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Thursday, March 9	Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr	2 pm
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As the snow melts and flowers start to bloom, buyers come out of hibernation and start hunting for their perfect home.

For this reason, year after year, spring is one of the best seasons to sell a home.

HERE ARE 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR HOME SALE

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When the snow falls, Phoenixians come north to play. And for some reason, pulling over on main drags and playing in snow berms seems like a good idea.

When we posted this photo on our Facebook page, we received an idea from a reader asking if no parking signs would be helpful. We thought her suggestion was worth investigating, so we contacted the Pinewood Property Owners Association.

The PPOA would like to help but cannot. Unfortunately, Pinewood Blvd.

is a county road, and PPOA cannot put any signage on their easement. They are checking into the idea with the county but see no benefit, as visitors often ignore private property and traffic signs.

For now, if someone is in the way, ask them to move. If it's an invasion, call the Sheriff's Department. They are happy to assist, just like they did on this day.

Sheriff's non-emergency number: 928-774-4523

BEAR JAW COMMUNITY CLEANUP APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 5

The Bear Jaw Community Cleanup program is FREE to all residents! Their goal is to encourage homeowners to remove green waste from around our homes and other structures on our land, creating a 'defensible space' protecting our property, our community, and our firefighters in case of a catastrophic wildland fire.

Bear Jaw Community Cleanup Guidelines

- FREE clear bags will be provided for our community at the Highlands Fire Station #23 and the Pinewood Fire Station from Monday through Friday, 8a to 4p.
- All bags and slash piles must be on the curbside before the morning of April 24.
- There is a limit of up to fifteen (15) clear bags of green waste (pine needles and leaves) per property.
- If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile along the road with the cut ends towards the street, allowing the crew to work safely—NO mechanical (tractor, bulldozer, etc.) stacked piles.
- Piles should be no higher than four (4) feet and placed within five (5) feet of the road edge.
- Tree trunks and limbs up to 6" in diameter will be accepted. Larger items will not be accepted due to the size of the chipper.
- Cut brush will be accepted unless prohibited below.

Prohibited Items

- NO Poison Oak, Ivy, cactus, weeds, or items with thorns will be accepted. Items that do not meet the criteria will be left on site.
- Absolutely NO household trash, construction waste, lumber, wood with nails/screws, rocks, or animal waste.
- Branches or trees bigger than 6".
- Willard Springs Opens (April 1 - October 31, 2023) for Free Green Waste-Only Disposal
- If you have extra bags (or colored bags) of green waste, please note that the Willard Springs Green Waste Station is open for free green waste only on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. through the end of October. The station no longer accepts bulk or household waste. Willard Springs is about 14 miles south of Flagstaff, just west of Interstate 17 at Exit 326.

Hire a Professional

- 4-Sons Landscape Maintenance (pine needle cleanup and removal) - Ad PG 32
- Arizona North Tree Service (tree trimming) - Ad PG 6
- Goodfellas (pine needle cleanup and removal) a premier provider with a 5.0 Google Rating - Ad PG 6
- Mario and Mario Landscaping & Tree Service ad (pine needle cleanup & tree trimming) - Ad PG 30
- Munds Cabin Crew (pine needle cleanup and removal) - Ad PG 6
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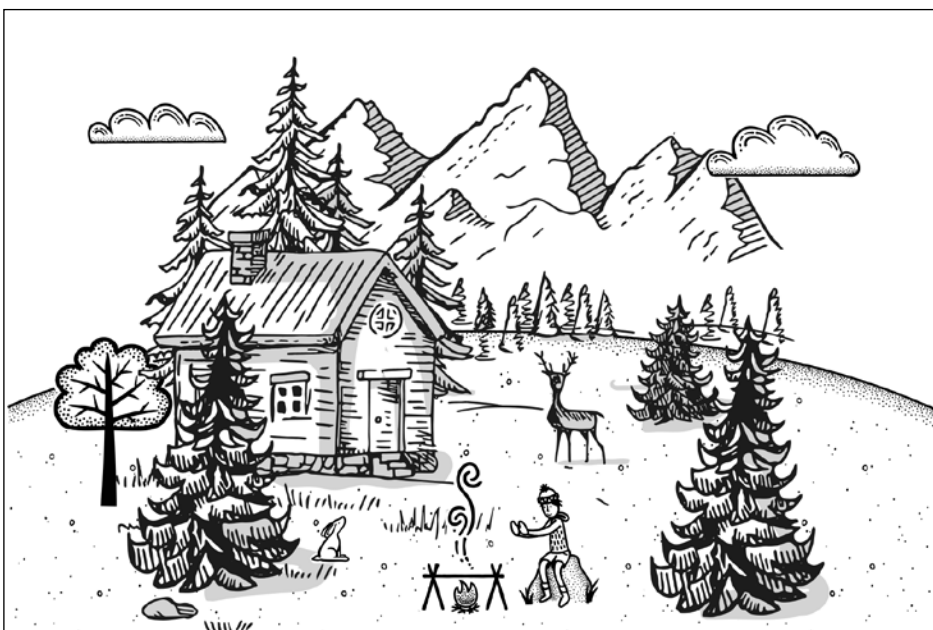
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MUNDS PARK LIVING

TRANSITIONING YOUR CABIN FROM WINTER TO SPRING

Spring chores are a big deal in mountain country and mean more than dusting off the outdoor furniture and getting our cabins ready for BBQs and gatherings.

If only it were that easy!

Preparing for spring in the Park means checking over our cabins for winter damage and readying our homes for the next big snowfall. What? We have to think about snow in the spring? Yes! Our spring and summers are short and once monsoon season hits, completing exterior maintenance is nearly impossible.

But, more than that, it's about preparing for possible wildfires. Mundsies who have been around a while know the drill.

But for folks new to the Park, knowing how to prepare your property for wildfire season is essential for your family and community.

Moreover, taking care of your cabin can save you costly repairs. Check out these helpful tips:

CHECK THE ROOF

Your roof takes a heavy beating during the winter, and if you ignore maintenance and inspection after winter storms pound your roof, you run the risk of structural and interior home damage.

Look for Damaged Shingles

Damaged and loose shingles can expose your cabin to roof leaks and water damage. If shingles are broken, water will seep underneath and eventually enter your home. Also, if any shingles are loose, strong winter winds can blow them away.

Repair Damaged Flashing

Roof flashing is sometimes overlooked, but it's vital to a well-maintained roof. Roof flashing protects your home from water damage by diverting water from certain areas of the roof.



Replace Old Caulking

During the winter, caulking can become less elastic, separate or crack. New caulking will expand and contract with the cold and warm weather, keeping critical junctures in your roof watertight and dry. So it's important to check the sealant around vent pipes, chimneys, and counter-flashing.

Trim Trees

Trimming trees around your roof is a must-do task to avoid roof damage as storms come thundering through. Overhanging branches can break off during a big storm and can seriously damage your roof.

Unless you are in the profession, hiring a professional trained to do these tasks is best—Especially considering the height of most cabins in the Park and the rocky terrain.

Hire a Professional

- Elevated Roofing is a premier provider with a 4.9 Google Rating and provides free roof inspections. You can see their ad on PG 4.
- Essential Roofing - Ad PG 30
- Arizona North Tree Service - Ad PG 6
- Mario and Mario Landscaping & Tree Service - Ad PG 30

Clean Rain Gutters

Chances are, after winter storms, your gutters are full. That's bad news for your cabin. When downspouts are clogged, rainwater can spill out of your gutters and around the perimeter of your house, putting it at risk for leaks and flooding. Prepare for spring showers by removing debris from your gutters and ensuring water flows freely.

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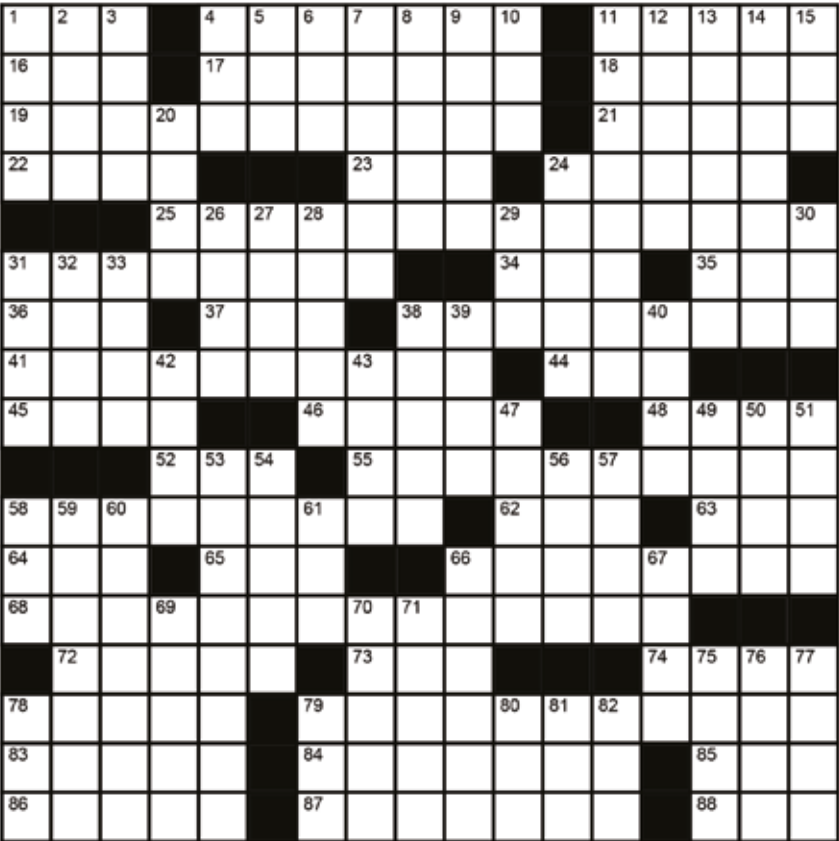
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Across

- 1. Smartphone download
- 4. Idle talk
- 11. Change
- 16. ___ constrictor
- 17. Iridescent
- 18. Grand Canyon transport
- 19. A small writing desk with drawers and compartments.
- 21. Grafting shoot
- 22. Quaker's "you"
- 23. Jewel
- 24. Heated coal for fuel use
- 25. Couch therapy
- 31. Ended gradually
- 34. Cousin of an ostrich
- 35. Lennon's Yoko
- 36. Charged particle
- 37. Irritation
- 38. Salutation
- 41. Observance before Easter
- 44. ___ Zeppelin
- 45. Box
- 46. ___ pole
- 48. Icelandic epic
- 52. Lawyer's org.
- 55. Burger bun tidbit
- 58. The study of past events, particularly in human affairs.
- 62. Gun, as an engine
- 63. ___ king
- 64. Craft
- 65. After-tax amount
- 66. Airport security worker
- 68. A large dog of a breed often

- used as guard dogs or guide dogs or for police work
- 72. Shower sponge
- 73. 30-day mo.
- 74. Dublin's home
- 78. Wife of the god Siva-a skit (anag)
- 79. Unbiased
- 83. Word with "knock" or "weak"
- 84. California's state tree
- 85. Boundary
- 86. Discombobulate
- 87. Breakfast orders that may be "Western" or "Greek"
- 88. "Much ___ About Nothing"

Down

- 1. "Not on ___!" ("No way!")
- 2. Fancy-schmancy
- 3. Rate
- 4. Hawaiian dish
- 5. Appropriate
- 6. ___-tzu
- 7. Land
- 8. Small songbird
- 9. Blink-182 "___ of the State"
- 10. Abbr. next to a telephone number
- 11. Sheer
- 12. Like a four-leaf clover
- 13. Checks the fit of
- 14. Wearing away
- 15. Howard of "Happy Days"
- 20. Gym set
- 24. Caravan beast
- 26. Lord's worker
- 27. Part of BYO
- 28. Biblical measure
- 29. Born
- 30. "Help!"
- 31. Sty dwellers
- 32. Basketball target
- 33. Celebes ox
- 38. Fence openings
- 39. Cereal grasses
- 40. Bad day for Caesar
- 42. "Doggone it!"
- 43. One teaspoon, maybe
- 47. St. Patrick's Day month
- 49. Campus bigwig
- 50. Remove from a manuscript
- 51. Month before Nisan
- 53. Honest-to-goodness
- 54. Hippodrome, e.g.
- 56. ___ mortals
- 57. "... happily ___ after"
- 58. Hardly a beauty
- 59. Leprechaun's home
- 60. Petted
- 61. "___ magic!"
- 66. Stretch out
- 67. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 69. Traveler's stop
- 70. Sheik's bevy
- 71. Lyric poem
- 75. "I had no ___!"
- 76. Rip apart
- 77. Poi source
- 78. Caribbean music
- 79. Dude
- 80. Buck's mate
- 81. Bon ___ (witticism)
- 82. Driver's lic. and others



HOME COOKING

DREAMING OF SPRING

By Sara Bowyer

I don't know about you, but I woke up this morning and almost cried as I looked out my kitchen window and saw my gardens buried further in more snow. This has been quite the winter, and it's not even close to being over yet. So today, I am dreaming of spring/summer and all that entails!!! I will open my pie safe and look at all my canning from those beautiful gardens. Because even though it looks bleak now, I know spring is coming! And I will once again enjoy my hands in the dirt and the sun on my face!

The other day, I got out my seed box and a piece of paper and plotted out what I'm going to grow this season. My goal this year is to only grow the things I am actually eating. You see, as a gardener, I want to try new things. I want beautiful plants in my garden. But with limited space, I need to reign myself in and only grow what I can use. Another reason is because I like to preserve as much of it as possible. My green beans that I can, will usually last me well into spring and this year my spaghetti squash lasted till the first of Feb!!! Yep, I was eating fresh squash from my garden in Feb! It's all about preservation. I use 4 kinds of preservation methods at my house to get the most out of my gardens.

CANNING

Most of you know I can a majority of my garden produce. Learning to use a water bath or pressure canner will save you money and benefit your health!! I know exactly what is or isn't on those veggies and the amount of salt in each jar.



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DEHYDRATING

Several years ago, I bit the bullet and bought a very nice dehydrator. It was one of the best purchases I have made! If I have vegetables or fruit that I am not eating or am not canning, then I dehydrate it to use later. So much less waste in my house! I also dehydrate all of my herbs from my herb garden and use them all winter.

FREEZE

I still freeze some of my garden veggies, but not many. I don't have a lot of freezer space as I use it for meat. I usually purchase bulk meat from local farmers (i.e. 1/2 a pig or 1/4 cow). If you have room in your freezer, freezing is a great way to preserve your garden produce and keep its nutrients.

COLD STORAGE

I just started this last year. I took a closet in my house, farthest away from my wood stove. I seal the bottom of the door with a towel to keep the cold air in. This is where I keep my squash. If you keep them cold, they will last 4-5 months!! With this in mind, I will plant more squash and potatoes this year! I would love to have a root

cellar, but I don't think that is in the cards with our rocky ground.

I always plot out my spring gardens on paper before planting. It helps me get the best use out of my space and lets me do the best at companion planting. Many books and online articles talk about companion planting. This is important to a healthy garden. Some plants grow better surrounded by certain plants. But more importantly, some plants fail to thrive because of the plants they are near. Do your research!! You won't regret it.

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ERIN BROWN, MUNDS PARK'S WILDLIFE MANAGER

Talks frankly with Munds Park about why dangerous animals need captured & the importance of keeping wildlife wild.



Erin Brown, Munds Park's
Game & Fish Wildlife Manager
Photo by Barbara Sherman

By Sandee Caviness

Nature lovers move to Munds Park because they enjoy the woodlands and all that goes with it—including mountain lions. They are majestic animals, and it's exciting to catch them on our cameras and share the excitement on social media. Introduce a momma and her three cubs, and that adds to the thrill.

We featured mountain lions last month because they were on everyone's mind, and it was an excellent opportunity to learn about them. After all, if we live in the mountains, we should learn about neighboring wildlife and how to co-exist.

Our feature noted interesting facts and basic safety guidelines. One of the main points was that mountain lions don't like people, and their favorite times to hunt are dusk and dawn. Well, our

mountain lion and her cubs enjoy the Park any time of day. There were several daytime sightings, including one significant moment, captured by Bob Kelly, Momma strolling through the Park mid-day without concern.

That, my friends, is a game changer.

Arizona Game and Fish (AGFD) requested help from our community and asked for sighting tips. Unfortunately, this request was met with resistance, anger and a lack of understanding.

Now, when I say lack of understanding, I am including myself. I've been learning about mountain lions right along with you. This is new territory for many of us. And frankly, some who think they know... really don't. So when the controversy over capturing the mountain lions stirred, I knew it was time to call the experts.

Erin Brown, Wildlife Manager for AGFD, has been Munds Park's Wildlife Manager for 14 years. Erin came to Flagstaff from Michigan armed with a bachelor's degree in biology, a cardboard box, a bicycle, and deep respect for the outdoors. She slugged it out at Taco Bell until she could reach her goal, working for AGFD.

Becoming a Wildlife Manager takes dedication and a sincere love of animals and the outdoors. The process to join the AGFD team is demanding.

Before applying, applicants need a bachelor's in biology or a related field. The application process includes an interview, extensive background check, psychological assessment, medical exam and a physical fitness evaluation. Once candidates make it through the initial evaluations and accepted into the program, the real fun begins.

Each Wildlife Manager goes through a 24-week law enforcement academy—The same training and academy Coconino County Sheriff Deputies and Flagstaff Police undergo to become a state-certified officer. Wildlife Managers are sworn Arizona peace officers with statewide jurisdiction.

Once the law enforcement training is complete, AGFD put recruits through

thirteen weeks of specialized training on enforcing wildlife laws. After that, they receive an additional ten weeks of field training working under the wings of a seasoned Wildlife Manager.

They are dedicated, well-trained Arizona wildlife and land advocates.

The mission of AGFD is to conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife and habitat for over 800 species. They ensure their numbers are sustainable and their habitat is protected and healthy. In addition, they work to make outdoor recreational areas and residential areas safe for humans and wildlife. They do this for us and future generations.

Unfortunately, when wild animals cross over into human territories, the job of the Wildlife Manager gets difficult.

Erin explained, "As urban communities are developed, we tend to have more interactions. Not only that, our view of wildlife has changed. Now people tend to consider wildlife the same way they see domestic animals. People want to feed them, get close to them, and some even bring them in as pets. They are not our pets—not even close. But because generations are far removed from wildlife, folks are just not viewing wildlife as they should, and it's becoming more and more of a problem.

Communities like Munds Park have existed for a long time. Wildlife has always been on the fringes and should stay there. There is plenty of habitat for all our wildlife species. It's not natural for wild animals to wander into communities. While we will occasionally see and interact with wildlife, we should not allow that to become the norm. Wild animals need to stay in their habitat. It's better for them and us."

Feeding wild animals, intentionally or unintentionally, is a big problem and a big draw for our wild neighbors. It's the main reason wild animals will come into an urban setting. Every time a bird feeder is hung too low, feeding and attracting squirrels, feeding pets outside, feeding feral cats, letting domestic animals roam, and not correctly storing trash all attract wildlife. When prey animals are fed, their predators will roll in. When dangerous predators roll in and stay, it's a problem and requires Game and Fish to respond.

Game and Fish follow specific policies for handling wildlife interactions. These policies are based on decades of scientific research regarding wildlife behavior and they are:

Category Four is a sighting. Game and Fish will note an animal has been observed in the area, and no further action is needed.

Category Three is a nuisance animal with non-repetitive behavior. For example, the animal got into somebody's garbage one time. A Wildlife manager will offer education and help folks learn how not to attract animals to their home. If they need more support, they may visit.

Category Two is a potential threat. This would include multiple incidents in an urban setting, wildlife that is normally active from dusk to dawn is active during daylight hours, repetitively using human food sources, creating property damage, being injured or confined, or a female with young.

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Momma mountain lion hunting in the Park mid-day.

Photo by Bob Kelly



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By Stacey Wittig

THE BEST THINGS TO DO IN ST PETE, FLORIDA

With all the snow, you might be turning your thoughts to the beach. Recently, travel writers converged in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the annual International Food Wine and Travel Writers (IFWTWA) conference. While there, the travel pros nosed around to find the best things to do in St Pete. Here's what they recommend:

EXPLORE ST. PETE BEACH

"St. Pete Beach is located along the Gulf of Mexico on a barrier island just minutes from downtown St. Petersburg, Florida. With its azure blue water and miles of alabaster white sands, I can understand how St. Pete Beach has made many lists for 'best beaches' in the country and the world," writes IFWTWA colleague Linda Stewart.

"In 2021, it topped TripAdvisor's Best Beaches in the United States and came in at number five for Trip Advisor's Best Beaches in the World. In addition, St. Pete Beach has renowned sunset views with spectacular displays of rich, fiery colors. Walking in the soft sand with the warm waves kissing my feet was a highlight of my visit to Florida," says the travel expert. "I later learned that ocean water temperatures are typically in the 70s and 80s from April until November."

"When I visited St. Pete Beach, its natural shores framed by dunes crowned with sea oats made me feel like I was entering a picture-perfect postcard. Florida's St. Pete Beach has made my personal list of best beaches," Linda reports.

PUZZLE OVER SURREALIST ART AT THE SALVADOR DALÍ MUSEUM

"One of my favorite things to do in downtown St Pete is reflecting on the surrealist art and architecture at the Salvador Dalí Museum, says Stacey Wittig. "Magic and strange beauty imbue the design of the museum facility. The glass and concrete structure was built during 2008-11 to house the world's second-largest collection of the work of Spanish artist Salvador Dalí. I worked with the International Association of Museum Facility Managers then, and the community was buzzing about the \$30M facility. So, visiting The Dalí was high on my list of things to do in St. Pete.

"Since hurricane-force winds and rain sometimes batter its stunning location right on St Pete's downtown waterfront, engineers worked with the architects' eye-popping design to ensure the protection of the preeminent collection," she adds.

"The walk from our conference hotel to the world-renown museum brought me through the shady Pioneer Park and running path that nearly circumnavigates the sailboat harbor. Outside lockers freed my hands to



Exploring St. Pete Beach framed by dunes is one of the best things to do in downtown St Pete | Linda Stewart photo



Ruby's Elixir | Jo Clark photo



Salvador Dalí Museum is one of the best things to do in downtown St. Pete | Ebyabe Photo

capture selfies and photos inside the three-story art museum. Just don't forget your stuff in the safe, as I did," warns Stacey. "But the short walk made it easy for me to go back and retrieve my belongings between our travel writers' conference sessions."

GET YOUR GROOVE ON AT RUBY'S ELIXIR

"My travel writing colleague Kim and I went wandering after dinner," explains Jo Clark. "We wanted pictures of the lovely doors and architecture in downtown St Pete. As we walked, the sounds of music and laughter filled the night. All was good with our plan until we passed Ruby's and heard Latraia Savage belting out a tune. That woman CAN SING!"

"Wine for \$8 a glass and Latraia's vocals brought our walking to a quick end, but our evening took on an even better focus. A café table on the sidewalk had only one patron, so we asked to join her. Her family was seated at the adjacent table and invited us to participate in their birthday celebration," the travel writer shares.

"Ruby's Elixir is the longest-running live music venue in St. Petersburg, Florida. It opened 25 years ago as a cigar store. But Hank, son of owner Greg Haddad, told me that 14 years ago, they decided to give live music a try," details Jo. "In my opinion, they've found the recipe for success. You can sit and listen to jazz, blues, funk, or rock any night of the week. Live music and no cover charge—what more could you want?"

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE IMAGINE MUSEUM

"The Imagine Museum, Saint Petersburg, Florida's glass museum, is far enough from The Looper—St. Pete's free trolley—that too many people will miss the visit. But it's worth an UBER to explore this modern fine art glass collection

with pieces from across the globe," recommends travel writer Gail Clifford.

"From an intricately draped dress to the seascapes we've come to expect from Dale Chihuly, the museum offers a taste of history around the Studio Glass Movement, which started in the United States in the 1960s. Artist Harvey Littleton considered the 'Father of the Studio Glass Movement,' was inspired by glassmakers, especially those in Germany and Italy. But, instead of the industrial material used for drinking glasses and windows, he imagined more artistic and sculptural interpretations for glass," she says.

"One of Harvey Littleton's early students was Dale Chihuly, whose glass exhibition in Tacoma, Washington, was my first immersive experience into the art form," tells Gail.

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This 16 X 80 Single Wide is so Roomy with a Split Plan. 2 huge Bedrooms ; especially the Primary Bedroom. The Bath is also large. The Secondary Bedroom is also roomy with space for whatever you need in the way of furniture. The Kitchen has Plenty of Workspace and Cabinets; includes fridge and is open to the Dining Area and Living Room. Enjoy the ambiance of the Fire Place in the Living Room as well. Central Electric Heat. This unit was placed on one side of the lot which allows for a larger side yard which can serve many purposes. No Garage. This property being sold unfurnished. (With exception of Fridge.)

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3 level, 2-car garage, + detached garage, gated entry. Main level consists of a large bedroom, full bath, family room, wraparound deck. Main level consists of 2 bedrooms, bath, kitchen, living area and more wraparound decks, upper level consists of a large loft, huge primary suite with a personal deck, double sinks, tub and separate shower, walk in closet. Living room fireplace has a pellet stove insert. Home is equip with central air conditioning. All appliances will convey. Private road leads to property. Watch arrow sign to get you into this property.

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

BEAVER CREEK

By William L. Cowan



The Crack via Bell Trail



The author in a much younger day diving off the rocks at the Crack.

Oh, Boy – Spring! That time of year with promise and new direction - when the Great Outdoors beckons Free Hearts. It's time to get outside and rekindle your connection with nature and possibly with your spouse, your significant other, your children or just yourself. That time of year when you can jump some moguls at the Arizona Snow Bowl in the morning and cruise down to one of the creeks for hiking, mountain biking, sunbathing or skinny dipping in the afternoon. I can guarantee that if you're over the age of fifteen, and I think that most of us have to admit, it will make you feel younger and get your mind off of whatever gets stuck in there all winter. Such a place to seek a warm afternoon's solace is Beaver Creek.

Plowed like a giant furrow into the southern ramparts of the Mogollon Rim is the rugged drainage of Beaver Creek. It is named for the prolific number of beavers found there by mountain men trappers in the 1820s and 30s. Beaver Creek has a rich history, from prehistoric Indian ruins to the cattle drives of the first half of the last century. Shining like a diamond necklace and lined with verdant green vegetation, Beaver Creek is one of the five perennial streams which lured the pioneers to settle in the Verde Valley. This tree-lined brook bubbles through various geologic strata carefully laid down over the millennia and offer a cool inviting environment for a leisurely afternoon walk to swim or fish or an extended weekend of backpacking and backcountry exploring.

I suggest Bell Trail for your first taste of Beaver Creek. To get there, take Interstate 17 south to Highway 179 / Sedona Exit, turn left under the freeway onto Forest Road 618, and go east 3 miles. Turn left at the road to the old Beaver Creek Ranger Station and go straight to the Bell Trail parking lot.

The trail was built by Charlie Bell, a wealthy ranch owner during the depression, to drive cattle from the Bell Ranch along little dry Beaver Creek up to his summer headquarters at Banfield Springs in the Mogollon Highlands near Happy Jack. Later the first two miles of the trail were used as a jeep trail servicing the Beaver Creek Watershed Experiment Gauging Station. It is broad and flat and accommodates bicycles and equestrian use as well. There are several spots to make your way down to the creek in the first mile. Then the trail goes up and crosses Casner Canyon before dropping back down near the creek on the Wier Trail at the U.S.G.S. gauging station at 2.5 miles. If you are an accomplished walker the trail goes on to Bell Crossing at 3.2 miles, where "The Crack" waits for you to come and sunbathe, swim or jump off the high cliff walls into the cool water.

The White Hills Trail leaves Bell Trail just before Casner Canyon for more exploration. The Apache Maid Trail climbs Casner Butte and tops the rim into the high country at the gateway to the Wilderness. Further in, the Bell Trail climbs out of Beaver Creek at Long Canyon just below the Crack. There are many good picnic areas along the creek and two camping spots just above the gauging station and across and below Bell Crossing.

So the next warm afternoon and needing a spring break - Beaver Creek's just waiting for your discovery.

If you get out into our spectacular Northern Arizona backwoods, please try to make the place better for your presence, don't litter, and leave the area cleaner than you found it.

Enjoy Northern Arizona!

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These 13 expert-led classes will be offered on Saturdays at 10 a.m. starting March 11. Most classes are led by certified Master Gardeners, people who have undergone extensive education and training through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension program.

Cost for each class is \$10 (plus taxes and fees), but you'll get your investment back when you attend the class in the form of a \$10 token good for any plants or supplies at Warner's Nursery.

Here are some of the topics being covered this year:

- **Pruning** to encourage tree healthy growth and structure.
- **Seed Starting** as a cost-effective way to grow long-season crops in short-season climates.
- **Crop and Garden Planning** that will set you up for success for this year's garden.
- How to use **Season Extenders**, which warm the soil or warm the air around the soil in order to create a more hospitable microclimate for your plants when it's cold outside.
- If you love to get down-and-dirty in the garden and want to take your landscape to the next level, check out our **Creative Landscaping** for the DIYer class.

- Our **Veggie Gardening at High Elevation** session focuses on producing a flourishing vegetable garden despite the challenges of high-elevation gardening.
- **Drip Irrigation** is the best way to water plants in northern Arizona, but there are lots of different options to choose from. This class will cover the advantages and disadvantages of different systems.
- Learn how **Composting** - the addition of organic matter and healthy microorganisms to your soil - can turn food waste into a nutritious benefit for your garden.
- If you're dealing with limited space or poor soil, our **Raised Beds and Container Gardening** class can give you terrific ideas for creating gardens in pots, raised beds, or other containers.
- Stroll around Warner's Nursery and explore **Native Perennials for the Garden** to learn the benefits of gardening with native plants, the difference between a native plant and a cultivar, plus the light, soil, and water requirements of these plants.
- **Water Conservation for Gardening** will explore drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting and more so you can grow a lush garden while conserving water use.
- Need pest control? Don't just reach for a spray bottle! There are other ways to control pests in the home garden. Learn about the principles of Integrated Pest Management in our **Organic Pest Control** class.
- **Plants and Pollinators** are essential for a healthy ecosystem. Creating a garden that benefits those creatures is not only rewarding but also beautiful to view. You'll learn about common pollinators and their plant preferences, as well as what pest controls to avoid.

The Root Camp experts will give you invaluable tips and tools you need for gardening success. You can register for this year's Root Camp classes by visiting the Warner's Nursery website at warnercompanies.com.

Our Warner's Nursery employees are also on hand every day to help you make this year's flower, herb or vegetable garden the best one yet. Just give us a call at (928) 774-1983 or visit us down at the nursery at 1101 E. Butler Ave. in Flagstaff.



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17290 Mescalero Drive
\$575,000

Tucked off the street and nestled in the trees on an oversized lot, this newly updated and remodeled home is move-in ready. The main living area is cozy and comfortable with a wood-burning fireplace. The spacious primary suite has french doors that open to a private deck. The bath has a separate tub and shower, generous counter space and double sinks. New flooring and blinds throughout. Additional features are a fenced in dog area, covered trap deck, paved driveway with an additional parking pad, carport and a large attached storage shed. Propane tank is owned, not leased. Seasonal creek runs through the backyard too.



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MAKE EARTH-FRIENDLY BIRD FEEDERS & SAFELY BRING WILDLIFE TO YOUR BACKYARD!

By Sandee Caviness

There is nothing more satisfying than making something with your hands. Especially when you can create something fun that feeds little animals. Not only that, these bird feeders, once done, can be thrown right into your yard to compost and not our landfills. Know what else? Observing birds as they sing and dance on the feeders will bring you and your family joy!

Making these feeders is easy, so let's get started!

BIRD FEED

We suggest buying Sizzle N' Heat Bird Seed by Wild Delight. This bird feed is made with chili peppers to prevent attracting squirrels, raccoons, and mice, who also love bird food!

Why don't we want to attract other cuties to the party? Well, a few reasons. One, squirrels and raccoons may attract larger prey animals to your yard, like wolves, foxes, bobcats, and even mountain lions! Oh my! Second, squirrels, mice, and raccoons can become pests causing damage to your cabin and garden and even bring disease. None of that sounds like fun. Finally, it is really important to keep wild animals wild. We don't want to make wild animals depend on people to survive. They need to live and hunt in the forest as nature intended.

I know. This is sad news. When I first moved to Munds Park, the very first thing I did was get a bird feeder. I filled it with seeds and nuts to the brim. I couldn't wait to see the squirrels and birds!

It didn't take long before I received visitors. I was so excited! I filled my feeder every day. Soon, not only birds and squirrels were visiting, but I also had a raccoon visit! I thought, yay! How cute is that? Until the next day when Mr. Raccoon brought five more of his friends! Wow!

WHAT NOT TO DO!



These are the silly raccoons raiding our bird feeder. Of course, it didn't help that my feeder was on our porch and not hanging up high!

Bird feeders should be 5' off the ground.

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Earth-friendly bird feeder.

ITEMS NEEDED

TOOLS

You will need a mixing bowl, knife, scissors, and twine.

To ensure your bird feeders keep our neighborhoods free of trash, use twine made with natural fibers—Not plastic. If your bird feeder falls to the ground or gets blown away, you want them to easily become part of the earth and not litter.

ORANGES

Gather 2 to 4 large oranges or as many oranges as needed. The oranges will be the base, and each orange makes two bird feeders.

PEANUT BUTTER

Grab a jar of peanut butter. If you are allergic to peanut butter, substitute soy butter or sunflower seed butter. The birds will be just as happy!



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This is how you tie your twine to your orange halve.



Make peanut butter and seed little feed balls to place in your orange.



EARTH FRIENDLY BIRD FEEDERS

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A good friend in the Park taught me, like I am teaching you today, the importance of not feeding wildlife. It was a sad day for me, but I understood. I stopped feeding squirrels. Now I only feed birds, and I do it with chilly powdered seeds.

Unlike squirrels and other mammals, birds can't feel the heat of the chili peppers. Further, chilies are a good source of vitamin A for birdies, which improves feather quality, color and shine. You will have the prettiest birds on the block!

HOW TO MAKE YOUR BIRD FEEDER

STEP ONE

Figure out how many bird feeders you wish to make. Four is a good number for one location. We made twelve bird feeders and placed them in front of different windows around our cabin.

STEP TWO

Cut your oranges in half, and remove the fruit. Save the fruit for later, or enjoy as you make your bird feeder.

STEP THREE

Prepare your twine. Each bird feeder needs four strands of twine to hold it. So if you make four bird feeders, you will need sixteen strands of twine. How long or short you make them is up to you!

STEP FOUR

Take your orange halves and cut a little hole on the side of each orange. You will have four holes per orange half. Then thread your twine through each hole and tie the twine to the orange.

STEP FIVE

Set your newly made orange hangers aside. Get a mixing bowl, birdseed, and peanut butter. Mix enough peanut butter with the seeds so the seeds easily stick together. Make a round ball of seeds and peanut butter and drop it into your orange halves.

Mix enough to fill your feeders two to three times. You can place the leftovers in a plastic bag to re-fill your feeders later.

That is it, little friends! I hope you take the time to make these feeders and enjoy seeing birds dancing outside your window.

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White-crowned sparrow
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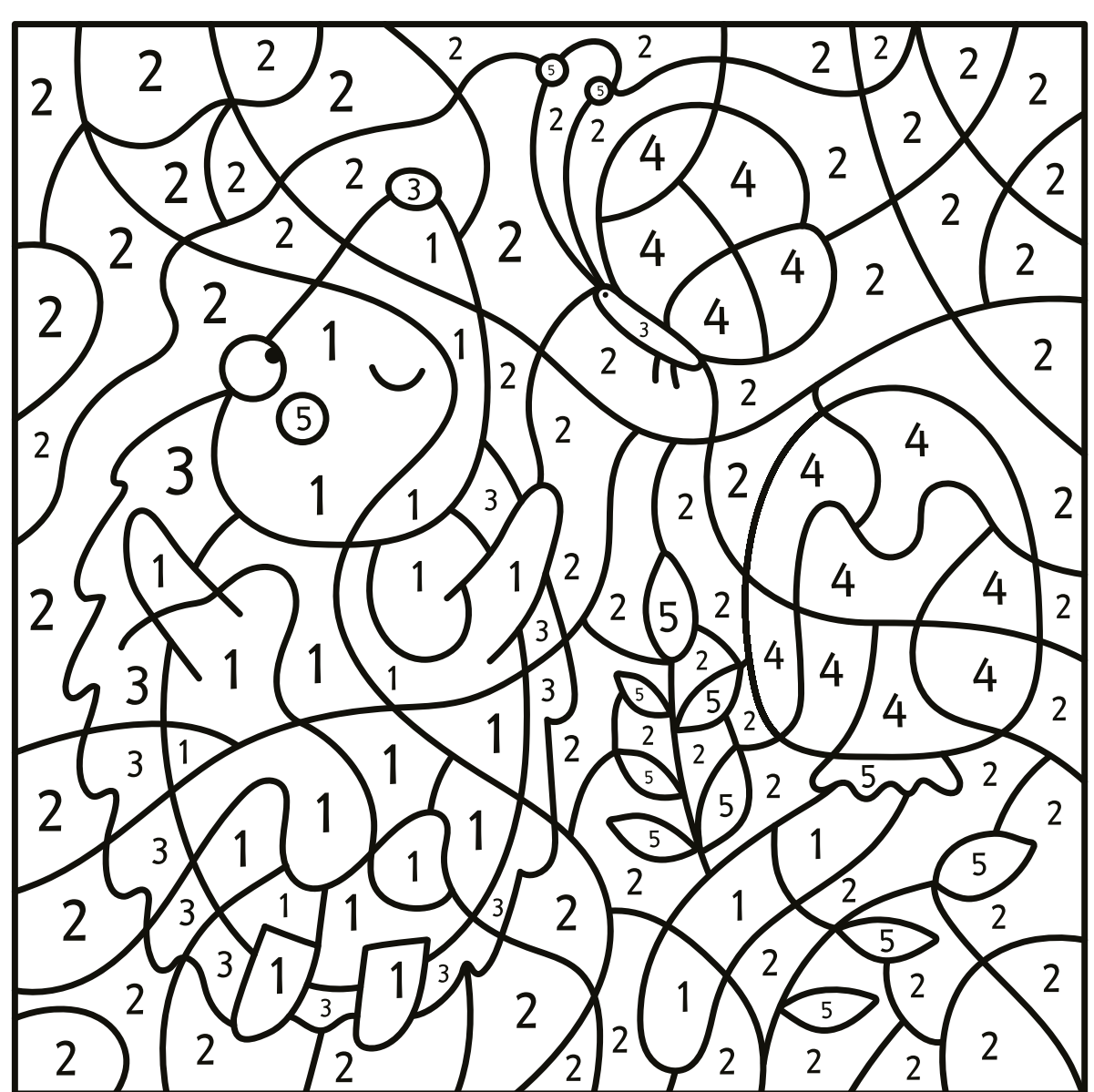
WOODLAND CROSSWORD

HELP BIRDIE TO HER NEST!

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

1Boar 2Hare 3Squirrel 4Snake 5Mole 6Lizard 7Woodpecker 8Deer 9Badger 10Owl 11Wolf 12Fox 13Rabbit 14Frog 15Owl

A crossword puzzle set in a woodland theme. It features 15 numbered clues around a grid. The clues are: 1. Boar, 2. Hare, 3. Squirrel, 4. Snake, 5. Mole, 6. Lizard, 7. Woodpecker, 8. Deer, 9. Badger, 10. Owl, 11. Wolf, 12. Fox, 13. Rabbit, 14. Frog, 15. Owl. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and grey squares for empty space. The clues are placed in both horizontal and vertical directions.



COLOR BY NUMBER!

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Strategies you might not know about to sell a home!

We are all a little shocked by the sudden change in the real estate market. It feels like someone walked into the room and turned the light off. Now everyone is wandering around in the dark, trying to find the switch to shed some light on the situation. I can tell you; I have been here before... as many of you have, as well. Remember the drastic and sudden downturn in 2008? Scary. The difference between 2008 and now is as drastic as lights going off. Like, night and day differences. Like, losing money and equity, and making money and keeping equity differences.

My favorite movie, *The Big Short*, gives a great Hollywood style highlight of what really happened back then. Most who understand what happened know it had nothing to do with the real estate market and everything to do with lending practices which allowed the market to go up as fast as it went down. The housing market and values before 2008 were based on poor lending habits. The only reason demand has slowed in 2022 is due to rising interest rates. Which means we have fewer buyers who qualify for home loans because of the higher payments the interest rates cause.

I am currently working with my sellers to show them multiple strategies that lead home sales. Some of them get instant gratification and some have long term satisfaction. In my opinion, we can get super creative with seller financing, mortgage wrap, or lease options rather than chasing the prices down. There are many people who would still buy second homes in the current market if there was a way around the current rates. Many of you who own, or are selling, currently have amazing rates and terms on your existing mortgage that could be an asset to a new buyer. IF you are willing to explore the creative financing terms. I'll cover some highlights.

STRATEGY 1 Traditional Sale

Put the home on the market and adjust the price as needed until a buyer can be found. This strategy is typically used when we need to sell the property, pay the mortgage off and need all the current equity in the property. In the current market, there are more properties than current buyers for today's current interest rates making the familiar practice less efficient. And, with the higher competition for buyers... get ready for Open House-a-plaoza and Buyer Desire Repairs.

STRATEGY 2 Off Market Sale (in any condition).

Most the time this works great with a property that needs more work. Or maybe it was inherited, and you don't want to go through the normal sales process of financing, inspections, etc. I am sure you have received the text or call from someone stating they will give you an all cash offer no closing costs or commissions; I know I have. (No, I don't subscribe to that practice,) While the number offered sometimes sounds ridiculous, it may not be that ridiculous once you break down all the costs you potentially have to repair and sell on the open market... not to mention timing. I have created several win-win cash, off market sales with many Munds Park owners over the years.

STRATEGY 3 Seller financing

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FOOD

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So now that I'm fully invested in spring, my mind is going to my favorite spring recipes. The one vegetable that I look forward to the most in summer is tomatoes. There is nothing quite as good as a homegrown summer tomato. Wow, my mouth is watering just thinking about it! I love tomatoes fixed any way...fresh, roasted, or in a sauce. You just can't beat that flavor. It is the one vegetable I hate buying in the winter because they don't even come close to what you can grow in the summer.

The following are a couple of my favorite tomato recipes. The first one is a recipe I found a few summers ago. I had invited some friends over for cocktails and was looking for a recipe for an appetizer. I found this one and it has been my go-to ever since. It is delicious and more importantly, it's easy! I hope you enjoy it! The second one is my favorite pasta sauce made with fresh tomatoes. I make this sauce in the summer, then can it in a pressure canner, so I have fresh pasta sauce all winter! Enjoy!

ROASTED CHERRY TOMATOES & BURRATA CHEESE

Ingredients

- 2 cups of cherry/grape tomatoes
- Olive oil
- Italian seasoning
- Fresh basil
- Toasted bread or crackers

Directions

Coat the tomatoes in the olive oil and Italian seasoning. Bake at 400 degrees for about 20 minutes or until roasted nicely. Place 1 or 3 bulbs of Burrata Cheese on a plate and surround with the roasted tomatoes. Top with chopped basil. Serve with toasted bread, brushed with garlic or crackers.



Roasted Cherry Tomatoes
& Burrata Cheese

FRESH TOMATO PASTA SAUCE

Ingredients

- 2 lbs fresh tomatoes, cut into quarters
- 2 small yellow onions, cut into quarters
- 2 large carrots, cut into large chunks
- 2 cloves garlic (whole)
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 6 oz tomato paste

Directions

Add the tomatoes, onion, carrot and garlic to the InstaPot. Sprinkle the oregano, basil and salt over the top of the vegetables, but don't stir. Secure the lid and move the steam release valve to sealing. Select Manual and cook at high pressure for 20 minutes. It will take roughly 10 min for the pressure to build in the pot before the cooking cycle begins. When the cooking cycle completes, allow the pressure to release naturally for 10 minutes. Then move the steam release valve to venting to release any remaining pressure. When the floating valve drops, it's safe to remove the lid. Use an immersion blender to blend the cooked vegetables into a smooth sauce. Add the tomato paste and blend again to ensure it's fully incorporated. It should thicken the sauce. Adjust any seasoning to taste, then serve warm over your favorite pasta!



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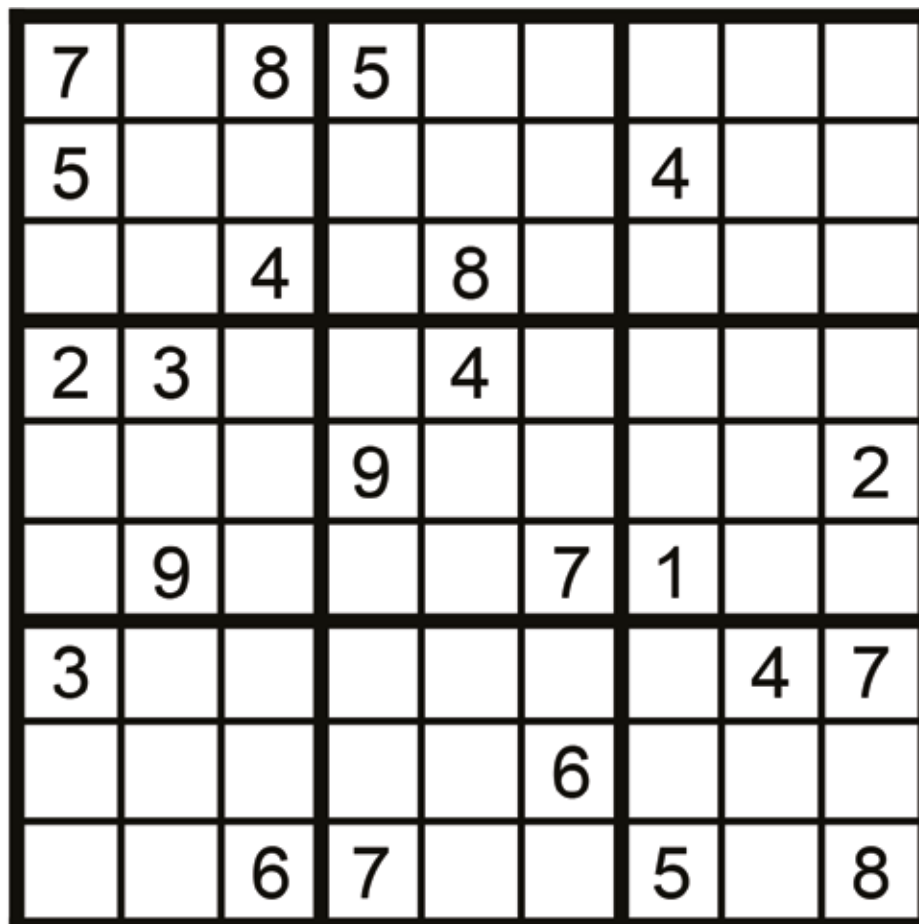
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TALKING WITH AZ GAME & FISH

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Category One is an immediate threat. The animal has threatened or attacked someone. Or, it's been previously relocated and back to cause trouble, or tried to enter a dwelling or entered a dwelling. Animals also fall under Category One if they display signs of illness that can be transmitted to people.

If interactions with an animal become Category One or Two, the department considers the animal a public safety threat. Category One wildlife are generally lethally removed. For ill animals, there is no "live animal" rabies test available. Rabies tests require a portion of the brain or spinal column and therefore wildlife is killed and submitted for rabies testing so victims of wildlife attacks can use the results of the rabies test to inform their medical treatment. For Category Two wildlife, they can sometimes relocate it. In other cases, like all mountain lions, adult male bears, and adult coyotes, they are often lethally removed.

The scientific literature suggests adult males of many species are more aggressive and territorial and it has been shown adult males are more likely to return to the area of capture post-relocation and therefore not relocated. Juvenile wildlife and adult females aren't as territorial or aggressive.

In the case of mountain lions, both males and females are lethally removed because of their territoriality. When relocated, conflict may occur in the release area, often resulting in severe injury or death of one or both mountain lions.

Our mountain lion and her cubs started as Category Four with just several observations. But because the sighting moved from camera captures in the night hours to several daytime sightings, including one human and cub encounter, they were moved from a Category Four to a Category Two threat at the beginning of February.

Game and Fish have no choice but to take action in the interest of human safety.

Erin noted, "Lethally removing an adult female mountain lion and her three cubs is not in anyone's best interest. That's why we decided to contract with Wildlife Services and try to relocate them to a Wildlife Sanctuary. We can't let her stay here, getting comfortable, because we don't want anyone hurt. So removing her is the only way to go."

SOCIAL MEDIA ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

When the Pinewood News was asked to solicit tips through social media to help Game and Fish track our mountain lion and her cubs, it was mainly met with anger and distress. No one wants to see harm come to these beautiful animals, but ignoring the science and the nature of the animal puts our community at risk.

I asked Erin to correct or clarify anything she saw on social media. Here is what we learned.

The snow is too high for the cubs, and finding food is difficult.

False. There's plenty of habitat and prey species in the forest for mom and her cubs. She must teach her cubs to hunt in the woods as nature intended. The snow is high and challenging, but mountain lions naturally live in snow country and adapt. This mom simply found it convenient to hunt here.

Further, if mom is allowed to stay, she will teach her cubs that hunting among humans is normal. Once the cubs move out, they may find another neighborhood to call home—putting the lions and the community at risk.

If you choose to live in the forest, you choose to live WITH the forest. To the people complaining about the lion, please move because you're not wanted here.

False. Erin explains, "They were here first is not a valid case. We are here and have been—For decades. We are here and we have children. We have pets. And for parents, if they had to worry about a mountain lion living here or their child being safe, they will choose their child."

Think about it. When kids get scared, what do they do? They run. That is the worst thing you can do when facing a mountain lion. Running triggers their prey response, and an attack would be imminent.

That's why I said earlier that the longer she is here, the more interactions there will be, and the chance of one of them going bad is good. You just need a child to run, or if a dog on a leash comes around the corner and barks, that's nothing but bad news.

To provide for human safety, we must encourage wildlife that we are here, and it must return to its habitat. And leaving it alone doesn't convince it's unwelcome."

Lots of people tried to tell people politely.... To shut up. No one seemed to have gotten the hints... next time we will be more direct and spell it out.....

False. Keeping quiet or bullying your community to "shut up" and not report sightings may hinder AGFD and put your community at risk of a serious incident. Let AGFD, trained and dedicated experts, determine the correct action.

Don't allow people to deter you from doing what is right, and call AGFD with sightings at (623) 236-7201.

Game and Fish lethally removed a black bear from Munds Park about five years ago.

True. Erin remembers this incident and stated, "That decision absolutely came down to public safety. We received several reports. The first few reports were Category One, just some sightings. Then moved to Category Two after the bear became a nuisance. Then we got the call that it tried to enter someone's cabin. That was our cut-off."

We did not have a choice. Public safety is our number one concern. We understand bears' behavior, and we know this bear has learned to enter homes. If we had let the bear live and relocated it, it would do it again, jeopardizing the safety of the people we are here to protect.

Everybody wants a scenario where the animal lives, but sometimes it's just not possible."

After dedicating her life to wildlife conservation and serving Munds Park for over a decade, I asked Erin how the negative comments about AGFD on social media made her feel.

She said, "We use our training, experience, and department science-based policies to guide us—I know I do my job well."

So when people go online and say we're doing a terrible thing by not relocating the mountain lion, all I can do is try and educate them. Because of my training and expertise, I know what a mountain lion's behavior would be if I relocated it. I know what could happen if she were allowed to stay too long. So negative comments don't get to me. I see them as an opportunity to educate."

I asked Erin if she could ask the community to do one thing to help AGFD with their mission, what would it be?



Three mountain lion cubs hanging out in the Park.

Photo by Vanessa Zeigler

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SANITARY DISTRICT

CONFRONTED WITH SOARING COSTS



By Bill Spain

Inflation has stuck its ugly head into nearly every aspect of our lives! Energy costs are up nearly 40%. Business costs have risen to the highest levels in more than four decades. Everything costs more and that is problematic for utilities when costs rise that much and that quickly. It ultimately has to be passed on to the public. The Pinewood Sanitary District Board of Directors has studied this issue over the last year. It has convened a Budget Study Group to address the problem this spring.

With that in mind, it is an excellent time to review the Sanitary District's history and recap the District's issues. Board member Dick Drinen took the time to summarize the history of the District over his past twenty years of oversight and shared it with the board last year. His historical rendition was provided by Fred Heisley who had been a former board member and Dick's next-door neighbor for many years. Dick supplemented the remainder of the information from his first-hand knowledge.

The original sewer plant was constructed by "The Pinewood Development Company, (PDC)" in 1968 and was located on the shore of Lake Odell. The plant was formed as a necessity to support the new "Pinewood Subdivision" which was also formed in 1968, absorbing the prior "Northernaire/Oakwood subdivision," which had failed. The "PDC" was formed by James Welch, Edward Robson, Jay Greene and Emanuel Goldstein. The original plant was relocated and developed at the current location adjacent to the I-17 highway in 1972.

The plant grew and was purchased from the "PDC" in 1988 by Richard Williamson. At that time, the growth within Munds Park/Pinewood was fast and furious. The cost of growth for the facility was under-planned, and the lack of capability resulted in numerous violations from the Health Department. Consent orders were issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), requiring the plant to make improvements immediately. In 1987, ADEQ modified the plant's usage to allow for effluent to be used to irrigate the Pinewood Country Club golf course.

Unfortunately, the group did not make enough progress on the administrative consent orders. ADEQ issued a "Cease and Desist Order" to Richard Williamson, Pinewood Country Club and Pinewood Sewer Company for serious violations of Federal and State environmental laws and regulations. Everything Stopped in August 1993. No further building was allowed, and no additional toilet hook-ups. Munds Park was at a standstill. ADEQ required immediate action to prevent future violations.

At the same time, Coconino County became involved and the "Pinewood Sanitary District," (PSD), was formed on May 18, 1992, by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. The initial board consisted of three members until a general election was held in the fall of 1992, when an additional four members were added to comprise a board of seven members. Kay Blackman served as the chairman, and the facility was ultimately named after him. The purchase agreement was drafted between Pinewood Sewer Company as the seller and the Pinewood Sanitary District as the buyer. The plant was sold to Pinewood Sanitary District for \$1,250,000 with the Pinewood Sanitary District, a political subdivision of the state of Arizona as the buyer. The board commenced operations on January 26, 1994. The original bond payment was \$12.22, plus the Operations and Maintenance fee of \$12.22, for a total bill of \$24.44.

It became incumbent upon the board of directors to oversee the operations, with the plant manager taking control to build a solid operating team. Kay Blackman became the district manager. The District had an office in the Coldwell Banker building at 20 W Pinewood Blvd for the first few years of operation. Kay Blackman (Blackie) retired in 1997 and was replaced by Jim

Wilson, who served as the district manager for the next twenty-four years.

In 1994, plant improvement requirements issued by an ADEQ Consent Decree for \$4,000,000 in general obligation bonds were issued. An additional \$16.22 was added to the sewer bill to make these required improvements. In addition, over the years, increases to the operations and maintenance fee were enacted to keep up with the operations costs, raising the "O & M" fee to \$50.57 per household. The \$16.22 bond payment was paid in full in July 2011. In 1995, the plant was brought into compliance with an operating capacity of 600,000 gallons per day. Effluent regulations were achieved in the fall of 1997.

During that time, Munds Park continued to have unbridled growth. The Park grew to service 2904 properties on the East side of the Park. (Only 106 vacant lots remain on the East side of Munds Park.) Commercial growth added all but three East side businesses to the sewer district. (The Post Office, CenturyLink and the former Hair Salon are still on septic.) The Westside businesses all asked to be annexed into the District between 2005 and 2013, and that expansion has occurred over the last ten years. All current open and operating West side businesses will be brought onto the sewer district this spring except for those lots with no construction or phases of the RV Park that are still on their original septic systems.

The Inspire RV Park have paid phase three and phase four construction and capacity costs. Shuster has paid their construction and operating costs except for phase 5 of undeveloped land. Billing for unpaid vacant properties has been issued, and a plan of action relative to that collection is in process.

In the past several years, many changes have occurred at the District. After almost a quarter century at the helm, Jim Wilson retired in 2020. Long-term operational-oriented employee Lee Krosnicki was promoted. Years of growth coupled with the plant aging process have produced serious issues for the plant.

PSD has incurred several violations that resulted in two Administrative Consent Orders from ADEQ. A combination of several 100 to 500 year floods, aging equipment, and peak population swings during the summer monsoon months resulted in serious violations. At one time, partially treated effluent (liquid waste or sewage) had to be released into the Munds Canyon Creek, which ultimately flows in the Oak Creek and Verde River tributaries.

In the last three months, further violations have occurred when the snow melt and rain have exceeded our capacity to handle the water flow through the sewer resulting in discharges of over 1,900,000 gallon flows. ADEQ is now filing violation after violation against PSD. The engineering firm retained by PSD three years ago delivered a less-than-acceptable report to ADEQ nearly two years late, causing consternation between the District and ADEQ.

Ultimately, ADEQ will force the District to install a 1.3 million gallon holding tank to handle the substantial intermittent flows that have plagued us over the last few years. This will cost a lot of money. In addition, operating costs are way up which will necessitate a rate increase. The board seeks to lower the impending rate increase by reducing operational costs through automation and improving workflow.

In next month's update in the Pinewood News, look for a detailed description of the board's process to determine how to best move forward with addressing the Administrative Consent Orders and Violations issued by ADEQ. In addition, we will describe the necessary plant upgrades to bring the Pinewood Sanitary District in line with ADEQ and working at acceptable levels.



PINEWOOD SANITARY DISTRICT

JUNE 30, 2022 & 2021

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

| ASSETS | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Cash | \$ 239,106 | \$282,169 |
| Cash for restricted purposes | \$ 295,870 | \$535,856 |
| Prepaid expenses | \$ 29,835 | \$21,220 |
| Accounts receivable, net | <u>\$30,896</u> | <u>\$32,552</u> |
| Total current assets | <u>\$595,707</u> | <u>\$871,797</u> |
| Capital assets, at cost | \$18,793,419 | \$18,593,425 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(\$12,060,307)</u> | <u>(\$11,531,177)</u> |
| Net capital assets | <u>\$6,733,112</u> | <u>\$7,062,248</u> |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits | \$350,383 | \$245,539 |
| Total assets | <u>\$7,679,202</u> | <u>\$8,179,584</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$104,068 | \$98,243 |
| Long-term obligations due within one year | <u>\$183,709</u> | <u>\$420,760</u> |
| Total current liabilities | <u>\$287,777</u> | <u>\$519,003</u> |
| Non-current liabilities: | | |
| Net pension liability | \$1,001,041 | \$1,176,782 |
| Capital lease and installment notes | - | - |
| WIFA loans | \$1,999,530 | \$2,299,984 |
| Less current portion of long-term obligations | <u>(\$183,709)</u> | <u>(\$420,760)</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities | <u>\$2,816,862</u> | <u>\$3,056,006</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$3,104,639</u> | <u>\$3,575,009</u> |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits | <u>\$360,287</u> | <u>\$78,991</u> |
| Net Position | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | \$4,733,581 | \$4,762,262 |
| Restricted - capital projects | \$43,433 | \$30,669 |
| Restricted - debt service | \$252,438 | \$505,187 |
| Unrestricted | <u>\$(815,176)</u> | <u>(\$772,534)</u> |
| Total net position | <u>\$4,214,276</u> | <u>\$4,525,584</u> |
| Total liabilities and net position | <u>\$7,679,202</u> | <u>\$8,179,584</u> |

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating Revenue | | |
| Service fees: | | |
| Operations and maintenance | \$1,896,412 | \$2,006,545 |
| WIFA loan repay | \$28,634 | \$250,895 |
| WIFA loan reserve | \$5,142 | \$63,622 |
| Other income | <u>\$85,877</u> | <u>\$179,713</u> |
| Total operating revenue | <u>\$2,016,065</u> | <u>\$2,500,775</u> |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Personnel expenses | \$882,522 | \$816,998 |
| Administrative and office | \$91,691 | \$98,317 |
| Professional services | \$97,284 | \$93,586 |
| Telephone and utilities | \$118,755 | \$124,202 |
| Insurance | \$216,962 | \$205,979 |
| Plant operation and maintenance | \$350,293 | \$343,815 |
| System operation and maintenance | \$33,761 | \$26,501 |
| Depreciation | <u>\$529,130</u> | <u>\$552,643</u> |
| Total operating expenses | <u>\$2,320,398</u> | <u>\$2,262,041</u> |
| Operating income (loss) | <u>\$(304,333)</u> | <u>\$238,734</u> |
| Non-operating revenues (expenses) | | |
| Interest income | \$1,499 | \$3,921 |
| Interest expense - leases and loans | (\$8,474) | (\$7,174) |
| Total non-operating revenues (expenses) | (\$6,975) | (\$3,253) |
| Change in net position | (311,308) | \$235,481 |
| Net position at beginning of year | <u>\$4,525,584</u> | <u>\$4,290,103</u> |
| Net position at end of year | <u>\$4,214,276</u> | <u>\$4,525,584</u> |

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Receipts from customers and users | \$2,017,721 | \$2,493,769 |
| Payments to suppliers | (\$910,844) | (\$922,474) |
| Payments to employees | <u>(\$881,811)</u> | <u>(\$944,053)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>\$225,066</u> | <u>\$627,242</u> |
| Cash flows from capital and related financing activities | | |
| Payment of WIFA loans | (\$420,761) | (\$460,643) |
| Cash received from WIFA loan draws | \$120,306 | \$72,542 |
| Payment of leases and installment notes | - | (\$11,366) |
| Interest paid on long-term obligations | (\$61,411) | (\$71,776) |
| Cash paid for asset acquisition and construction | <u>(\$147,748)</u> | <u>(\$118,613)</u> |
| Net cash used by financing activities | <u>(\$509,614)</u> | <u>(\$589,856)</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Interest income | \$1,499 | \$3,921 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | \$1,499 | \$3,921 |
| Net change in cash and restricted cash | (\$283,049) | \$41,307 |
| Cash and restricted cash at beginning of year | <u>\$818,025</u> | <u>\$776,718</u> |
| Cash and restricted cash at end of year | <u>\$534,976</u> | <u>\$818,025</u> |
| Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities | | |
| Operating income | (\$304,333) | \$238,734 |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | \$529,130 | \$552,643 |
| Pension expense | \$88,311 | (\$14,924) |
| Pension contributions | (\$87,600) | (\$112,131) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | \$1,656 | (\$7,006) |
| Prepaid expenses | (\$8,615) | (\$6,326) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>\$6,517</u> | <u>(\$23,748)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>\$225,066</u> | <u>\$627,242</u> |
| Interest payments capitalized to asset construction | \$52,246 | \$53,301 |

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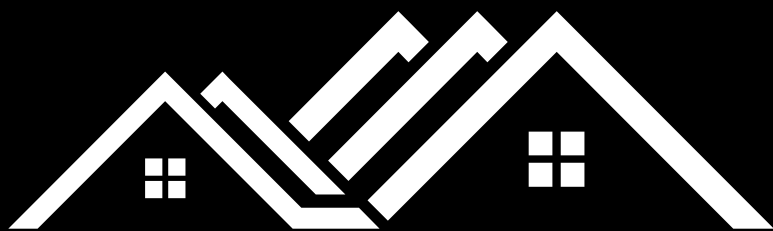


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"A group of us visited the Dr. BBQ restaurant while investigating the top things to do in downtown St Pete. We found the modern, full-service American barbeque sizzling with barbecued meats and global flavors," reveals freelance travel writer Robin O'Neal Smith.

"I loved the casual atmosphere, excellent service, and scrumptious food. We sat in a corner booth area with a massive table large enough for eight of us with room to spare. Our waiter went out of his way to provide over-the-top service," says the IFWTWA member.

"Since I had heard many people talk about the great food at Dr. BBQ, I was eager to taste it for myself, and I was not disappointed. For my main entree, I ordered the Texas Two Step, which included two types of meat, sliced brisket and pulled pork. The meat was cooked perfectly with a smoky flavor and so tender you could cut it with a fork," she says.

"Dr. BBQ is an excellent choice if you're hungry for barbeque when you visit St. Pete," Robin concludes.

BACCHUS HAPPY HOUR, IN ST PETE

One of my favorite things to do in St Pete is Happy Hour at Bacchus Wine Bistro, an intimate wine, cheese and charcuterie restaurant," discloses IFWTWA writer Michelle Fedosoff.

"During my first time there, I wanted to be served inside because of the charm. But it was packed, so I sat at an outside table. Happily, sidewalk tables have shady umbrellas and a giant fan to blow air when it's muggy. The menu offered selections that made it difficult to choose, but I ended up ordering the lobster salad and a glass of Pouilly Fuisse. What a delight to the tastebuds.

Bacchus Wine Bistro instantly became my favorite restaurant in St Pete," the foodie declared. "Bacchus is not inexpensive, but the food and the wine are worth it. On my way out, I noticed a Happy Hour sign and decided to return the following day.

"I so enjoyed the food and wine selection that I returned the following day and the next, spending four out of my five days in St. Pete enjoying Happy Hour at Bacchus," she confessed.

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"It's critical to keep wildlife wild. That is the number one goal. As I explained, Arizona has plenty of habitat for all our wildlife. Allowing wild animals to become comfortable in urban areas increases the likelihood of a dangerous encounter and typically does not end well for the animal.

Everyone should remove outside food sources, water, and shelter that attract wildlife. Outdoor cats are considered urban prey species. If I had my way, I'd tell everyone to teach the cat to use a litter box and keep them indoors.

Properly manage your garbage. If you feed your pet outside, pick up the food. Close-off access to areas under your porch or cabin; Javelina love living in these spaces.

We also highly recommend not feeding wildlife. In bigger counties and in the city of Flagstaff, it's illegal. Feeding wildlife is never, never beneficial. You only attract them to an urban community putting them and your neighbors in danger.

Feeding birds is okay. We ask that bird feeders are at least five feet in the air so animals can't get to the feed. If the feed spills or gets knocked over, go out and clean it up."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MOMMA & HER CUBS?

AGFD is going to hang back a bit. Typically, their hound's noses work better with fresh snow, and tracks are easier to see, so they may return after the snowstorms. They are really hoping Momma and the cubs move back into the forest.

In the meantime, AGFD want residents to haze Momma and her cubs. She must be convinced she doesn't want to be here and move back into the forest. This is the best case scenario.

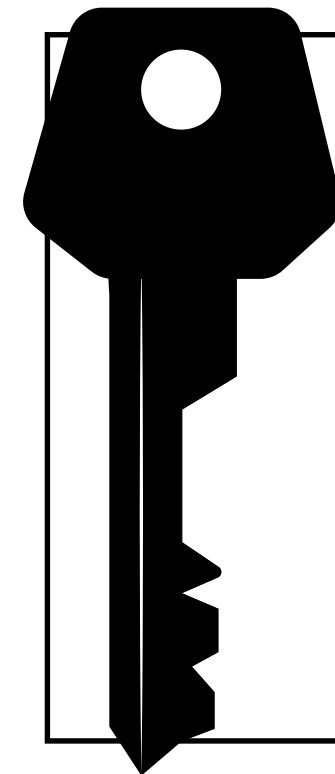
How to haze a dangerous animal?

- Open windows and yell at them.
- Set off your car alarm or honk your horn.
- Use your hose and burst them with water during the spring and summer months, but stay safe and close to your front door.
- Use a soda can filled with pennies. You can shake, rattle, or even throw it at the animal.
- Use a blow horn.
- Do not release dogs on them. Dogs will make them aggressive.

Remember, mountain lions typically do not want to interact with humans. As long as you don't run and trigger her prey response, you can yell and stand tall to convince her you are scarier, and she will probably believe you. Unfortunately, as they get habituated to human movement around them, they tend to lose that natural fear.

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BOOK REVIEW

SPARE

By Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex • Random House 2023



By Sandy Wright

It was one of the most searing images of the twentieth century: two young boys, two princes, walking behind their mother's coffin as the world watched in sorrow—and horror. As Princess Diana was laid to rest, billions wondered what Prince William and Prince Harry must be thinking and feeling—and

how their lives would play out from that point on.

Before losing his mother, twelve-year-old Prince Harry was known as the carefree one, the happy-go-lucky Spare to the more serious Heir. Grief changed everything. He struggled at school, struggled with anger, with loneliness—and, because he blamed the press for his mother's death, he struggled to accept life in the spotlight.

Is this Prince Harry's true story at last? Obviously, he's been unhappy, and Spare is full of incredibly raw and emotional moments (perhaps more than royal watchers wanted to see), and its topics are all over the map. Part confession, part rant, and part snide reveals, the ghost-written book shows the sheer weirdness of Prince Harry's often isolated inside life.

At the center of this story is the huge trauma that seems to have distorted the rest of his life—the death of his mother, Princess Diana.

He adored her, and really, really hates the press, blaming them for pursuing his mother relentlessly, including the events leading to her death in Paris.

As a whole, Harry paints a warmer picture of his father, King Charles. The King is seen padding around in his slippers, obsessed with Shakespeare, and falling asleep at his desk.

There is one notable exception. Harry says, "I was twenty the first time I heard the story Pa allegedly told Mummy the day of my birth: 'Wonderful! Now you've given me an Heir and a Spare—my work is done.' A joke. Presumably. On the other hand, minutes after delivering this bit of high comedy, Pa was said to have gone off to meet his girlfriend. So. Many a true word spoken in jest.

Despite sharing that he and his older brother asked their father not to marry Camilla, the Queen Consort arrives in the story to become his stepmother. He is suspicious that she is often in cahoots with the hated tabloids.

At twenty-one, he joined the British Army. The discipline gave him structure, and two combat tours made him a hero at home. But he also suffered post-traumatic stress and crippling panic attacks.

Therapy, in which he claims William refuses to participate, helped him unlock his repressed recollections of Diana and allowed him to cry.

Then he met Meghan. The world celebrated their romance and rejoiced in their fairytale wedding. But from the beginning, Harry and Meghan were hounded by the press, subjected to racism and printed abuse.

"Don't read it, darling boy," his father advised. Watching his wife suffer and seeing their safety and mental health at risk, Harry saw no recourse but leaving, to prevent a tragic repeat of history from repeating itself.

So, yes, this is Prince Harry's story, the truth as he sees it, told with raw, unflinching honesty. My prayers to his family as they face these treacherous waters.



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MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Pastor Steve Bowyer

COMMUNITY IS THE KEY TO INDEPENDENCE

If you hang out around the church, or with Munds Park Community Church people, you might get the idea we like to eat. We like food. And personally, I'm a big fan. Truth be told, I am just a little too big, and I like food a little too much.

The weekend of the big football game in February, we host a soup cook-off called our Soup'er Bowl. We have a Luau in June when Agee's helps us with pulled pork sandwiches. We have an Oktoberfest in September when Kota's helps us with brats, sauerkraut, and Deanna makes her German potato salad. In November, we host a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Our Rough Riders, men's breakfasts, men's steak night, and summer Sunday lunches all center around food. And they are almost all free and everyone in our community is welcome.

One reason why we do all these events is obvious, good food. The other may not be so obvious.

I am not sure how many of you are aware, but last month we received a little snow. Little in a global sense, anyway. We ended up as the 3rd snowiest January ever. Over 60 inches fell in 31 days.

On Tuesday the 17th, my power was out for 20 hours. It came back on at 2:00 am for 2 hours, then went back out for another 5 hours. Many around Munds Park had similar experiences. Branches were falling on power lines all over town and out in the forest.

About 3:30 that afternoon, Wes Dison of the county department of emergency management called me to open the church as a warming center. The longer the power was out in our homes, the colder it was getting inside them. And our residents needed to know we were open to help them. With their power out, their internet was down, and their phone batteries were dying.

Did you know that you can download an app for your phone called, "Smart911" and you can receive text messages and emails when the church is open as a shelter? We tend to think of "Ready, Set, Go" and this program for forest fire information. But it is valuable for so much more. But what if the power is out and you have no way to receive information like this?

Back to all the fun, foody things we do and the not so obvious reason we do them. Community. They are all community-building events, giving all the participants the opportunity to make friends and get contact information from each other.

When an emergency situation occurs and people need help, friends call friends. None of us like to ask for help. But, when we need help, we will not call someone we do not know. And friends are ready and eager.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard so you may have

fellowship with us." (1 John 1:3)

Fellowship is the churchy word for close, meaningful friendships. Relationships of mutual dependence.

On Friday January 20, an article came out in the "Daily Sun" by Sean Golightly about our bread ministry. He interviewed me, Tom Hlusak, and Dale Ingam. One of the bits of information he got from us is those who live in Munds Park full-time are rather independent and capable. But he also recognized the work of the church to connect people in community to enjoy the fellowship described in the bible.

Golightly's closing line in his article read, "The best way to be independent is to be part of a community." He nailed it with this statement.

Most of the year we do fine on our own. But there are occasional times; like when the snowfall is taller than me (I am 68" tall), or when everyone in the house has COVID, or we need a ride to a warming shelter, or we need help digging out; we need friends checking on friends. That happens in a healthy community of independent people. And that is why we do so many activities centered around food.

If cell phones still work, we call each other. If they do not, we walk our block and drive our neighborhood, and knock on the doors where we know the people who live there. Through the networking of friends, information is shared, and people get the help they need.

Therefore, the key to living an independent life in paradise like Munds Park is being connected in a community of people who can help each other when we need it. And there is no better way to connect than around a table where good food is served and scarfed up. I invite all of you to join us when we host these events to come and enjoy the food and make friends so we can all be better prepared to help and maybe even ask for it when we need it.

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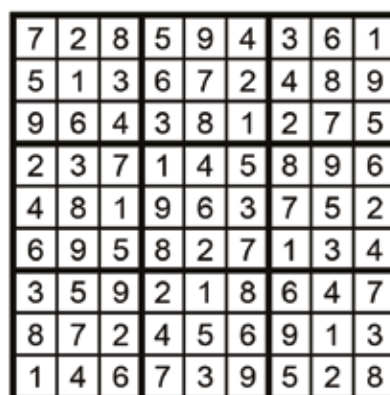
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Hire a Professional

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The start of the spring is a great time to have your home's heating, ventilation, and cooling systems inspected and serviced by a professional. Regular maintenance will improve efficiency, save money, improve air quality, and most importantly, avoid a winter breakdown!

You especially want to avoid issues with your heater during the winter months. Snowfall, like we've experienced this winter, may prevent timely service. Further, it's a busy time of the year, and you may not get service exactly when needed. So plan ahead.

Hire a Professional

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CHECK VENTS

As the snow melts away from your home's foundation, checking any vents along the foundation or in the attic is important. Look for missing or damaged screens, debris, signs of insect or rodent infestation, or other issues.

TEST ALARMS

Let the change of season be your reminder to test all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for proper functioning. Change batteries if necessary. Alarms can malfunction as they age, so if yours are older than seven years, consider replacing them.

TAKE A WALK AROUND YOUR CABIN

As you walk around your cabin, look for damage or wear caused by ice, snow, or low temperatures. Inspect your foundation for cracks or gaps, and seal windows or doors if needed. Similarly, take a look at your deck for loose or damaged boards, and seal up any cracks in your walkway or drive.

CHECK YOUR PLUMBING

Take a look at your pipes inside and out for cracks or damage from the winter, as well as leaks, wet spots, or water damage.

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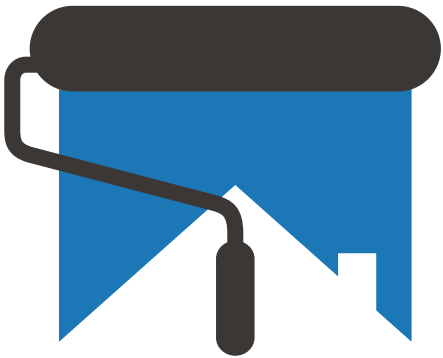
Preparing Your Cabin for Wildfire Season

- Remove pine needles and other green waste from gutters.
- Remove leaf/pine needles within at least 10 feet of your cabin.
- Cut down or thin trees to create defensible space on your property.
- Remove tall, dry grass from the property surrounding your home.
- Trim branches that overhang your cabin, porch, and deck, and prune branches of large trees 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Prune excess growth from your bushes and shrubs regularly.
- Take all green waste to the Willard Springs green waste site (Free Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) If you cannot get it to the curb for the Bear Jaw Crew to pick up and remove, please follow their guidelines on page 5.

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