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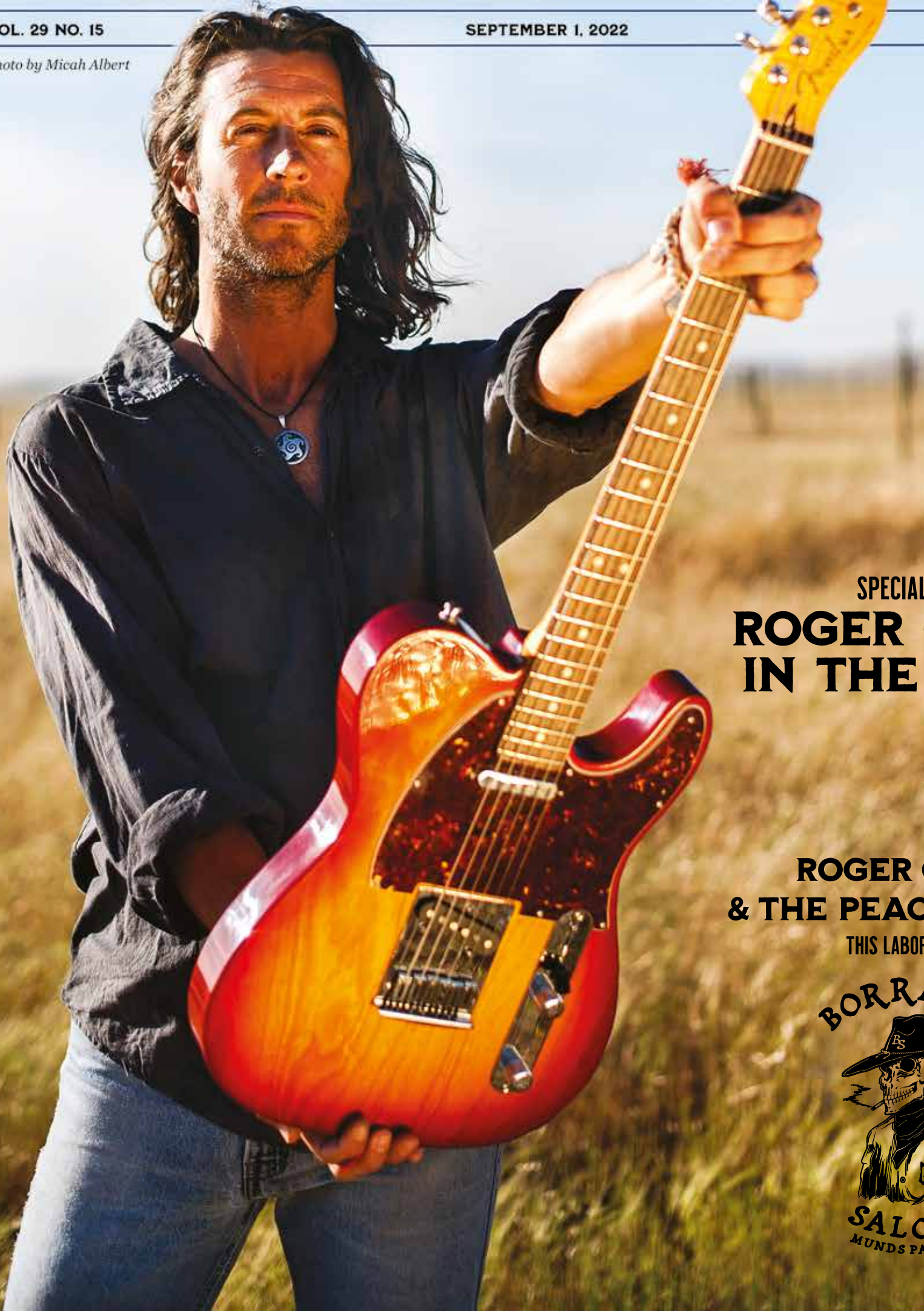
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SPECIAL LABOR DAY ISSUE
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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Every Sunday	Munds Park Community Church Services (Starting 9/11 there will only be one service at 10:45 am)	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	9 & 10:45 am
Every Monday	AA Meetings hosted at Munds Park Community Church	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	7 pm
Every Thursday	Spread the Bread - Get some for your neighbors too!	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	10 am
September 6, Tuesday	Pinewood Fire Department Auxiliary Members Meeting - Public Welcome!	475 E Pinewood Blvd	6:30 pm
September 8, Thursday	Pinewood Sanitary District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	18075 Fairway Dr	3 pm
September 15, Thursday	Munds Park Business Alliance Members Meeting	17670 S Munds Ranch Rd	4:30 pm
September 20, Tuesday	Pinewood Fire District Board Meeting - Public Welcome	475 E Pinewood Blvd	3 pm
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Large modified A-Frame among oak and pine trees, this one owner home is rustic, woodsy and comfortable. Bedrooms are all large with one down and two up. Front deck is spacious. Could use some updating but ready for a new start.



\$352,000
17650 S MUNDS RANCH RD

Horse Property! Gorgeous lot with meadow front and tree lined back. All utilities will be to the lot line including electricity, water and sewer.



\$449,900
17295 S ZIA PLACE

Exceptional Remodel. From Top to bottom, everything has been updated. New mason stem-wall. New metal Roof. New Paver Driveway. New mason/metal architecture fence. New spacious artificial lawn in backyard. Two sheds.



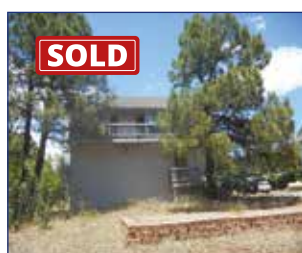
\$519,000
410 E TURKEY TRAIL

Unique and well-maintained cabin. Upgrades, including a great room of tongue and groove wood with cathedral ceilings and windows overlooking the forest. Covered patio, 12 X 12 storage shed and a fully fenced backyard.



\$1,039,000
17385 E MOUNTAINSIDE PL

Beautiful log-sided forest retreat in Pinewood County Club. Nearly a half-acre lot, private and serene. West facing air decks with circular stairway. Fenced paver backyard with built-in firepit. Gorgeous stone faced central fireplace, separate living and family rooms, formal dining, gourmet kitchen.



\$450,000
90 W CAMPFIRE TRAIL

FIXER UPPER BANK PRE-FORECLOSURE. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Primary bedroom off living room, kitchen, dining. 2 bedrooms downstairs. 1 car garage re-conversion. Opportunity for someone to make this house a home.



\$315,000
255 E OAK DR

Very well cared for home with 2 bedrooms 2 baths. New roof within last 3 years. Open floor plan and vaulted ceilings in living room. Large 12 x 10 workshop and another storage shed too. New carpet. All electric



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Candy donations can be given to Linda Burnett or dropped off at the firehouse

May be postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather.

JOIN MUTS!

By Larry Metzler

If you have never heard of Munds Park Trail Stewards (a.k.a. MUTS), we are a group of volunteers working with the Coconino National Forest Service on trails and trailheads surrounding the Munds Park community.

Join us! We have no membership fees, and everyone works at their own stride.

The next Volunteer Trail Event:

September 17 @ 8:15 a.m.

Where: Pinewood (240) Trailhead

A free lunch will be provided after we conclude our tasks at 12 noon.

Please R.S.V.P., by September 11 if you plan on attending the event and lunch at mundstrailstewards@hotmail.com.

What to bring: Work gloves, sturdy shoes, dress for the weather and bring along a good sense of humor. We will provide the trail tools and water.

The Munds Park Trail Stewards would like to thank the Goodyear REI Co-Op Distribution Center volunteers who joined the MUTS during our August 13 Volunteer Trail Event.

www.mundsparktrailstewards.com



MUNDS PARK BUSINESS ALLIANCE UPDATE

Thursday, August 18, meeting concluded with the election of a slate of Officer's for the 2023 season. We are pleased to notify you that Deanna Bascelli, Kota's Coffee, is the incoming President of the MPBA for 2023. The remainder of the executive committee includes Kim Agee, "Agee's BBQ" as first Vice-President, Sandee Caviness, "Pinewood News" as second Vice-President, Len Friedlund, "PPOA" Treasurer, Emily Felton, Goodfella's Junk Removal, Secretary and At Large Board Members Anthony French, "The French Connection Handyman" and Bill Gibney, "Coconino Community Theatre." Bill Spain will become an Advisory Council member as a Past-President. Congratulations to all and thank you for your commitment to MPBA, "Where Business Partnerships are Developed for the Betterment of OUR Community."

The MPBA Holiday Lighting Festival planning and implementation is in full swing with the business district committing to band together and decorate the business corridor and fire department with holiday lights. The group will spend the next thirty days planning and initiating the decoration plans.

The next MPBA meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 4:30 pm at the Munds Park Community Church. The September meeting is our last formal meeting of the year. We look forward to seeing our members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Pinewood News is always interested in feedback from our community and welcome comments on any subject or article written.

The Pinewood News will attempt to publish every letter received, except for those that are an invasion of privacy or libelous. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Letters may be edited for space and clarity.

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Celebrations



MONDAY SEPT. 5TH

Live Musical Performance By: MATT FARRIS

In The Rec. Hall | 3 pm - 7 pm

The Chile Box Food Truck | 2 pm - 7 pm

Rec. Hall Bar Open | 12 pm - 12 am

SUNDAY SEPT. 4TH

Cornhole Tournament | Sign Ups 11 am | Tournament Starts 12 pm

Live Musical Performance By: MOJO RATS | 5 pm - 10 pm

Tres Amigos Food Truck | 11 am - 5 pm

Rec Bar Open | 12 pm - 12 am

FRIDAY SEPT. 2ND & SATURDAY SEPT. 3RD

White Eyes Food Truck | 11 am - 5 pm

Rec Bar Open | 12 pm - 12 am

PEACH JAM, PEACH COBBLER & SWEET MEMORIES



By
Sara Bowyer

Back when I was a kid, we lived on a cul-de-sac in Tucson. Most all the families on our cul-de-sac had kids around our ages, and we were all very

close. Summer found us all in someone's backyard having chinaberry wars, seeing who could outrun the neighbor's goose or running through the sprinklers. Our moms hosted many block parties during those days, and I have so many fond memories of growing up there.

One of my favorite memories was picking peaches. Each summer, my mom would load a bunch of us in the back of the station wagon and drive to Wilcox, Az. A wonderful peach orchard was down there called Apple Annie's. She would let us all pick peaches to our heart's desire.

We had no idea then, she was actually using us as her free labor, but we didn't care. We loved it. Every once in a while, you could sneak a peach and enjoy the delicious juicy flavor. It was heaven!

We always packed a lunch and had a picnic before we left. One trip in particular, I remember Mom bringing our dog, Prince, on the trip.

I only remember that happening one time because Prince ended up getting car sick and throwing up all over the boys in the back! Another time I remember us stopping to get gas and each of us getting a piece of bazooka bubble gum. We spent the rest of the trip trying to blow the biggest bubble until one kid got very big and popped all over his face and hair. That was the end of the bubble gum.

When we got back to Tucson, my mom would make homemade peach cobbler and homemade peach ice cream. The whole cul-de-sac would come

over in our backyard to enjoy it. I look back on my mom in wonder. She didn't think twice about loading all those kids up, most not her own, and give us a day we would always remember.

Last year, one of my childhood friends and I went down to Wilcox. Apple Annie's is still going strong! But they have so much more to offer now.

You can pick Asian pears, apples and peaches. They have a store where they bake the most delicious pies and have a myriad of products to choose from. Down the road about 6 miles, they have a produce farm. There you can pick and/or buy tomatoes, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, peppers, squash and many other great produce.

The peaches at Apple Annie's are later growing than farms in Phoenix. They start picking around the last week of July and go till September.

This year I was able to make a trip down again and loaded up with some gorgeous and huge peaches. We will be enjoying them all winter canned in simple syrup or in jam.

If you decide to take the trip to Wilcox, make time to stop at the Amerind Museum in Dragoon. This is a wonderful Native American museum tucked away in the hills of southern Arizona. You won't want to miss it!

Within this article you will find two of my favorite recipes for the peaches. The Jam recipe was given to me 30+ years ago by one of my mom's closest friends.

She heard that I was learning to can and sent this recipe that had been handed down in her family. It is, I believe, the best peach jam recipe I've ever tasted and it's the only one I use. The Cobbler recipe is my mom's and the one she would make for our little cul-de-sac in Tucson. Enjoy!!



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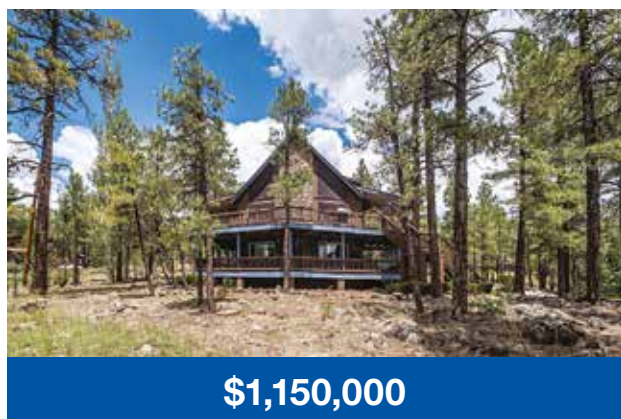
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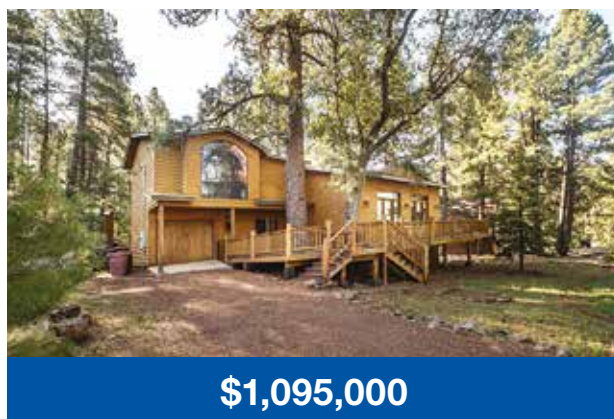




\$1,150,000

566 E Crestline Road

MLS#190884 Beautiful 3 level, double car garage, additional 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 at the bathroom vanity, 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 this property. Watch for my arrow sign to get you into this property.



\$1,095,000

17955 Golden Lake Trail

MLS#190696 Log sided cabin with open floor plan, large front deck, large covered back deck, 4 bedrooms PLUS a large loft bedroom with its own bath. Over 2800 sq ft livable home just a short distance to the National Forest, Lake O'Dell and many hiking trails. Central propane heat, 2 fireplaces (one in living room, one in Primary bedroom). Fenced in backyard. Garage. Primary suite is large and open with its own propane fireplace, double doors opening to the back covered deck. Bath has double sinks and walk in closet. including a large walk in shower. Home has distressed wood flooring, tile and carpet thruout. Loft bedroom at top of stairs is open, large and sleeps at least 4 or more (built in beds). Home is ready to preview.



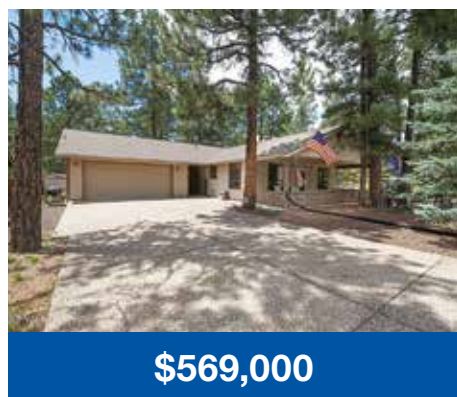
\$675,000

1350 E Jaguar Lane

TAKING BACKUPS MLS#190815 Impeccable two bedroom, one and 3/4 bath PLUS AN EXTRA LARGE LOFT WITH SLEEPING KNOOK. This home has been update with so many amenities. Too many to list here. (See Printout of all the updates).

Large detached shed, extra large composition deck (covered and uncovered). Come sit on this deck, it's like sitting and looking over your own park. Private and secluded.

This home won't disappoint you. Bright, clean and shiny. The home will also be Sold furnished.



\$569,000

17370 Big Sky Drive

MLS 190823 Single level, 3 bedrooms, two baths. Open floor plan that includes kitchen with island, living room and dining room, vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan, propane fireplace with blower. New laminate flooring Upgraded baths with heated floors, primary bath has a new walk in tub. Door from Primary bedroom takes you out to a breezeway, and a covered back deck and the fenced in yard. Oversized double car garage with lots of storage, exposed granite concrete driveway. Covered front porch, many pine trees surround the lot.



\$555,000

1210 E Raintree Road

TAKING BACKUPS MLS 190621 Rustic Four Bedroom cabin located in a highly sought out location. Wrap around decking on three sides. Large corner lot (over 12,000) square feet. Two bedrooms, bath on the main level. Up the spiral staircase to two more bedrooms and a half bath. The front upstairs bedroom has its own balcony to enjoy the open views. Lots of parking. The home is ready for you to preview just about anytime.



\$499,900

17440 S Peyote Drive

TAKING BACKUPS MLS189327 Cabin that is updated and ready to move into immediately. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, remodeled and updated kitchen and primary bath. Central electric heating/cooling including back up electric individual heaters. New kitchen including new appliances, granite counters and cabinets. Extra large skylight over the kitchen area. Newer carpet thru out, newer asphalt shingled roof. Covered front deck with an additional party deck off the back of the home. New double pane windows thru out. Propane fireplace in the living room. Large 7000 square foot lot. Plenty of room for off road parking including room the your RV.



\$335,000

17050 S Penguin Place

MLS#190854 Large double wide manufactured home on a quiet cul de sac. In need of some repairs and updating. Three good sized bedrooms, large living room and a family room. Skylight over the large kitchen island. Plenty of parking.



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\$239,000

120 Hunter Place

MLS# 189738: Magnificent 6,000 square foot cul-de-sac lot for your New Manufactured home or cabin. The previous mobile home has been removed, and the lot has been groomed for a new home. The pad has been installed. All utilities, including sewer tap, had been previously installed. Large shed on property. Currently the only vacant manufactured lot available in Pinewood.

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\$225,000

1235 E Coyote Road

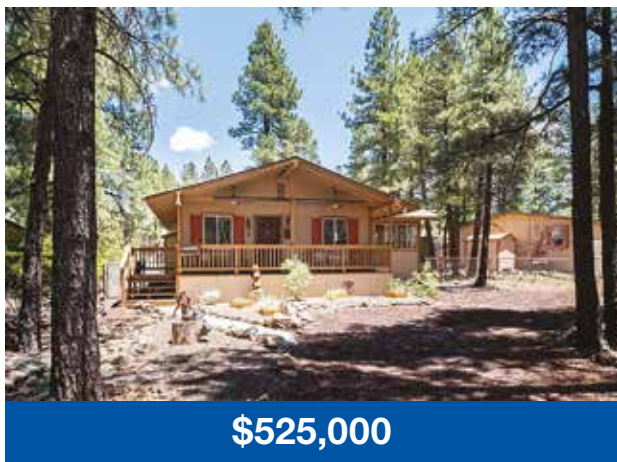
MLS# 189864: "AS IS" 2 Bdrm; 2 Bath FIX-UP is part single wide older mobile and an addition that allows plenty of space for Living Room and a Dining Room attached to the Kitchen. This home will require new flooring as they were damaged by Renters; and the bathroom shower stall, vanity and sink have been removed and will have to be replaced by Buyer. In lieu of replacing these items the Sellers are giving a \$10,000. CREDIT TO BUYER at COE. Central Heat and Air conditioning. The Back Deck is PRIVATE. Yard partially fenced with Irrigation. Storage Shed included. Huge Ponderosas; Blue Spruces; many others! **CALL SAM OR BOB**



\$449,000

17190 S Kay Place

MLS# 190761: 3 Br 1.5 Ba Home has been a real treasure to a family of four. The roof has been partially rebuilt plus part of the home by Jeff Leland. Newer fencing around the beautifully landscaped yard. The Wood Stove was put in to replace the old one and the furnace is now a High Efficiency Electric. Much of the plumbing has been replaced with Pex. Large Storage Shed. The Sewer lines were replaced from the street to the house. Most of the flooring is vinyl plank with the exception of one BR which is carpeted. The back yard is so adorable and private! All of this on a 9400 sq foot lot. Perfect Starter Home in a Very Happy neighborhood. **CALL SAM OR BOB**



\$525,000

17035 S. Orchard Place

MLS#190455: NOTHING LIKE LIVING ON THE NATIONAL FOREST LINE! This Adorable 2BR, 2BA Home is just that! The Kitchen is Roomy, gorgeous cabinets and space for a table plus a Work Bench. As it blends into a Dining/LR Area you will find a space for a Larger Kitchen Table or decorate it as you choose. The Family Room has Two Full Walls of Windows and a Tongue and Groove Vaulted Ceiling. A Perfectly enjoyable room allowing you the enjoyment of light and forest! HVAC SEER RATING IS 18. Out back is the patio which leads you out to a completely fenced yard with 3 gates. And there you are: ON THE FOREST with Beautiful Views of Trees; Deer and Elk etc. Don't forget the Workshop with electricity and a burn pit. Much work done on the house shown by attachments. One patio; one deck. **CALL SAM OR BOB**



\$479,000

17135 S Mescalero Drive

MLS# 189911: DON'T MISS THIS GORGEOUS A-FRAME! The Carpeted Primary Bedroom is downstairs along with a Large Bath across the Hall. Awesome Tile Walk-In Shower; T & G Ceilings and through-out makes this a Very Mountainy Cabin. Laminate floors up and down add to Color and Warmth. The Living Room contains a Wood Stove which easily heats the home. The wall behind it is properly treated for safety. The Upper Front Wall is all Trapezoids which allow so much light & views of the trees. The upstairs is a HUGE Space thanks to a Large Dormer! Space to add another 3/4 Bath if chosen. Home comes Furnished As Viewed. Interior & Exterior painted in 2017. Deck Resurfaced in 2021. Front and Back Deck. The Laundry Room is in a separate room outside the back deck. Also, room to build a Garage. **CALL SAM OR BOB**



\$365,000

17140 Sequoia Dr.

MLS# 191029: Beautiful Doublewide Manufactured Home plus Large Arizona Room close to the National Forest. 2 Bedrooms and 2 Baths. Vaulted ceilings in the Great Room. Separate Laundry / Built-in office desk area. Large Primary suite with walk-in shower and walk-in closet. Upgraded carpeting and wood laminate flooring. Both bathrooms have upgraded vanities and toilets. Eat-in Kitchen offers tons of cabinets for storage. Cheerful light-open floor plan. The large deck has a roll-out awning. Numerous Ponderosa Pines shade the property. Back yard has TREX deck and an ample storage shed with electricity. This well-maintained home has had certified tie-downs installed. Arizona room is not included in the overall livable square footage. Comes furnished with a One Year Home Warranty. **CALL BOB OR SAM**



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8 UNUSUAL & EXCITING THINGS TO DO IN BILLINGS



By
Stacey Wittig
Travel Writer
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Whenever I visit Big Sky Country, I ask the locals for insider recommendations for the best things to do. Then, of course, I have to scout each one to examine whether it makes the UNSTOPPABLE-approved list or not. The following best things to do in Billings, MT, fit the criteria: exciting,

engaging and beyond the typical. Let's go...

1. Food, glorious food! Beyond hot sausage and mustard!

With well over five James Beard nominations in the past ten years, Billings could well be the foodie capital of the state. So then, one of the best things to do in Billings, MT, is to splurge for one of their fabulous restaurants. Of course, you probably already know that Billings is renowned for its prime beef, so if you're a meat eater, you'll want to check out some of the traditional steakhouses. But if you're not, plenty of Modern American eateries offer vegan and vegetarian delectables.

One of those places is The Marble Table, where I could eat appetizers all night long. Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts-trained Chef Jason Marble was born and raised in Billings and sources local ingredients whenever possible. The peanut- and tree-nut-free establishment serving elevated comfort food was a James Beard finalist for the best new restaurant 2022.

Another fabulous place to sink your teeth into is the hip Walkers Grill. The Billings mainstay since 1993 serves regionally-farmed food in a casual but classy atmosphere. The high-level service makes you feel like the servers are your new Montana friends, not servants. Chef Nick Steen was a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation Best Chef in the Mountain region, and his seared duck breast pictured above was evidence of his expertise.



Seared duck breast at Walkers Grill

2. Relive the Old West

Relive the Old West at the Western Heritage Center. With over 40K western artifacts, including Native American beadwork, western tack, historic guns and regional Western art, exploring the center is one of the best things to do in Billings, MT.

The museum received federal appropriations for the American Indian Tribal Histories Project, a program contributing to the preservation of local Crow/Apsáalooke/Absaroka* and Northern Cheyenne/Tséhéstáno* tribal histories. The Western Heritage Center is one of six museums in Montana accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Go beyond the typical and check out their 'High Noon' lecture series and historic walking tours.

3. Shop at an authentic pawn shop

One of the locals directed me to Western Pawn Brokers within walking distance of my downtown hotel. I felt as if I were walking into a western museum, but the artifacts, antiques and artwork could be procured and taken home.

While in the pawn shop, the salesperson received a call from Hungary. Proving once again that people across the world love the Wild West! You can learn much about Native American culture by visiting the Far West Gallery, part of the Western Pawn Shop. The attendants are knowledgeable; all you need to do is ask.



Western Pawn Brokers in Billings

4. Walk on the Wild Side at ZOOMONTANA

So, I'm not typically a zoo person, but this facility has me won over. Executive Director Jeff Ewelt and the energetic team are dedicated to taking in only rescue animals or animals needed for worldwide breeding programs.

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FOOD

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PEACH JAM

- 3 lbs+ peaches
- 1 box powdered pectin (I use Sure-Jell original)
- 2 Tbsp bottled lemon juice (you cannot use fresh lemon juice in canning)
- 5.5 cups sugar

Peel fully ripe fruit and pit. Run through the food processor to puree. Measure 4 cups of fruit and put into a saucepan. Add 2 Tbsp lemon juice and the package of powdered pectin. I also add a pat of butter. This will keep it from foaming later. Place over high heat and stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once, add the sugar and stir in well. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard for 1 min., stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir for 5 minutes to cool slightly and to prevent fruit from floating. Fill jars and water bath, can according to your altitude.



PEACH COBBLER


Using a deep-dish pan (size according to your needs), butter the dish generously. Slice peeled peaches into the dish all the way to the top and sprinkle with fruit fresh (this keeps the peaches from browning and you only need to do this if you are going to freeze the cobbler).

Sprinkle the top with sugar and cinnamon and dot with butter.


Using a premade crust or a homemade crust, roll out and cut into 1” wide strips. Lay across the peaches in a lattice. Crimp and overlap crust around the edges. Sprinkle with more sugar and cinnamon.

Bake at 425 degrees for 45 minutes -1 hour or until bubbly and brown.


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Pretty sure it was Shakespeare that postulated, "For what is a cabin without a deck?" Or perhaps it was Aristotle? Whatever. No matter our cabins' size, style or age here in Munds Park, 'it's all about the decks.' Am I right?

From the single-wide trailer home to the mega-mansion cabin, our decks are undoubtedly the most important and best utilized space for socializing and entertaining. It serves as the hub for most of our social activities thanks to our awesome weather in spring, summer and fall. Winter? Uh, no.

And it's not necessarily the total square footage of the deck, but also its style, location, features and functionality. But size does matter. (Trying to stay away from the innuendoes here). For example, when we bought our own cabin, the deck was too narrow to accommodate a large table for seating six, so we had to extend it's width another five feet further out. I've noticed awesome wraparound decks that are limited for a large eating area often due to space constraints such as massive ponderosa pines too beautiful to remove. As a result, many decks (front or back) are built around the pines allowing them to poke through and provide nice shade – and one helluva mess! (And of course, not at all Fire Wise compliant). Is it me or was this past spring notable for the extraordinary pine tree droppings including the heavy pollen followed by the pine 'turds' and cones and needles? And the dripping sap is a real treat to clean up. But we love our trees so we suck it up.

Since they normally serve as the main entryway into our cabins, decks are significant for their size and height in relation to the cabin, such as single, dual level or even tri-level decks. Some are massive squares, while others may be narrower extended wrap-arounds. Most are redwood but the engineered Trex deck is becoming very popular. Like the concrete pavers, the Trex decks are super strong, heavy and maintenance-free – if you can afford the initial investment! Let's face it, decks are a pain in the butt and expensive to maintain with replacing the rotted wood, sanding then repainting or restaining, and overall regular cleaning. But when it's in tip-top shape it is a thing of beauty and proud to behold. Dare I say a manhood thing. Okay, that's weird...

And then there's the creatures that lurk beneath our decks such as raccoons, javelinas, rabbits, foxes, birds, giraffes and - wait for it - skunks!! There is no other smell quite like a skunk that has cut one loose and perhaps sprayed your dog. Ours was sprayed recently and promptly ran howling through the entire cabin and bedrooms. That was a lonnnng night.

I always enjoy observing how folks decorate their decks with furniture, yard art, bird feeders, plants and flowers and silly cliché signage such as 'What Happens at the Cabin Stays at the Cabin.' Oh wait, that's me. That's right up there with 'A Bear and his Honey Lives Here.' So lame...kind of like a whole article about decks.

This concludes my articles for the 2022 season since I limit them to the three major summer holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. I'll be back (for the fifth year) in 2023 and am open to your suggestions for Munds Park related topics. Feel free to email me at 'jack.corson@cox.net.'

Thanks for reading! MadJack

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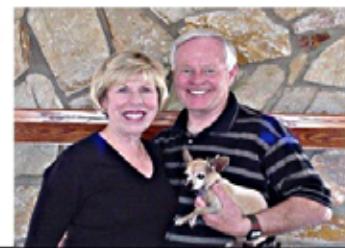
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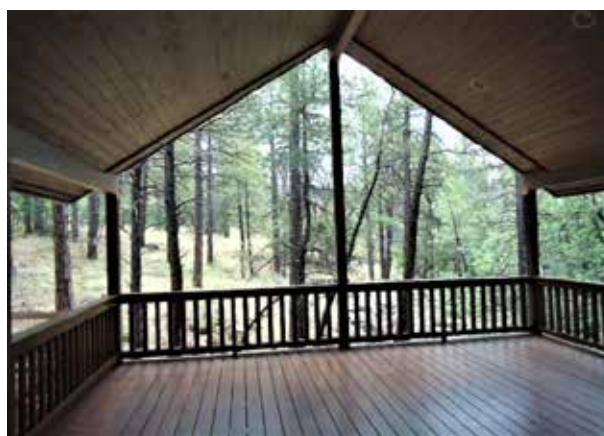
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It's a very relaxing hobby of ours... Harvest on friends...



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What does that mean? Many of the animals living here in large outdoor pens, like Bruno, the grizzly bear, were pets, and once they outgrew their human homes, the owners relinquished them to ZOOMONTANA. Others, like Emelio the Bald eagle, shot by a poacher, received their injuries in the wild.

Animals in an international breeding program also find their homes here. For example, the wolverines of different bloodlines came from Sweden and Norway to breed and produce more wolverines.

You might note that I mentioned the creatures roam in large outdoor pens. It's because the zookeepers' mission is to protect animals from the 45th Parallel. Animals like pandas and leopards come from ecosystems on the 45th Parallel, where temperatures and conditions are similar to those in Billings, Montana, so that they can spend much of their time outdoors.

So then, you can participate in one of the best things to do in Billings, MT, with no bad feelings, regret, remorse or shame.

5. Forge your own path on the Billings Brew Trail

Self-guided beer trails and guided food tours make it fun to experience the history and culture of a city, whether you're a first-timer or a long-term resident. Brewmeisters typically choose historic buildings for their locations, and here in Billings, that's no different. Follow the Billings Brew Trail on the downloadable app or paper map, and you'll wander through history that includes Calamity Jane, Teddy Roosevelt and Charles Lindbergh.

On the Billings Brew Trail, you can walk to six breweries, two distilleries and one cider house from your downtown hotel. Be careful crossing the tracks, which divided the town in the early days between the upper crust and four blocks of bordellos until the automobile, phone, WWI, and education on venereal disease chased prostitution out of town.

Of course, you might be a little crazy or just down-right schnockered if you tried them all in one go. So drink responsibly and use your phone to check into the breweries for specials and a chance to win stickers, T-shirts and pint glasses. Must be 21+.



Yellowstone Kelly
Photo courtesy of the Western Heritage Center

6. Discover the Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site

Take in the views of the Yellowstone River Valley from the top of Billing's Rimrocks at the Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site. Yellowstone Kelly was a famous frontiersman, explorer and government scout in Yellowstone country. You'll find his grave along with informational panels that interpret the adventurer's life who witnesses a changing West.

The controversial figure was a friend or foe to the Native Americans who lived here, depending on the tribe. Yellowstone Kelly was enlisted to confirm reports of miners trespassing on the Crow/Apsáalooke/Absaroka* Reservation. Later, after killing two Oglala Lakota Sioux warriors who ambushed him, he was lauded by some Gros Ventre/A'aninin/Aaniiih/Haaninin* people for his bravery.

7. Ride eBikes at Swords Rimrock Park

Ride an e-bike, as I did on the Swords Rimrock Park Trail, or take a hike. You'll see many locals walking their dogs and enjoying the views below. I hiked the trail from the airport on a previous visit to Billings.

Besides the magnificent views, this trail is unusual because it takes you to many sacred sites. For example, the Yellowstone Kelly Interpretive Site is a Crow/Apsáalooke/Absaroka* vision quest site. You can also explore Boothill Cemetery and Skelton Cliff, a sacred burial place for the Crow/Apsáalooke/Absaroka* people along the trail.



UNSTOPPABLE Stacey and e-bike

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On this trip to Montana, I sampled three of the 24 gourmet Montana beef burgers of the Southeast Montana Burger Trail. I'll be back for more Montana beef!

**I prefer to use both English and Native names for the people groups and places.*

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IN THE PARK

ROGER CLYNE & THE PEACEMAKERS

By Sandee Caviness

Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers are in the Park this Labor Day weekend, setting Borracho Saloon's La Capilla Stage on fire! Clyne's iconic blend of punk-rock and country-western sound with a cool twist of mariachi influences will rock Munds Park.

The two shows are sold out, but you can catch Roger here in his interview with the Pinewood News.

I have to admit, other than listening to his music, I didn't know the man behind the songs until I started learning some background for this interview. The incredible thing was after I read and listened to several interviews, I didn't know if I liked the music or the man more.

So I asked Roger, I wonder if your fans love you or the music more?

ROGER Well, I'm hoping there's no difference. Music is the best part of me. If everybody knew me as I know me, I might fall a rung or two short on the ladder of approval.

SANDEE I believe we can all say we are a rung or two short. I dig that you have taken your life experiences and turned them into positive listening experiences. You celebrate life and all it offers and pass that along in your songs. Your fan base loves it.

ROGER I appreciate that. I am just a humble poet with a guitar. I'm very blessed and lucky to have such a reception in today's media-rich, if not oversaturated age. A fan base receptive to our songs becomes a community with music as a catalyst. It really is an honor.

SANDEE In some of your interviews, you talk romantically about the Southwest and your father's ranch in Tucson. Is the ranch still in your family?

ROGER Yes, my father is the steward of the family ranch in Tucson at present. My grandmother and grandfather purchased it in the 50s, and he's lived on the ranch since he was a young boy. My grandparents have passed on now, but my father is still tending to the cattle.

The horses on the ranch are pretty spoiled. We just don't use them enough. My dad is kind of the lone rancher so to speak, and he has a hard time with long days in the saddle. Our horses get used to long days not working, and they get a little sour. We're going to get a few more head and freshen up the herd and work them longer together. We want to move them to remote places in the back by the mountains and check the fences and water lines. Drop the protein and salt and do what ranchers got to do.

SANDEE Munds Park has a long history of cattle ranchers. We're lucky we still have ranchers here, and it's nice to see the cows out happily roaming the forest. When I see them, it takes me back in time, and I try to imagine what it may have been like as a settler.

ROGER Cowboys are iconic. They are an archetype in America, and it's cool to see them still out there, even though that lifestyle is certainly, I don't want to say under threat, but it's becoming less and less viable. I know a lot of cowboys and I admire them. I may not like them all, but I admire them all.

SANDEE Roger, after your original band The Refreshments disbanded, you and PH decided to regroup and hike through the desert in the middle of June.

This idea of trekking through the desert is extraordinary, considering the terrain and exhausting temperatures. What inspired you?

ROGER Yeah, PH and I, after the demise of The Refreshments, both decided that we were going to follow our life way through art. And so we challenged ourselves to physically and mentally seek inspiration through communion with nature.

We bonded through this experience, as traveling through difficult paths will do. We had a lot ahead of us, and we began our journey at what we call headquarters at the ranch in Tucson. We walked north around the Whetstone Mountains all the way to Benson. It took a few days to do that and it was really dry. We began in June and we should have started in May before the springs dried up. But our travel was delayed because I had broken my ribs on the last gig of The Refreshments.

We were playing in Hayden Square, and I was surfing on the monitor, tripped, and broke my ribs. When PH and I set out to hike, I put on my shoulder pack and heard a snap. There was no way I could strap on a 50-pound pack and hike for two weeks, so I took some time to heal.

Anyway, we made it from headquarters to Benson. At that time, we were going to follow the San Pedro River, which goes all the way to Mexico. Except the San Pedro had already gone underground, it still flows; we just couldn't access the water.

So that was the length of that journey. We turned around and went back to headquarters; from there we headed out again towards Santa Rita. The experience was similar, very dry and not enough water, so we cut our journey short.

SANDEE Roger, you talk a lot about keeping it honest in music, telling authentic stories that are true to you and the band. You achieve this by staying independent and writing for music's sake, not for radio or the charts. Was it on your desert journey from the ranch where you developed this philosophy?

ROGER Yes, we wanted to test our metal to see if we could take that idea and live with it by ourselves. Like how hard is this going to be? This will be a rough journey both spiritually and materially—just like the journey through the desert. A crucible by which we were going to evaluate whether we could walk away from using music as commerce.

However, the decision had honestly been made before The Refreshments broke up. Long story short, Mercury Records ran a song of ours called Good Year for Bad Days. The band didn't want it released, and they didn't listen to that as an artistic choice. We really didn't want it out as a single, but they used it anyway. We thought it would flop, and it did.

It was a piece of music they asked us to write for the B-side. Like back in the day, you would write a side piece to accompany the main songs. Brian wrote that song real quick and never considered it a finished composition.

Mercury Records ran it out on the radio, and it failed. They asked us for the next song, which would have been Wanted, a song we had real confidence in. But it was time to sign a new contract, and they wanted to see how the song did before signing us for another album. But that is not how we originally signed, so I said no. They picked us up as a heritage rock and roll band, not a band to write for the charts. I wanted to be in partnership with a record label to develop artistry and community through music.

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Anyway, they said if that's your choice, we're gonna let you go, and that choice had its ramifications. It sent tremors through the band, and that's ultimately what split us up. So it was my choice and PH's choice to say no to that particular condition and set us on our path to form The Peacemakers.

SANDEE In one of your interviews, they noted you are often compared to Springsteen, and this interviewer wondered why you weren't as big as Springsteen, and you said that you wondered too.

My question is, do you think your decision to stay honest with your music and not write for the charts has limited your reach?

ROGER First of all, it's quite flattering to be compared to Bruce Springsteen or even used in the same sentence in a positive manner. His career track has certainly been rich and given a lot of definition to the concept of American rock and roll.

Regarding why we're not there, you know, we never really courted commerce through a label. We started The Peacemakers with the idea that we would work on our art and really stay true to that and see if commerce would follow. We all just lead with our art, not entirely worrying about money; maybe that is the fundamental difference. But there's probably a lot more, I mean, Springsteen has had a 50-year career, and he's really prolific. I don't know, you know, it's a really good question. But I'm happy with where I am, but I'm not complacent. I take my art, my songwriting and my performance very, very seriously.

When I create my music, I don't aim it toward the goal of courting a label or a chart position. It's always towards giving the best possible live performance that I can give to an audience. It's about bringing an idea or poetry through music, a recording that is there forever. I take that very seriously. Also, at the same time, trying to have fun... but seriously. So there I am. Maybe it's because I'm a walking conundrum that sort of volume of success has never become part of our history.

SANDEE For me, and I am sure for most of your fans, that "walking conundrum" is what they love about you. Seeing an artist perform for art's sake and not just the dollar is noble.

In another interview, you mentioned that in the early years, you had fun writing songs about chasing skirts and falling face down in Mexico, but that's not who you are today. Today you are more interested in citizenship, husbandry and fatherhood. You now write songs about joy and celebration. Is this because you became a father?

ROGER Yeah, that was certainly a passage to a great opportunity to mature, and I took that very seriously. It's quite the adventure of a lifetime to become a father. But yes, fatherhood, husbandhood, and the sense of community have led me on a different path. If I were 53 years old, still talking about getting drunk and chasing after encounters, that would get old pretty quick. I don't walk that path anymore, and to write about it wouldn't be authentic. I was that in my 20s, and I am this in my 50s.

SANDEE I have learned two things about you. You are not commercial, and you are keenly aware that the voice you put into the world affects people. Do you think if more musicians followed your sense of art and community, our world would be a little happier?

ROGER That's a very, very good question. Regarding being noncommercial, I am not flagrantly noncommercial. I just make the music I make, and if it fits in a moment of commerciality, so be it. I just don't aim toward any particular genre or trend.

I know a lot of artists who follow their heart with their art, or vice versa. They are out there. They're just a breed that is a little bit more rare and hard to find. I really admire artists who do that.

I just got back from the Braun Brothers Reunion, which is a big kind of rock and country folk festival in the middle of nowhere, Chalice, Idaho. I was surrounded by, first of all, a huge, huge fan base. A fan base who probably never hear these artists on the radio. The fans just take their time and, through their peer group, find these musicians. Musicians like Mickey and the Motor Cars, Steve Earle and Corb Lund...these artists represent something really authentic. They are a touch rarer than what you're going to find on the radio.

It's also the nature of the medium like radio and Tick Tock, or whatever the means of dissemination, that doesn't really lend itself to authentic expression. But it's out there, and when you find it, it's gold.



Anyway, regarding the world being a better place. I have no idea. I like to find my kind, and that's where my art works, and my work is pretty darn good.

SANDEE Roger, I have a personal question. After listening and reading through your interviews, I noticed a guiding philosophy, a way of thinking that is present, celebratory, and an understanding that all is interconnected. And from time to time, I heard you touch on topics of God. Are you Buddhist?

ROGER I love that you can detect that. I practice, but I wouldn't call myself Buddhist. I found that the original teachings are excellent ways to better yourself and be happier in a very chaotic world. I find what works for me in many different religions and spiritualities, and Buddhism is certainly one of them. I appreciate you being able to discern that.

SANDEE You're getting ready to play at Borracho's this Labor Day weekend! I cannot wait. Small venues are my absolute favorite! The La Capilla Stage is only two blocks from my home; the venue is small and intimate with the beautiful backdrop of the pines. It just creates an excellent atmosphere for enjoying your band.

I wonder, which is your favorite? Large or small venues?

ROGER I can speak for the whole band. We like them both. When we are in downtown Phoenix or playing at the Rialto in Tucson, it's a thrill to have a stage set in large production. It's humbling to play in a venue that big and be able to fill the seats. On the other side of that, there's a lot of pressure to play big venues and the expectations that go with it. You have to perform exceptionally well, and we do.

But the smaller venues are an opportunity to kind of let everybody's guard down through the music, and I can make eye contact with



Photo by Micah Albert

ROGER Thank you. We like the idea of returning from our tours across the US, and coming home. We could just play big venues in Phoenix, but we love Arizona, and that's where the idea of Arizona Highways came from. We thought we could play smaller joints in beautiful places throughout Arionza and call it work. They're just super fun. We celebrate Arizona because The Peacemakers are proudly rooted here.

SANDEE The tattoo on your arm, the artist that designed your tattoo, does he also create your album art?

ROGER Yeah, it's actually Daniel Gonzalez he's a friend of mine. He was actually in my aunt's art class in Southern Arizona. When he got old enough to pitch his art, I connected with him. He's half Apache and half Mexican, which is an amazing mix because those people were historical enemies. So I love that they came together and are the embodiment of this artist who's spreading love and peace.

He designed a couple of our album covers, the Unida Cantina, The Independent, several posters, and a few t-shirt designs. He's just great. We use him quite often. Anyway, yeah, he designed the tattoo; it's on my right forearm. It's my homage to my desert home. It's sort of native and represents home, harvest, health and happiness all in one really cool design that Daniel did.

SANDEE Roger, another love of yours is excellent Tequila and you have a tequila of your own called Canción Tequila. Borracho's carries it, and we have a few recipes in this issue of the Pinewood News for those at home who would enjoy it! You can catch it on page 21.

ROGER Yeah, our band proudly offers Canción Tequila. We started it just for fun, but the brand is growing, and we want to thank every venue carrying it. We represent Canción, and Canción represents us. We encourage everybody to raise a glass and celebrate life through rock and roll and Canción Tequila.

SANDEE One last question. Do you have new releases coming out?

ROGER Yes, we packed up, went to Wimberley, Texas, and put together a new album called TexAZ. We mentioned artists that are hard to find but very enriching, this group of guys I worked with are that. I really admire them.

Some songs are from the catalog way back, and some songs are new. We released Never Thought from the album Honky Tonk Union. Cody Braun of Reckless Kelly, probably one of the best fiddle players I ever shared the stage with, produced it. From the same session, we released an original from The Refreshments, Fizzy Fuzzy Big & Buzzy, reimagined by Mike and the Moon Pies. The album also has a present-day spin on "King of The Hill."

We are pleased that Roger took time with the Pinewood News. It was our pleasure to speak with one of America's best live rock-n-roll bands!

For those lucky to catch him this Labor Day weekend at Borracho's, be sure to try Roger's signature Tequila, Canción. ¡Salud!

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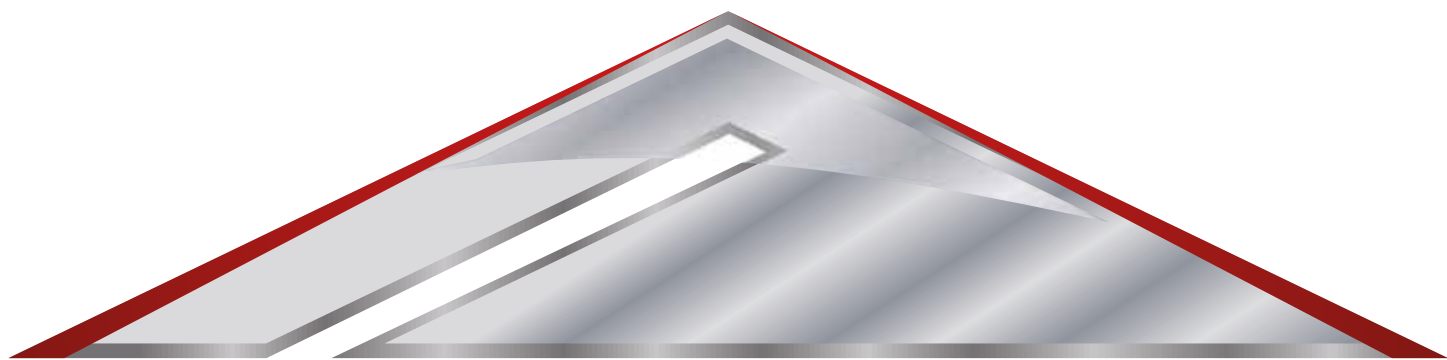
everybody. The lights don't blind me. I can see all the way to the back. They're just somehow, naturally, a little bit more fun.

One of my favorite bands is Spoon, and Britt Daniel, their lead singer, put it pretty succinctly, "It's easy to slay in a small room." And that's what a band always wants to do, just leave everybody breathless and give each other high fives. That's just super cool. Somehow a small room where the audience can't escape the decibels, the spit and the sweat, or the splinters off the sticks, it's a really cool, very visceral, physical time, and it's just a lot of fun. It's full contact rock and roll.

SANDEE As an audience member, there's nothing better. I mean, for me, we actually will only go to small venues anymore just because it's just so powerful. We love it. And we love that you come to the Park to share your music!



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Frogs are little animals belonging to a group called vertebrates (animals with backbones) known as amphibians. This means that they live part of their life in water and the other part of it on land. Amphibians are cold-blooded animals, meaning their body temperature is the same as the surrounding temperature. Their skin absorbs water into their body, so they do not have to drink water to survive.

They do need a moist environment and fresh water nearby. It is in freshwater where frogs begin their lives. Once they enter this world, a frog goes through five stages of life. In each stage, the frog's body grows and changes like a real-life Transformer. This is called metamorphosis.

During a frog's metamorphosis, an egg will hatch into a tadpole. The tadpole will develop back legs, then front legs, and finally become a full-grown adult frog. See the graph to the right? Amazing stuff!

The cool details about the five stages are:

STAGE 1: EGG

Frogs lay fertilized eggs. A female frog can lay up to 4,000 eggs at a time! The eggs float on water in a jelly-like cluster. The eggs hatch in one to three weeks into tadpoles.

STAGE 2: TADPOLE

When the tadpole hatches, it looks like a fish. A tadpole lives in fresh water and uses gills to breathe. The tadpole swims all around

eating plants and algae from the water for several weeks, growing and getting stronger.

STAGE 3: FROGLET

During the transition from tadpole to froglet, the tadpole starts to develop lungs so it can breathe out of the water when it becomes a frog. Soon the tadpole will grow two hind legs. At this point, the tadpole is now considered a froglet.

The froglet can leap around instead of only swimming. Although the froglet is starting to look a little more like a frog, it still has a very long tail!

STAGE 4: YOUNG FROG

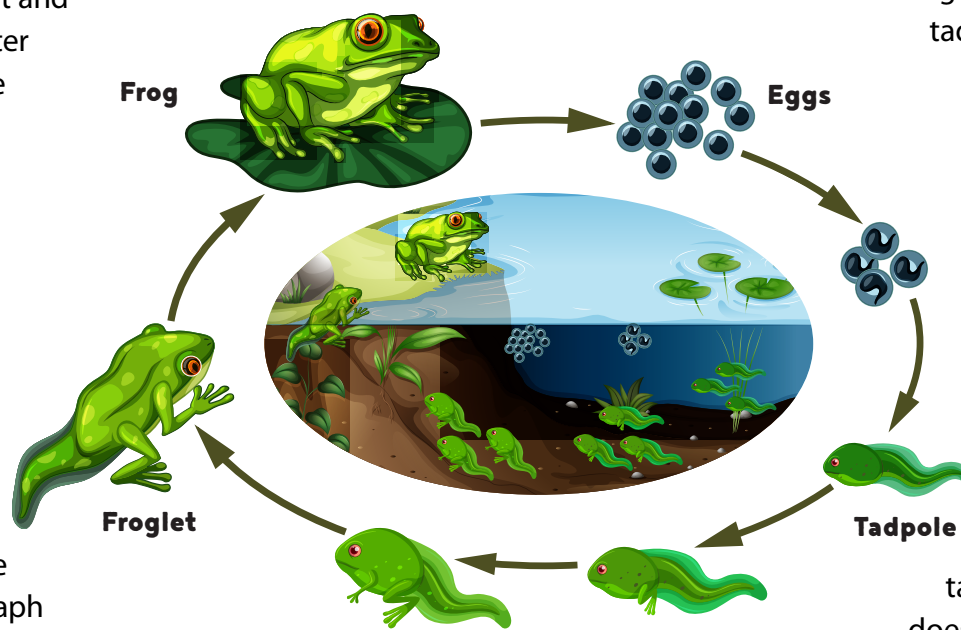
The froglet will grow two front legs, and its long tail will become shorter and shorter. Believe it or not, the tadpole uses the nutrients stored in its tail as food! So until its tail is completely gone, the young frog doesn't need anything to eat! When only a little stub of its tail is left, and the back legs grow in, the froglet can now jump onto dry land and is now a tiny young frog.

STAGE 5: ADULT FROG

The frog's tail will eventually disappear, and the frog will start eating insects instead of plants from the water. The young frog will grow for about 2-4 years before becoming an adult. The adult frogs then lay their eggs, and more tadpoles hatch and begin the cycle again!

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FROG LIFE CYCLE



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FABULOUS FROGS!

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Frogs have long tongues to catch bugs, and frogs are fantastic at pest control and removing harmful insects. A single frog can eat over 100 insects and feed on bugs and other critters that often carry disease and parasites, making it a healthier planet for everyone.

Frogs are very important to our ecosystem. An ecosystem is an area where plants, animals, and other organisms live and work together. Frogs not only remove harmful insects, but as tadpoles, they feed on algae and plant life, keeping our water spaces clean. Further, the frogs are food for other animals, animals we depend on for our food source.

Humans, animals, insects, and even the smallest of organisms are all connected. Everything that is living relies on each other one way or another. This is why it's important to respect all forms of life.

Now is a great time to see tadpoles in the waterways and water tanks out in the forest. It's monsoon season. It's wet, moist and warm out—perfect weather for frogs! Our forest is abundant with them, and you will want to see them before fall when they burrow underground until the weather becomes more favorable.

Get out and enjoy the outdoors!



COOL FROG FACTS

- Evidence shows that frogs have roamed the Earth for almost 190 million years, during what is known as the late Jurassic period.
- Toads are still frogs. "Toad" is usually used to describe frogs that have warty and dry skin, as well as shorter hind legs.
- Frogs were the first land animals to have vocal cords. Each frog's call is unique to its species. Male frogs have vocal sacs, or pouches of skin that fill with air. These balloons resonate like a megaphone, and some frog sounds can be heard from a mile away.
- Just like a tree, a frog's bones form a new ring every year when the frog is hibernating. Scientists can count these rings to find out the age of the frog.
- Many of the most brightly colored tropical frogs are colored in this way to warn predators that they are poisonous. This is called aposematism.
- You can learn more at yowieworld.com!

THE SECRET OF MUNDS PARK

By Harper Vogrin

Once there was a temple hidden deep in the forest of Munds Park, with diamonds the size of dogs, gold as shiny as the sun, and the most priceless of all the jewels is the Munds Emerald. People say that if you dare take it, you will be cursed for the rest of your life. If only I knew that it was true.

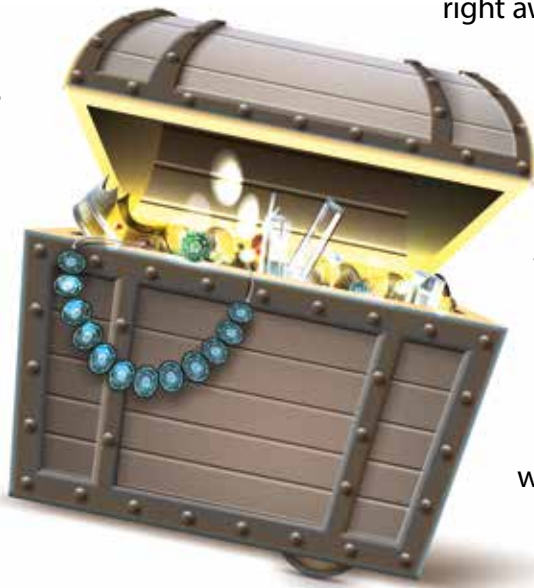
"Dad! Chloe took my geographic book again!" my tattletale of a brother said. "Chloe, how many times do I have to tell you to stop taking your brother's things?" my dad demanded. After our mom died, it's been hard for all of us, especially Dad, being the only responsible one in the house. "430 times," I answered. "But who's counting?" I said. I'm 12 years old and live in Munds Park on Lake Meadow. My brother Mason is nine and holds the world record for being annoying. "Oh my goodness! Look at the time! It's time to go to school!" Mason gobbled the rest of his Captain Crunch cereal, chugged his orange juice, and ran out the door. "By Dad." I hollered. "Have a safe trip to school," he said.

"OK, class, today we're learning about Munds Park's history!" Mrs. Johnson said. We grabbed our textbooks and followed along with Mrs. Johnson's voice. "Long ago, there were legends that deep in the forest, there's a cave full of wonder. If you pass all the traps of the cave it will lead you to the treasure of Joseph Munds, the founder of Munds Park," she read. My ears perked. Did she say treasure? "Diamonds the size of dogs, gold as bright as the sun..." Mrs. Johnson continued. If I found this treasure, we wouldn't be poor! Dad could get a better camera for his job, Mason could get a book

and learn how to read, and I could get a bed that wasn't held up with cardboard! The bell rang and everyone stormed out of the room. "Mrs. Johnson, that story, is it true? I asked. "Oh, every word!" She responded. "But there is a curse. Whoever tries to take the treasure will be cursed." "Thanks for the tale!" I said running out of the room. Curse or no curse, I was getting that treasure.

I ran home with Mason trudging behind, ready to start planning right away. I was going to pack a bag for the jewels and two flashlights, just to be safe. When the clock hit midnight, I would sneak out to the woods. I ran to my room and started packing. I had a feeling it was going to be a long night. "BEEP!" my alarm went. I jumped out of bed and climbed out the window with my bag. After a long walk to the forest, I made it. From what the book said, you take four steps until you find a big rock. When you find the rock, put your hand on the rock. Once I did it, a cave came out of nowhere! I quickly walked into the cave so I wouldn't waste time. Once I entered the cave, I was blinded by the bright colors of the jewels.

I grabbed as many as I could until I saw it—the Munds Jewel, right in the middle of the cave. I slowly walked to grab it, my hand touching the artifact, and then I heard A voice. "DO NOT TAKE THAT STATUE!" the voice boomed. I trembled in fear. "IF YOU DON'T WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO BE CURSED FOR ETERNITY, PUT EVERYTHING DOWN AND LEAVE!" The voice didn't have to tell me twice. I ditched the bag and made a run for it. I learned a very important lesson that night. Always, and I mean ALWAYS, listen to your history teacher!





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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-plaooza 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

You become the bank and the lien holder! This is for people who typically own a property free and clear. Maybe you are not using your cabin as frequently? Or it's an older manufactured home that cannot be financed? The cool thing about this strategy is that it creates a stream of monthly income for you. You still have legal recourse to reclaim the property if the buyer defaults. It's like owning a rental property without the responsibility for repairs or improvements or vacancies.

STRATEGY 4 Seller wrap

If you have one of those great 2-3% mortgages and a little equity you could sell the home and wrap the equity and existing mortgage into one payment, which is managed by a third-party servicing company. This type of financing can be complicated and has pros and cons. This does delay the equity payout. You can potentially get a higher price for the home, create cashflow, and you retain your equity until a future date. There are several variables in this situation, and it can be whatever the two parties agree on.

Before you adjust your price or think about selling the home, why not explore all the possible strategies that might apply and might be appealing in the current market? These strategies apply with any real estate transaction weather it's your primary residence, 2nd home, or your investment properties.

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BIRDS OF MUNDS PARK

Northern Flicker

By Margaret Dyekman

Of the 22 woodpecker species found in North America, there are 12 species that breed in Arizona, but not all in our north woods. The Acorn Woodpecker is dominant in pine/oak forests. The more elusive Lewis' Woodpecker is unusual in that it has a crimson-red face, silver neck collar, glossy green

back, and pink belly. We hardly ever see this species in Munds Park, but I saw my first one on the NAU campus a few years ago. Another elusive woodpecker here is the Downy Woodpecker, a small version of the Hairy Woodpecker, whose beak is distinctively heavier than the smaller Downy's. The Three-toed Woodpecker, like the rest, breeds in the northern parts of our state but is hard to locate. It is a bird I have not yet seen and is on my "to find" list.

One of my favorite birds in the woodpecker family is the Northern Flicker, which nests in our northern and eastern forests. The species is non-migratory except for those birds in Canada, which transition to the lower states in the winter. The Northern Flicker is a larger woodpecker, with a distinctive black bib, spotted breast, and a long, stout bill. When it flies you can see a white rump and colorful red wing linings.

In the desert, flickers will excavate nest holes in saguaros, much like the local Gila Woodpeckers do. In the north, flickers will excavate nest cavities

in dead or diseased tree trunks and large branches. The male does most of the excavating, but as the hole gets larger the female will become more active in excavating. The clutch is generally five to seven eggs, and both parents incubate, with the male sitting on the eggs through the night, and then during the day the male and female take turns.

I think I like the Northern Flicker so much because it is beautiful and stately and easy to see and hear. Because it eats ants and grubs, you will often see it on the ground rather than in trees. If you are taking a walk and a large woodpecker-like bird flies off from your path, it probably is a Northern Flicker getting out of your way. It has a loud "clear" call, a single note, which sounds like it is making a statement: I am "here"! And when it flies off in that typical woodpecker roller-coaster flight pattern, you can easily spot its white rump patch. Finally, since this species is found throughout the United States, we get to enjoy it all year round.

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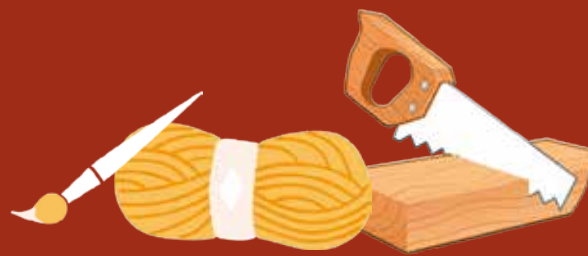
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- 1st - Gary Pecoraro
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T-5th - Wally Stuebner



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Pinecone Cup Tournament: The WGA held its annual Ryder Cup-like tournament on August 11/12, pitting the Stripes and the Polka Dots teams against each other in two-person team matches. The Polka Dots team was victorious over the Stripes by 4 points. (see photo)

Results of WGA August 19 Double Your Pleasure game:

- Flight 1: Kathy Kemp 1st, Andy Harper 2nd, Megan Reeves 3rd, Anita Britton 4th
Flight 2: Pat Cole 1st, Rhonda Hoge and Margaret Dyekman tie for 2nd
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2022 Season Retrospective and 2023 Season Preview

From the Community-Wide Garage sale in late May benefiting the Pinewood Players Scholarship Fund to the season ending "It's a Wrap Party" in late August, the 2022 season of Theater in the Pines was filled to the brim!

In June our Scholarship recipient was announced. CJ Hansen was the second in his family to receive the award. His sister Maggie was a recipient in 2019. June also brought the production of Deathtrap to the Pinewood Playhouse, a comedy-thriller that many called the most unique play to ever be staged in the Playhouse. Later in the month an Open House was held at the theater for the entire community to join in the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening of the Pinewood Playhouse. Also in June, the Pinewood Players Youth Drama Camp began its three week run. The camp boasted 34 talented youngsters who performed to sellout audiences in four performances of Sumer Camp: A Musical Caper in July.

Later in July Reader's Theater Mainstage with a Twist was performed which brought the event back to the Pinewood Playhouse stage for the first time in a decade. Both the performers and the audiences had great fun with the slapstick comedy, songs and humorous skits. In August the delightful one act "whodunit" Café Murder proved to be a real audience pleaser, boasting a large cast of both veteran and novice actors in the audience participation event. A Director's Workshop was also held later in August and the season culminated with the traditional It's a Wrap celebration with a "Playhouse Rock" theme.

All in all, the 2022 season was packed with fun events and activities enjoyed by the entire community. It just doesn't get any better than this!

But wait! It does get better! Pinewood Players has just revealed the 2023 season line up and it is a blockbuster! For the first time since 2017 Pinewood Players will present three full length plays!

Next June Pinewood Players will present Four Old Broads written by Leslie Kimbell and directed by Jayne Heckman. The play is a hilarious geriatric comedy that critics have described as "The Golden Girls rebooted." July will bring the heartfelt romantic comedy Now and Then, a study in love, following your dreams (or not) and the costs of the decisions we make. The play was written by Sean Grennan and will be directed by Les Maurseth.

The season finale in August will be a Jones, Hope, Wooten creation directed by Sandra Dyke. The Wild Women of Winedale is a joyful and exuberant, yet ultimately touching, comedy focused on three women at crossroads in their lives.

Auditions were held in late August for the 2023 plays and the outpouring of new and veteran talent was absolutely incredible. Online ticket sales for the 2023 productions will open in March 2023. Be sure to mark your calendars and purchase your tickets early. You will not want to miss seeing any of these fantastic productions.

Pinewood Players thanks the community for its support and for making the 2022 season another smashing success. We look forward to seeing you all again in the Pinewood Playhouse next summer.

Pinewood Players is a non-profit organization bringing cultural opportunities to all ages. Each summer the Pinewood Players entertain the community by presenting live theatre. Pinewood Players provides various venues where children and adults learn about the performing arts through participation in workshops, drama camps and plays of all kinds. Visit our web site: www.pinewoodplayers.com

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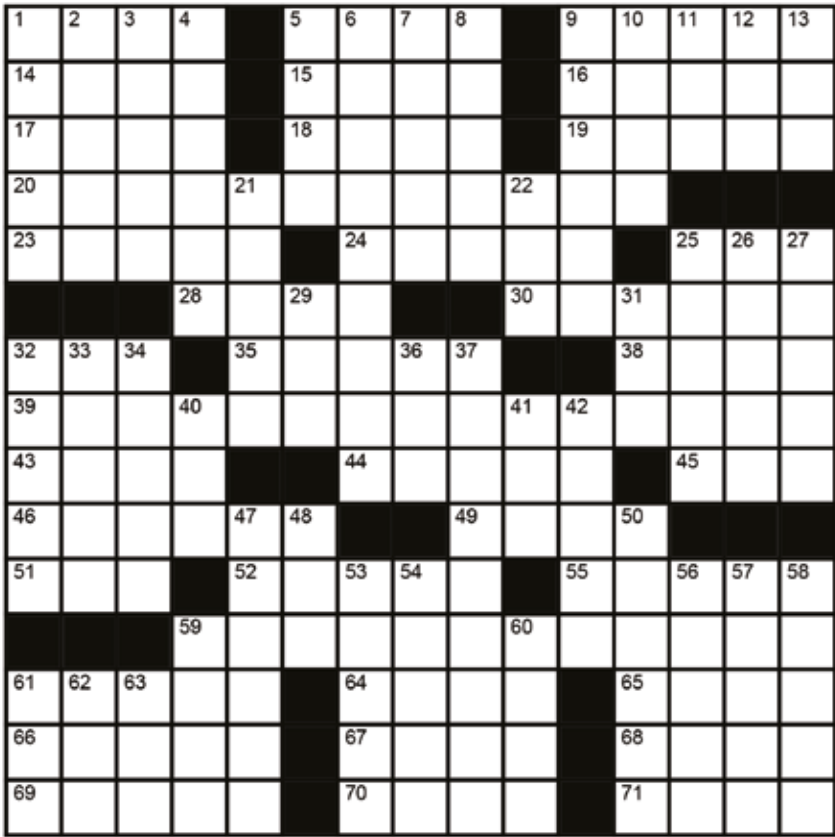
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- 5. Attempt
- 9. Be theatrical
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- 17. Eve’s man
- 18. Apple spray
- 19. Banana oil, e.g.
- 20. NNW or SSW (tsk-tsk!)
- 23. Kick out
- 24. Cultivates
- 25. 007, for one
- 28. Carnival attraction
- 30. Despise
- 32. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- 35. Constructed
- 38. “Pumping ____”
- 39. Hardly moving weather system
- 43. Color quality
- 44. Like some lingerie
- 45. ____ green
- 46. Whole
- 49. Any day now
- 51. ____ publica
- 52. Cut with light
- 55. Latin dance
- 59. Showing contempt; scornful.
- 61. “Farewell, mon ami”
- 64. Soprano’s song, maybe
- 65. Rewards for waiting
- 66. Hot and sticky
- 67. Fish feature
- 68. Algonquian Indian
- 69. Put into effect
- 70. Auction off
- 71. His and ____

Down

- 1. Chop-chop
- 2. Electron-transferring process
- 3. Hobo
- 4. Silly smile
- 5. Healthful retreats
- 6. Black-and-white grazers
- 7. Cousin of a giraffe
- 8. Its capital is Innsbruck
- 9. Nonetheless
- 10. It holds a yard
- 11. Decide to leave, with “out”
- 12. Boot part
- 13. “To ____ is human ...”
- 21. Cover story?
- 22. Calamity
- 25. Razor sharpener
- 26. Conversation piece?
- 27. “Fiddler on the Roof” role
- 29. The Righteous Brothers, e.g.
- 31. Balloon filler
- 32. In motion
- 33. Rock
- 34. Imitates a hot dog
- 36. “Well, ____-di-dah!”
- 37. It gets you nowhere
- 40. Oolong, for one
- 41. Craving
- 42. Winter covering
- 47. Pre-storm forecast
- 48. Beachgoer’s goal
- 50. Sinuous Eastern dance
- 53. Bucks
- 54. Bone-chilling
- 56. France’s longest river
- 57. Great
- 58. Beasts of burden
- 59. Wainscot
- 60. Gloomy atmosphere
- 61. “Eureka!”
- 62. Quarrel
- 63. Little devil



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THE COLORS OF THE SUMMER MONTHS

By Bobbie Bookhout

What do you imagine are the colors you associate with each of the summer months? This June was particularly yellow/green. For pollen lovers, or those who study it, it was heavenly. But for most of us, and those who suffer from allergies, it was a bit of a nightmare.

The pollen was thick. We swept it off our porches, dusted it off multiple surfaces, and then dusted again. I thought one table needed to be repainted. It was only the thick layer of pollen. We didn't have fires right here in the Park and the trees are healthy for the most part. So we're glad when the pollen waned and thankful for a slightly cooler June with a bit of early monsoon.

July began red, white and blue as the community celebrated the Fourth of July. Some days, though, the color was dark grey of impending storms building and bringing rain. Other times, it was the paler grey of cloudiness. If it rains continually, it marks some gloomy days. Those days I call "gloomers." When I told my sister we had three days of rain, she said when

she lived in Oregon, people didn't complain until they'd had 30 days of rain.

The positive side is the grey is replaced by the times we see sunshine and billowing fluffy white clouds stark against a brilliant blue sky. Some places you'll get a day like that only once or twice a month. This July our colors have been grey but also blue and white.

The color of August is green. Shrubs and deciduous trees have thrived on the rains. If you golf, you've walked on beautiful green turf. If you have merely driven by the golf course on Pinewood Boulevard, you can relish the greenery and I even suggest it's good for mental health to have that dose of green beauty and a connection to nature.

Fall comes next and we can anticipate the mix of color: everything from honey locust and aspen yellow autumn, blaze maple's reds and maroon of Japanese maples and various hues and shades of other shrubs and trees.

SNIT'S STREET



By Pam Keating

It used to be called Buffalo Run and before that, Redwood Boulevard. That last change was official, done by the county for safety reasons. The utility companies and delivery GPS still are not up to speed even though it's been over ten years since the renaming.

Most walkers and even drivers now know this next new name. It's because of a cat, Snit. He's got everything mapped out; the rock piles for snaring lizards,

the bird feeders and baths for optimistically leaping at things with wings, the cabins with skirted sides harboring rodent nests and their winter stash.

The street is a path bringing Snit's friends parading by. Some are fairly predictable time wise. I believe he recognizes their voices, like he knows the sound of my car as I drive up and greets me when I open the car door. He meanders to intersect them at the road edge, revealing himself, flopping on his back in a roll, exposing his white vest and pants, and encouraging pets. Then he weaves in and out the legs and follows for a while pretending to track the walkers home.

There are certain dogs he purposely teases, making their owners on the other end of the leash work to tug them away. He doesn't pay attention to property

lines or even door sills for that matter. If the house next door is open, he parades, noiselessly in, then startles the owner as she sits at her desk focused on her work. Luckily, she likes cats likes Snit and enjoys the break.

Not all neighbors appreciate his hunting habit. The bird feeder who lures in what's flying by with suet and seed isn't happy. Although her feeders are high on tree trunks or stakes, the birds still look game to Snit. He paces and stalks, forming a plan of attack, ever the hopeful. I hope her habit of water dousing Snit whenever she can, finally gives him the message: don't come here.

He is ultra-social, non-discriminatory, and worthy of his pets. He owns the street.



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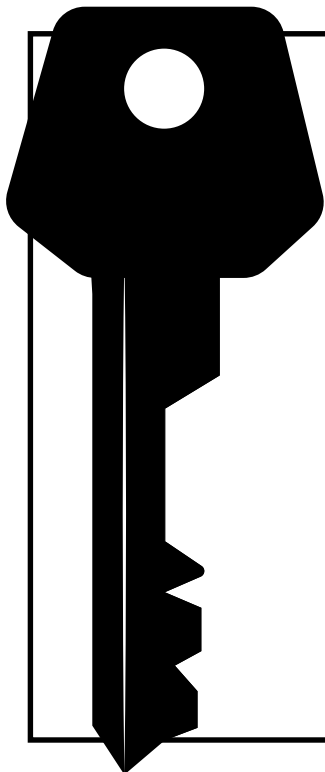
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By Debbie Shumway, Hospice of the Valley Executive Director

Hospice of the Valley is proud to be celebrating a very special milestone this year. It was 45 years ago in the fall of 1977, when a group of volunteers founded our not-for-profit community hospice. We began with just a few patients, very few staff and virtually no funding. But our commitment to serve was strong.

We traveled from one end of the Valley to the other, serving families with volunteer doctors, nurses, social workers, nurse aides and chaplains providing compassionate care and kindness.

In the early 1980's, Medicare created a hospice benefit, which gave us the opportunity to hire employees and begin serving more patients and families in need. From the early days through today, our mission has always been about delivering exceptional care.

As our community grew, we recognized the care needs of those dealing with significant health challenges, but not ready for hospice. We began creating innovative programs to support families earlier, helping them manage chronic illnesses like cancer, pulmonary and cardiac disease and providing home-based primary care for high-risk patients with advanced illness. Just like our hospice care, all of these programs are supported by a skilled clinical triage team that provides visit and phone support 24/7, even at night and on weekends. With community support, we recently opened a first-of-its-kind Dementia Care and Education Campus to enhance quality of life for individuals and their families living with all types and stages of dementia.

As a not-for-profit, we are honored to be a safety net for our community. Hospice of the Valley cared for more than 22,000 patients and families this last year and provided over \$12 million in charity care. Each day, I see how our care teams dedicate themselves to our mission: "Bringing comfort, dignity and compassionate care to our community." What an honor to be here celebrating a legacy of caring that has spanned 45 years!

We could not do any of it without the amazing generosity of our community—which helps us care for all who come to us, regardless of financial resources. Every volunteer makes a lasting impact: Providing companionship to patients and respite to caregivers, bringing a friendly therapy pet to brighten the day, making flower arrangements, paying tribute to veteran patients, greeting customers at our four thrift stores, their gifts are endless and so appreciated.

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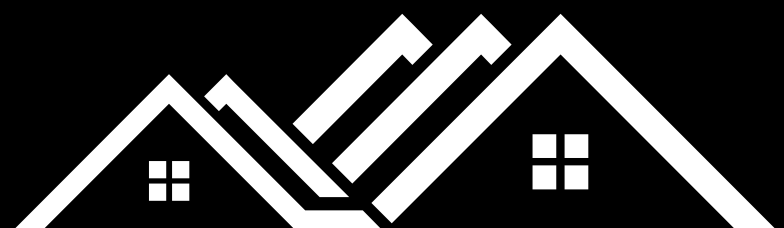
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IT MAY BE TIME TO SHIFT GEARS



By
Steve Bowyer
Pastor, Munds Park
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I read last week in the news that most car manufacturers are going to stop producing manual transmissions. My grandkids will never know the stress of accidentally popping the clutch in a busy intersection, stalling the car, and having hordes of angry commuters

honking at you while you struggle and repeatedly stall your engine. How low can you slide in your driver's seat?

The process of changing gears is challenging. I learned in a 1985 Honda Civic. It was not pretty. Not the car. It was black and red. It was sharp. No, I mean my learning process was not pretty. Lots of trial and error, with more errors in the trials.

It is fairly obvious when you need to shift gears. Either the engine is whining because the RPMs are too high, and you cannot go any faster, or the engine is lurching because the RPMs are too low, and you are about to stall the engine. Press the clutch, move the gearshift, find the friction point in the clutch, then hope you have applied enough gas to go.

Life is kind of like that. Sometimes, our RPMs get too high, and we are whining because we are too stressed and cannot go any faster. Other times, our RPMs are too low, and we are lurching through life, about to stall out. If we do not make the necessary change, then we either redline or flatline.

Change is hard. It is hard to admit we need to change. It is hard to go through the process of change. As adults, somehow, we think we have arrived, either at perfection, or at a place where change is impossible. Good news: we are not dogs, and these are not tricks. And, bad news, you are not perfect, either. Ask your spouse.

We start the process of making the change by shifting something. Then, we let out the clutch and get to the friction point. The question then is, are we going to hit the gas, go, and complete the change? Will we follow through? If we do not, then we end up right back where we were stressed or stalled out.

What prompts the change? Or, Who prompts the change? God will. When the angels showed up to announce Jesus's birth, they said this to the shepherds:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to those on whom His favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

So, if Jesus's favor does not "rest on you", then His peace will not come to you. If you are not where Jesus wants you to be, doing what Jesus wants you to be doing, then do not be surprised if you are stressed. Your RPMs will either be red-lining or flat-lining.

There is some trial and error in this, too. You show me someone who has not failed. And I will show you someone who is not trying very hard. We cannot be afraid of the error in the trial. By constantly using the Word of God as a guide to your life, there will be times of success and times of failure. But failure is a great teacher encouraging the changes that lead to more success.

"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." (Hebrews 5:14)

Solid food in this case, are the passages in the Word of God that are more challenging to apply. There are some easy passages in the Bible. Like, God loved us so much, He gave us His son (John 3:16). It is easy to apply this just by accepting God's love. But passages like being willing to give up everything in our lives to get everything Jesus offers (Matthew 16:25), not

so much. But that is how we receive the peace that Jesus offers. If we do not have peace, then something needs to change. There needs to be a shift.

When we are holding on to something, unwilling to give it up for God, then God will challenge us by troubling us. It is not that we will necessarily have to give it up. But we must be at least willing to give it up in our heart. Then, we are blessed if God lets us keep it. But peace comes to us when we are truly willing to let it go.

God will not point out everything that He wants us to change all at the same time. He will reveal that to each of us as we are ready to receive it. We will never arrive at perfection. So, the changes will be constant and last until we die. But each change is good for us. And, when we change, peace results.

No, my grandkids will never experience the stress of stalling their car in a busy intersection because they did not hit the gas when they were shifting gears. But I hope they experience the peace of Jesus that the angels promised to those who love Him and walk with Him. I hope the same for all of you.

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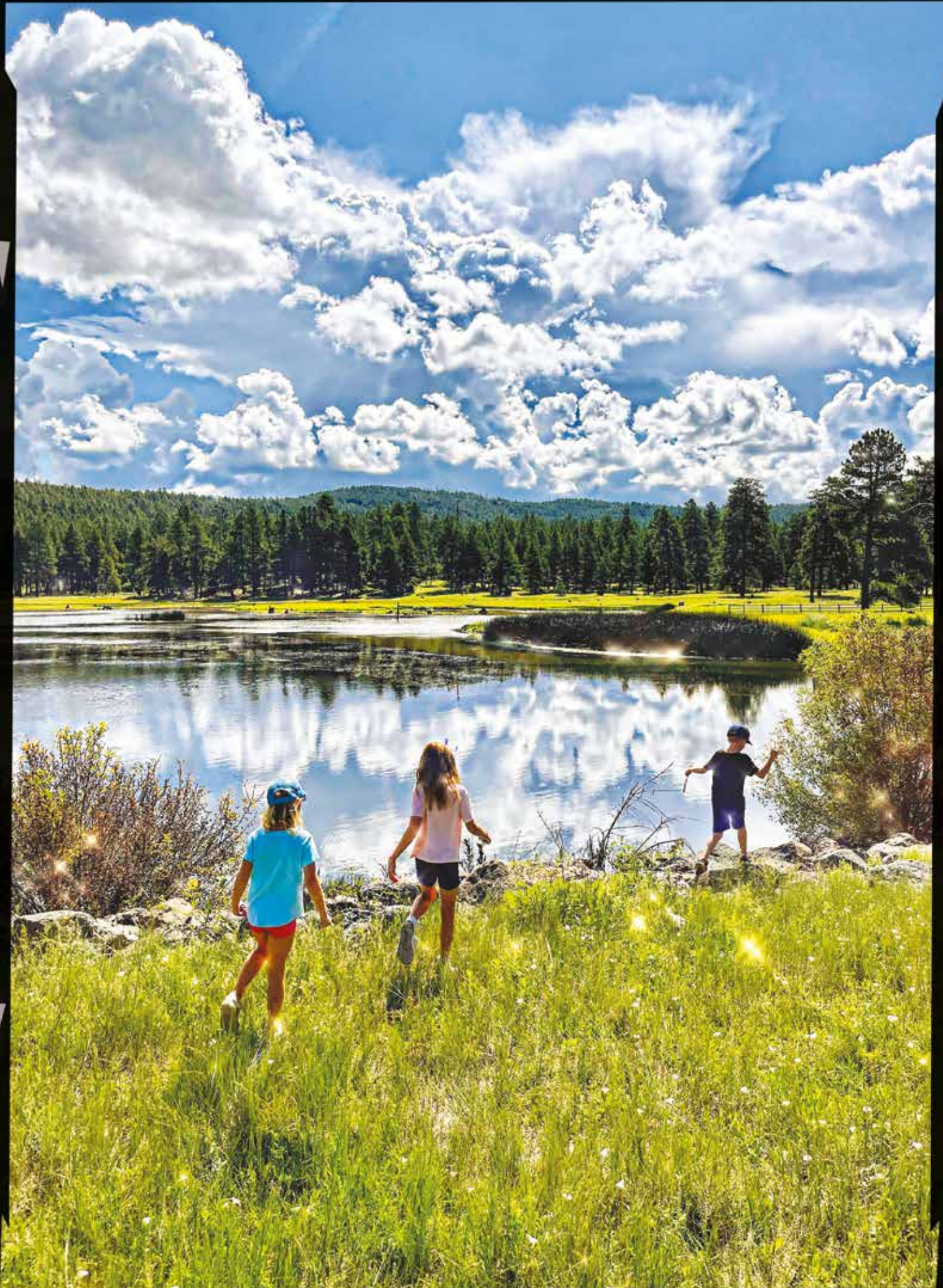
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