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*We Honor the Fallen & Celebrate
the Life They Made Possible.*

COVER by Sandee Caviness & Midjourney

A SALUTE WORTH SHARING

Help Us Spotlight a Hometown Hero This November

They've already served their country.

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Every November, *The Pinewood News* honors one local veteran whose story deserves to be shared. If you know a military hero—family, friend, or neighbor—who should be recognized, tell us why.

A few heartfelt words can go a long way in honoring someone who never asked for the spotlight but has surely earned it.

- Email your nomination to [Hello@ThePinewoodNews.com](mailto>Hello@ThePinewoodNews.com)
- Deadline: September 15

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\$1,295,000 • 17612 E FAIRWAY DR., MUNDS PARK

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\$749,000

1325 E JAGUAR LN., MUNDS PARK

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12 E OAK DR, MUNDS PARK

This cozy cabin features an open layout, chalet windows, and a warm gas fireplace. A loft offers extra sleeping space, while the fenced yard with dog run, spacious decks, and ample parking make it ideal for getaways.



\$475,000

95 E FOXBORO RD #11, MUNDS PARK

Lot 11 in Foxboro Ranch offers 1.73 acres backing the forest. Enjoy stocked lakes, trails, clubhouse amenities, and utilities on-site—perfect for building your private retreat among the pines.



\$295,000

230 E CEDARWOOD DR, MUNDS PARK

Remodeled mobile home with new laminate floors, fresh paint, new vanities, updated PEX plumbing, metal carport, and 2 sheds. Please call ahead—owner lives there year-round.

Starting May 11

Lillie Mae's Pinewood Blvd Marketplace is popping up every Sunday!

Find them in the Coldwell Banker Northland parking lot with all your favorite canned and jarred goodies—from pickles to jams and more.

Swing by, stock up, and support local!



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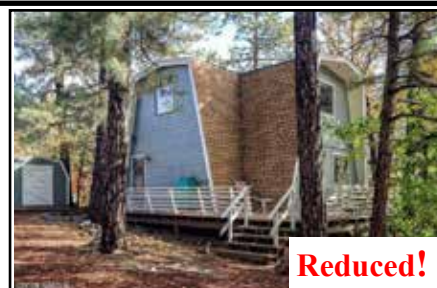
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"May we never forget freedom isn't free."
"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it"
Unknown Author



New Listing

17710 Maverick Cir - \$635,000
Chalet on well-Treed Cul-de-Sac Lot
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T&G ceilings, river rock Fireplace
Wrap Around Deck, Large ATV Shed
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THE NIGHT THE BUGLE WEPT

A Memorial Day Reflection

Based on true events, this story honors the creation of “Taps” through a blend of historical fact and respectful interpretation.

By George Dee

It was July, 1862. The Civil War had bled into its second summer, and Virginia’s fields bore its weight. Smoke hung in the air, mingled with the scent of wet earth, blood, and gunpowder. Across the lines, both Union and Confederate soldiers lay in exhaustion, some wounded, others staring blankly into the heavy dusk, their thoughts turned to their distant homes.

At Harrison’s Landing, along the banks of the James River, Union General Daniel Butterfield stood outside his tent, weary and thoughtful. The battle at Gaines’ Mill had just passed. His men had fought hard, suffered much, and now silence blanketed the camp like a thick quilt, broken only by the murmurs of the wounded and the crackle of distant campfires.

Butterfield, a man known more for bravery than sentiment, felt the weight of his men’s fatigue, and the unbearable truth that many who had marched with him were now buried under Virginia soil. He thought of the bugle call used to signal the end of the day, “Lights Out,” a French tune passed down through military tradition, and found it wanting. Too sharp. Too formal. Too European. It didn’t reflect the sorrow, the reverence, or the grace he believed should accompany the close of a soldier’s day.

He called for his brigade bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton.

Norton, just twenty-two, had already seen more death than a young man should. But his hands were steady, and his ear for music keen. Butterfield handed him a scrap of paper, ink still drying. On it were a few bars of melody, soft and slow. No words. Just notes.

“I want this played at the close of day,” Butterfield said. “Nothing more.”

Norton took the melody and worked it on his bugle that evening. It was not martial. It didn’t call men to arms or signal command. It spoke gently, sadly, with a reverence that pierced more deeply than any shouted order.

That night, as the sun slipped beneath the horizon and the last of the crimson faded from the sky, Norton stood by his tent and played the tune.

Three notes in, the camp fell silent. Men who had been talking, or praying, or writing home, paused. The mournful, winding melody hung in the air like breath on cold glass.

They didn’t know the name of the song. It didn’t have one. It was just a goodbye. A soft prayer for the fallen. A promise that they would not be forgotten.

Within days, the melody passed through camps like wind through trees. Other buglers picked it up. Officers began requesting it for funerals. No orders were issued. No regulation changed. Yet somehow, from battlefield to battlefield, the tune spread, not with fanfare, but with a kind of sacred gravity that needed no explanation.

Later, it would be given a name, Taps. The word likely echoed an old tradition, the soft drum taps once used to signal the end of day in military camps.

Its origin was debated, as stories often are. Some romanticized it, adding legends of fallen sons, wounded soldiers, whispered goodbyes. But the truth, like the song itself, was simpler and quieter. It came not from a dramatic tale of death, but from a general’s desire to honor his living men and those who no longer could hear the bugle’s call.

Butterfield never sought recognition for composing it. He saw it as an offering. Something solemn and small, to carry the weight of the unsaid.

And the words we now associate with Taps, words often spoken silently in our heads as the tune plays, came later:

Day is done, gone the sun

From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky

All is well, safely rest

God is nigh.

When Taps plays, heads bow in a quiet remembrance.

Taps has echoed over the graves of unknown soldiers and generals alike. It has whispered through the silence of Arlington and sounded across the beaches of Normandy, the jungles of Vietnam, the sands of Iraq and Afghanistan. And every time, it asks the same thing: Remember.

Taps does not glorify war. It mourns. It honors. It tells us that someone’s son, daughter, father, or friend gave everything. And now we must carry their memory, and understand that freedom is not free.



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Services Sunday, 10:45 am
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Munds Park Town Hall

All residents are encouraged to attend.
Stay informed about what's happening in
our community—your presence
and participation is essential!

Next Meeting July 17, 2025
Pinewood Country Club

Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary meeting

The Community is Welcome!
Tuesday, June 3
6:30 pm • 17670 S Munds Ranch Rd

Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting

Public Welcome
Tuesday, May 20
3 pm • 475 E Pinewood Blvd

Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting

Public Welcome
Thursday, June 12
3 pm • 18075 Fairway Dr



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Coconino County Flood Control District's Long-Term Flood Mitigation Planning

Coconino County is beginning a long-term planning process to address flood risks in FEMA-designated flood zones, including areas right here in Munds Park. This is your chance to get involved, ask questions, and make sure our community's needs are part of the plan. What happens now will shape how we protect our homes and businesses in the future—so let's show up and be part of the conversation.

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Munds Park Community Church, 7670 S Munds Ranch Rd, Munds Park

Stay informed. Get involved. This affects all Munds Park residents.

NEED TO KNOW

Attention Pinewood Residents!

The Pinewood Sanitary District is gearing up for a busy summer and wants to keep everyone informed about important activities and opportunities.

Jetting Operations Starting March 29, 2025, the District began jetting operations to clean and maintain our sewer systems. This high-pressure water process clears blockages and cleans pipes, as required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Arizona Attorney General's office. The Consent Judgement document is available at www.PinewoodSanitary.com. The District must camera inspect every main line in Munds Park, which includes jetting before inspections to identify potential issues.

Residents must ensure clear access to all easements. Please keep easements free from debris, vehicles, and other items. Many easements are obstructed by fences, sheds, and other structures. Workers will attempt to minimize disruptions, but access through driveways, gates, and other entry points is required for inspections. Clearing obstructions and providing entry to easements will support efficiency and compliance with state requirements. The District appreciates your cooperation.

Odell Lift Station Construction for sewer main replacement and removal of the Odell lift station will start between May 19-23, 2025, and continue until completion. Expect trucks and construction equipment near the worksite.

Stay Informed and Involved The Pinewood Sanitary District values resident involvement and cooperation. Your participation is crucial for the success of our operations and community well-being. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 pm.

For more updates and information, visit www.PinewoodSanitary.com.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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Quaint 16-wide getaway on a wooded cul-de-sac with its own putting green! Enjoy the wrap-around deck with privacy awnings, farm-style kitchen, wood-burning fireplace, gazebo, brick patio, rain gutters, and water catchment. Affordable and adorable!



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115 E VALLEY PLACE

Spacious home on a 20,000 sq ft cul-de-sac lot with seasonal creek! Features a fenced yard, 2-car carport, wrap-around deck, 4 large bedrooms, loft with private deck, T&G ceilings, central heat/AC, and a separate entry into a cozy living space.



\$669,000

17845 LONGBOW ROAD

Perfect 3-bed, 2-bath getaway near the Country Club, courts, park, and Lake O'dell! Single level on nearly ¼ acre with open layout, propane heat, newer roof, oversized garage, large shed, patio, aspen & pear trees. Prime location—move-in ready!



\$798,000

310 E APACHE ROAD

Tucked on nearly an acre at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this private retreat features redwood wrap-around decks, central A/C, propane heat, bedroom heaters, and evap cooling. Spacious loft, T&G ceilings, and ready for someone to make it home again.



\$1,150,000

17960 GREEN MOUNTAIN ROAD

Beautifully upgraded 2-story retreat with new Trex decks, brand-new roof, EV-ready garage, and whole-house generator. Inside features an updated kitchen with granite counters and high-end appliances, fresh paint, and forest views from every room. Main-floor suite with private deck and spa-like bath, plus a spacious lower level with family room, two bedrooms, and full bath. Fully fenced yard, mature trees, and spring blooms make this peaceful home your perfect year-round sanctuary.

In Their Memory, We Stand.

This Memorial Day.



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SLEDGEHAMMERS & HEART

Munds Park Celebrates a New Chapter for Fire Safety

Under blue skies on May 2, 2025, the sound of cheers and the swing of sledgehammers marked more than just the start of construction—it signaled the beginning of a new era for the Pinewood Fire District.

The long-awaited groundbreaking for the new Pinewood Fire Station wasn't just about steel and cement. It was about community. Residents turned out in force—selling t-shirts, showing support, and celebrating the result of years of shared work, fundraising, and belief in what this station represents.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Fire Chief Josh Tope, reminded everyone that this building is more than just a facility—it's a promise. "Today, we break ground not just on a new fire station, but on a future rooted in readiness, resilience, and unity," he said. "When our community calls, we will answer."

That sense of purpose was echoed in every thank you the chief delivered—from the firefighters and fire board who stuck with the plan through thick and thin, to the Fire Auxiliary, whose tireless fundraising efforts have long backed the department. Whether through organizing tournaments or selling gear, the Auxiliary helped keep momentum alive.

Special thanks went to the Pinewood Country Club and Gary Pierce for donating the skate park property for the new station site, and to Cindi Eagleton and MBC Properties for helping house the fire crew during the transition. Contractors Willmeng Construction and Perlman & Associates were also recognized for their role in making the vision a reality.

But perhaps the most striking applause came for the community itself. Local businesses and families—including the Agee family, who raised over \$160,000—were honored for rallying around the cause. Their collective support helped push the station from drawing board to job site.

It was the voters, though, who made it official. The successful passing of the General Obligation Bond transformed community enthusiasm into action, and broke ground not just on a building, but on renewed trust in what can be done together.

As the dust rose from the first ceremonial swings, it was clear: Munds Park isn't just building a fire station—it's building a legacy.

Local Highlights continued on page 13A

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GET FRESH PRODUCE!
Starting Saturday, May 10, your weekends just got fresher—join us for farm-fresh produce every Saturday through October!

MAY 23 & 30

RED DIRT CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy live music under the stars every Friday evening in May at the Red Dirt Concert Series, hosted by Sedona Parks and Recreation. Each show features a headliner and local opener at the scenic Posse Grounds Pavilion.

Date: Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 5 PM – 8 PM

Location: Posse Grounds Pavilion, 525 Posse Grounds Rd., Sedona

Admission: Free

Bring a chair or blanket! For more information on Red Dirt Concert Series, visit www.sedonaaz.gov/parkevents or call (928) 282-7098.

JUNE 2

BINGO AT PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Bingo kicks off Monday, June 2nd at the Pinewood Country Club! This event is open to everyone—no membership required. Come enjoy a fun night with neighbors and prizes!

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025

Time: 6pm

Location: Pinewood Country Club, 395 Pinewood Blvd, Munds Park

MONDAY, JUNE 7 & 8

FLAGSTAFF HULLABALOO FESTIVAL

Experience a weekend of music, art, and community at the Flagstaff Hullabaloo Festival. Enjoy live performances, a bike parade, costume contests, giant puppets, circus acts, a kids' zone, local food, craft brews, and artisan vendors—all in the cool pines of Wheeler Park.

Date: June 7–8, 2025 (Sat & Sun)

Time: Saturday 10 AM–9 PM; Sunday 11 AM–6 PM

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

Admission: \$15–\$20 general admission; VIP and kids' pricing available

**MUNDS PARK
4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATIONS DETAILS
CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 1B**

JUNE 5, 6 & 7

FLAGSTAFF PRO RODEO

Experience three nights of PRCA-sanctioned rodeo action under the Northern Arizona stars at Fort Tuthill County Park. Enjoy thrilling events like bull riding, barrel racing, bronc riding, team roping, and more in the cool pines of Flagstaff.

Date: June 5, 6 & 7

Time: Check website

Location: Fort Tuthill County Park, Flagstaff, AZ

Visit flagstaffrodeo.com for tickets and details

JUNE 21 & 22

PRESCOTT BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Celebrate summer with free live music at the 44th Annual Prescott Bluegrass Festival! Held under the shady elms of Courthouse Plaza, this family-friendly event features top bluegrass acts, food, raffles, and a welcoming community vibe.

Date: June 21–22 (Sat & Sun)

Time: Sat 11 AM–9 PM, Sun 11 AM–3:30 PM

Location: Courthouse Plaza, Downtown Prescott

Admission: Free

Bring a chair, soak up the tunes, and enjoy one of Arizona's most loved summer traditions!

JUNE 30 - JULY 6

PRESCOTT FRONTIER DAYS - WORLD'S OLDEST RODEO

Celebrate 138 years of rodeo tradition at the World's Oldest Rodeo in Prescott. Enjoy eight thrilling performances, parades, dances, and family-friendly events. Experience the excitement of steer wrestling, bull riding, & barrel racing!

Date: June 30 – July 6, 2025

Location: 840 Rodeo Dr., Prescott

Check website for shows, times & tickets at worldsoldestrodeo.com

JULY 5

FAIRLANE PALOOZA!

Celebrate the 4th of July weekend with your neighbors in Munds Park! It's a traditional jam session! Enjoy live music, good company, and a relaxing evening under the pines. Bring chairs and your favorite beverages!

Date: Saturday, July 5, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: 245 E. Fairlane, Munds Park

Admission: Free

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Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: 245 E. Fairlane, Munds Park

Admission: Free



Farmer's MARKETS

SEDONA COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Join us every Sunday for a sunny marketplace experience! Discover a wide array of local fresh seasonal produce to unique artisan creations.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 11 AM - 3 PM

Location: 2201 W SR 89A, West Sedona

PRESCOTT FARMERS MARKET

Support local farmers, enjoy seasonal flavors, and help grow a healthier, stronger local economy with every purchase.

Dates: Every Saturday, April–October:
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: 900 Iron Springs Road, Prescott,

MORTIMER FARMS

Shop farm-fresh at Mortimer Farms in Dewey! Open daily with fresh produce, locally raised meat, milk, and eggs—straight from the farm to your table.

Date: Open Daily

Time: 8 AM – 6 PM

Location: 12907 E State Route 169, Dewey, AZ

OLD TOWN MUSIC & THE MARKET

Friday nights in the Verde Valley features locally grown fruits and vegetables, artisan foods, and handcrafted goods like pottery, jewelry, and soaps—all set to live local music. Bring a chair, grab a bite, and enjoy a relaxed evening under the trees with your community.

Dates: May 16, 23, 30

Time: 5 p.m. and continue until dark

Location: 187 E. Pima St., Cottonwood

VERDE VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

Discover real food from real farmers at the Verde Valley Farmers Market. Enjoy fresh, locally grown produce while supporting our community's farmers. Operated by local growers.

Date: Every Saturday & Friday from
May 10 to October 4, 2025

Time: 8 AM - 11 AM

Location: 75 Hollamon St, Camp Verde

WINDMILL PARK FARMERS MARKET

Shop fresh and local every Thursday at Windmill Park! Find farm-to-table produce, sprouts, fruits, nuts, eggs, vegan organics, fresh bread, and honey—straight from local growers.

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: 9950 E Cornville Rd, Cornville, AZ



Community MARKETS

OLD TOWN MUSIC & THE MARKET

Shop locally grown fruits & vegetables, homemade items and more while listening to fabulous regional musicians.

Dates: Every Friday, starting May 9

Time: 5 PM Until Dark

Location: 187 E. Pima St., Cottonwood

FLAGSTAFF URBAN FLEA MARKET

Explore the eclectic and vibrant Flagstaff Urban Flea Market, a gathering of artisans and peddlers offering a unique variety of goods. Find everything from records, antiques, and books to handmade woodwork, ceramics, and vintage clothing. Plus, discover gems and minerals, soaps, used tools, comics, toys, jewelry, up-cycled goods, flowers, and other funky treasures.

Date: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, June 14th through October 25th

Time: 9 AM - 2 PM

Location: City Hall parking lot, 211 W. Aspen, Downtown Flagstaff on Historic Route 66

Admission: Free

PEDDLER'S PASS OLD-TIME FARMERS & FLEA MARKET

Visit Peddler's Pass Old-Time Farmers & Flea Market in Prescott Valley, a bustling open-air swap meet offering a diverse array of items. From seasonal farm produce and yard-sale secondhand goods to antiques, tools, collectibles, and rocks & gems, there's something for everyone. Known as "the best swap meet in Arizona," this family-friendly market features affordable finds and a wide variety of vendors.

Date: Every Saturday & Sunday, Year-Round

Time: 6 AM - 3 PM (Early morning is prime time for the best picks)

Location: 6201 E. State Route 69, Prescott Valley

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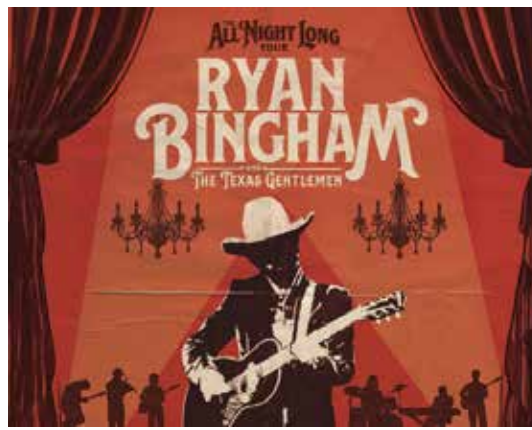
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LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

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MUNDS PARK SEASON OPENERS

And Locals Will Love It!

Mary Coyle Ol' Fashion Ice Cream

It's sad but true. Mary Coyle Ol' Fashion Ice Cream has closed its doors in the Park. A sweet chapter ends, but cry no more. There's a new lineup in town with beer, pizza, and shopping ready to lift your spirits.

NiMarco's Pizza

Heads up, pizza lovers! NiMarco's Pizza is coming to Munds Park. A Flagstaff staple since 1979, they're known for fresh, hand-tossed dough, real mozzarella grated daily, and sauces made in-house. Locals swear by their classics like the Popeye and Monster Meat, plus wings, salads, and gluten-free options. You'll find them soon in the strip mall on the other side of I-17. No hype. Just really good pizza, now a little closer to home.

Opening in June!

Sportsmunds

Opening June, right where the old sports bar stood, Sports Munds is stepping up to the plate. The name's a winner, and locals are already talking. Cold beers, big screens, and a laid-back spot to catch the game or call your own timeout. Whether you're team nachos or team wings, this is Munds Park's new home field.

Antique store

In the same strip mall, right next to the pizza and beer, an antique and gift shop is getting ready to open. We don't have all the details yet, but fun shopping is coming soon. Stay tuned!



Photo by Rick Chandler, Wild Elk Realty

WOODY'S UPDATE

There have been interested buyers, but no cigar just yet. With the Fire Department temporarily using the lot next door and the new FEMA flood maps in the mix, it's a tough time to sell or build. Cindi Eagleton said the family is hitting pause for now. Further, instead of selling, they're considering developing the site themselves, including the land behind it.

For now, consider it Munds Park's most scenic eyesore with potential.

FTC CRACKS DOWN ON HIDDEN FEES IN SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Short-term rental hosts—take note. A new Federal Trade Commission rule takes effect May 12 requiring full price transparency for listings on platforms like Airbnb and VRBO. The rule bans hidden fees and mandates that the total price (including all known fees) be displayed more prominently than any other pricing information in ads or listings.

Key takeaways for STR hosts:

- No more vague charges like “service” or “processing” fees.
- The total price must include cleaning, resort, or admin fees—anything a guest must pay.
- Taxes and optional add-ons can be excluded, but only if clearly disclosed before checkout.
- Bait-and-switch pricing or misrepresenting refund policies is prohibited.

Airbnb has already adjusted its display settings to meet the rule. Hosts on other platforms should act now to ensure compliance. Violations may result in penalties. For full details, visit [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).



Nancy Huzar spotted Rod Harris and Obie Swiggum stepping up on a Sunday fixing the potholes outside the Post Office, volunteering their time and materials to improve the area for everyone. While they didn't have enough fill to finish the job, they made a solid dent in the problem! Nothing like a couple of good eggs helping the community when it's needed!

Thank you Nancy for noticing the good deed and passing it along to Pinewood News!



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RED, WHITE & REAL FOOD

4 Ways to Support Arizona Farms & Ranches This Summer

From the Real Farm to Table Series

By Sandee Caviness

Memorial Day kicks off more than summer. It kicks off fresh food season—ripe produce, real beef, and meals that start close to home.

Buying local means your fruits and vegetables are picked when they're ripe, not early to survive transport and storage. That's why they taste better. Fresh food should be fresh, not engineered for shelf life.

Local beef isn't run through a system of antibiotics, growth hormones, and chemical washes. It comes from animals raised at home with care, not speed. When you buy direct from a farmer or rancher, you're investing in clean food, healthy land, and a food system that values quality over volume.

So this Memorial Day, we invite you to buy local and treat yourself, freinds and family to honest and flavorful food. Here are five ways to support our farmers and ranchers—no greenwashing (fake eco-labels), no middlemen, just great food.

ONE Shop Farmers Markets

Local farmers markets aren't just quaint—they're lifelines. Every dollar spent at a farmers market keeps a grower in business and great food on your table. Even better? Fruits and vegetables that haven't been shipped across the country hold more flavor and more nutrients. The shorter the trip from harvest to plate, the better it is for your health and your tastebuds.

You know it's fresh when it's picked the same day. It snaps when you break it and needs nothing more than a pinch of salt. That's not just food; it's timing and care you can taste.

You can find a list of local farmers' markets on page 10A

TWO Buy Beef from a Rancher, Not the Grocery Store

Most beef in the U.S. comes from massive commercial packers built for volume, not quality. Steaks, roasts, and ground beef are processed at high speed, treated for shelf life, and packaged to look fresh—even when they're not. Many cuts are gas-flushed for color, hauled across state lines, and labeled "Product of USA" even if the animal was raised elsewhere.

Buying direct is different. The beef comes from a single animal, raised with care and processed locally. It's not blended with thousands of other cows or rushed. It's personal. It's honest. And it tastes the way beef should.

Whether you're stocking your freezer with a quarter share or just picking up a few steaks, buying direct means you're choosing integrity over shortcuts—and getting meat with flavor that earns its place on the plate.

You can find a list of local ranchers' on page 5B

Ask for Local, by Name.

When you're standing under those fluorescent lights at the meat counter, don't be afraid to ask: Where was this beef raised? If the answer's vague, or worse, "I'm not sure," you've got a choice to make. Because buying local isn't just a feel-good gesture, it's a way to reclaim your plate. Choosing not to buy is a quiet protest against a system that treats beef like a lifeless product, packaged, pumped full of additives, and pushed through for profit. And the truth is, many people can't tell the difference, because we've been eating factory beef for so long, we've forgotten what good beef even tastes like.

But we don't have to settle. When you buy directly from local producers, you're doing more than feeding your family well. You're choosing food you can trust, flavor you can taste, and the ranchers who are working hard to raise cattle the right way. Factory beef is often bloated with fillers, hormones, and shortcuts designed to fatten cattle fast and keep older meat looking artificially good on the shelf. Real beef doesn't need tricks, it just needs time, care, and respect.

Want to know what sets real beef apart from the factory kind? Read "The Real Farm to Table, Part Two: A Conversation with Windmill Mountain Ranch" at www.ThePinewoodNews.com.

THREE Understand What's at Stake

Every time farmland is lost to development, that's one less acre growing food. It's not just open space disappearing. It's our ability to feed ourselves.

As Claudia Hauser put it: "Golf or food. Pick one." That's the reality. Land can only serve one purpose at a time. When we choose development over agriculture, we lose more than just scenery.

Supporting local farms and ranches means protecting land, water, and a way of life that's already stretched thin. This isn't about nostalgia. It's about necessity.

Without small, working farms, we don't have food security. We have a fragile system built for speed and volume, not quality or care.

To learn more about local farming, water rights, and what it takes to keep Arizona agriculture alive, read "The Real Farm to Table, Part One and Two" at www.ThePinewoodNews.com.

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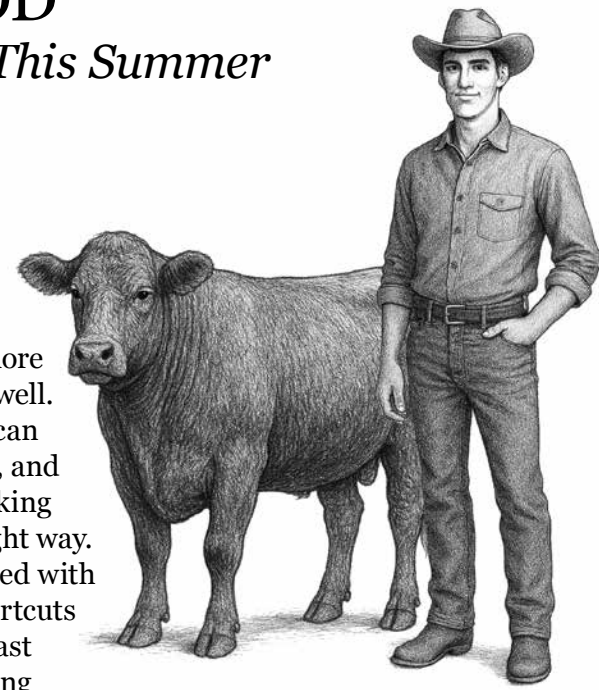
Take a friend to a farm stand. Share your favorite local food source. Post a recipe that includes local ingredients. These stories matter, and they need your voice. You don't have to be a farmer to support one. But you do have to act.

The big players and developers see only one kind of green—cash. And they chase it no matter the consequences. If you want better food, you have to fight for it.

This Memorial Day, we remember those who gave everything to protect the land we live on. Let's honor that sacrifice by supporting the land that feeds us and those who care for it.

So what are you waiting for? Head to a farmers market for fresh fruits and vegetables, pick up local beef for the grill, and treat yourself, your family, and your friends to something truly special this Memorial Day!

Stick with us. More ranchers and farmers will be featured in upcoming issues of Pinewood News.



WORD OF THE DAY

Coddiwomple

verb | kod-ee-wom-pull

To travel in a purposeful manner toward a vague destination.

By Tess Langley

You don't know where you're going, not exactly, but the sun is warm, the air smells like sunshine and grass, and something in you says go. You throw snacks in a bag, crack the windows, start a playlist that makes you sing out loud and drive a little too fast. You're not running from anything. You're heading toward something, even if you don't know what it is yet.

You're not lost. You're not late. You're not trying to prove anything.

You're coddiwompling.

It's a strange little word. Rolls around in the mouth like a jawbreaker. Feels goofy, maybe, but good. It's the kind of word that doesn't ask permission. It just gets in the car and rides along, windows down, hair blowing, singing like a rock star.

Coddiwomple means to move with intention even when the map is blank. It's the freedom to follow a curve in the road just because it looks interesting. It's the roadside fruit stand, the odd little museum, the diner with twelve kinds of pie and a waitress who calls you darlin'.

It's how you end up at a lake you didn't know existed. It's why your camera roll has photos of a rusted tractor, a goat in sunglasses, and your friend dancing in front of a neon cactus.

This isn't travel for the sake of arrival. It's travel for the sake of moving. For seeing what the day has to offer when you don't script it in advance. It's what happens when you give yourself permission to roam.

Coddiwompling doesn't need reservations. It doesn't need matching luggage or an itinerary with bullet points. All it needs is a full tank, a loose direction, and a heart curious enough to follow the breeze.

And it's not just for the road. Some people live this way. They try new things without needing a five-year plan. They fall in love sideways. They make dinner with what's in the fridge and end up inventing a new family favorite. They try, they fail, they laugh, they try again.

So maybe you skip the pressure to have it all figured out. Maybe you grab your sunglasses and your old playlist and just... drive. See where the road leads when you stop asking it to make sense.

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HOMEMADE & WONDERFUL

FROM RANCH TO FLAME *The Ultimate Steak Lineup & The Best Grilling Tips*

By Dick Trudeau

This isn't just dinner. It's Memorial Day weekend. It's the sound of laughter off the deck rail, the smell of smoke curling through the pines, and the clink of cold drinks on a warm afternoon with family and good friends.

But it's also something more. It's the freedom to gather, to feast, to live fully, made possible by those who gave everything so we could.

A great steak belongs here. Not the kind sweating in plastic wrap under fluorescent lighting, but the kind raised with care. If you're going to grill, make it count. Shake hands with your butcher. Meet a local rancher. Pick out something worth the sizzle.

Here's our best picks, from most affordable and underrated to most premium and luxurious:

Flat Iron

Cut from the shoulder, this steak is affordable, juicy, and criminally underrated. With great marbling and a tender bite, it loves a hot grill and a cold beer.

T-Bone

Two steaks in one and shaped like a trophy. You get part tenderloin and part strip, and it wants nothing more than salt, fire, and your undivided attention.

Filet Mignon (Tenderloin)

So tender you could cut it with a sideways glance. It's lean, elegant, and perfect for those who love texture over fat.



Rib-Eye

The rock star of beef. Rich, fatty, flavorful. No sauce, no fuss, just a hot grill and a little salt. Watch for flare-ups—this one sizzles like a firecracker.

Cowboy Steak

Basically a rib-eye that hit the gym and kept the bone. It's dramatic. It's primal. It looks like something you'd see in a Clint Eastwood movie. Grill it, carve it, and let people applaud.

Porterhouse

The T-bone's older, more intimidating brother. This is steak with swagger. Big enough to share, but who says you have to?

Whether you're firing up a thick cowboy cut or going all-in on a porterhouse, the steak is only half the story. The rest comes down to how you treat it, from fridge to flame.

Prep Like A Pro

- Pull your meat out of the fridge an hour before cooking. Cold meat cooks unevenly, don't rush it.
- Trim fat down to about an eighth-inch, remove tough silverskin, and pat that steak dry.
- Season like you're on a mission. Salt generously at least 30 minutes ahead. Add pepper just before the grill. That's it. Anything more is window dressing.

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Grill Like A Master

- Get those grates blazing hot for 15 minutes. Scrape 'em clean, oil them up.
- Set up a two-zone fire: one side scorching hot for searing, the other cooler for finishing.
- Sear your steak over direct heat. Give it a quarter turn to show off those grill marks, flip once, and move it to the cool zone to coast to perfection.

Know your temps:

- Rare: 120–125°F
- Medium-rare: 130–135°F
- Medium: 140–145°F

Pull it early. Carryover heat is real. Let it rest under a loose tent of foil before slicing.

Slice against the grain. Sprinkle with salt.

A Few Extra Moves If You Want a Legendary Steak

- Reverse sear thick cuts: slow roast first, sear last.
- Butter baste with thyme. It's worth it.

Great Meat Deserves Good Company

Get your sides from the local farmers market. Grilled corn. Fresh greens. Heirloom tomatoes that taste like summer. Let the beef be the star, but give it a red carpet to walk down.

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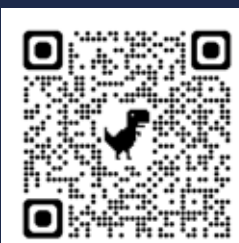


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TRAVEL

TRAILBORN GRAND CANYON IS THE NEW FACE OF BOUTIQUE LODGING ON ROUTE 66

By “UNSTOPPABLE Stacey” Wittig

A wave of nostalgia is sweeping the travel world as mid-century motels are reborn as retro-inspired boutique hotels. These roadside classics now honor their original spirit while embracing the comforts and technologies that today's travelers demand.

Trailborn Grand Canyon in Williams stands front and center in this exciting trend. I learned during my recent stay that this isn't just a surface makeover – it's a thoughtful blend of old and new. From the iconic neon sign, now updated with energy-efficient LEDs, to the classic room layouts refreshed with modern amenities, Trailborn Grand Canyon captures the magic of Route 66's heyday while launching guests into the future of boutique lodging.



Trailborn courtesy photo

unique blend of nostalgia, design and boutique amenities.

Trailborn Grand Canyon's renovation couldn't come at a better time – just in time for the Route 66 Centennial in 2026. As the world prepares to celebrate 100 years of America's most iconic highway, Trailborn stands ready to welcome a new generation of road trippers with its blend of historic charm and modern comfort.

What Modern Travelers Want from Historic Route 66 Motels

This resurgence is about more than nostalgia. Modern travelers crave authenticity and a sense of place, and nothing delivers that quite like a lovingly restored historic Route 66 motel. Gone are the days when these properties were merely a place to crash for the night. They are now thoughtfully reimagined as boutique Route 66 hotels, blending retro flair with high-touch amenities, local flavor and a welcoming vibe that invites guests to linger, connect and explore.

Williams is the perfect setting for this revival. As the Gateway to the Grand Canyon and a classic Route 66 town, Williams draws travelers from around the globe. Here, Trailborn Grand Canyon is a beacon for those seeking a unique blend of history, comfort and adventure.

Miss Kitty's Bar and Steakhouse: A Culinary Standout on Route 66

Miss Kitty's Bar and Steakhouse, a beloved Williams institution, has been thoughtfully reimagined, keeping its iconic name while introducing a fresh menu by Food Network's 'Chopped' chef Paul Beatty. Here, classic choice steaks are paired with creative rubs and sauces,

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Why Route 66 Motels Are Making a Comeback

There's a growing movement among travelers and hoteliers alike: a renewed appreciation for the mid-century motels that once dotted America's highways, especially along storied stretches like Route 66. These motels, with their neon signs and quirky architecture, were once the beating heart of the Great American Road Trip. Today, a new generation is rediscovering their charm – not just as relics but as vibrant, reimagined Route 66 hotels and destinations.

I've noticed that across the Southwest, this revival is gaining serious momentum. High Country Motor Lodge in Flagstaff has become a local favorite by blending retro roadside style with modern luxury. In New Mexico, The Mystic in Santa Fe and the iconic El Vado Motel in Albuquerque have both been lovingly restored, offering travelers a

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Trailborn Grand Canyon stands out among historic Route 66 motels for its thoughtful balance of preservation and progress. It’s a place where mid-century bones meet modern amenities, where local flavor is celebrated at every turn, and where community and sustainability are more than just buzzwords – they’re a way of life. Whether you’re planning a Grand Canyon adventure or simply want to experience the magic of the Mother Road, Trailborn is a stay worth seeking out.

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OUR AMERICAN FLAG

Long May it Wave



By Brit Elders

The “Stars and Stripes” is a powerful symbol of the United States, representing freedom, liberty, and the ideals upon which our nation was founded. Sometimes referred to as “Old Glory,” a moniker given to it in 1824 by merchant seaman, Captain William Driver, the flag originated with the Flag Resolution, adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777. However, most historians agree that the American flag—as a sovereign flag—did not occur until 1782.

In September 1814, Francis Scott Key witnessed British ships bombard Fort McHenry and wrote a poem that ultimately became our national anthem—The Star-Spangled Banner. The poem reflects that fact that our flag represents the enduring ideals of freedom, courage, and most importantly, resilience. Despite battles and struggles throughout the years, the flag continues to inspire a sense of courage and hope. It serves as a reminder of our nation’s past, present and future and evokes a strong sense of national identity and pride. Its unifying symbolism was noted by Adrian Cronauer who said, “Our flag is not just one of many political points of view. Rather, the flag is a symbol of our national unity.”

The thirteen red and white stripes stand for the thirteen original colonies, while the fifty white stars on a deep blue background represent the fifty states. Even the colors are significant. In 1782, the flag’s designer Charles Thomson, described the colors’ symbolism this way:

- Red: Symbolizes valor, courage, and the sacrifices made by those who fought for the nation.
- White: Represents purity, innocence, and the ideals of liberty and justice.
- Blue: Stands for loyalty, vigilance, perseverance, and justice, reflecting the nation’s commitment to these principles.

The embodiment of freedom and patriotism, the American Flag serves as a uniting emblem of strength and the shared history of the American people. For many of us the flag represents a more personal sense of

appreciation for those who have fought to ensure the safety of our Republic and its citizens. None of us should never lose sight of the fact that our American flag is also an acknowledgment of sacrifice and honor.

But sometimes the waving banner of our nation is no longer suitable for display and at that point they should be disposed of properly.

DO NOT ever throw the flag in the trash or recycle bin or use the flag for any purpose other than its intended display before retirement.

To respectfully dispose of an American flag, follow the guidelines listed in the U.S. Flag Code. (4 U.S. Code Chapter 1).

The flag should be retired with dignity. It should be destroyed in an honorable manner by burning it when it is no longer fit to be flown due to wear or damage.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, the flag should be properly folded and then burned in a clean hot fire until it is reduced to ash. Finally, dispose of the ashes by burying them or scattering them in a dignified location.

However, it’s not always possible to dispose of a tattered flag by burning it, especially in fire prone areas like ours. There are organizations, such as the American Legion, or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), or Boy Scouts, that hold flag retirement ceremonies and will accept your worn flag for disposal.

Although the US Code says that burning is the preferred method to dispose of a flag, people also do so flag via burial. If you choose this, place a folded flag in a dignified wooden box and bury it.

A final option for disposing of an American Flag made from synthetic material, is to recycle it. Some slag companies will accept old flags and use the material to make new ones.

This Memorial Day, as we recognize those that gave their lives serving in the U.S. Military, take a moment to examine your flag. If it is faded, frayed or torn, it is time to retire that flag, dispose of it properly and replace it with a new Star-Spangled Banner.



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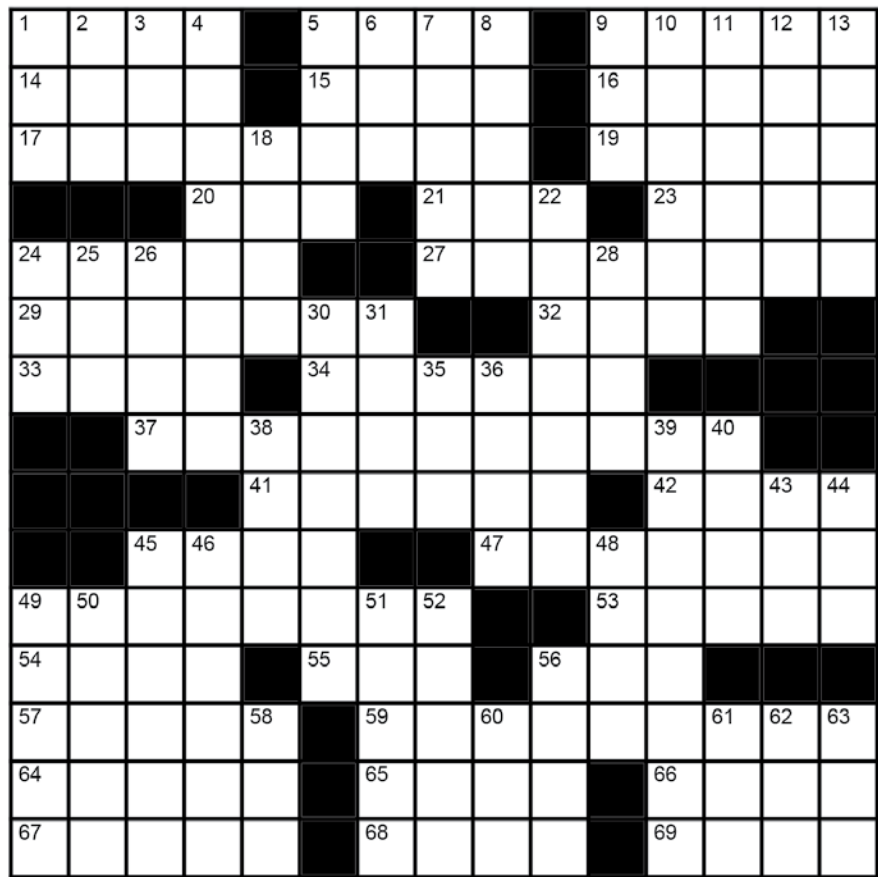


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5. Small salmon

9. Out of style

14. Potting need

15. Riyadh resident

16. Hindu principle of life

17. Tempo notation

19. Grassland

20. Got together

21. Klutz

23. Nabisco brand

24. Tiny organism

27. Company heads

29. Reproductive cells

32. Jet black

33. Song for a diva

34. Slow-moving mollusks

37. Little Richard's first hit
41. Wager placer

42. Therefore

45. Highlands hillside

47. More informative

49. Mao, for one

53. Selling point

54. Brass instrument

55. Scheming

56. Expression of disgust

57. From Dublin

59. Largest-wingspan bird

64. Fruity-smelling compound

65. Like some dorms

66. Vicinity

67. Nourishes

68. On bended ____

69. White-tailed eagle
- DOWN
1. Red-white-and-blue inits.

2. The sun

3. Have something to complain about

4. Flaming torch

5. Shopping ____

6. Vein stuff

7. Mayhem

8. West Indian sorcery

9. Faux ____

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11. Excessively flattering

12. Ranees wrap

13. ____ a high note

8. Tuckered out

22. Lack of success

24. Turkish title

25. Tarnish

26. Send out

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30. Holds high

31. Tizzy

35. Toward the stern

36. Vitamin additive

38. Skier's transport
39. Mosaic pieces

40. Tennessee's state flower

43. "Oh, my!"

44. Table scrap

45. Crystalline mineral

46. Helped with the dishes

48. "Hold on!"

49. Sitting Bull, e.g.

50. Trigger, for one

51. "Wellaway!"

52. Parachute material

56. Lose color

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WINGS OVER ARIZONA

BABY BIRDS

By Margaret Dyekman

Spring is nest-building and raising-young time for birds, and that all comes with some amount of peril for the parents and the babies. The parents must choose a safe place for the nest and ensure their young stay fed and in the nest until they are ready to fledge. Most bird parents will then still help the fledglings learn to hunt and seek shelter until they are capable on their own.

Finding a baby bird on the ground can be alarming, but knowing how to respond can make all the difference in keeping it safe. During spring and summer, fledglings—young birds learning to fly—often leave the nest before they're fully skilled, which can lead to confusion for well-meaning humans. Here's how to tell if a bird needs help and what you should do.

Step 1: Observe before acting: First, determine if the bird is a nestling or a fledgling. Nestlings are very young, often featherless or with only a few downy feathers and cannot survive outside the nest. Fledglings, on the other hand, are fully feathered and may hop on the ground as part of their natural development. If the bird is a fledgling, it's best to leave it alone and keep pets away. Its parents are likely nearby, continuing to feed and protect it as it learns essential survival skills.

Step 2: Return nestlings to the nest: If the bird is a nestling, it does need help. Look for the nest in nearby trees or shrubs. If you find it, gently pick up the bird and place it back in the nest. Contrary to myth, birds do not abandon babies that have been touched by humans. If the nest is unreachable or destroyed, create a makeshift nest using a small basket or container lined with soft tissue and place it in a safe, shaded area near where the bird was found. Observe from a distance—if the parents return, there is a high chance of success.

Step 3: Contact a wildlife rehabilitator: If the baby bird is injured, cold, or the parents don't return within an hour or two, it's time to call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and then follow their advice. Do not attempt to care for the bird yourself, as improper handling can cause harm. Fallen Feathers (Peoria), Liberty Wildlife (Phoenix), and Runnin' with Wildlife Rehab Center (Verde Valley) are excellent wildlife rehabilitators.

I've had reports of nesting nuthatches, chickadees, bluebirds, swallows, and warblers – and I'm sure there is activity from many other northern Arizona species. The birds are doing their best to brave the elements, ward off predators, find food, and raise another generation of these critical animals of our shared earth.

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



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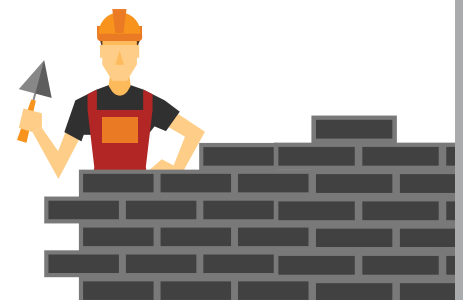
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As spring settles in and the winds ease up, it's a joy to see your vegetable garden come to life, with leaves unfurling and future harvests just beginning to take shape. But don't let those rising spring temperatures fool you - late spring frosts can still pose a serious threat to young plants.

Fortunately, cool-season vegetables like peas, kale, spinach, cabbage, carrots, radishes, broccoli, and scallions are built to handle Flagstaff's unpredictable weather. These frost-hardy favorites can roll with the punches of a chilly night.

For warm-season crops like tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, or melons, however, you'll need to plan ahead. These heat-loving plants just don't do well in the cold, and here in northern Arizona, frosts can sneak in as late as mid-June. Waiting until then to plant means your growing window might be too short for a fruitful harvest.

The good news? With a few smart strategies, you can protect your warm-season veggies and give them the head start they need.

1. Stay Frost-Aware

Keep a close eye on your local forecast, especially during those transition weeks in late spring. Weather can change quickly, so it pays to be proactive. At Warner's Nursery, we provide frost alert text messages for just this reason - ask us how to sign up and get notified before your plants get nipped.

2. Choose the Right Varieties

Some vegetable varieties are bred specifically for shorter growing seasons. Look for fast-maturing hybrids, particularly in tomatoes, that will thrive in our cooler climate and shorter summers.

3. Pick the Perfect Spot

Raised beds are a great option for northern Arizona gardens. They warm up more quickly in spring, which helps young plants establish faster. Adding organic mulch can also make a big difference—mulch acts like a natural blanket, helping regulate soil temperature and retaining moisture.

4. Use Season Extenders

Protective tools like water-filled plant protectors (commonly known as "walls of water") are a game-changer. They store heat during the day and release it at night, creating a cozy microclimate for your plants. Plus, they help warm the soil - essential for strong root development.

5. Go DIY for Extra Protection

If you're handy, you can build your own mini-greenhouses using PVC pipe and clear plastic sheeting. Create a simple frame, drape it with plastic at night, and remove it during the day to let your plants breathe and soak in the sun.



6. Quick Frost Fixes

Caught off guard? Lightweight blankets, sheets, or even row covers can provide overnight frost protection in a pinch. Just be sure to remove them in the morning so your plants don't overheat.

7. Water Wisely

Moist soil retains heat better than dry soil, so watering your garden ahead of a frost can help buffer your plants from cold stress. Just avoid overwatering, as saturated soil can freeze and damage the roots.

Growing warm-season vegetables in northern Arizona definitely requires a little extra care—but the reward is so worth it.

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Pinewood Players proudly present *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* as the first production of the 2025 season.

Get ready for an evening of hilarity and mayhem as the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society attempts to stage a 1920s murder mystery. As the title suggests, everything that can go wrong, does—from collapsing sets and forgotten lines to missed cues and misplaced props. Still, the accident-prone cast battles through every mishap to make it to the final curtain call.

This fast-paced comedy is packed with physical humor, laugh-out-loud moments, and one disaster after another. Co-directed by Sandy Dyke and Cindy Smith, this talented ensemble delivers big laughs and bigger blunders—on purpose, of course.

Showtimes at the Pinewood Theater (behind the Country Club pool):

- June 13, 20, and 21 at 7:00 PM
- Matinees: June 14 and 22 at 2:30 PM
- Tickets are on sale now at pinewoodplayers.com/ticket-sales and open to the public.

Grab a friend, neighbor, relative, date—or come solo. *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* is right for everyone.

The play may go wrong... but the cast is absolutely right!



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David Bagwell and John Billington

On Saturday May 10th the Pinewood Men's Golf Association held their Wall of Fame 2 Man best ball event. The winning teams consisted of David Bagwell and John Billington. Congratulations!

In Other Golf News

On April 26th the 3 man Scramble resulted in a tie for 1st place. The winning teams consisted of: Dan Cantrill, Howard Weiner, Ron Jacobs as well as Tim Felton, Mike Rishling, Gary Harper.

On May 3rd's Dr. Mark Trifecta was won by the team of Rich Myrhe and Scott Fyffe.

Lady Niners Invitational is July 16

The PWCC Lady Niners will host its annual golf invitational on July 16. This year's event theme is World Tour of Golf and participants will experience a journey through nine famous golf courses from all around the globe.

In previous years, this tournament has sold out far in advance as women golfers from across the state come to Munds Park to participate in this popular event. Registration includes continental breakfast in the morning and an internationally-flavored luncheon following the tournament. Door prizes, raffle items and competitive awards are presented during the luncheon.

Hole sponsorships are available to promote your business or in honor of family and friends. For information on sponsorships contact Missy Lagomarsino at 602-538-2601.

This golf event is open to all women golfers (a valid USGA GHIN is required) and you do not need to be a PWCC member to participate. Registration for this event is currently under way and registration materials are available by calling Karen Pallanich at 623-523-3541.

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

EXPLORING THE MAGIC OF ANTELOPE CANYON

A Journey Through Northern Arizona's Natural Wonder

By Jay Otlewski

On a recent trip to Page, Arizona, we were immersed in some of the most breathtaking landscapes.

It was our first visit, and the beauty of the area left us in awe. We spent a few days exploring, and one place stood out above all: Antelope Canyon.

Located just outside the city of Page, Antelope Canyon is a photographer's dream and a natural marvel that's hard to describe in words alone.

This stunning slot canyon is known around the world for its narrow sandstone walls, flowing curves, and magical beams of light that filter in from above.

It's no wonder this spot draws travelers, adventurers, and nature lovers from all corners of the globe.

Antelope Canyon is divided into two main sections—Upper Antelope Canyon, nicknamed “The Crack,” and Lower Antelope Canyon, known as “The Corkscrew.”

Upper Antelope Canyon is the more famous of the two, largely because of the light beams that shine through the narrow openings during certain times of the day, especially in the summer.

These shafts of light transform the canyon into a living, breathing piece of art. Standing there, with sunlight cascading down onto the smooth red rock, felt almost otherworldly.

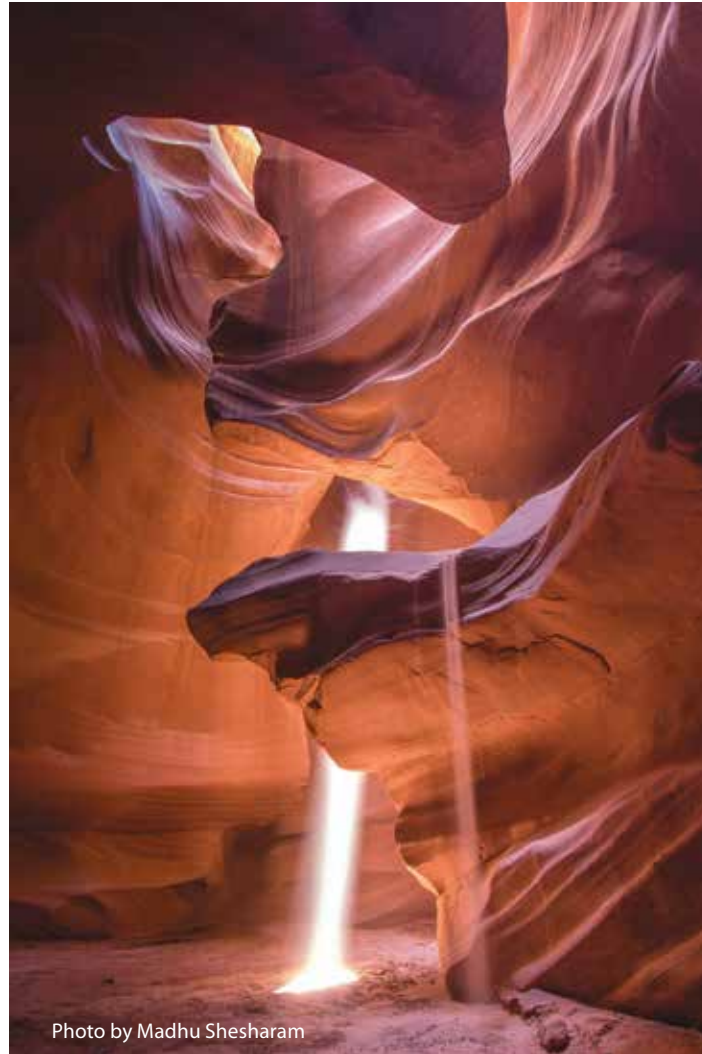


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Lower Antelope Canyon is a completely different experience, yet equally memorable. Navigating its tight passageways, metal ladders, and swirling walls gives you a sense of adventure.

Both sections are located on Navajo land, and all visits are led by Navajo guides. Our guides were knowledgeable and warm, sharing not just the geological history of the canyon but also the deep cultural and spiritual significance it holds for the Navajo people.

Their stories gave us a greater appreciation for the land and reminded us that Antelope Canyon is more than just a beautiful destination—it's a sacred place.

What made our trip to Page even more special was how much there is to do nearby. Within minutes, we visited the stunning Horseshoe Bend, drove across the impressive Glen Canyon Dam, and spent a peaceful afternoon by Lake Powell. Everything was so accessible, yet every stop felt like its own unique adventure.

If you've never been to Page or Antelope Canyon, put it on your list. And if you've

already been—go again. Trust me, it never gets old.

Our hearts are full from the memories we made, and we're already dreaming about the next time we'll return to this magical part of Northern Arizona.



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JOIN THE MUTS CREW FOR A TRAIL DAY WITH PURPOSE

By Larry Metzler, President, Munds Park Trail Stewards

You might be surprised to learn that the Munds Park Trail Stewards (MUTS) got their start in a courtroom. Back in 2001, a frustrated local was fined for building trails without permission. The judge didn't just issue the penalty, he pointed out something important: Munds Park needed recreational trails. That moment sparked real change.

By January 2002, residents were meeting with the Forest Service at the Pinewood Fire Station. Those conversations laid the groundwork for what would become MUTS, a nonprofit group of local volunteers working hand-in-hand with the Coconino National Forest Service.

We maintain trails for motorized and non-motorized users, care for the Pinewood (240) and Iron Springs Trailheads, and help educate trail users about safety, forest laws, and respectful recreation. Our group isn't political or tied up in social issues. We're here to protect the forest, the trails, and the people who love them.

Our next volunteer day is Saturday, June 14.

Meet at the Iron Springs Trailhead at 8:15 a.m. We'll work until noon, then enjoy a free lunch made by our amazing volunteer cooks.

What to bring: long pants, sturdy shoes, & weather-appropriate clothes

Water and trail tools will be provided. Everyone works at their own pace, and you'll leave feeling good about what you've done.

Please RSVP by June 7 at mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com

Check our website for updates, event changes, or new volunteer days at www.mundsparktrailstewards.com

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The concept of “Movement is Medicine” highlights the powerful role physical activity plays in both preventing and treating a wide range of health conditions.

Yes, exercise may be one of the most prescribed “medications” out there! Research continues to show that physical activity not only reduces the risk of numerous health conditions but also enhances longevity and overall well-being.

THE HEALTH CRISIS WE FACE

More than 73% of American adults are overweight, and 40% are classified as obese, according to the CDC. Among children, 20.7% of 6- to 11-year-olds are obese—nearly 2 to 3 times higher than two decades ago.

A sedentary lifestyle not only contributes to obesity but is also linked to a variety of other health issues.

BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Exercise Can Reduce the Risk of:

- Heart disease & stroke: Strengthens the heart, lowers blood pressure, and improves cholesterol levels.
- Diabetes: Enhances insulin sensitivity and helps the body process glucose more efficiently.
- Mental health disorders & depression: Boosts mood, reduces stress, and promotes an overall sense of well-being.
- Falls & injuries: Improves balance and stability.

Exercise Can Improve:

- Bone & muscle strength
- Joint pain
- Sleep quality: Helps the body rest and restore.
- Energy levels: Regular movement boosts energy over time.
- Circulation: Enhances blood flow, which benefits the entire body.

GETTING STARTED

Simple Ways to Add More Movement to Your Day:

At Home

- Take a short walk before breakfast, after dinner, or both.
- Walk instead of driving when possible.
- Swap TV time for a walk around the neighborhood.

At Work or Out & About

- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Have a walking meeting with colleagues.
- Walk during your lunch break instead of staying at your desk.
- Park farther away from store entrances for extra steps.
- Walk the golf course instead of using a cart.
- Explore hiking trails and enjoy nature!

Other Fun Ways to Stay Active

- Join a gym or try free online fitness classes on YouTube.
- Try yoga or Tai Chi for flexibility and relaxation.
- Find a workout buddy to stay motivated.
- Schedule exercise on your calendar like any other important task.

Movement is medicine. By making physical activity a priority, we can enhance our health, and improve our quality of life. Small changes add up, so find what works for you and start moving today!

Join one of our Yoga classes at the RV Resort Recreation Center every Monday, Friday and Saturday! Check out our local Munds Park Facebook site “Yoga in the Park” for details of the classes.

Our first class of the summer is FREE! May 23 at the RV Rec Center. Try either chair yoga at 9 am, or Mat flow at 10 am.

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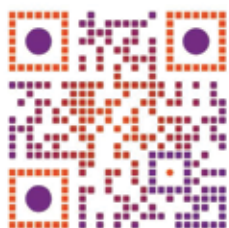


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WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A RATTLESNAKE

Tips from Arizona Game & Fish

So you've spotted a rattlesnake. Take a breath. This isn't a showdown. Here's what matters most: rattlesnakes don't want a fight. If you give them space, they'll usually slither off without incident. The problem comes when people panic, grab a weapon, or try to play hero. Don't.

STEP 1: Stay Calm & Step Back

If the snake isn't coiled, rattling, or moving toward you, it's not in strike mode. Back away slowly. Sudden movements make things worse. No yelling, no stomping.

STEP 2: Don't Try to Kill It

Most bites happen when people try to kill or handle the snake. In Arizona, it's also illegal to kill native wildlife without a legitimate reason. So unless the snake is cornered in your home or attacking your dog, step aside and let it move on.

Bonus: many snake sightings are actually harmless bull snakes, which look similar but help control rodent populations, do not kill them.

STEP 3: Make Your Yard Boring

Snakes are there for one reason: food. That means mice, rats, or other small prey. If you don't want snakes, remove what attracts them.

- Keep grass trimmed short.
- Store firewood away from the house.
- Don't leave birdseed or pet food outside.
- Seal holes or gaps around your home's foundation.

STEP 4: Use a Flashlight at Night

Warm evenings are prime rattlesnake hours. If you're walking the dog, taking out the trash, or heading to a campsite, carry a light. You can't avoid what you can't see.

STEP 5: Stick to Trails

When hiking or walking outdoors, stay on marked paths. Snakes tend to avoid high-traffic areas but love quiet corners, tall grass, and rocky outcrops. Watch where you step and never reach blindly into brush, woodpiles, or under rocks.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE BITTEN

It's serious, but survival rates are very high, especially if you follow these steps:

- Call 911 immediately. Don't wait to see how it goes.
- Stay calm. Panic increases heart rate, which spreads venom faster.
- Keep the bite lower than your heart. Immobilize the limb if possible.
- Remove rings, watches, or tight clothing near the bite area before swelling begins.
- Do not apply ice, cut the wound, use a tourniquet, or shock yourself with electricity. All of that is outdated and dangerous.

The goal is to get medical help as fast and safely as possible. Don't drive yourself if you can avoid it.

WHO TO CALL FOR SNAKE REMOVAL

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For additional information and resources about rattlesnake bites, contact the Arizona Poison Drug and Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Leaving a rattlesnake alone can significantly reduce the risk of being bitten. In fact, more than half of all rattlesnake bites are provoked by the person who was bitten.



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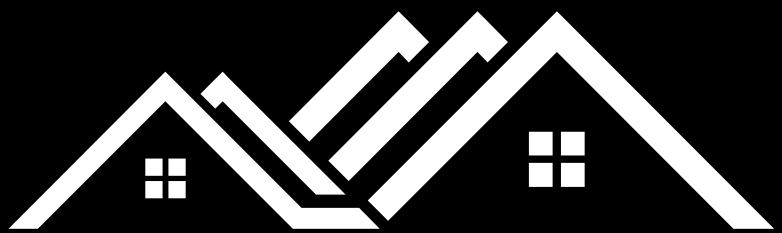
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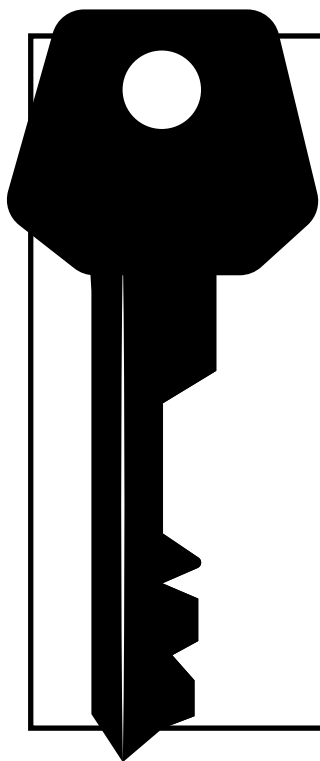
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The story follows four zoo animals, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, and Gloria the Hippo—as they break free from the Central Park Zoo and end up on the colorful island of Madagascar. With characters like King Julien and his band of dancing lemurs, the show features catchy songs, playful choreography, and heartwarming lessons about friendship and courage.

Arizona Children’s Theatre also invites new young performers to join the fun. Whether your child is experienced or just curious, this is a great way to build confidence, make friends, and be part of something special.

“Our mission is to invite all children to an educational experience so that they will discover the joy and love of musical theatre, then share that gift with our general public. We will leave no child behind,” said director Lynn Rouyer.

Auditions: June 29 & 30, 2025 | 1:00–4:00 PM
Camp: July 7–25, 2025 | 1:00–4:00 PM
Performances: July 23, 24, and 25, 2025
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BINGO IS BACK!

Starting Monday, June 2 at 6:00 PM, the Pinewood Property Owners Association (PPOA) is excited to bring Bingo back to the Munds Park community. Bingo will be held every Monday night throughout the summer at the Country Club.

Those who played last year on Mondays will be happy to return. Newcomers will enjoy plenty of laughs while learning the ins and outs of the game. Seasoned players will be on hand to help new participants get familiar with how we play.

We’ll have our regular game packs for sale, as well as Fast Cash warm-up rounds and Double Action after intermission. Also, our ladies will be ready with the ever-popular Horse Race during the Coverall.

Please remember, you must be 18 years old to play and to be in the Bingo room, per licensing laws. Bring your own dauber or you can purchase one for \$2 or two for \$3. A limited portable bar will be available with beverages for sale. Doors open at 5:00 PM and play begins promptly at 6:00 PM. Due to room capacity, we kindly ask that seats not be saved. The cost to play will vary depending on your comfort level, with a minimum buy-in of \$5.

Bingo will run every Monday through September 8 and is open to the entire community. You do not need to be a Country Club member to play. Our volunteers do this just for fun, friendship, and plenty of laughs.

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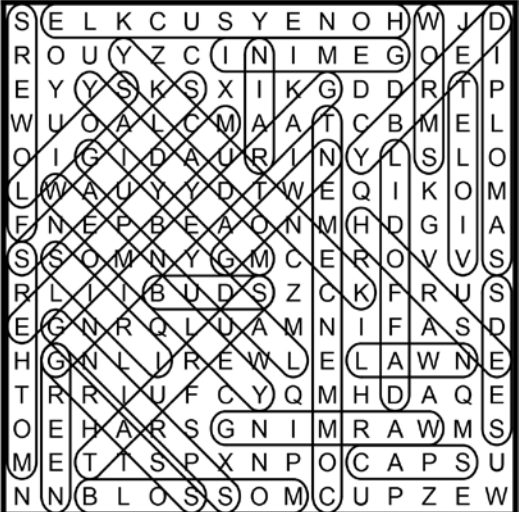
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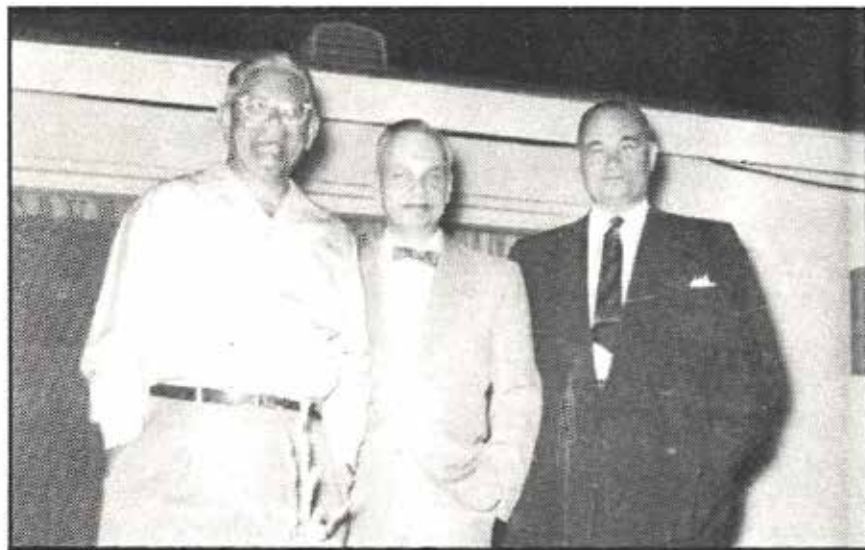
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ARIZONA WATER COMPANY IS CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

Submitted by Alison Walsh with Arizona Water Company

Arizona's second largest private water provider celebrates 70 years of delivering exceptional service to communities across Arizona, a testament to AWC's dedicated employees, valued customers, and appreciated vendors and contractors who have supported the company over the years.

Since its beginnings in 1955, Arizona Water Company has proudly provided safe and reliable water service to Arizonans through award-winning customer service and water distribution. Over the past 7 decades, AWC has grown from operating 10 water systems to today, where the company currently operates 24 water systems in more than 30 communities throughout Arizona. AWC has also grown from just 50 employees in 1955 to 282 today, with our longest-serving employee assisting our customers for more than 45 years. The company has been honored with numerous awards throughout its history including 'Project of the Year' awards by the American Society of Civil Engineers for "demonstrating excellence in civil engineering to deliver infrastructure to improve our communities and quality of life."

Community values are what drives AWC, and the Company prides itself in maintaining and operating 12 local offices in the communities it serves.

"This is something that makes Arizona Water Company truly unique from other utilities," said Fred Schneider, the company's president. "AWC employees are your neighbors, and the Company is proud to be part of your community."

The company operates water systems throughout the state of Arizona, including systems in Ajo, Apache Junction, Arizona City, Bisbee, Buckeye, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Lakeside, Miami, Oracle, Overgaard, Mund's Park, Rimrock, San Manuel, Sedona, Sierra Vista, Stanfield, Superior, and Winkelman.

Arizona Water Company plans to make this anniversary a special one by celebrating together and sharing our gratitude with our customers and guests. Throughout the month of April 2025, AWC will hold open houses and provide gift items in each of the communities we serve. Customers are invited to stop by their local office to receive their celebratory gift.

"Arizona Water Company has grown thoughtfully and strategically to become the second largest water company in the state," added Schneider. "We plan to continue growing, and providing exceptional, award-winning water services to even more residents in the years to come."

For more information about Arizona Water Company, visit www.azwater.com.



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