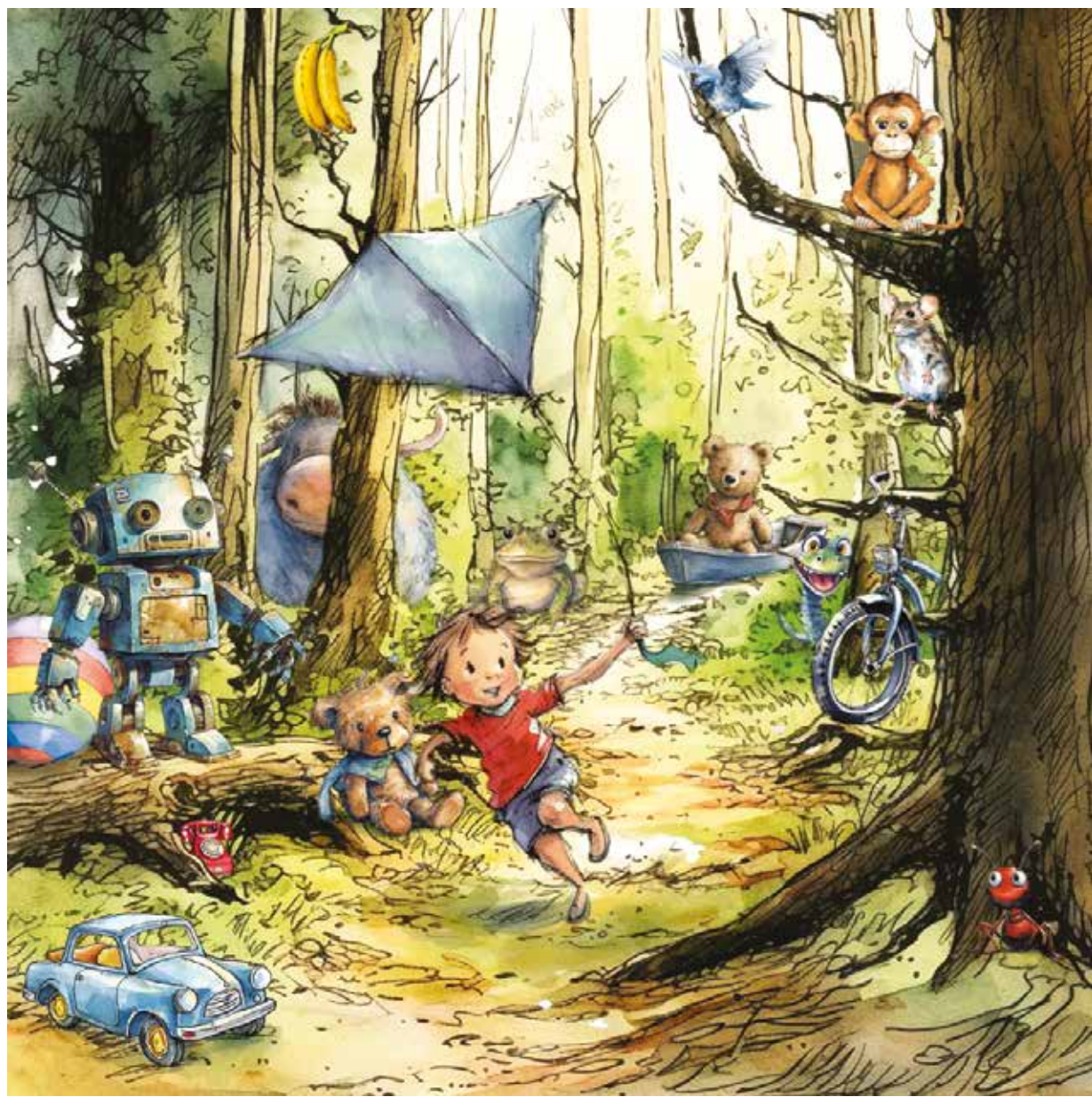
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# THE POWER OF MUNDS PARK IS THE VOLUNTEERING SPIRIT OF OUR COMMUNITY!

By Venita Dee

In the community of Munds Park, there's a secret to its thriving existence. You see, this unincorporated wonderland, devoid of an independent local government, dances to the rhythm of a different beat. And that beat is the resounding call of volunteerism.

In Munds Park, the county plays a crucial role in providing essential services such as law enforcement and road maintenance. However, we understand that their resources are finite, and there are limits to what they can accomplish. That's why it's important for the community to step up and contribute, ensuring that our charming community thrives.

Volunteerism is the pulse that has been coursing through Munds Park since its early settlers waltzed onto this majestic stage. It's a tradition steeped in self-sufficiency and resilience, shaping the very fabric of this place we call home.

Now, let's talk about the joys and challenges of volunteering, because it's not just about giving, it's also about receiving. When you roll up your sleeves and dive headfirst into the currents of community work, you embark on a transformative journey. The impact you make in the lives of those around you reverberates far beyond what you might imagine. And guess what? The transformation doesn't stop there. Your own life, dear friend, is bound to be touched in ways you never thought possible.

There's an indescribable satisfaction that comes from knowing you've played a pivotal role in shaping your community or brightening someone else's world. It's a feeling that can't be replicated, a treasure that surpasses the glittering allure of material wealth.

And here's the best part: You don't need to clear your calendar for a year-long sabbatical to make a difference. No one is too busy to volunteer. Even the busiest among us can spare a moment or two to spread kindness like confetti. Retirees, with their pocketful of extra hours, can dive headlong into volunteering with unbridled enthusiasm. But fear not, fellow warriors



Just some of the Parks amazing volunteers!

of time, even if your days are claimed by work or other obligations, you can still be a hero in sporadic bursts. Every hour, every minute, every second you devote to volunteering counts. There's no need to don a cape and save the world all at once. Simply contribute what your time allows, and the impact will ripple through lives like a pebble skipping across a pond.

Remember this, even the smallest acts of kindness wield the power to reshape destiny. So let's unleash the superhero within each of us, armed with our unwavering dedication to creating a tangible difference. Munds Park is calling, my friends. It's calling for you to embrace the joy, the challenges, and the rewards of volunteerism.

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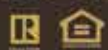


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# SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD VOTES TO ENFORCE CLASS SIX FELONY FOR “THEFT OF SERVICES”

The Pinewood Sanitary District Board of Directors voted at the May 11, 2023 board meeting to direct district staff to begin reporting of violations to Arizona Revised Statute 13-3724, commonly referred to as “Obtaining Utility Service Fraudulently.” The class six felony statute states it is unlawful for any customer or person to intentionally do any of the following:

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- A meter was altered, tampered with or bypassed in no measurement or an inaccurate measurement of utility services and the person occupying the property receives a benefit from the bypassed equipment

This statute has been in place for many years and is a theft charge designated as a class 6 felony where values of up to \$2000, if convicted, can be punished by a minimum of four months to a maximum of two years incarceration and fines up to \$150,000. The board decided to take this firm action due to the number of reported attempts by people in Munds Park to circumvent the sewer district by obtaining access to the system in an unauthorized manner. Additionally, anyone caught breaking into manholes or the sewer collections system shall be reported to both the Coconino Sheriff’s Department and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. In the past, Pinewood Sanitary staff have merely informed the abusers that they must immediately stop and make required repairs to the system. Due to the increase in problem behavior, the Board is now requiring that formal complaints be processed with both governmental agencies. A 100% NO TOLERANCE POLICY.



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# BOOK REVIEW

The Rain

By Joseph A. Turkot

Release: July 11, 2023

By Sandy Wright

Climate change has been a hot topic since the late '90s. The Rain shows

what can happen when we ignore what Earth is trying to tell us. It's too late, and now it has been raining for nineteen years. Almost the whole of North America is underwater. Those who survived the first year have been forced to take drastic measures, and those who clung to the veneer of civilization were rare.

Seventeen-year-old Tanner grew up in the rain. She and her friend Russell have been searching for a rumored Colorado refuge that is said to be high enough in elevation to remain above water. Their lives have been brutal as they travel from east to west to avoid the "face eaters" who are addicted to a mysterious drug that drives them to cannibalism and murder.

Rook Wallace is a meteorologist who joined a company called Yasper. Years after its emergency funding dried up, the company continues its stated mission to help survivors. But is the company and its founder helping? When Rook learns the insidious truth of what keeps Yasper prospering, he is forced to risk everything he valued in his former life to stop them.

Alternating between Tanner and Rook's perspectives and timelines, the story shows two separate views of the rain and how it has affected mankind. Both views are equally riveting and hopeless.

Neither group has any semblance of a prosperous and happy life to look forward to. The rain is the relentless villain of the story, although I'm not convinced that the author sold us on the science of the predicament. However, I understand there will be a sequel—or two.



## PFD FUNDRAISER

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I was impressed to learn that, as part of their continual training and conditioning, most firefighters are trained in backcountry rope rescue, cold water rescue, and extrication. You may also see them in front of the station each week, pushing a weighted sled while garbed in full turnouts and air tanks.

The Pinewood Fire Department covers a large area, providing an array of services to Munds Park that includes 25 miles of I-17 from Stoneman (exit#306) to Kelly Canyon (exit#331) and areas west from the rim of Sedona to approximately 8 miles east of I-17. They are an all-risk first responder team, responding to fires, EMS, hazmat incidents, and everything in between. We all hear the sirens as they respond to freeway incidents, but they do much more than that. They offer walk-in wound care, transport to Flagstaff Medical, search for lost people in the forest, respond to possible gas leaks, and check for sparks on power lines. They have even rescued a person stranded on top of the ramada at the park.

Behind all of this are committed, compassionate people who dedicate themselves and risk their lives to serve the residents of and visitors to Munds Park. If you have ever called them for a medical emergency, you have experienced their professionalism, excellent medical skills, and emotional support. There is nothing more I can say except THANK YOU for who you are and all you do.



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## BIRDS OF MUNDS PARK

### WESTERN TANAGERS

*By Margaret Dyekman*



Summer Tanager courtesy of  
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Western Tanager courtesy of Eric Gofreed

There are three breeding tanager species found in the western United States, yet these three species come from a very large family of birds – over 200 species of tanagers are found in the tropical Americas. The species we regularly have in northern Arizona is the Western Tanager, and of all the tanagers, this species is notable for being the northernmost ranging tanager.

I like to describe the Western Tanager as one big burst of color. It looks like a flame – the male sports an orange-red head, a brilliant yellow body, and coal-black wings, back, and tail. A friend told me that she attracts them to her yard with a plant that looks a lot like the bird, the Red-Hot Poker plant. For that reason, I will buy some of those plants and try them in our front yard this year.

A couple of weeks ago, a reader reported that she had three Western Tanagers at her homemade suet cake feeder. I had a male appear for just a half minute, looking around at the feeders on my deck, but since tanagers rarely eat seeds, it did not stay. The next best bet for bringing the tanagers to your yard will be the dripping bird bath or plants bearing fruit. Dried fruit and orange halves placed on a tray or spike will also attract them.

To see another tanager species fairly common in Arizona, the Summer Tanager, you have to travel to Cottonwood, Sedona, or the surrounding area. The male is bright red all over, with the wings just a little darker red. It is hard to mistake this bird once you get your binoculars on it! I recently saw this species at the Bubbling Ponds birding hot spot in Cornville. A third species we'll find in northern Arizona, the Hepatic Tanager, is more likely to be seen at Kachina Wetlands or other spots well north of Sedona. This is a species that still eludes me.

The females of these three species are not as brightly colored as the males. They are all mostly yellow, with the Western Tanager having white wing bars.

*You can reach me at [margaretdyekman@cox.net](mailto:margaretdyekman@cox.net) or by text at 602-620-3210. You can read all about Backyard Birding in Northern Arizona at [www.backyardbirdingaz.com](http://www.backyardbirdingaz.com) and order the book online or get one directly from me. I welcome your questions, reports of sightings, and your suggestions for future articles.*





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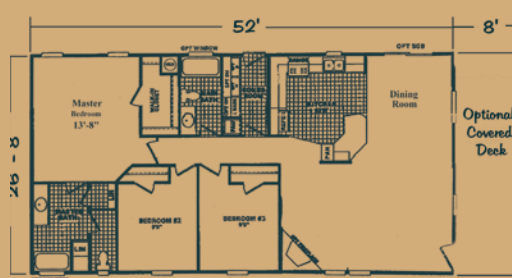
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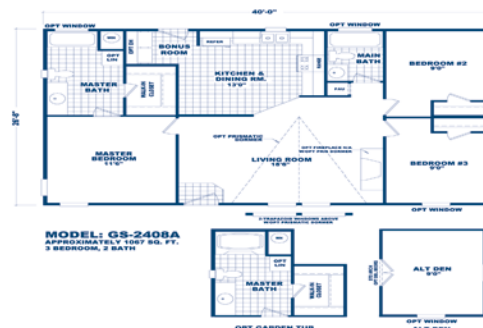


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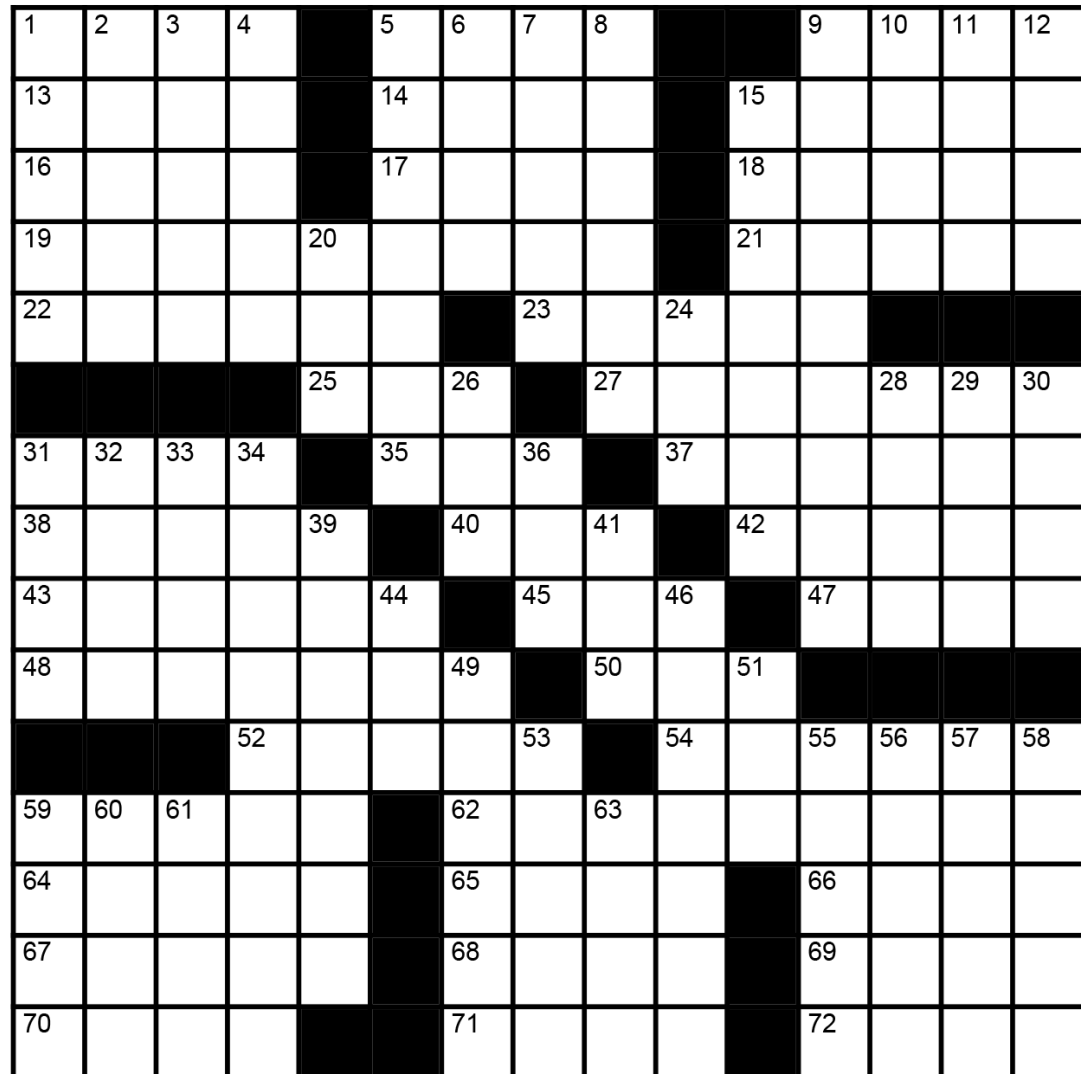
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### Across

1. Bonny one
5. Vacation spot
9. Watch chains
13. TV's "American \_\_\_\_"
14. Face-to-face exam
15. Signet
16. Eight furlongs
17. Chaplin prop
18. Hippodrome, e.g.
19. The fear of anything new
21. Down and out
22. Beach acquisition
23. "All kidding \_\_\_\_"
25. Wine container
27. Swell
31. Boutique
35. Cracker Jack bonus
37. Infernal
38. City on the Seine
40. Family man
42. Closes a falcon's eyes
43. Chooses
45. Chance
47. Bank posting
48. Summer get-together that features grilling
50. Auction action
52. Decorative jugs

54. T-shirt material

59. Beauty pageant wear

62. Travel plan

64. Open, in a way

65. Centers of activity

66. Birthstone after sapphire

67. Inscribed pillar

68. Alliance

69. Denial

70. Bricklayers' equipment

71. Cravings

72. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"

### Down

1. Portrays in words

2. "Farewell, mon ami"

3. Sage

4. Caught some Z's

5. Palm product

6. \_\_\_\_ League

7. Craze

8. "The magic word"

9. A violent or pugnacious person

10. Arch type

11. Fasten

12. Cut down

15. A shoe consisting of a sole

strapped to the foot

20. "The \_\_\_\_" (Uris novel)

24. Setting for TV's "Newhart"

26. Pantheon member

28. Perlman of "Cheers"

29. Cabbage

30. European language

31. On \_\_\_\_ (without a contract)

32. Angel's headwear

33. Hydrox alternative

34. Fresh-water fish

36. Derisive cry

39. Ship's cargo

41. Apply gently

44. "So \_\_\_\_ me!"

46. Park outings

49. Soft felt hat

51. \_\_\_\_-eyed

53. Mink, for one

55. Cache

56. Put a bandage on

57. Be bombastic

58. Hose material

59. Rear end

60. "What's gotten \_\_\_\_ you?"

61. Copied

63. Computer image



# PINEWOOD PLAYERS PRESENTS

## *Four Old Broads*

Pinewood Players will present the riotously funny comedy *Four Old Broads* in June. The play will open on Friday, June 9 and will run June 9, 10, 11 and June 16 and 17. Friday and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:00 pm. A Sunday matinee will be performed on June 11 at 2:30 pm. There will be no performance on Father's Day, June 18. All Pinewood Players performances are open to the public and everyone in Munds Park is invited to attend. Tickets are \$17 per person and are available online at [www.pinewoodplayers.com](http://www.pinewoodplayers.com). You may also purchase tickets at the Pinewood Playhouse Box Office from 10:00 am to noon on Saturdays and 45 minutes before performances. The Playhouse and Box Office is located on east side of the Pinewood Country Club campus just east of the swimming pool area. There is a Ticket Hot Line (928) 863-9061 available if you need assistance to purchase tickets. Cash, check, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

*Four Old Broads* was written by Leslie Kimbell and is being performed by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. Jayne Heckman will direct and she will also act in the play. This will be her directing debut on the Pinewood Playhouse stage. She will be assisted by Pam Solace and Bill Heckman. Jayne has been a prolific actress in the Pinewood Playhouse over the past several seasons. She has appeared on stage in *Crazy Quilt Club* (2017), *Southern Fried Funeral* (2018), *Cahoots* (2019) and *Dashing Through the Snow* (2021). She was Assistant Director for *Deathtrap* this past season.

*Four Old Broads* is a bawdy comedy about a retired burlesque queen, her best friend and a wacky group of misfits living in the Magnolia Place Assisted Living facility. Beatrice Shelton, the former queen of the stage is trying to convince her highly religious best friend Eaddy Mae Clayton to join her on a "Sassy Seniors" Caribbean vacation cruise. Other eccentric residents include Imogene Fletcher who is losing her memory and Maude Jenkins who is obsessed with her soap opera and with planning her own funeral. Another resident, Sam Smith, is a retired Elvis impersonator with an eye for all the ladies. Unfortunately, things have not been very pleasant at Magnolia Place Assisted Living since Nurse Pat Jones began working there. A mystery unfolds with laughter as the gals try to outsmart the evil Nurse Pat and figure out why so many residents have been moved to "the dark side." What exactly

is that mysterious pill and what happened to the resident physician, Doctor Head? Hilarity ensues as Imogene goes undercover and Maude enters the Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Pageant to throw Pat off their trail. Can they solve the mystery and make it to the cruise ship after all?

The cast is a perfect blend of veteran and first time actors. Beatrice is played by Jayne Heckman. Jayne fell in love with the part when she read the play and decided to take on a dual role in the production. Betsy Froderman, also a veteran actress will play Eaddy Mae. Betsy has performed on stage in multiple productions, supported Reader's Theater and other events but most memorably she played the lead female role in *A Delicate Balance* (2019). Maude Jenkins will be portrayed by another veteran of the Pinewood Playhouse stage, Terry Brown who debuted on the mainstage in *Aspirin and Elephants* (2018). Terry has not only acted, she was a co-director for *Dashing Through the Snow* (2021) and she has been active in helping to produce Reader's Theater in past seasons. Burl Seaton is no stranger to the stage having performed in Reader's Theater Mainstage

with a Twist (2022), but this will be his true acting debut and he is perfectly cast as the Elvis impersonator, Sam Smith. First time actors on the Pinewood Playhouse stage Robin Lloyd playing Imogen, husband Fred Lloyd as evil Nurse Pat and Janan Dini portraying Ruby Sue round out the cast and everyone is looking forward to their stage debuts. Jayne has also assembled an all-star technical and backstage crew with Kieran Briggs controlling sound and Joe Brown operating lights. Stage Manager (to be named) and backstage crew Cathy Langesen, Dee Spain and Bonnie Jarvis will team up to ensure the production runs with clockwork precision. Jayne's set design was masterfully constructed by Gary Pecoraro and Burl Seaton.

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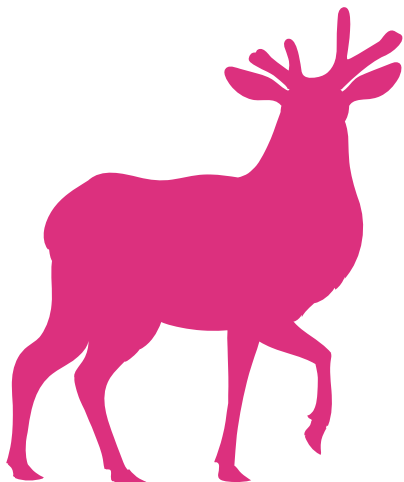
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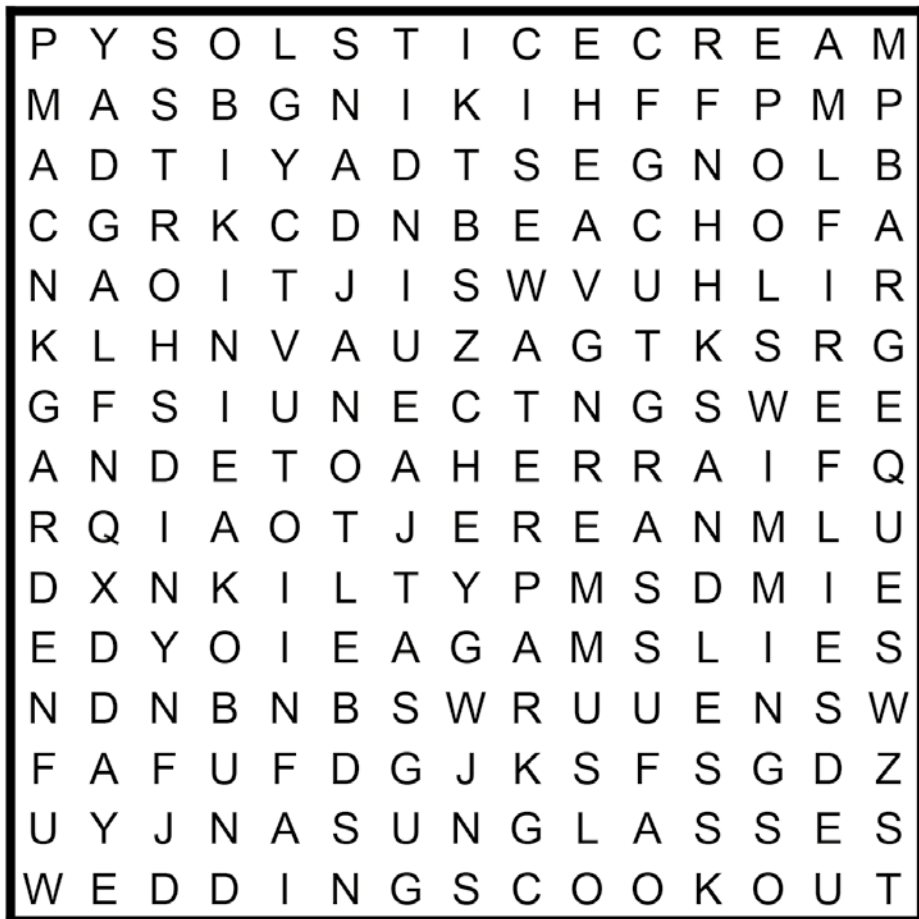
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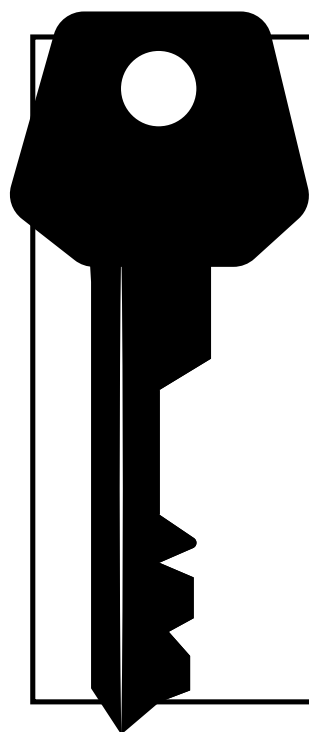


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*Human beings have been measuring and studying celestial bodies since the dawn of civilization. Astrology helps us understand our life paths and experiences by observing the movements of the planets. Although not fortune-telling, it can be a predictive tool and provide insight into personal issues, patterns, fears, and dreams. Through observing the cyclical movements of the planets, we can gain a better comprehension of the cycles and patterns in our lives.*



## ARIES, FIRE SIGN, MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

In June, Aries will prioritize communication and connection, with a focus on socializing and seeking moments of solitude for generating ideas and potential career opportunities. Creativity will be heightened during this period. Aries will also be invited to reflect on the role of joy and intimacy in their lives, exploring how sharing pleasurable experiences impacts their personal growth. Indulgent delight, creative play, and joy will be significant themes during this time. Towards the end of the month, Aries may become more introspective, but should avoid dwelling on the past and instead focus on embracing the present.



## TAURUS, EARTH SIGN, APRIL 21 - MAY 20

This month Taurus can expect excellent news and opportunities, particularly by establishing relationships with inspiring communities or social groups. Gemini season tends to be financially favorable for Taurus. Embrace spontaneity and enjoy a laid-back approach without feeling pressured to host or commit to set plans. Taurus is advised to cultivate self-understanding and clarity on their needs and limitations, which will help them pursue goals and manifest happiness. This time could also provide insights into any delays in manifesting your dreams and goals, urging you to reflect on recent distractions.



## GEMINI, AIR SIGN, MAY 21 - JUNE 21

June brings a blend of social energy and introspection for you. At the start of the month, you may feel social and connected, but also have a deep need for rest and introspection. Embracing meditative practices can lead to career success, so follow that instinct. June encourages you to find inspiration and beauty in everyday moments, reflecting on your sense of self and aligning with your own values rather than external expectations. Your closest relationships serve as valuable teachers, offering wisdom and insights. Listen attentively and strengthen your bonds. This month be sure to take time for self-care and processing emotions.



## CANCER, WATER SIGN, JUNE 22 - JULY 22

This is an exciting month for Cancer, offering a balance of alone time for rest and rejuvenation, as well as opportunities for connection. Emotionally, the first weeks of June may feel intense, but it's an opportunity to release negative emotions or attitudes.

As the sun enters your sign on June 21, new opportunities may support your cherished projects. Also, confronting fears and stepping outside your comfort zone can lead to positive transformations. Keep your focus on bigger financial goals, and early rewards will provide encouragement. In June, try to release worries and embrace a brighter future.



## LEO, FIRE SIGN, JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Leo, get ready for a fantastic month ahead, especially when it comes to your career. Take advantage of this fateful moment! Try to channel your creative energy into your current endeavors during this time. Show yourself love by nurturing your community or taking on new challenges that push your boundaries. Use alone time to reflect on past obstacles and pave the way for new goals. While it's important to prioritize yourself, remember that not every situation revolves around you. Take time for introspection and reflection, uncovering any obstacles that may have hindered your previous dreams.



## VIRGO, EARTH SIGN, AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Virgo, if an opportunity arises this month to explore new territory, take the leap. Pay attention to signs guiding your path ahead. This month, creativity stirs within you, so keep track of dreams and intuitive hunches. As summer begins, balance visible work responsibilities with quality rest and relaxation. Try engaging in art to nurture your body, mind, and spirit. Focus on vocation and calling, speaking up at work and seeking partnerships for progress. Seek nurturing environments for processing your feelings. In June, try not to forget to open up and let your emotions flow.



## LIBRA, AIR SIGN, SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

June brings excitement for Libra! Embrace the social side of yourself and make time for light-hearted encounters with friends. Focus on teamwork, group projects, and reconnecting with old friends. As Cancer season begins on June 21, your career may become more demanding, and ambitious projects could potentially reach their climax during the next four weeks. Let your mind explore new ideas and perspectives, and be proactive in addressing neglected priorities and wellness. During this time, try to learn from past mistakes and tackle challenges head-on.



## SCORPIO, WATER SIGN, OCT 23 - NOV 22

June holds great promise for you, Scorpio. Your career is set to flourish as Venus resides in Leo throughout the month, creating opportunities for launching projects, promoting your work, and seeking a raise. By blending creativity and strategy, you can achieve remarkable success. Embrace the chance to share your contributions with the world and explore what brings meaning and authenticity to your life. In June, try to remain focused on your goals while being open to insightful revelations about past experiences. Use these lessons as stepping stones towards a brighter future.



## SAGITTARIUS, FIRE SIGN, NOV 23 - DEC 21

June invites you to satisfy your wanderlust, Sagittarius! Embrace the carefree energy of summer and seek unique adventures while finding a balance between extroverted moments and introspective solitude. Embrace curiosity and explore new experiences in the realm of relationships. The full moon on June 4th enhances your confidence and optimism, offering opportunities for personal growth and meaningful connections. Dive deep and embrace your role as a motivator and guide for others, and be open to offering meaningful advice this June. Through your connections, you'll discover more about yourself and grow stronger.



## CAPRICORN, EARTH SIGN, DEC 22 - JAN 20

Capricorn, it's time to embrace introspection and self-reflection this month. As summer begins, prioritize both your to-do lists and your important relationships. Explore your psychological nature and engage in deep conversations about past experiences. This month, remember to pay attention to both your relationships and your health, take a check-up of your heart, body, and communication in relationships - addressing any issues that arise. In June, try to make positive changes to your routines and rituals for improved well-being. Deepen your intimate connections with loved ones by embracing vulnerability.



## AQUARIUS, AIR SIGN, JAN 21 - FEB 18

Aquarius, this month brings a sense of lightness, allowing you to catch your breath and experience a slowdown in the accelerated changes you've been going through. The sun in Gemini encourages you to connect with intellectually stimulating people. Relationships could take center stage as you review the dynamics in your life, exploring joy, beauty, creativity, and communication. Use this time to express your desires and engage in meaningful conversations. The spotlight is on you, so accept the love, affection, and gratitude that come your way. Work on communication to deepen your intimate connections.



## PISCES, WATER SIGN, FEB 19 - MARCH 20

Pisces, get ready for a breather as opportunities to slow down come your way. In June, take it easy and prioritize your health and well-being, taking things at your own pace. In your home, embrace this month's energy by decluttering and creating a fresh, joyful space. Try to find ways to make your responsibilities enjoyable. As the Sun moves into Cancer later this month, emotional connections deepen and opportunities for recreation and artistic creation arise. Throughout June, remember to embrace fun and lightness. Dedicate yourself to work with a sense of enjoyment and shed false beliefs about your capabilities.



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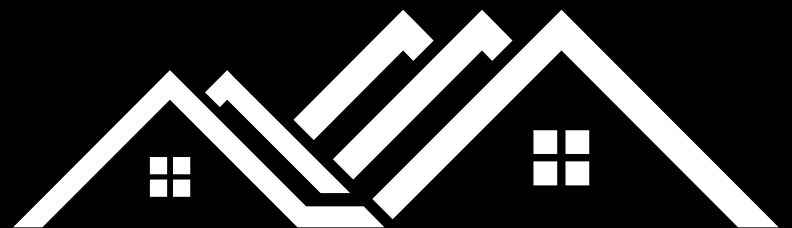
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## SEWER DISTRICT SWITCHES TO QUARTERLY BILLING, IMPLEMENTS LATE FEES

In a cost-cutting move, hoping to save the District upwards of \$25,000 annually, the board unanimously voted to change the monthly billing to quarterly billing, effective July 1, 2023.

Instead of mailing invoices to every household monthly, the new format will save a significant amount of mailing costs and employee time and expense. The District has been studying various options in order to take advantage of technology and increase productivity while decreasing costs during this time of high inflation. The invoices will now be for a period of three months, instead of one month. Please know, you can keep submitting payments monthly, if that's your preference, or you can submit the total due by the scheduled due date. We simply will not be issuing monthly invoices.

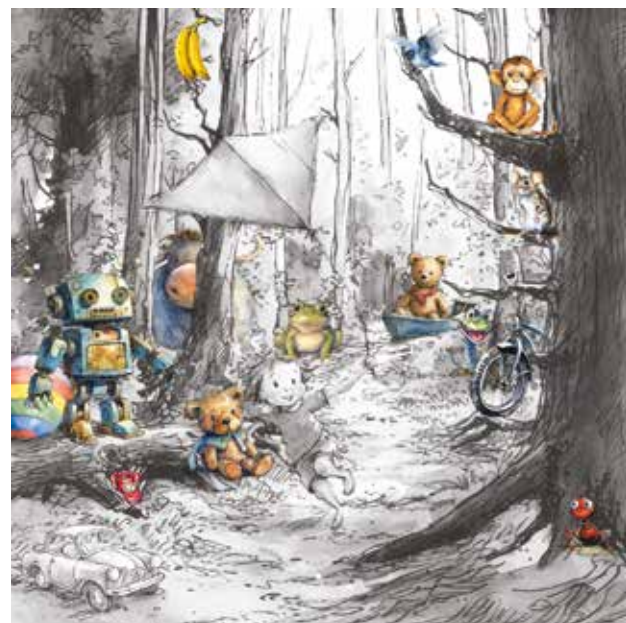
Many options exist for Munds Park folks to pay their sewer bill in a timely manner. The District will still accept advance payments and if you have a credit on your account, you will not receive a bill. Otherwise, everyone has the option of going online to [pinewoodsanitary.com](http://pinewoodsanitary.com) and use the existing payment options available on the website. Payments can be made by PSD website Autopay, through your own bank online, or by credit card. The current fee for credit card payments is \$1.95 per \$150.00 transaction.

Expected mid-summer, another option will be available at no fee to all sewer district members. A new system entitled "Catalis", formerly Value Payment Systems, is being shared with PSD by Coconino County in another attempt to reduce costs and save money. This platform will be offered on our website as a link that will offer everyone different payment methods.

Another cost reduction program being added to district rules and regulations is to charge late payers with a formal "late fee charge". In researching options, it was discovered that PSD is the only sewer district that has not established a late charge penalty for those that have to be pursued for payment. The Board has voted to put in place a late fee policy to assist the District in obtaining timely payments in two ways. Those households who are one full payment behind will be assessed 10% of the bill. The full policy is available in the District Administrative Office. Additionally, businesses who are assessed a usage fee plus the "O & M" fee and do not submit their water bills to the District by the 20th of each month, will also be assessed a late fee of 10% of the water usage rate.

The Board hopes this will assist prompt submissions of water usage for businesses that are assessed this requirement, reducing staff time to track down a water bill so invoices can be prepared. All collected late fee's will be deposited into the District "O & M" operating funds.

- If you are on an autopay plan with your bank there is no need to make any changes.
- If you are on autopay through PSD there will be no changes. The fee will still come out once a month on the same day.
- Your total bill due date will be the 15th of the third month in the billing quarter. If your payment is received after this date your bill is considered late and a fee of 10% will be added.



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# MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Pastor Steve Bowyer

## GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY HAS NO LIMITS

Can we believe it is all true? Is there a God? Does He still do miracles? Can we trust that Jesus is Who He said He is and can do what He said He could do?

God does enough extraordinary things for us in our ordinary lives, or in the ordinary lives of people close to us, to prove that He can do the extra-extraordinary thing of saving us.

In my last article I wrote about the extraordinary thing God did when he healed my wife, Sara, of her thyroid cancer. Through the prayers of the ladies at our women's retreat the weekend before her surgery, God did a miracle. The surgeon, who is not a Christian, said he had no explanation for what he found when he removed half her thyroid. We do.

Which one of the women said it the right way? Was it a combination or accumulation of all their prayers? Hard to say. What I can say is God is not limited by our imagination and ability to ask the for the only thing we can think of for Him to do. Sometimes He does things we do not ask for or will do it in way we never thought of. Sara's story did not end where I left it.

During that time, there was a woman in our church named Jan who had an issue in her gut. She had suffered for two years. She had been to doctors, tried prescriptions, over the counter meds, and changed her diet. Nothing worked. She prayed, and prayed, and prayed. So did her husband. Nothing brought her relief.

Was God not listening? Did He not care. Oh yes, He was listening and cared a great deal for her. He just had a plan that would happen on His time, not ours. And when He carried it out, it would blow us all away.

Jan did not go on the retreat where they prayed for Sara. But she was in church that Sunday. The elders of the church, still caring and concerned for Sara, not knowing she had already been healed, called her to the front of the church during our worship service. They invited anyone who wanted, to come forward, lay a hand on her, or on someone close by if they could not reach Sara, and we all prayed for her. For, Sara. Jan came up to participate.

When the prayer time was over, everyone returned to their seat, including Jan, and we got on with our worship service. Her husband noticed she had the streaks of tears on her face, and he asked why. Her reply was, she was just concerned for Sara. That was not all true, but that is what she said.

Later, she told us, she felt something inside her when we were praying for my wife. She knew something had happened to her, but she was not sure

what at that time. What she discovered over the following couple of weeks was, God healed her during that prayer time.

Sara had already been healed and did not need that prayer. God used that time to do an extra-extraordinary thing and heal Jan. Through the laying on of hands and the prayers of the people for Sara, God's power passed by Sara and settled on Jan. She has not had one gut issue since.

After 400 years of silence from God, He sent an angel to tell Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth would conceive and have a son. The boy turned out to be John the Baptist. This was a miracle. They were too old to conceive. But God is not bound by our limitations. And their story did not end there.

A few months later, the same angel appeared to Elizabeth's cousin, an unmarried teenage virgin and told her she would conceive when the Holy Spirit came on her and she would give birth to the Savior of mankind. It was extraordinary that Elizabeth could conceive and deliver a healthy son. It was extra-extraordinary that Mary would.

So, is it true? Is Jesus Who He said He is, and can He do what He said He could do? Yes. How can we know for sure? Because God will do extraordinary things in our ordinary lives, or in the ordinary lives of people close to us, to prove He can do the extra-extraordinary thing of saving us. He is still in the miracle business. He does it His way and in His time. He is not bound by our imagination and ability to ask the right way for the only thing we can think of for Him to do. Sometimes, God will do something for us we never thought to ask for.

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